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Native Instruments announces next generation of TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 and S4 DJ systems alongside TRAKTOR PRO 3

New 2 and 4-channel DJ systems see major hardware updates, including innovative Haptic Drive™ motorized jog wheels for the KONTROL S4, plus a new version of the flagship TRAKTOR PRO software

September 6, 2018, Berlin – Native Instruments today announces the next generation of TRAKTOR KONTROL S4 and TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 DJ systems, alongside a new version of its flagship DJ software, TRAKTOR PRO 3. The announcement sees TRAKTOR build on almost two decades of club heritage to extend the possibilities of DJ performance and provide performers of all genres and abilities with the tools they need to define their own style.

“User feedback and collaboration was central to the development of all of these new products,” explains Pedram Faghfouri, Director of Products for TRAKTOR. “We listened to input from users around the world and across the entire spectrum of the TRAKTOR community, from hobbyists to professional DJs.”

“With these releases, we not only acted upon this input, but pushed ourselves to exceed expectations and think of new ways in which to improve the experience of performing with TRAKTOR. We’re also always aware of the fact that no two users are the same, which is why customizability, combined with ease of use, is paramount for us.”

TRAKTOR PRO 3

TRAKTOR PRO 3, the full version of which is included with both new hardware releases, is the most stable version of the software yet, and uses the new Elastique 3 time-stretching engine for noticeable audio improvements. The user interface has been redesigned with a sharper and flatter look for better readability in club environments, while the intuitive workflow, to which many performers have become accustomed, remains intact.

Several brand-new features have also been added: TRAKTOR PRO 3 now includes Mixer FX – one-knob effect and filter controls that can be assigned to each channel independently and used for big buildups and transitions. And DJs using an external mixer can now route unprocessed audio directly from TRAKTOR, thanks to a new mode that bypasses the software’s internal mixer. A full feature set will be announced on September 25.

TRAKTOR KONTROL S4

TRAKTOR KONTROL S4 introduces a world-first with Haptic Drive™ – high-torque, motorized jog wheels that provide performers with haptic feedback in three modes: Jog Mode, Turntable Mode, and Beatgrid Adjust Mode. DJs can now feel cue points and loops when scrolling through tracks, and enable Turntable Mode for natural-feeling beatmatching while nudging and stalling the jog wheels. Interfacing software and hardware within Haptic Drive™ technology means that its functionality can be expanded, and will grow over the course of future updates, giving DJs even more ways to interact with their music.

The S4 places vital performance information on the hardware itself, keeping everything DJs need to know front and center in the booth. High-resolution displays on each deck display a waveform strip, track title, loop length and activation, key, and BPM, as well as Stem and Remix Deck components when performing with Stems and samples. Further visual feedback is provided by RGB light rings surrounding each jog wheel, which visualize deck selection, tempo, and track-end warnings.

An integrated, pro-grade audio interface with inputs on each channel provides support for DJs using timecode vinyl, as well as room for expansion for hybrid DJs who want to incorporate drum machines and synths into their set. Built for the demands of the club, the TRAKTOR KONTROL S4 features rugged industrial design with all-new Carbon Protect faders – inverted carbon strips that better protect against dust and other substances. It also comes with multiple microphone inputs, as well as a much-requested stereo booth output.

TRAKTOR KONTROL S2

TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 condenses the club-standard software and hardware system into an ultra-portable form. The USB-powered system has been equipped with upsized jog wheels that offer more responsive touch-sensitivity and give DJs pinpoint control when scratching and nudging.

Both the TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 and TRAKTOR KONTROL S4 have undergone a complete redesign, with a visual language and build approach that aligns closely with TRAKTOR's club-standard heritage. The two systems also feature 16 RGB-backlit pads for triggering samples and loops, as well as for setting and triggering cue points. Both systems also provide full integration with Mixer FX in TRAKTOR PRO 3, with a dedicated control section on each channel.

Nine game-changing new products, major updates to online platforms

The launch of the new TRAKTOR products forms part of the largest release in Native Instruments' 22-year history, also featuring the arrival of new entry level MASCHINE and KOMPLETE KONTROL production hardware, KONTAKT 6, KOMPLETE 12, MASSIVE X, and more.

The Fall 2018 announcements mark a key milestone on Native Instruments' path to becoming a true platform provider for the whole music creation industry. The company's portfolio is expanding significantly to include products for creators of all styles and abilities, complementary online services, new educational content to guide experiences, and a range of affordable and intuitive entry level production and performance products.

Video and more information is available at native-instruments.com/for-the-music-in-you.

A press kit with images, videos, and product fact sheets is available [here](#).

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- [Native Instruments unveils nine game-changing new products, major updates to online platforms](#)
- [Native Instruments reveals new range of entry-level hardware: KOMplete KONTROL A-Series, MASCHINE MIKRO, and TRAKTOR KONTROL S2](#)
- [Native Instruments announces KOMplete KONTROL S88 Mk2, KOMplete 12, MASSIVE X, KONTAKT 6](#)
- [Native Instruments announces major updates to three online platforms](#)

Pricing and availability

TRAKTOR KONTROL S4: New Haptic Drive™ motorized jog wheels transmit cue points, loop markers, and more directly to DJs' fingertips, while RGB LED rings and high-res color screens provide vital performance information.

Available November 1, 2018

899 USD, 899 EUR, 99800 JPY, 719 GBP, 1,249 AUD, 1,199 CAD, 6999 CNY

TRAKTOR KONTROL S2: A DJ controller built for the beach, the bus, the airport, and anywhere else you can take a backpack.

Available fall 2018

299 USD, 299 EUR, 37800 JPY, 239 GBP, 439 AUD, 399 CAD, 2299 CNY

TRAKTOR PRO 3: Two decades after TRAKTOR conquered the club, TRAKTOR PRO 3 brings punchier sound, powerful one-knob Mixer FX, and a sharper, clearer interface to the booth.

Available October 18, 2018

99 USD, 99 EUR, 12800, YEN, 89 GBP, 149 AUD, 129 CAD, 799 CNY

Upgrade: 49 USD, 49 EUR, 6280 YEN, 44 GBP, 79 AUD, 69 CAD, 379 CNY

About Native Instruments

Native Instruments is the industry leader in innovative, software, hardware and digital services for music creation, production, and DJing. Founded in 1996, the company pioneered the application of real-time sound synthesis on standard computers.

Today, NI caters to producers, performers, and DJs with a comprehensive ecosystem of connected hardware and software systems: KOMPLETE, the industry-leading collection of virtual instruments and effects, complemented by a range of keyboard controllers and audio interfaces; MASCHINE, a powerful range of beat-making instruments now at the heart of hip-hop and electronic music communities; and TRAKTOR, the first DJ software to conquer the club, and now a range of integrated controllers that power house parties, club booths, and the world's biggest stages.

In 2018, Native Instruments launched Sounds.com, a market-leading online subscription platform for loops and samples that also creates new revenue and promotion opportunities for individuals, brands, and business across the music industry. Along with recent acquisitions of Metapop and The Loop Loft, these three online platforms further enhance NI's ecosystem for music creation and community.

Based in the heart of the German capital's creative hub, the company currently employs more than 400 people in its seven offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo, London, Toronto, Paris, and Shenzhen, and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.