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AKAI Professional MPK Mini Grey MK3 & M-Audio HDH40 User Manual

Brand: Akai Professional | Model: MK3

Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the AKAI Professional MPK Mini Grey MK3 USB MIDI Keyboard Controller and the M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones. It covers essential information for setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure you get the most out of your music production kit.



Image: The AKAI Professional MPK Mini Grey MK3 MIDI Keyboard Controller shown alongside the M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones, highlighting the complete bundle.

What's in the Box

Your package should contain the following items:

- AKAI Professional MPK Mini Grey MK3 USB MIDI Keyboard Controller
- M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones
- USB Cable
- Software Download Card/Instructions

Key Features

The AKAI Professional MPK Mini Grey MK3 and M-Audio HDH40 bundle offers a powerful set of features for music production:

- **Music Production and Beat Maker Essential:** USB powered MIDI controller with 25 mini MIDI keyboard velocity-sensitive keys for studio production, virtual synthesizer control and beat production.
- **Total Control of your Production:** Innovative 4-way thumbstick for dynamic pitch and modulation control, plus a built-in arpeggiator with adjustable resolution, range and modes.
- **The MPC Experience:** 8 backlit velocity-sensitive MPC-style MIDI beat pads with Note Repeat & Full Level for programming drums, triggering samples and controlling virtual synthesizer / DAW controls.

- **1500+ Sounds and Everything You Need for Pro Production:** Complete Music Production Starter Kit including MPC Beats, 6 Virtual Instruments and 2GB of sound content.
- **High-Quality Audio:** 40mm neodymium dynamic magnet driver delivers high quality sound perfect for studio monitoring, podcasting.
- **Comfortable Design:** Headphones with 180-degree rotatable frame, stainless steel telescopic arms with scale, leather cushioning and flexible headband for a perfect fit and hours of comfortable listening.



Image: A close-up view of the MPK Mini's assignable controls, including keys, drum pads, knobs, and the 4-way joystick.

ESSENTIAL PRODUCTION TOOLS



OLED DISPLAY
PLACES MUST-HAVE VISUAL FEEDBACK

ARPEGGIATOR
WITH TAP TEMPO BUTTON AND SYNC TEMPO

SUSTAIN PEDAL INPUT

Image: Details of essential production tools on the MPK Mini, such as the OLED display, arpeggiator, and sustain pedal input.

MPC BEATS

MPC INSPIRED BEAT PRODUCTION APP

WITH A COMPLETE ARSENAL OF PRO PRODUCTION TOOLS, INCLUDING

SAMPLE EDITING

MIXING TOOLS

AUDIO RECORDING

FX

WORLD CLASS AUDIO FX

AU/VST

3RD PARTY PLUGIN SUPPORT (AU / VST)

+ 3 POWERFUL SYNTH ENGINES

hybrid 3 Velvet Mini Grand

FEATURED SAMPLE PACKS

PRODUCER EDITION EXPANSION
F9 BEATS EDITION
MVP HOOK CITY TRAP EDITION
MSX AUDIO SOULFUL COLLECTION
ADSR LOFI PRODUCER COLLECTION

Image: A screenshot of the MPC Beats software interface, demonstrating its capabilities for music production.



Image: A detailed view of the M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones, highlighting their design and features.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Item Model Number	MK3
Color Name	Grey
Compatible Devices	Laptop, Desktop (Mac, Windows)
Connector Type	USB
Hardware Interface	USB
Supported Software	Ableton Live, MPC Beats
Material Type (Headphones)	Leather, Stainless Steel

Feature	Detail
Musical Style	Electronic
Number of Keyboard Keys	25
Hardware Platform	PC/Mac
Special Feature	Keyboard Controller
Included Components	Headphone, Software Suite

Setup Guide

Follow these steps to set up your AKAI Professional MPK Mini and M-Audio HDH40:

