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Manual abstract:

KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 4 About this Guide 4

This User Guide covers setup and features of the KeyRig 49 USB keyboard. Even if you are experienced with MIDI and computer audio, we recommend reading this User Guide to help you get the most out of KeyRig 49. This keyboard can be used with many third-party music software applications. See your specific software's documentation for more information on this KeyRig 49 USB Keyboard. Minimum System Requirements: Windows* < Pentium 3 - 800 MHz or higher (CPU may be higher for laptops) < 256 MB RAM < Direct X 9.0b or higher < Windows XP (SP2) or higher (Windows 98, Me, NT, or 2000 not supported) < One native USB port. 5 Mac OS < Macintosh G3/800/G4/733 MHz or higher** (CPU may be higher for laptops) < OS X 10.3.9 with 256 MB RAM, < OS X 10.4.2 or greater with 512 MB RAM < One native USB port *Home and Professional Edition only. Windows Media Center Edition is not currently supported. **G3/G4 accelerator cards are not supported. M-Audio suggests you also check the minimum system requirements for any third-party software applications you plan on using with your new M-Audio hardware, as they may be greater than the above. KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 5 Installation and Setup 6 The KeyRig 49 USB keyboard is class-compliant. This means that you may simply connect the provided USB cable between KeyRig 49 and your Windows XP or Mac OS X computer and switch the keyboard on. Additional drivers are not mandatory for normal operation. As you become more familiar with KeyRig 49, you may wish to take advantage of this product's professional features such as: using your new keyboard with more than one application at the same time (multi-client) or sending advanced MIDI messages using KeyRig

49's Edit mode. When using Windows, some of these features can only be accessed after installing the optional KeyRig 49 drivers.

No drivers are required for Mac OS X. The optional PC drivers are found on the KeyRig 49 CD-ROM included with this package.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are installing the optional drivers for KeyRig, disconnect your KeyRig until you are instructed to connect it. To install the optional Windows XP drivers for KeyRig 49: 1. Insert the KeyRig 49 CD-ROM into your computer's CD-ROM drive. 2. The computer will automatically display the interactive install screen.

If your computer fails to launch the installer, T manually start it by clicking on Start > My Computer > KeyRig 49 3.

Choose KeyRig 49 keyboard from the pull-down menu and click "Install." 4 5 Follow the driver installer's on-screen direction prompts. At various points in this installation process, you may be notified that the driver being installed has not passed

Windows Logo Testing. Click "Continue Anyway" to proceed with installation. 6.

Click "Finish" once the installer has completed the installation. 7 Connect your KeyRig 49 to an available USB port using the cable provided. 8.

Make sure that the power switch on the back of the keyboard is in the "on" (I) position. 9.

You will be asked if you want to search the Internet for a driver. Select "No, not this time" and click "Next." 10 Windows will display a Found New Hardware Wizard 11. Choose "Install the software automatically," and click Next. 12. @@@@ No MIDI input configuration in necessary.

@@@@ When using the Key Rig software in standalone mode, be sure to select your ASIO-compatible sound card and output channels from the pull down menu at the top of Key Rig's screen as shown. KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 7 The KeyRig 49 Keyboard 8 Key Names

The letters printed above the white keys stand for the names of the musical notes the keys represent. The number next to each letter marks the octave each key belongs to (More information on octaves can be found in the following section.) Black keys are

"semitones" to their adjacent white keys and don't have a dedicated letter. A semitone represents the distance in pitch from one note to its immediate neighbor.

Black keys usually have the same name as the next higher or lower white key, but have an additional sharp symbol (# semitone higher than the letter indicates), or flat symbol (b semitone lower than the letter indicates) attached to them. For example, the name of the black key to the right of C3 is C#3 (C-sharp3), but it can also be called Db3 (D-flat3), since it is also adjacent to the D key on its right. In other words, black keys have two valid names, depending on the context of the musical notation they are part of. Octave

Buttons An octave contains 12 notes, and each octave is marked out clearly on your KeyRig 49 keyboard by black and white sections starting on C. Each octave is given a number. KeyRig 49 is able to shift the pitch of its keys up or down by one or more octaves. When the keyboard's octaves are not shifted (octave shift is set to zero), the lights above both the Octave "<" and Octave ">" buttons will be lit. The default octave shift designation is zero and will be the octave setting each time you power up the keyboard.

If you press the Octave ">" button once, the light above the Octave "<" button will go out, indicating the keyboard is now playing an octave higher.

