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Model: APCMINI2 | Brand: Akai Professional

INTRODUCTION

The Akai Professional APC Mini MK2 is a compact USB MIDI pad controller designed for seamless integration with Ableton Live. It provides hands-on control for clip launching, mixing, and creative music production in various environments. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your APC Mini MK2.

Figure 1: Akai Professional APC Mini MK2 USB MIDI Pad Controller.

What's in the Box

- APC Mini MK2 USB Cable
- Ableton Live Lite (download)
- User Guide
- Software Download Cards
- Safety & Warranty Manual

Key Features

1. 64 RGB-Backlit Pads

The 8x8 RGB pad matrix provides visual color feedback for launching clips in Ableton Live. These pads are responsive and can be used to trigger loops, instruments, vocals, and melodic samples.
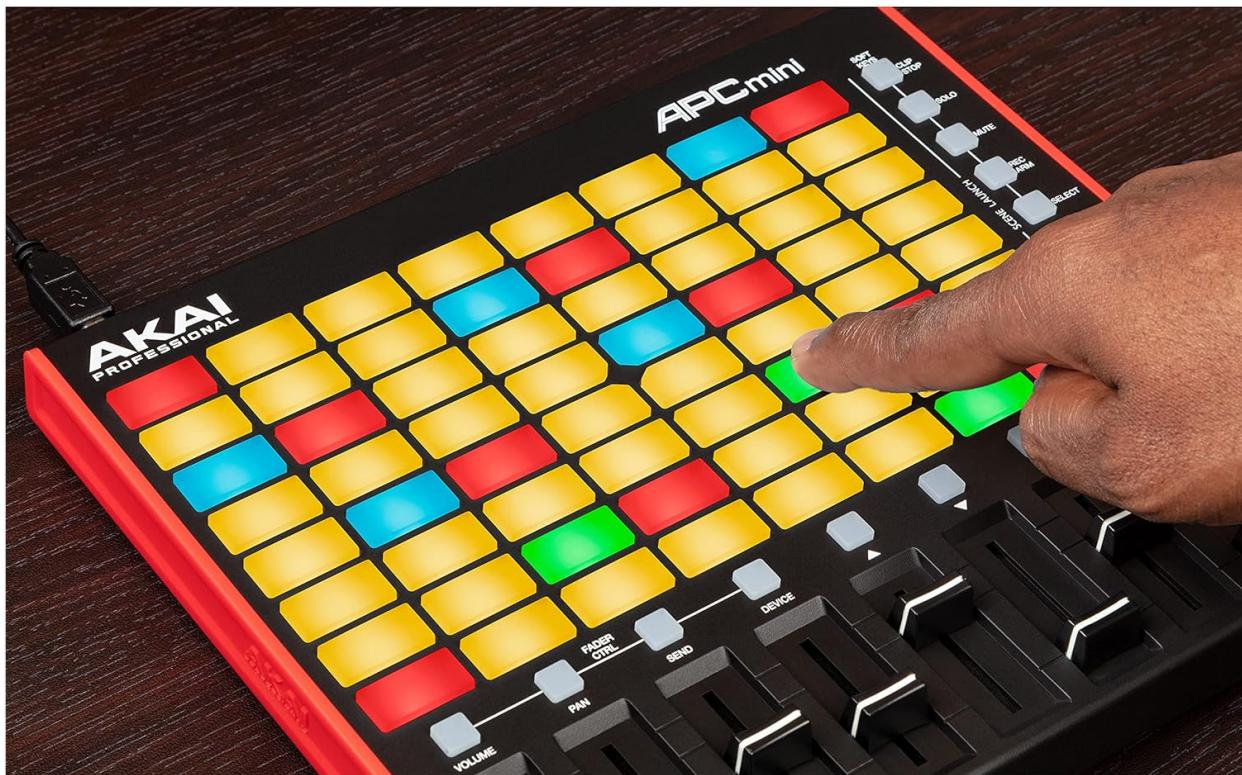
Figure 2: Close-up of the 64 RGB-backlit pads.

