

Native Instruments announces new MASCHINE & KOMplete KONTROL hardware

MASCHINE Mk3 and KOMplete KONTROL Mk2 S49 / S61 now available to pre-order

September 7, 2017 – Native Instruments today announces the next generation of MASCHINE and KOMplete KONTROL hardware. Unified by an all-new industrial design, both units have been re-engineered to inspire and enable nonstop creativity, boasting more intuitive workflows, optimized layouts, vivid visual feedback, and deeper studio integration.

MASCHINE Mk3 delivers the best ever workflow for quickly sketching and capturing ideas. It adds two high-resolution color screens for easier sound browsing, editing, sample-slicing, and more. The new hardware also features more dedicated function buttons and larger, more responsive pads that retain the same ergonomic layout users know and love. For enhanced convenience and portability, MASCHINE now features a built-in 96kHz / 24-bit audio interface.

KOMplete KONTROL Mk2 extends the original keyboard's workflow with 17 additional function buttons and two high-resolution color screens for browsing, previewing sounds, and more. And now – thanks to enhanced DAW and MASCHINE integration – it's possible to mix, navigate, and edit projects directly from the hardware. The professional-grade Fatar keybeds and unique Light Guide are joined by new pitch and mod wheels, plus a horizontal touch strip for additional expression.

"We've learned from artists and our users that the biggest challenge in creative work isn't one of getting started, but of keeping going," explains MASCHINE Product Owner Chris La Pietra. "We developed these new products in tandem to address this problem: Beyond sparking inspiration, they fuel the whole creative process – they help users get in the zone and stay there. They feel great, they integrate with existing setups, and they make music production as fun, intuitive, and hands-on as possible."

"We set the benchmark for integrated music production software and hardware some years ago, and these latest products signify a major new milestone in our journey," explains Mate Galic, CTO and President of Native Instruments.

"Holistic, tactile experiences and optimized layouts showcase the most powerful features in a completely intuitive way and support a sustained creative workflow. Sophisticated integration, with an ever-expanding software ecosystem of KOMplete, MASCHINE, and NKS plug-ins, make these the most advanced music production hardware units available today."

Pricing and availability

The new MASCHINE, KOMplete KONTROL S49, and KOMplete KONTROL S61 will be available at the NI Online Shop and retailers from October 5, 2017. All three units will be available to pre-order from September 7 at the NI Online Shop. Pricing remains the same as the previous versions in all markets.

MASCHINE EUR 599, USD 599, JPY 72800, GBP 479, AUD 899

KOMplete KONTROL S49 EUR 599, USD 599, JPY 69800, GBP 479, AUD 899

KOMplete KONTROL S61 EUR 699, USD 699, JPY 79800, GBP 559, AUD 1049

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About MASCHINE Mk3

The next generation of MASCHINE hardware lets you effortlessly produce beats, melodies, and harmonies with powerful drum synths, premium sounds, an integrated sampler, and more – cutting-edge software meets intuitive hardware for an ultra-smooth workflow.

Key features

- Integrated hardware/software system includes sampler, arranger, mixer, FX, and more
- 8 GB MASCHINE library with samples, one-shots, sliced loops, sampled instruments, presets, patterns, drum kits, and songs
- Includes 25 GB KOMplete 11 SELECT library
- 25 pro-quality studio and creative FX including filter, EQ, delay, reverb, and compressor
- 2 high-resolution RGB color displays for precision sample slicing, sound tweaking, note editing, mixing, browsing, and more
- 16 large, ultra-sensitive pads make two-handed drumming easy
- Pro-grade, 96kHz / 24-bit audio interface with 2 x ¼" TRS line outputs, 2 x ¼" TRS line inputs, ¼" dynamic mic input, stereo headphone output, 1 x MIDI In, 1 x MIDI out, and 1 x Footswitch
- Touch sensitive knobs for parameter tweaking
- Smart Strip for strumming notes, pitch bending sounds, performing with FX, and more

- Four-directional push encoder for browsing, navigating, and adjusting levels and balance
- Powered via USB 2.0 or with the included power supply unit
- Seamless integration with KOMplete
- Classic groovebox features including 16 velocity levels, swing, pad link, note repeat, step sequencer, and vintage MPC 60/SP-1200 sampling emulation
- Compatible with all major DAWs (including Ableton Live, Logic Pro, and FL Studio) as a VST or Audio Units plug-in, with full multi-core support

More information about MASCHINE is available [here](#).

About KOMplete KONTROL Mk2

With the latest generation of KOMplete KONTROL hardware, music-making becomes a more intuitive, hands-on experience. Perform expressively, browse and preview sounds, tweak parameters, sketch your ideas, and navigate and mix your project – all from one fully integrated centerpiece for studio and stage.

Key features

- Smart keyboard controller for all your virtual instruments
- Pro-grade Fatar keybeds with aftertouch – 49 or 61 semi-weighted keys
- Ergonomic pitch and mod wheels, plus touch strip for expression control
- Pre-mapped control of KOMplete instruments and hundreds of Native Kontrol Standard (NKS) instruments from leading manufacturers
- Full VSTi support
- Tag-based preset browsing: Find sounds quickly and hear instant previews
- Two high-res color screens for browsing, tweaking, mixing, and more
- Light Guide: RGB lights above each key highlight drum cells, key switches, chords, scales, and more
- Smart Play: See scales and modes on the Light Guide, play chord progressions and arpeggios with single keys, or map any scale to white keys only
- Deep integration with MASCHINE software / hardware
- Intuitive control over Logic Pro X, Ableton Live, and GarageBand. Cubase and Nuendo integration coming soon after initial release
- 4-directional push encoder for one-handed sound browsing and project navigation
- Two assignable pedal inputs
- MIDI in / out
- USB 2.0 bus powered
- Includes KOMplete 11 SELECT

More information about KOMplete KONTROL S49 and S61 is available [here](#).

About Native Kontrol Standard

Native Kontrol Standard (NKS) is Native Instruments' extended plug-in format for all virtual instrument developers. NKS allows for intuitive and seamless interaction between plug-in instruments and KOMplete KONTROL and MASCHINE hardware. With NKS, support for powerful features like tag-based browsing, Light Guide feedback, and pre-mapped controls extends to hundreds of instruments from 40+ leading plug-in manufacturers.

More information about NKS can be found [here](#).

A full list of NKS-ready plug-ins can be found [here](#).

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 more than 400 people in its six offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo, London, Paris, and Shenzhen and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.