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> [Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus - USB MIDI Keyboard Controller with 37 Mini Keys, 8 MPC Pads, Sequencer, MIDI/CV/Gate I/O, Music Production Software and Native Instruments Sound Package Standard MIDI Keyboard only](#)

## Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus

# Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus User Manual

Model: MPK Mini Plus | Brand: Akai Professional

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus is a versatile USB MIDI Keyboard Controller designed for music production. It features 37 mini keys, 8 MPC pads, a built-in sequencer, and comprehensive MIDI/CV/Gate I/O, offering expanded control and connectivity for various hardware and software setups.

This controller is engineered to provide a familiar layout with enhanced capabilities, making it suitable for producers, beat makers, and creatives looking for a compact yet powerful tool for melodic and harmonic creation.

## Key Features

- **Full Creative Control:** Dynamic 37-Key MPK Mini keybed for expanded melodic and harmonic performance.
- **Advanced Connectivity:** Connects to various sound sources via CV/Gate and MIDI I/O, allowing control of modular gear, sound modules, and synthesizers.
- **Native Kontrol Standard (NKS) Integration:** Seamless integration with Native Instruments presets and sound libraries.
- **Built-in Sequencer:** Features a 64-step sequencer with one track for drums and one for melodies/chords, enabling computer-free recording and composition.
- **DAW Control:** Dedicated transport section for intuitive hardware control of your Digital Audio Workstation.
- **Responsive Pads and Knobs:** 8 premium RGB MPC Pads and 8 assignable rotary knobs for dynamic performance and tactile control.
- **Included Software:** Comes with MPC Beats software and access to Native Instruments Komplete Select bundles.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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Upon unboxing your Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus, you will find the following items:

- MPK Mini Plus MIDI Keyboard Controller
- USB Cable
- Software Download Card
- Quickstart Guide

- Safety & Warranty Manual

## SETUP GUIDE

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### Initial Connection

To begin using your MPK Mini Plus, connect it to your computer using the provided USB cable. The device is USB-powered, so no external power adapter is typically required when connected to a computer.

For advanced setups involving external MIDI or CV/Gate devices, connect the appropriate cables to the rear panel. Ensure all connections are secure before powering on your computer or other connected equipment.



Image: The Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus, showcasing its compact design and key features.

# ADVANCED CONNECTIVITY

## WITH INTERNAL SEQUENCER



**CONNECT TO YOUR DAW  
AND FAVORITE HARDWARE DEVICES**  
IDEAL FOR BEAT-MAKERS, SONGWRITERS  
AND CREATIVE PERFORMERS

Image: A user interacting with the MPK Mini Plus, demonstrating its advanced connectivity options with other studio equipment.

### Software Installation

Your MPK Mini Plus includes a software download card. Follow the instructions on the card to register your product and download the bundled software, including MPC Beats and Native Instruments Complete Select bundles. It is recommended to install all necessary drivers and software before extensive use.

For detailed setup and software integration, refer to the official user guide PDF available for download.

Watch this official overview video for a comprehensive guide to the MPK Mini Plus features and setup:

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Video: An official overview of the Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus, detailing its various functions and connectivity.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Basic Operation

The MPK Mini Plus features 37 velocity-sensitive mini keys, 8 RGB-backlit MPC pads, and 8 assignable rotary knobs.

These controls allow for expressive performance and precise parameter adjustments within your music production environment.

- **Keys:** Play melodies, chords, and basslines. The Gen 2 dynamic keybed provides improved playability.
- **Pads:** Trigger drums, samples, and one-shots. The MPC pads are highly responsive and durable.
- **Knobs:** Assign to control various parameters in your DAW or virtual instruments, such as volume, pan, effects sends, or filter cutoff.
- **Pitch Bend & Modulation Wheels:** Use these physical wheels for expressive control over pitch and modulation effects.

# MPK mini plus

## MIDI KEYBOARD CONTROLLER

**FULL CREATIVE CONTROL**  
TO ELEVATE YOUR MUSIC



**37 MINI KEYS**



**8 MPC PADS**



**8 KNOBS**



**JOYSTICK**



**PITCH AND MODULATION WHEELS**



**CHORDS AND SCALES BUTTONS**

Image: A user's hands positioned over the keys and pads of the MPK Mini Plus, illustrating its ergonomic design for creative control.

### Using the Sequencer

The integrated 64-step sequencer allows you to capture musical ideas without a computer. It features dedicated tracks for drums and melodies/chords, supporting up to 8 notes per step. Consult the full user manual for detailed instructions on programming and utilizing the sequencer.

### DAW Control and Transport

The MPK Mini Plus includes a transport section with dedicated buttons for Play, Stop, Record, and other common DAW functions. This provides hands-on control over your music production software, streamlining your workflow.

The controller also supports Chord and Scale modes, simplifying complex musical concepts and enhancing your performance by automatically mapping keys to specific scales or generating chords with a single press.

## TRANSPORT CONTROL SECTION

### SPEED UP YOUR WORKFLOW WITH POWERFUL DAW CONTROL



Image: A close-up view of the transport control section on the MPK Mini Plus, highlighting the dedicated buttons for DAW integration.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Akai Professional MPK Mini Plus, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surface of the controller. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the finish and internal components.
- **Dust Protection:** When not in use, cover the controller with a dust cover to prevent dust and debris from accumulating on the keys, pads, and knobs.
- **Storage:** Store the device in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity.
- **Handling:** Always handle the controller with care. Avoid dropping it or subjecting it to strong impacts, which can

cause internal damage.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your MPK Mini Plus, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Power/Connectivity:** Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the controller and your computer. Try a different USB port or cable. If using a USB hub, ensure it is powered.
- **Software Not Recognizing Device:** Verify that the correct drivers are installed. Check your DAW's MIDI settings to ensure the MPK Mini Plus is enabled as an input device. Restart your computer and the controller.
- **MIDI Out (5-pin DIN) Issues:** Note that the 5-pin MIDI DIN connectors on the MPK Mini Plus are primarily designed to work when the unit is connected to a computer (host) via USB, with MIDI data routed through your DAW. Standalone MIDI output without a computer host may not function as expected, as confirmed by Akai Professional support.
- **Pads/Keys Unresponsive:** Check for any physical obstructions. Ensure the device firmware is up to date. Recalibrate pads/keys if such an option is available in the accompanying software.

For more in-depth troubleshooting or specific technical issues, please refer to the official User Guide PDF or contact Akai Professional support.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Specification	Detail
Item Weight	2.8 pounds
Product Dimensions	4.15 x 7.09 x 4.77 inches
Item Model Number	MPK Mini Plus
Number of Keyboard Keys	37
Connectivity Technology	USB
Hardware Interface	USB
Supported Software	Any Digital Audio Workstation compatible with Windows / Mac OS
Power Source	Corded Electric (USB powered)
Material Type	Plastic
Special Feature	USB powered; sequencer; CV/Gate out; pitch and mod wheels; production software included

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Akai Professional provides a limited warranty for the MPK Mini Plus. Please refer to the included Safety & Warranty Manual for detailed terms and conditions.

For additional protection, various protection plans are available for purchase, offering extended coverage beyond the standard manufacturer's warranty.

- **3-Year Protection Plan:** Available for purchase.
- **4-Year Protection Plan:** Available for purchase.
- **Complete Protect:** Monthly renewable plan covering eligible past and future purchases.

For customer support, technical assistance, or to access the full user guide, please visit the official Akai Professional website or refer to the links below:

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