

## **Native Instruments TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 now in stores worldwide**

**First 2+2 channel DJ control mixer offers comprehensive connectivity and new creative features, all housed inside an installation-height, aircraft-grade aluminum chassis – the ultimate TRAKTOR hub**

Berlin, November 5, 2012 – Native Instruments today announced that the world's first 2+2 channel control mixer TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 is now available in stores worldwide and at the NI Online Shop. TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 is constructed of aircraft-grade aluminum and provides two stand-alone channels with two full Remix channels, a high-quality soundcard, and a host of new features that offer DJs top-of-the line performance coupled with tour-ready reliability. These hardware and software advancements make TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 the first professional club mixer from Native Instruments.

TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2's aircraft-grade aluminum chassis forms the foundation of the KONTROL Z2's state-of-the-art design. Two stand-alone channels are each equipped with premium Innofaders™ and dedicated EQ and filter knobs. The KONTROL Z2's installation height is optimized for integration into standard club setups for the best possible ergonomics during performance. Club sound systems receive pristine audio thanks to 24-bit Cirrus Logic converters and balanced XLR outputs while a separate booth output and microphone input ensure accurate monitoring inside the DJ booth.

The KONTROL Z2's 2+2 design unites analog and digital DJing techniques. Rear panel inputs provide connectivity for both turntables and CDJs, offering connectivity for both purely analog as well as timecode-based setups. Multi-colored LED cue point controls placed next to the KONTROL Z2's intuitive master section and two additional TRAKTOR Remix Deck™ rotary knobs provide side-by-side control of TRAKTOR PRO software and analog sources, and a built-in USB hub allows direct connectivity to controller hardware. With TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2, DJs now have access to all aspects of their workflows with one powerful command center.

Purchase of TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 includes download of TRAKTOR PRO 2.6 – the latest version of NI's flagship DJ software. The KONTROL Z2 integrates perfectly with the new features in the 2.6 update including the new Flux Mode and Macro FX. Flux Mode tracks the time during complicated scratch and effect performances, allowing for creative loop rolls or effects while returning the song accurately to the beat.

The 11 Macro FX – specifically created for TRAKTOR – have been designed according to classic DJ workflows, and condense complex effect performances onto a single control knob on the hardware. Wormhole, Bass-o-Matic, and Zzzurp give DJs new ways to create exciting buildups and breakdowns. Flight Test, LaserSlicer, and Event Horizon offer DJs extra impact for punch-ins, and mixing effects such as Polar Wind, Dark Matter, and Strrretch give DJs more expressive control over track transitions.

TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 also includes TRAKTOR SCRATCH timecode vinyl and CDs\* – rounding out this powerful control mixer with scratch capability. The KONTROL Z2 package is designed to provide options for all popular club workflows, setups, and controller configurations.

A new video, in which 5 x DMC World Champion DJ Craze performs an impressive turntablism routine on the TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2, is available on YouTube at:

<http://youtu.be/FcNzDgMFF1o>

### **Pricing and availability**

TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 is now available at retailers worldwide and at the NI Online Shop.

TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 pricing information:

\$899 / 799 € / 83800 ¥

### **Further product information and press material**

Additional information on TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 is available at:

[www.native-instruments.com/z2-dj-mixer](http://www.native-instruments.com/z2-dj-mixer)

A digital press kit including picture material is available at:

[www.native-instruments.com/press.info](http://www.native-instruments.com/press.info)

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### **About Native Instruments**

Native Instruments is a leading manufacturer of software and hardware for computer-based music production and DJing. The company's mission is to develop innovative, fully integrated solutions for all professions, styles and genres. The resulting products regularly push technological boundaries and open up new creative horizons for professionals and amateurs alike.

Native Instruments opened up the fascinating world of real-time sound synthesis on standard computers in 1996, and today offers an extensive product range for musicians, producers and DJs. The company currently employs around 300 people in its two offices in Berlin and Los Angeles, and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.

*\*TRAKTOR SCRATCH products are not available in the Netherlands. Retailers in the Netherlands stock the TRAKTOR KONTROL Z2 with included TRAKTOR PRO software.*