If you press the Octave ">" button again, the keyboard will be shifted up two octaves. It is possible to shift the

keyboard up a total of four octaves using the Octave ">" button. To shift the octave down, press the Octave "<" button in the same

manner: pressing once for one octave, twice for two octaves, and three times for three octaves. It is possible to shift the keyboard down a total of three octaves

To return the keyboard's octave shift to zero, press both the Octave "<" and ">" buttons at the same time. Both LEDs will light,

indicating that the octave shift has returned to zero.

In summary, when the Octave buttons are set to control octave shift (default), if

the light is only lit above the Octave ">" button, the octave is shifted up. If the light is only lit above the Octave "<" button, the octave is shifted down. Pitch Bend Wheel As the name indicates, the Pitch Bend wheel is usually used to bend the notes played on the keyboard up or down. This allows you to play phrases not normally associated with keyboard playing, including guitar-style riffs. Your sound source determines how far you can bend the note. The usual setting is two semitones but can be up to two octaves up or down. KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 8 Modulation Wheel The Modulation wheel is typically used for modulation of the sound you are playing. This real-time controller was originally introduced

on electronic keyboard instruments to give the performer options such as adding vibrato, just like players of acoustic instruments do.

KeyRig's Modulation wheel is assignable to control many possible parameters. (See chapter "Advanced KeyRig 49 Features in Edit Mode" for more information on this.)

Volume Slider The Volume slider can send MIDI messages that control the volume of the notes you are playing.

The Volume slider can also be assigned to control different parameters such as pan (balance), attack, reverb, and chorus (See chapter "Advanced KeyRig 49 Features in Edit Mode" for more information on this.) Some software applications respond to volume control MIDI messages, and some programs (like M-Audio's Session) utilize the mouse and graphic user interface to control the volume of instruments. Sustain Pedal Jack You can connect a momentary-contact foot pedal (not included) to the Sustain jack on the back of your M-Audio keyboard.



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The keyboard will automatically detect the correct polarity when powering up. If you want to reverse the polarity, simply press the pedal when you switch on your keyboard. The foot pedal is normally used for sustaining the sound you are playing without having to keep your fingers pressing down the keys. This is similar to an acoustic piano's sustain pedal function. **KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 9 Advanced KeyRig 49 Features in Edit Mode 9**

The button to the left of the keys labeled "Edit Mode" is used to access additional advanced functions of the keyboard. When this button is pressed, the keyboard will enter Edit mode and the keys on the keyboard assigned to transpose the keyboard, the lights above the buttons indicate the direction of the transposition. To return the keyboard's transposition shift to zero, press both the Octave "<" and ">" buttons at the same time. **KeyRig 49 User Guide Channel \ 11**

MIDI data from the keyboard can be sent on any of 16 MIDI channels. KeyRig 49's default is to transmit MIDI data on channel 1. However, certain MIDI performance or recording scenarios may require the keyboard to send data on a different channel. You can change the channel on which data is sent using the following method:

1. Press the Edit Mode button.
2. Press one of the 16 channel keys from D1 to E3, which ever one represents the channel you need. KeyRig will exit Edit P mode as soon as a channel key has been pressed. For example, if a device specifies that you need to send data on channel 10, press the Edit Mode button, and then F2 to select channel 10. This channel is usually dedicated to drum sounds when working with GM compatible synthesizers and sound modules.

The channel can also be assigned to the Octave "<" and ">" buttons by pressing the Edit Mode button and then C#2. This will allow the Octave "<" and ">" buttons to increment or decrement through the channels. When channel 16 is reached and ">" is pressed, channel 1 will be selected. If the Octave "<" and ">" buttons are assigned to vary the channel, the lights above the buttons will not change, since it is not possible to have a channel with a negative value. Pressing both the "<" and ">" buttons together will recall KeyRig 49's default, channel 1.

Program Change Program changes are used to change the instrument or voice you are controlling with your KeyRig 49. Program change messages can be beneficial when using the KeyRig 49 keyboard to control MIDI sound modules or synthesizers. Some music software applications support these messages, however, others do not. Check your software's User Guide to find out if it can process program change messages. In this example, we will demonstrate how to change the instrument on a General MIDI sound module to a cello sound. To do this we need to send a program change of 42, which will select a cello sound from the General MIDI Instruments standard list (see Appendix A).

There are two methods to send the program change:

 - 1) Increment/Decrement Program Change: 1. Press the Edit Mode button. 2. Press the black key above F1 (F#1). Now the Octave "<" and ">" buttons can be used to change the program.
 - 2) Quick Select Program Change: 1. Press the Edit Mode button. 2. Press the black key above F4 (F#4), representing "program." 3. Press keys D4, then B3, then C5. This enters the combination: "4", "2", "ENTER."

