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INTRODUCTION

The Native Instruments Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 is a compact mixer controller and audio interface designed for use with Traktor software. It provides hands-on control for mixing across up to four decks, making it suitable for both new and experienced DJs seeking a portable and flexible setup.



Front view of the Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 DJ Controller, showcasing its compact design and control layout.

Key features include:

- Straightforward layout with two-channel volume sliders, a crossfader, switchable EQ and stem controls, mixer effect controls, and a pre-listening section.
- Three OLED displays for essential mixing information.
- Mixer FX section for intuitive, one-knob control of nine effects, including filter, reverb, delay, and gater.
- Plug-and-play connectivity for quick setup.
- Integrated audio interface with a mini-jack connector for main output, offering flexible speaker connection options.

SETUP

This section guides you through connecting your Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 and preparing it for use.

1. Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the controller from its packaging. Inspect the device for any signs of damage. Ensure all components listed in the packaging contents are present.

2. Connecting to Your Computer

The Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 connects to your computer via a USB cable. This connection provides both power and data transfer for control and audio.

1. Connect one end of the supplied USB cable to the USB port on the back of the Z1 Mk2.
2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to an available USB port on your computer.



The rear panel of the Z1 Mk2, featuring the USB port for computer connection and audio output jacks.

3. Audio Connections

The Z1 Mk2 features an integrated audio interface. Connect your speakers and headphones as follows:

- **Main Output:** Use the mini-jack connector for your main speakers. For RCA connections, use an appropriate adapter if necessary.
- **Headphone Output:** Connect your headphones to the dedicated headphone jack on the front of the unit.



Illustration of the audio output options, highlighting the integrated high-quality audio interface.

4. Software Installation

The Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 is designed to work seamlessly with Traktor Pro 4 software. Ensure you have the latest version installed and activated on your computer. Refer to the Native Instruments website for detailed software installation and activation instructions.

OPERATING THE TRAKTOR KONTROL Z1 Mk2

This section details the functions of the various controls on your Z1 Mk2.

1. Overview of Controls

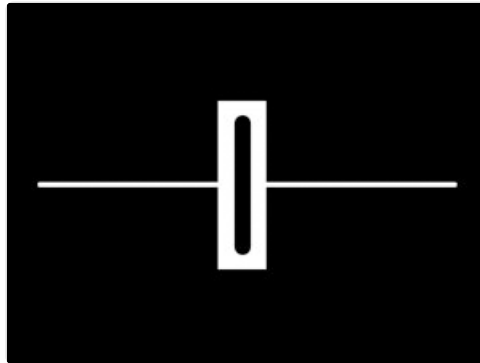


A comprehensive view of the Z1 Mk2's control surface, including knobs, faders, and buttons.

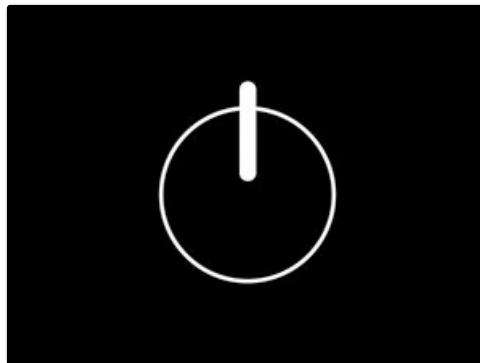
2. Channel Controls

The Z1 Mk2 features two independent channels, each with dedicated controls:

- **Gain Knobs:** Adjust the input level for each channel.
- **EQ Knobs (HI, MID, LOW):** Control the high, mid, and low frequencies for each channel. These can also be switched to control stems within Traktor software.
- **Channel Faders:** Adjust the volume level of each channel.



Close-up of the channel faders, used for adjusting individual track volumes.



