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Model: DDJ-FLX4 | Brand: Pioneer DJ

INTRODUCTION

The Pioneer DJ DDJ-FLX4 is a versatile 2-channel DJ controller designed for both aspiring and experienced DJs. It offers a user-friendly interface and professional-grade features, compatible with rekordbox and Serato DJ software. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your DDJ-FLX4 controller to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Figure 1: Top view of the Pioneer DJ DDJ-FLX4 controller, showcasing its two decks, central mixer section, and performance pads.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety precautions carefully before using the DDJ-FLX4. Retain this manual for future reference.

- Do not expose the unit to rain or moisture to prevent fire or electric shock.

- Ensure proper ventilation; do not block ventilation openings.
- Use only the specified power adapter and cables.
- Avoid placing heavy objects on the unit.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the unit. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Keep the unit away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and excessive dust or vibrations.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Pioneer DJ DDJ-FLX4 Controller
- USB Type-C cable
- Quick Start Guide (this document)
- Safety Precautions
- Warranty Card

SETUP

1. Connecting the Controller

Connect the DDJ-FLX4 to your computer or mobile device using the supplied USB Type-C cable. The controller draws power via USB, eliminating the need for an external power adapter.



Figure 2: Rear panel of the DDJ-FLX4, displaying the USB-C port for connection and power, along with master audio outputs and microphone input.

2. Software Installation

The DDJ-FLX4 is compatible with rekordbox and Serato DJ Lite. Download the latest version of your preferred software from the official Pioneer DJ or Serato website.

- **rekordbox:** The DDJ-FLX4 unlocks the full version of rekordbox performance mode without a paid subscription.
- **Serato DJ Lite:** The controller works with Serato DJ Lite. For Serato DJ Pro features, a paid license may be required.



Figure 3: Logos for rekordbox and Serato DJ Lite, the compatible DJ software for the DDJ-FLX4.

3. Audio Output Configuration

Connect your speakers to the Master OUT RCA terminals on the rear of the DDJ-FLX4. For monitoring, connect

headphones to the headphone jack on the front of the unit.



Figure 4: A typical setup showing the DDJ-FLX4 connected to a laptop and external studio monitors, ready for performance.

OPERATING THE DDJ-FLX4

Basic Controls Overview

The DDJ-FLX4 features two decks, a central mixer, and various performance controls.

- **Jog Wheels:** Used for scratching, nudging, and searching through tracks.
- **Faders:** Control volume for each deck (channel faders) and crossfade between decks (crossfader).
- **EQ Knobs:** Adjust high, mid, and low frequencies for each channel.
- **Beat FX:** Apply various effects synchronized to the track's BPM.
- **Performance Pads:** Trigger Hot Cues, Beat Loops, Beat Jump, Sampler, Keyboard mode, and Key Shift.



Figure 5: Detail of the central mixer section, showing hands adjusting the EQ and filter knobs, and the channel faders.

Smart Mixing Features

The DDJ-FLX4 introduces innovative Smart Mixing features to simplify transitions and add creative flair.

- **Smart Fader:** Automatically adjusts track volume, bass volume, and BPM to create smooth transitions between tracks, even across different genres.
- **Smart CFX:** Applies a combination of effects to the music with a single turn of a knob, allowing for dynamic sound manipulation.



Figure 6: A close-up view of the Smart CFX button, highlighting its position near the filter knobs for easy access during performance.

Streaming Integration

The DDJ-FLX4 supports integration with various streaming services through rekordbox and Serato DJ, allowing you to access vast music libraries directly.



Figure 7: Logos of popular music streaming services compatible with the DDJ-FLX4 via supported DJ software.

Microphone Input

The controller includes a microphone input with dedicated level control, allowing you to add vocals or announcements to your mixes.



Figure 8: A DJ utilizing the microphone input on the DDJ-FLX4, demonstrating its use in a live streaming or recording environment.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your DDJ-FLX4.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surface of the controller. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by a dry one. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. If transporting, use a protective case to prevent damage.
- **Dust Protection:** When not in use, cover the controller to prevent dust accumulation, which can affect faders and buttons.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your DDJ-FLX4, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound output	Incorrect audio settings in software; cables not connected properly; master volume too low.	Check software audio settings (ensure DDJ-FLX4 is selected as output device). Verify all audio cables are securely connected. Increase master volume on controller and software.
Controller not recognized by computer	USB cable issue; software not updated; driver not installed (if required).	Try a different USB port or cable. Ensure your DJ software is updated to the latest version. Restart your computer and controller.
Lag or latency during performance	High CPU usage; incorrect buffer size settings; outdated drivers.	Close other applications. Adjust buffer size in software audio settings (higher buffer reduces latency but increases processing load). Ensure drivers are up to date.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Pioneer DJ DDJ-FLX4:

- Model Number:** DDJ-FLX4
- Color:** Graphite
- Dimensions (W x D x H):** 18.98 x 10.74 x 2.33 inches (482 x 273 x 59 mm)
- Weight:** 6.16 pounds (2.79 kg)
- Connectivity:** USB Type-C
- Audio Output:** RCA Master OUT, Headphone OUT
- Microphone Input:** Yes
- Compatible Software:** rekordbox, Serato DJ Lite
- Country of Origin:** Malaysia

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the warranty card included in your package or visit the official Pioneer DJ website. Online resources, FAQs, and driver downloads are also available on their support pages.

Pioneer DJ Official Website: www.pioneerdj.com