Now the keyboard is set to play the GM cello sound 42 (from the General MIDI Instruments standard list). The full list of General MIDI programs is given in Appendix A at the end of this manual. Method 1 is useful if you want to cycle through different instruments for the purpose of comparing and choosing which sound works best in your song. Method 2 is more useful if you want to select a specific sound patch, as is the case here.

If the Octave "<" and ">" buttons have been assigned to control the program number (Method 1), the lights above the buttons will not change, since it is not possible to have a program with a negative value. Pressing both the "<" and ">" buttons together will recall Program 0, which selects the first sound patch on any synthesizer capable of processing MIDI program changes. **KeyRig 49 User Guide Bank LSB and Bank MSB \ 12** Program changes are the most commonly used messages to change instruments and voices. However, the number of instruments accessible using only the program change MIDI command is limited to 128. Since some devices have more than 128 voices, they require a method to organize their large number of sounds into banks. These devices then access the sounds within these banks by using program change messages. See chapter "MIDI Messages Explained" for additional information. Generally, these devices use Bank LSB (Least Significant Byte) and Bank MSB (Most Significant Byte) change messages. KeyRig 49 can send these bank change messages in two possible ways:

 - 1) Incremental/Decremental Bank LSB and Bank MSB Change: 1. Press the Edit Mode button.
 2. Press the black key above G1 (G#1) or Bb1 (A#1), representing Bank LSB or Bank MSB respectively. Now the Octave "<" and ">" buttons can be used to change Bank LSB or Bank MSB.
 - 2) Using the Quick Select Method: 1. Press the Edit Mode button. 2. Press the black key above G4 (G#4), or Bb4 (A#4), representing Bank LSB or Bank MSB respectively. 3. Press the white keys associated with the bank number you wish to select, and then press C5 (Enter). For example, pressing the C4 (the number 3), A3 (the number 1), and C5 (Enter) keys in this step selects bank 31.

As with Program changes, if the Octave "<" and ">" buttons are selected to vary the Bank LSB or MSB number (Method 1), the lights above the buttons will not change, since it is not possible to have a Bank with a negative value. Pressing both the "<" and ">" buttons together will recall Bank 0. Bank change messages must be followed by a program change message in order to recall a sound. Bank change messages by themselves do not activate a sound, but only locate and access a predefined location of a set (bank) of 128 sounds. PLEASE NOTE: Each time the keyboard is turned off, optional MIDI parameters assigned to the Octave buttons will be lost. When the keyboard is powered up, the Octave buttons will default to controlling octave shift. **KeyRig 49 User Guide \ 13 Other Assignable Controllers on KeyRig The Modulation Wheel 10**

It is possible to assign different MIDI controller numbers to the Modulation wheel. These parameters are called MIDI continuous controllers. There are 132 (counting from and including zero to 131) MIDI continuous controllers (MIDI CC's). For these controller values to have any effect on the sound, the receiving software or device has to be able to read and respond to these MIDI controller messages. KeyRig 49 accepts controller numbers 0-131. Numbers beyond 127 are a proprietary method M-Audio uses to simplify the transmission of certain, otherwise more complicated multi-part MIDI messages. A full list of controller values is given at the back of this manual in Appendix B.

 - @@ Press the Edit Mode button. 2. Press the black key above C4 (C#4), representing "WHEEL ASSIGN." 3. @@@ Press the ENTER key (C5). @@@@ Press the Edit Mode button. 2. Press the black key above C4 (C#4), representing "WHEEL ASSIGN." 3. Press A3 to enter "1." 4. Press G3 to enter "0" so you have entered "10."



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This is because messages 128 131 are a different type of MIDI message, defined in the MIDI Specification as RPN messages. M-Audio has created four messages that are sent like MIDICCs, but actually transmit a series of RPN messages. This makes sending these complex multi-part messages as easy as sending a MIDICC message. You can assign

these to the controls on your KeyRig 49 keyboard in exactly the same way as any other MIDI controller message.

The RPN messages control the following: Controller Number 128 129 130 131 MIDI Message Pitch Bend Sensitivity Master Tune (coarse) Master Tune (fine) Monophonic Aftertouch Use Alters the range of a pitch bend message Adjust the tuning of your sound module or synthesizer in largest steps*

*Adjust the tuning of your sound module or synthesizer in small steps Adds a vibrato effect *Monophonic aftertouch is not an RPN message. However, it is an additional effect message defined in the General MIDI specification and this is why we have included it in Appendix C. M-Audio USA 5795 Martin Rd., Irwindale, CA 91706 M-Audio Germany Technical Support Kuhallmand 34, D-74613 Ohringen, Germany Technical Support web: tel (pro products): tel*

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