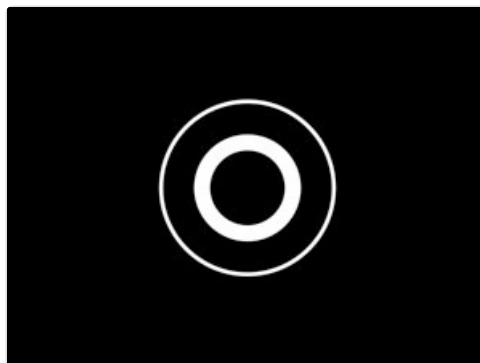
Detail of the EQ knobs, which can also function as stem controls for advanced mixing.

3. Crossfader

The crossfader allows for smooth transitions between the two channels. Move the fader left or right to blend between Channel A and Channel B.

4. Mixer FX Section

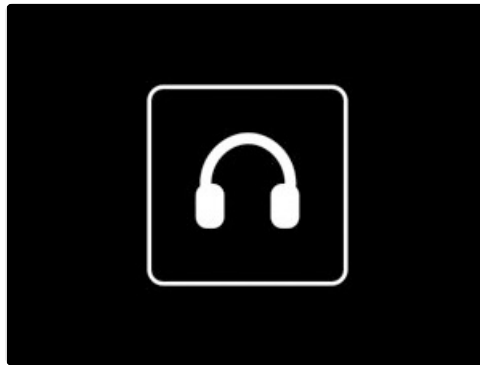
Each channel has an FX button and a dedicated knob for applying effects. The Z1 Mk2 offers nine different mixer effects, including filter, reverb, delay, and gater, controlled with a single knob for intuitive manipulation.



The Mixer FX section, showing the FX buttons and control knobs for applying effects to each channel.

5. Pre-listening (Cueing)

The pre-listening section allows you to monitor tracks through your headphones without affecting the main output. Use the cue buttons for each channel and the cue mix/volume knobs to adjust your headphone monitoring.



The pre-listen controls, enabling DJs to cue tracks privately through headphones.

6. OLED Displays

The three OLED displays provide visual feedback on essential mixing parameters, such as channel levels, FX status, and cueing information.



The three OLED displays providing real-time visual feedback on mixing parameters.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to clean the surface of the controller. Avoid abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by a dry one.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the controller in a clean, dry environment, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and excessive dust. Consider using a protective cover or case for transport.
- **Cable Management:** Ensure all cables are connected securely and are not under strain. Avoid sharp bends or kinks in cables.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2, refer to the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Power/Not Recognized:**
 - Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the controller and your computer.
 - Try a different USB port on your computer.
 - Verify that the necessary drivers for the Z1 Mk2 are installed. Check the Native Instruments website for the latest drivers.
 - Restart your computer and the Traktor software.
- **No Audio Output:**
 - Check all audio cable connections to your speakers and headphones.
 - Verify the audio output settings within your Traktor software. Ensure the Z1 Mk2 is selected as the primary audio device.
 - Adjust the gain, channel faders, and main volume knob on the Z1 Mk2.
 - Ensure your computer's system volume is not muted or set too low.
- **Controls Not Responding:**
 - Confirm that Traktor software is running and properly configured to recognize the Z1 Mk2.
 - Check for any software updates for Traktor or firmware updates for the Z1 Mk2 on the Native Instruments website.
 - Restart the Traktor software and reconnect the Z1 Mk2.

For more detailed troubleshooting or persistent issues, consult the official Native Instruments support resources.

SPECIFICATIONS

Below are the technical specifications for the Native Instruments Traktor Kontrol Z1 Mk2 DJ Controller:

Feature	Detail
Model Number	34298
Item Weight	1.66 pounds (0.75 kg)
Product Dimensions	12.73 x 5.09 x 2.2 inches (32.33 x 12.93 x 5.59 cm)
Material Type	Stainless Steel
Connectivity	USB
Audio Interface	Integrated, with mini-jack main output
Displays	Three OLED displays
Included Software	Traktor Pro 4 (requires download and activation)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding the product warranty, please refer to the official Native Instruments website or the warranty card included with your purchase. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region.

For technical support, software updates, or additional resources, visit the official Native Instruments support portal:

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It is recommended to register your product on the Native Instruments website to receive updates and access full support

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