

KORG KRONOS3-61

KORG KRONOS3-61 Music Workstation User Manual

Comprehensive instructions for setup, operation, and maintenance.

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your KORG KRONOS3-61 Music Workstation. Please read it thoroughly before operating the instrument and keep it for future reference.

The KRONOS3-61 is a 61-key music workstation featuring Natural Touch Semi-weighted Action, an 8" Color TouchView Display, Ribbon Controller, 9 Sound Engines, and a 4-way Joystick. It is designed for musicians seeking advanced sound creation and performance capabilities.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Power Supply:** Use only the specified power adapter. Ensure the voltage matches your local power supply.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block ventilation openings. Ensure adequate airflow around the unit to prevent overheating.
- **Moisture:** Keep the instrument away from water, rain, and high humidity. Do not operate with wet hands.
- **Placement:** Place the instrument on a stable, level surface. Avoid direct sunlight, heat sources, and excessive dust.
- **Cleaning:** Disconnect power before cleaning. Use a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosols.
- **Servicing:** Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Do not attempt to repair the unit yourself.

SETUP

Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the KRONOS3-61 from its packaging. Inspect the unit for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Retain the packaging materials for future transport or storage.

Connecting Power

1. Ensure the KRONOS3-61 is powered off.
2. Connect the supplied AC adapter to the DC IN jack on the rear panel of the workstation.
3. Plug the AC adapter into a suitable power outlet.

Audio Connections

The KRONOS3-61 offers various audio output options. Connect the main stereo outputs (L/MONO, R) to your amplifier, mixer, or audio interface using standard 1/4-inch TS cables.

For monitoring, connect headphones to the PHONES jack on the front panel.

USB and MIDI Connections

- **USB:** Connect the KRONOS3-61 to a computer via the USB B port for MIDI and audio data transfer. This allows for integration with Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs).
- **MIDI:** Use the MIDI IN/OUT/THRU ports to connect to external MIDI devices such as other synthesizers, drum machines, or MIDI controllers.

The workstation also supports connecting a sustain pedal (damper pedal) for enhanced playability. While not included, compatible pedals can be connected to the DAMPER jack.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Powering On/Off

To power on the KRONOS3-61, press the POWER switch located on the rear panel. To power off, press and hold the POWER switch until the unit shuts down completely.

Navigating the TouchView Display

The 8-inch color TouchView display is the primary interface for controlling the workstation. Use your finger to tap, drag,

and swipe through menus, parameters, and settings. The display provides visual feedback for all operations.



Image: Close-up of the KORG KRONOS3-61's 8-inch color TouchView display, showing various sound program selections.

Selecting Sounds (Programs and Combinations)

The KRONOS3-61 features numerous sound engines and a vast library of sounds. Use the dedicated PROGRAM and COMBI buttons to switch between single sound programs and layered/split combinations. Navigate through categories and select sounds using the TouchView display or the data entry dial.



Image: The KORG KRONOS3-61's interface for selecting and managing sound programs and combinations.

Using the Controllers

- **Joystick:** The 4-way joystick allows for real-time control over various sound parameters, such as pitch bend, modulation, and filter cutoff.
- **Ribbon Controller:** The ribbon controller provides expressive control, often used for continuous parameter changes or unique performance effects.
- **Knobs and Faders:** Dedicated knobs and faders offer tactile control over volume, effects, and other assignable parameters.



Image: Close-up view of the KORG KRONOS3-61's joystick and ribbon controller, used for expressive sound manipulation.

Sequencer and Sampling

The KRONOS3-61 includes a powerful sequencer for recording and arranging musical ideas. Use the dedicated transport controls (PLAY, REC, STOP) and the TouchView display to manage your projects. The integrated sampling capabilities allow you to capture and manipulate audio directly within the workstation.



Image: Section of the KORG KRONOS3-61 showing sequencer and sampling controls.

Sound Demonstration

The KORG KRONOS3-61 offers a wide range of sounds, including pianos, organs, brass, drums, and guitars. The video below demonstrates some of the sound capabilities and features, such as changing instrument settings and connecting a sustain pedal.

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Video: A user demonstrating various sound settings and features of a Korg keyboard, including piano, organ, brass, drums, and guitar sounds, and discussing pedal connectivity.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe the surface of the instrument with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and then dry thoroughly. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Key Care:** Keep the keys clean. If they become dirty, wipe them gently with a soft cloth dampened with a mild, non-abrasive cleaner.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the KRONOS3-61 in a dust-free environment, preferably covered with a dust cover. Avoid extreme temperatures and humidity.
- **Software Updates:** Periodically check the KORG website for firmware updates to ensure your workstation has the latest features and bug fixes.

TROUBLESHOOTING

No Sound

- Check if the power is on and all cables are securely connected.
- Ensure the master volume knob is turned up.
- Verify that your amplifier or monitoring system is powered on and its volume is adjusted.
- Check the selected program/combination on the TouchView display.

Display Not Responding

- Try restarting the unit.
- Ensure the screen is clean and free from debris.
- If the issue persists, contact KORG support.

Unexpected Behavior

- Perform a factory reset (refer to the full manual for instructions, as this will erase user data).
- Check for the latest firmware updates.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	KRONOS3-61
Number of Keyboard Keys	61
Key Action	Natural Touch Semi-weighted Action
Display	8" Color TouchView Display
Controllers	Ribbon Controller, 4-way Joystick
Sound Engines	9
Connectivity	USB, MIDI IN/OUT/THRU, Damper Pedal Input, Audio IN/OUT
Item Weight	39.4 pounds (17.87 kg)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	41.89 x 14.29 x 5.28 inches (106.4 x 36.3 x 13.4 cm)
Body Material	Plastic, Wood, Metal
Color	Black

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official KORG website. KORG offers technical support and customer service for its products.

Online Resources:

- Official KORG Website: www.korg.com
- Product Support Page: Refer to the KORG website for specific support pages for the KRONOS3-61 model.

For service or technical assistance, please contact your local KORG distributor or authorized service center.

