

MPC 2.9 Desktop Software and Firmware Update

Desktop Software

The MPC 2.9 desktop software includes MIDI maps for popular Ableton, Arturia, Korg, M-Audio and Native Instruments controllers.

Firmware

This release is for MPC One, MPC Live Mk2, MPC X, MPC Live hardware.

Downloading the Update

To download the MPC 2.9 Desktop Software Update, log into your Akai Pro user account or through MPC 2.9 when prompted. For instructions on installing the update, please visit our knowledge base article [here](#).

To download the 2.9 Firmware Update, navigate to the MPC product page and click on Downloads to find the Mac and PC download links:

- [MPC Live product page](#)
- [MPC Live Mk2 product page](#)
- [MPC X product page](#)
- [MPC One product page](#)

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New Features

MPC now comes with nine incredible DrumSynth plugin instruments.

The team at AIR Music Technology have painstakingly crafted a range of groundbreaking drum synthesizers that combine multiple synthesis types and advanced modelling to create breathtaking results. The AIR drum synths are highly effective at emulating the sound of classic drum machines from yesteryear, however you can go considerably further by combining new drum model types with the carefully crafted inbuilt FX plugins to create powerful contemporary drum sounds.

To add a DrumSynth, from Main Mode set the program type to a Plugin Instrument, double tap the Plugin field to open the Plugin Selector. You will see a new category, MPC Drum Plugins containing 9 new plugin instruments. Eight of the drum synth instruments are dedicated to meticulously modelling an individual type of drum (Kick, Snare, Clap, HiHat, Crash, Ride, Tom and Percussion).

Each DrumSynth has a comprehensive synthesis and FX section.

- From the synth section change the Model parameter to set the synths configuration, then use the carefully chosen macro parameters to tweak the drum sound.
- The FX section has been designed for drum processing, use the transient shaper, distortion, four band EQ and compressor to add depth and punch to a drum sound.
- Each DrumSynth instrument comes with a range of accompanying presets carefully organized by category to make it easy to find the type of drum sound you desire.

The **DrumSynth:Multi** plugin is all eight separate drum synths combined into a single drum machine instrument :

- Create faithful sonic reproductions of classic old drum machines or use its extensive parameter set to create the drum machine of your dreams.
- In addition to eight drum synth modules there is also a dedicated mixer section with separate Delay, Diffuser and Reverb send effects.
- DrumSynth:Multi comes with 52 preset kits carefully organized by category to make it easy to browse.
- DrumSynth:Multi has a dedicated pad layout for note input.