1. **Unbox Your Product:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all items listed in the "What's in the Box" section are present.
2. **Visit Akai Professional Website:** Go to akaipro.com to register your product and access the included software.
3. **Create Account & Register Product:** If you don't have one, create an Akai Professional account. Register your MPK Mini using the serial number found on the device or packaging.
4. **Download & Install Software:** Download the complete music production starter kit installer from your Akai Professional account. Follow the on-screen instructions to install MPC Beats and other included virtual instruments and sound packs.
5. **Connect MPK Mini:** Connect the MPK Mini to your computer using the provided USB cable. The device is USB-powered and does not require an external power supply.
6. **Connect M-Audio HDH40:** Plug the M-Audio HDH40 headphones into your computer's headphone jack or audio interface.
7. **Launch MPC Beats:** Open the MPC Beats software. The MPK Mini should be automatically recognized. If not, check your software's MIDI/controller settings.

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Video: Official Quick Start Guide for the AKAI Professional MPK Mini, demonstrating the unboxing, software installation, and initial connection steps.



Image: A visual representation of the three simple steps to start making music: Plug In, Install, and Play, illustrating the ease of getting

started with the MPK Mini.

Operating Instructions

MPK Mini MK3 Controller

- **Keys:** Use the 25 velocity-sensitive mini keys to play melodies, chords, and basslines.
- **Pads:** The 8 backlit MPC-style pads are velocity-sensitive and can be used for drumming, triggering samples, and launching clips. Utilize Note Repeat and Full Level functions for dynamic performance.
- **Knobs:** The 8 assignable Q-Link knobs can be mapped to control parameters in your software, such as volume, pan, effects, or instrument settings.
- **4-Way Thumbstick:** This joystick provides dynamic control over pitch bend and modulation, allowing for expressive performances.
- **Arpeggiator:** Activate the built-in arpeggiator to create rhythmic patterns from held notes. Adjust resolution, range, and modes to suit your musical needs.
- **OLED Display:** The OLED display provides visual feedback on parameters, settings, and navigation within the controller.
- **Sustain Pedal Input:** Connect an optional sustain pedal for piano-style sustain.

M-Audio HDH40 Headphones

- **Connecting:** Plug the 3.5mm jack into your audio source (computer, audio interface, etc.). Use the included 1/4-inch adapter if necessary.
- **Adjusting Fit:** Extend or retract the stainless steel telescopic arms to fit your head comfortably. The leather cushioning and flexible headband ensure comfort during long sessions.
- **Monitoring:** These headphones are designed for accurate audio monitoring, ideal for mixing, mastering, and general listening.

Maintenance

Proper care will extend the life of your MPK Mini and HDH40 headphones:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surfaces of the controller and headphones. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the devices in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Cable Care:** Avoid sharp bends or kinks in the USB and headphone cables to prevent damage.
- **Headphone Pads:** If necessary, gently wipe the headphone ear pads with a slightly damp cloth and allow them to air dry completely.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues, try the following solutions:

Problem	Solution

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MPK Mini not recognized by computer/software.	◦ Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the MPK Mini and your computer. ◦ Try a different USB port or cable. ◦ Restart your computer and the music software. ◦ Verify that the necessary drivers (if any) are installed. Check the Akai Professional website for the latest drivers. ◦ Check your software's MIDI/controller settings to ensure the MPK Mini is enabled.
No sound from headphones.	◦ Ensure the headphone jack is fully inserted into the audio source. ◦ Check the volume levels on your computer/audio interface and within your software. ◦ Test the headphones with another audio source to confirm they are working. ◦ Verify that your computer's audio output is set to the correct device (e.g., your audio interface or built-in sound card).
Pads or keys not responding.	◦ Ensure the MPK Mini is powered on (indicated by the OLED display). ◦ Check the MIDI input settings in your software to ensure it's receiving data from the MPK Mini. ◦ Verify that the correct instrument or track is selected in your software to receive MIDI input. ◦ Perform a factory reset on the MPK Mini if issues persist (refer to the full product manual on the Akai Professional website for instructions).

Warranty and Support

For warranty information, technical support, and additional resources, please visit the official Akai Professional website:

www.akaipro.com/support

You can also find frequently asked questions, software updates, and full product manuals on their support page.

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