

M-Audio Radium 49

The M Audio Radiums are a new breed of controller with 8 MIDI-assignable knobs and 8 MIDI-assignable sliders augmenting their 49 or 61 note keyboards. Designed to meet the needs of today's electronic musicians, the Radiums offer users real-time control of any 16 MIDI parameters within their favorite software programs. Five user-definable preset banks extend this control to 80 MIDI parameters of the user's choice at the touch of a button.

The Radiums also have built-in USB MIDI interfaces that communicate 16-channels of MIDI data directly with the computer without the need for a separate MIDI interface. Two separate MIDI Outs send data to external gear - one from the keyboard and one from the computer. Additional controls include pitch wheel, modulation wheel and octave up/down keys that extend the range of keyboard. The unit can be powered via the USB port or via a 9V DC power supply for standalone operation. The Radium's 16 real-time controllers allow the unit to serve in a variety of capacities, with or without a computer. Performers benefit from greater freedom of expression. Synthesists can easily access parameters buried deep within their hardware without having to navigate arcane nested menus. Songwriters and producers can enter drum patterns from the keyboard and use the controllers to adjust the dynamics, feel and effects. Radium also brings tactile control to today's virtual studios, with its sliders mapped to virtual faders and the knobs controlling pan, effects sends and more.

The Radiums are also the perfect complement for the mobile creative lifestyle of today's musicians. The Radiums also employ the same simple, elegant user interface popularized by the rest of the Midiman Keystation line. The keys have a second layer of functions, allowing users to program MIDI control information directly from the black and whites. It's as simple as pressing the MIDI/Select button, pressing the note on the keyboard bearing the label corresponding to the target parameter, then using the Data Entry slider to select the value (or entering numeric values by pressing the keys labeled with numbers).

System Requirements

PC

* Available USB Port and Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows 2000, and Windows XP

Macintosh

* Native USB Port, Mac OS 9.1 or later using OMS 2.3.7 or OMS 2.3.8, OS X, OS X 10.1 and OS X 10.2