

**Getting Started Guide** 

## Launchkey Mini

Thank you for buying our mini keyboard controller for Ableton Live. It may be small, but it has everything you need to start producing and performing new tunes.

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As soon as you plug it in, you'll get hands-on control of your music software. However, we recommend you read through this brief guide first, to make sure you get up and running as guickly as possible.

# Follow these steps to get up and running quickly.

This guide will take you through each step in more detail, so read on before you start.

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## 1. Check Your Box Contents

You should find all of this in your box. If anything is missing, please contact us.

#### **Documentation**

- This helpful guide
- Ableton Live Lite instruction card
- · Safety sheet

#### Hardware

- · Launchkey Mini
- USB lead

### Software

Your software bundle code is on the back of this guide. This gives you access to the following software downloads online as well as documentation:

- Novation V-Station synth plug-in
- Novation Bass Station plug-in
- Loopmasters Sounds and Samples



# 2. Plug In

Take the product and USB cable out of the box and connect it to your PC or Mac.

The pads will flash briefly to let you know it's working. It won't trigger any sound yet, however.

#### This guide gets you up and running with Ableton Live.

If you want information on other music software please check online for guides that will help you in more detail.

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## 3. Register and Download the Included Software

Go to www.novationmusic.com/register and click Register Your Product

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Select Launchkey Mini from the dropdown list and enter your serial number. You can find it on the back of this booklet and on the label on the underside of your Launchkey Mini: it is 12 or 13 characters long: the first 3 characters can be numbers or letters, but the rest will only be numbers.

Your serial number is not the same as the software bundle code.

Then click "Get My Stuff" to download your software. If you don't have a Novation account, we will ask for a few details.

## 4. Get Ableton Live Lite

Inside this guide you'll find an instruction card for downloading and registering Ableton Live Lite. Follow these instructions and jump back here when you've got it running.

If you already have Ableton Live, please update to the latest version to make sure your Launchkey Mini is supported.

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# 5. Quick Configure

In Ableton Live, go to the menu and click Preferences.

From the list of tabs on the left, click the MIDI / Sync tab and you will see the following:

Click the first drop down box under Control Surface.

Choose Launchkey Mini from the list.

Under Input and Output select Launchkey Mini (LK Mini InControl).

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# 6. InControl of Your Music Software



When you have correctly configured Live you will notice that the InControl light will come on. Launchkey Mini's unique 'InControl' mode is designed to work seamlessly with Live to control the parameters that are most important to your workflow.

Alternatively, if you wish your Launchkey Mini to operate as a standard MIDI keyboard, simply press and release the 'InControl button' to turn off 'InControl' and switch the knobs and pads back to basic MIDI mode. This is really useful in Live for MIDI learn.

**Note:** In most DAWs, 'pot pickup' is enabled by default. This means that knobs on the screen will move only when the physical control being moved has travelled past the position shown on the screen. This helps to avoid sudden jumps in parameters.

For further information on how to set up Launchkey Mini in your DAW, see the downloadable User Guide.



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## 7. Using the Launchkey Mini with an iPad

Connect your Novation Launchkey Mini keyboard to your iPad using the supplied USB cable and an Apple Camera Connection Kit (not included) in the following order:

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- 1. Connect the USB cable to the Launchkey Mini
- 2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the Camera Connection Kit
- 3. Connect the Camera Connection Kit to your iPad

Why not try the Novation Launchpad app available from the Apple iTunes Store for free.

## If You Run Into Problems...

If you're having trouble, please don't go back to where you bought your Launchkey Mini. Let us help: we have free video tutorials online, including a step-by-step setup guide.

#### www.novationmusic.com/get-started

We also have a collection of answers to common problems here:

#### www.novationmusic.com/answerbase

Details of how to contact our support team via telephone, e-mail and Live Chat are also available:

#### www.novationmusic.com/support

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