

# MPK249 Setup Guide

## Technical Support

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The Akai MPK2 series controllers combine deep software integration, enhanced workflow, and core technologies from the iconic line of MPC workstations. The MPK225, MPK249, and MPK261 are engineered to be all-in-one controller solutions for comprehensive interfacing and manipulation of virtual instruments, effect plugins, DAWs, and more. This guide walks through how to setup the MPK2 series controller with Ableton Live.

## MPK2 Series Hardware Setup

1. First, connect the Akai MPK2 series controller to an available USB port on your computer using the supplied cable and power the controller on.
2. Press the **PRESET** button and use the data dial to scroll to **Preset: 1 LiveLite**. Press the **PUSH TO ENTER** knob. **Note:** The presets, preset names, and order of presets may vary depending on the specific model.



3. Press the **GLOBAL** button to enter the Global settings menu. Press the right arrow key until the display reads **Clock Source:** Use the rotary knob to select **External**.



4. Hit the right arrow key until the display reads **Save Globals**. Press the **PUSH TO ENTER** knob to save the settings. The display will flash . When this is complete, the display will read .



5. Press the **PRESET** button to return to the preset screen.

### Ableton Live Lite Software Setup

1. First, connect the Akai MPK2 series controller to an available USB port on your computer using the supplied cable, and launch Ableton Live Lite.

2. Next, open the Ableton Live Lite Preferences window. Choose your **Audio Device** in the **Audio** tab. This will be dependent upon the audio interface that you are using. **MAC:** Select **Live > Preferences** or use the key command shortcut - **[Command + comma]** **PC:** Select **Options > Preferences** or use the key command shortcut - **[Control + comma]**



3. Select the **MIDI / Sync** tab from the left side of the window. Within the **MIDI Ports** section, adjust the settings as suggested below: Next to **Input: MPK249**, toggle **On** the button in the **Track**, **Sync** and **Remote** columns as shown in the image below. Next to **Output: MPK249**, toggle **On** the button in the **Track**, **Sync** and **Remote** columns as shown in the image below.

MIDI Ports		Track	Sync	Remote
▶ Input:	2- MTrack External	Off	Off	Off
▶ Input:	AkaiPro Internal MIDI	Off	Off	Off
▶ Input:	MPK49 Input (MPK249)	On	On	On
▶ Input:	MPK249 (Port 2)	Off	Off	Off
▶ Input:	MPK249 (Port 3)	Off	Off	Off
▶ Input:	MPK249 (Port 4)	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	Microsoft GS Wavetable Synth	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	2- MTrack External	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	AkaiPro Internal MIDI	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	MPK49 Output (MPK249)	On	On	On
▶ Output:	MPK249 (Port 2)	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	MPK249 (Port 3)	Off	Off	Off
▶ Output:	MPK249 (Port 4)	Off	Off	Off

4. Next, at the top of the window under **Control Surface**, choose **MPK49** from the drop-down list in row 1. The MPK series controllers are back-compatible with the MPK series controllers in Ableton Live 9 Lite. Also, choose **MPK249** from the **Input** and **Output** drop-down menus in row 1.

	Control Surface	Input	Output	
1	MPK49 ▼	MPK249 ▼	MPK249 ▼	Dump
2	None ▼	None ▼	None ▼	Dump
3	None ▼	None ▼	None ▼	Dump
4	None ▼	None ▼	None ▼	Dump
5	None ▼	None ▼	None ▼	Dump
6	None ▼	None ▼	None ▼	Dump

## Virtual Instruments and Plugins

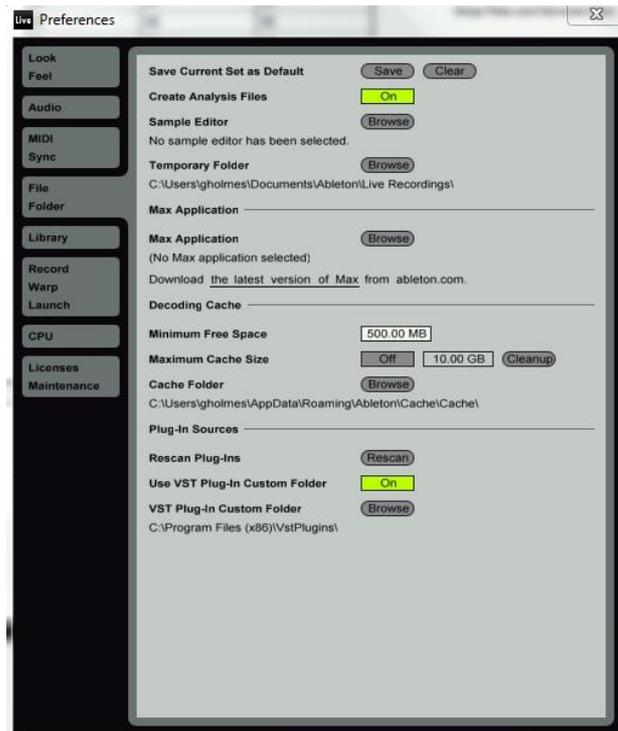
**Note for Windows users only:** If you have difficulty locating your plugin in your **Plug-Ins** category within Ableton Live Lite, be sure Ableton Live Lite is reading plugins from the correct location where your plugin is installed. To do this:

1. Open the **Preferences** menu in Ableton Live 9 Lite **MAC:** Select **Live > Preferences** or use the key command shortcut - **[Command + comma]** **PC:** Select **Options > Preferences** or use the key command shortcut - **[Control + comma]**
2. Choose the **File Folder** tab

3. Under the heading **Plug-In Sources:** Toggle **On** the button next to **Use VST Plug-In Custom Folder**

Note the location under **VST Plug-In Custom Folder**.

4. If this location is not set correctly, next to **VST Plug-In Custom Folder**, choose **Browse**, browse to the correct folder, and press **OK**.



## Default Plugin Installation Locations

AIR Hybrid 3 Default Installation Locations:

**Windows:** 32-bit: **C:\Program Files (x86)\VstPlugins** 64-bit: **C:\Program Files\vstplugins** **Mac: (AU):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > Components (VST):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > VST**

SONiVOX Twist 2 Default Installation Locations:

**Windows:** 32-bit: **C:\Program Files (x86)\SONiVOXVstPlugins** 64-bit: **C:\Program**

**Files\vstplugins** **Mac: (AU):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > Components (VST):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > VST**

SONiVOX Eighty Eight Default Installation Locations:

**Windows:** 32-bit and 64-bit: **C:\Program Files (x86)\SONiVOXVstPlugins** **Mac: (AU):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > Components (VST):** **Macintosh HD > Library > Audio > Plug-ins > VST**