2. 9 Assignable Faders

The APC Mini MK2 features 9 faders (8 assignable + 1 master) that automatically map to Ableton Live's mixer. These allow for hands-on control of volume, pan, or device macros, enabling real-time sound shaping.
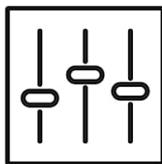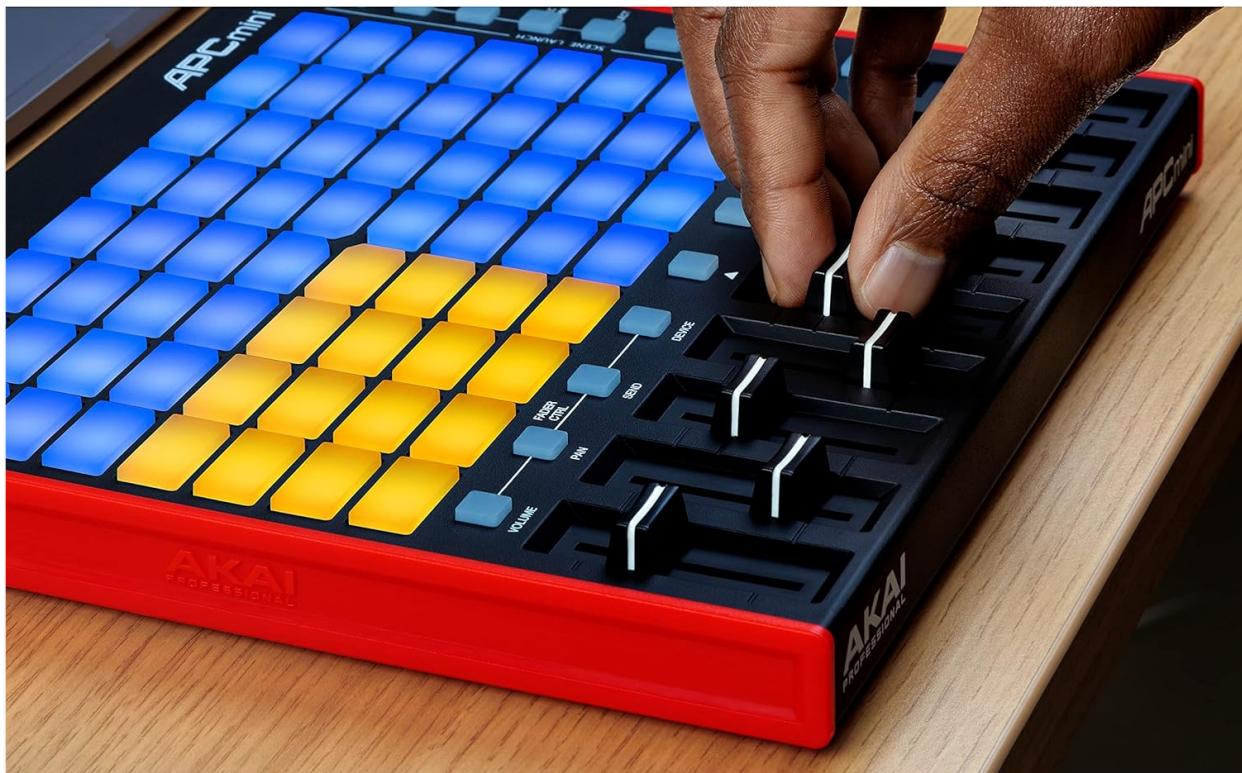
Figure 3: Detail of the 9 assignable faders.

3. Drum and Note Modes

The Drum sample mode integrates seamlessly with Ableton Drum Rack. Note mode, with its inbuilt "Smart Scale View," facilitates effortless melody playing by visually indicating the selected musical key across the pads.

4. Dedicated Scene Launch Buttons & Directional Arrows

To the right of the pad matrix, dedicated Scene Launch buttons activate groups of clips. Four directional arrow buttons allow for easy navigation within large Ableton Live sessions.

DEDICATED SCENE LAUNCH BUTTONS
ORGANIZE ALL THE BUTTONS YOU'LL NEED TO SEAMLESSLY LAUNCH GROUPS OF CLIPS

4 DIRECTIONAL ARROW BUTTONS
TO EASILY NAVIGATE LARGE GROUPS OF CLIPS

Figure 4: Scene launch buttons and navigation controls.

5. Portability and Connectivity

The compact design allows the APC Mini MK2 to fit into a laptop bag, making it suitable for music creation anywhere. It offers plug-and-play connectivity via a standard USB cable, requiring no external power adapters.

Figure 5: APC Mini MK2 in a portable setup.

6. DAW Integration & Included Software

The APC Mini MK2 is pre-mapped for 1-to-1 integration with Ableton Live 11.2.7 onwards. It includes Ableton Live Lite, Hybrid 3 (polyphonic analog synth), Mini Grand (acoustic piano), and Velvet (vintage electric piano) for comprehensive music production.

Figure 6: Included software bundle for music production.

S<small>ETUP</small>

1. **Connect to Computer:** Use the supplied USB cable to connect the APC Mini MK2 to an available USB port on your Mac or PC. The device is USB-powered and does not require an external power adapter.

2. **Software Installation:** Follow the instructions on the included Software Download Cards to download and install Ableton Live Lite and the virtual instrument pack (Hybrid 3, Mini Grand, Velvet).

3. **Ableton Live Integration:** Launch Ableton Live. The APC Mini MK2 is pre-mapped for automatic 1-to-1 integration with Ableton Live 11.2.7 or later. Ensure your Ableton Live version is up to date for optimal performance.

O<small>PERATING</small> I<small>NSTRUCTIONS</small>

1. Clip Launching

Use the 8x8 grid of RGB pads to launch clips in Ableton Live's Session View. The pads will illuminate to reflect the status of your clips (e.g., playing, stopped, recorded).

2. Fader Control

The 9 faders control various parameters in Ableton Live:

- **Volume:** Adjust track volume.

- **Pan:** Control stereo panning for tracks.
- **Send:** Manage send effects levels.
- **Device:** Control Ableton Live's device macros for selected instruments or effects.

3. Drum Mode

Engage Drum Mode for direct control over Ableton Drum Rack. The pads will map to individual drum sounds, allowing for intuitive beat programming and performance.

Your browser does not support the video tag. This video demonstrates how to use the Drum Mode feature on the Akai Professional APC Mini MK2, showcasing its integration with Ableton Live's Drum Rack for beat creation.

Video 1: Getting Started - Using Drum Mode.

4. Note Mode (Smart Scale View)

Activate Note Mode to play melodies. The Smart Scale View feature illuminates pads corresponding to the selected musical key, simplifying melodic improvisation and composition.

5. Scene Launch & Navigation

Use the Scene Launch buttons to trigger entire rows of clips simultaneously. The directional arrow buttons allow you to move the focus across the 8x8 grid, navigating through your Ableton Live session.

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Video 2: Getting Started - Recording Clips.

MAINTENANCE

The APC Mini MK2 is constructed from durable high-grade plastic. To ensure longevity and optimal performance:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surface of the controller. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the device in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Handle the device with care to prevent damage to the pads, faders, and USB port.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Device Not Recognized:** Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the APC Mini MK2 and your computer. Try a different USB port or cable. Verify that your computer's operating system and Ableton Live are up to date.
- **Pads/Faders Not Responding:** Check Ableton Live's MIDI preferences to ensure the APC Mini MK2 is correctly selected as a control surface. Restart Ableton Live and/or your computer.
- **No Sound:** Confirm that your audio output settings in Ableton Live are correct and that your speakers or headphones are properly connected and powered on.

SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature	Detail
Item Weight	1.79 pounds
Product Dimensions	8.28"D x 9.48"W x 1.2"H
Item Model Number	APCMINI2
Color Name	Black
Compatible Devices	Laptop, PC
Connector Type	USB
Hardware Interface	USB 2.0 Type B
Supported Software	Ableton Live
Material Type	Durable High-Grade Plastic
Mixer Channel Quantity	9
Special Feature	Backlit Drum Pad, Compact, Lightweight, Portable, Programmable

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and technical support, please refer to the 'Safety & Warranty Manual' included in your product packaging. You may also visit the official Akai Professional website for additional resources and contact information.

Related Documents - APCMINI2

[Akai APC mini mk2 User Guide: Enhance Your Music Production with Ableton Live](#)
Comprehensive user guide for the Akai APC mini mk2 MIDI controller, detailing setup, features, and operation for Ableton Live music production and performance.

[Akai Professional APC mini mk2 User Guide](#)
Explore the Akai Professional APC mini mk2 with this comprehensive user guide. Learn setup, features, and operations for music production with Ableton Live, including advanced modes. Visit akaipro.com for support.
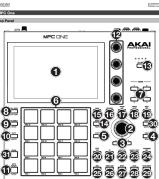
	[AKAI APC mini User Guide: Setup, Operation, and Features](#) A comprehensive user guide for the AKAI APC mini MIDI controller, detailing setup with Ableton Live, basic operations, hardware features, technical specifications, and support information.
	[Akai MPC One User Guide: Navigation, Controls, and Connectivity](#) Comprehensive guide to the Akai MPC One, detailing its top panel controls, navigation, data entry, Q-Link knobs, and rear panel connections for music production.
	[AKAI Professional MPK Mini 25-Key USB MIDI Keyboard Controller User Manual](#) This document provides a comprehensive quick start guide and user manual for the AKAI Professional MPK Mini, a 25-key USB MIDI keyboard controller. It details setup, features, technical specifications, and integration with digital audio workstations (DAWs).
	[Akai LPK25 mk2 User Guide: Features, Operation, and Support](#) Explore the Akai LPK25 mk2, a 25-note velocity-sensitive MIDI keyboard. This guide covers its features, top panel controls, operation, arpeggiator functions, and support resources. Learn how to connect, configure, and utilize the LPK25 mk2 for your music production needs.