# MEMOTRON OS v1.3



# **User Manual**



# Preface

Many thanks for purchasing the Memotron. The Memotron enables you to reproduce the famous sound of the original instrument with highest authenticity. Thanks to latest digital technology, the Memotron is easy to use and most reliable in every stage- and studio-situation.

To become familiar with the Memotron's capabilities, we recommend you to take a break and study (and internalize...) this manual at first. Enjoy your Memotron!

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# Introduction

Even if you are perfectly used to electronic instruments and studio equipment, it will be useful to read this manual entirely. It will help you to get the best out of your Memotron in shortest time.

## About the Memotron

The Memotron is an advanced sample playback based musical instrument to reproduce a famous, specific and genuine sound in highest audio quality. Thanks to its digital technology, it is most reliable and easy to use. Features are:

- Access to up to three sounds simultaneously
- Fully polyphony
- Internal effect processor
- Complete MIDI-implementation
- Data storage on CD-Rom and Compact-Flash-Card
- Compatible with G-Media M-Tron® sound library

The special characteristics of the original have been carefully emulated. This includes a maximum duration of a played note of about 8 seconds (about 16 seconds at HALF SPEED).

The Memotron supports standard data structures of CD-Roms and memory cards. This compatibility enables you to create and organise your own Memotron sound library in your PC. The data structure of the Memotron with its directories, folders and files fits to your PC and is easy to understand.

The Memotron is compatible with the G-Media M-Tron® plug-In and therefore capable to use its sound library without limitations. You may use CD-ROMs delivered with the G-Media M-Tron® plug-In directly in your Memotron. The Memotron is **not** compatible to the newer M-Tron Pro® plug-In.

# About this manual

This manual is intended to make the first steps of using the Memotron easier for you. Moreover it also provides support and hints to the experienced user for his/her daily work.

#### Symbols used

To ensure a better overview, this manual uses standardized spelling and symbols which are explained below. Important notes are highlighted in bold print.

#### Attention – Pay special attention to this note to avoid malfunctions

i Gives some short additional information

#### ☞ Instructions – Observe these instructions to execute the requested function

#### Marking of parameters

All designations of buttons, controllers and parameters of the Memotron in the text are highlighted in **bold print**.

Example: Press the **ESC**-button

The value range permitted for a parameter setting is highlighted by indicating the maximum and minimum values in italics, separated by three dots. Settings, which cannot be represented by a value range, are separated by a comma.

Example: **Rx Channel** 01 ... 16, omni

# **General safety instructions**

Please read the safety instructions below very carefully. They comprise some basic rules for the use of electronic devices. Please read all the notes before you start using the device.

## Suitable location

- Only operate the device in closed rooms.
- Never operate the device in humid environments such as bathrooms, washing rooms or swimming pools.
- Do not operate the device in extremely dusty or dirty environments.
- Ensure unhindered air supply to all sides of the device. Do not place the device in close proximity of heat sources such as radiators.
- Do not expose the device to direct sunlight.
- Do not expose the unit to heavy vibration.

### Mains connection

- Only use the supplied connection cable or the supplied power supply.
- If the supplied mains connector does not fit into your socket you should consult a qualified electrician.
- Disconnect the mains connector from the socket if you do not use the device for a longer period of time.
- Never touch the mains connector with wet hands.
- When disconnecting, always pull the connector and never the cable.

## Operation

- Never place any vessels containing liquids on top of the device.
- Ensure that the device cannot move during operation. Use a solid base or a suitable keyboardstand.
- Ensure that no objects can get inside the device. Should this happen against all odds, switch the device off and disconnect it from the mains. Then contact a qualified technician.

#### Maintenance

- Do not open the device. Any repair or maintenance should be done by qualified tech-personnel only. There are no parts inside the device that could be maintained by the user. You will also lose your right to claim warranty if you open the device.
- Only use a dry, smooth cloth or brush for cleaning the device. Do not use any alcohol, solvents or similar chemicals. They will damage the surfaces.

### Proper use

This device is exclusively intended for creating audio signals and creating and processing control signals according to the MIDI standard. Any other use is not permitted and will exclude any warranty claims towards Manikin Electronic.

# **Controls & Connectors**

# Front



DATA:	Encoder with click-function to edit menu-driven functions
ESC:	Exits the current menu-page, cancels a function
A B C:	Simulates the selection of a track by moving the tape-heads
HALF SPEED:	Simulates half tape-speed
PITCH:	Changes pitch of +/- 3 halftones
TONE:	12 dB lowpass-filter to enable change in timbre
VOLUME:	Master-volume

# Rear



MEMORY CARD:	Cardslot for insertion of a Compact-Flash-memory-card
OUTPUT Phones:	Headphones-out
OUTPUT Left / Right:	Stereo audio-out, Line-level, unbalanced.
PEDAL Volume:	Volume-control pedal input.
LCD:	Contrast adjustment of LC-Display
MIDI In:	MIDI-Data input
MIDI Thru:	Data coming in on MIDI-In jack is transmitted to the MIDI-thru jack.
MIDI Out:	MIDI-Data output

# Setting Up

# Unpacking

When unpacking, please check if all parts are included. If something should be incomplete, please contact your local Manikin Dealer immediately.

The Memotron box contains:

- the Memotron
- power cable
- this manual
- a CD-ROM packed with sounds

We recommend to keep the original box for further transportation – or better – purchase a suitable road-case.

## Installation

Place the Memotron on a clean, flat surface. Installation on a solid keyboard-stand is highly recommended. The required space is 34,9" x 15,8", weight approx. 20 lbs.

## Connections

You require a mains outlet and a suitable audio system or at least a headphone.

### i The Memotron automatically adapts to your local power system (110V – 240V AC)

#### How to hook up the Memotron:

- 1. Make sure, that both the Memotron and your audio system are powered OFF.
- 2. Connect the included power cable to the Memotron's AC socket and to a suitable power outlet.
- 3. Connect the audio-output of the Memotron to the line-level inputs of your audio system. Use shielded high quality ¼ inch mono jack cables. By connecting only the "LEFT" socket of the Memotron, it can be hooked up to a mono audio system.
- 4. If you wish to play other MIDI-equipped sound generators from the Memotron's keyboard, connect the MIDI-out of the Memotron to the MIDI-in of these sound generators respectively your MIDI-system.
- 5. If you wish to play the Memotron via a suitable external MIDI-keyboard or –sequencer (e.g. the Manikin Schrittmacher), please connect the MIDI-in of the Memotron to the MIDI-out of this external MIDI-device. Make sure to use suitable MIDI-cables.
- 6. Power ON the Memotron and subsequently your audio system (!)
- 7. Proceed with chapter "Basic Operation" on the next page.

# **Basic Operation**

# Power On

Move the **Power**-switch in the back of the Memotron to ON. The Memotron will need some seconds to initialise and will then be ready for use.

# Attention – First power ON the Memotron and secondly power ON your audio system in order to avoid a cracking noise.

## **Power Off**

Move the **Power**-switch in the back of the Memotron to OFF.

Attention – First power OFF your audio system and secondly power OFF the Memotron in order to avoid a cracking noise.

## **Realtime Sound-manipulation Functions**

The Memotron is capable of keeping up to three sounds at one time in its internal memory. A sound is called "track". The panel offers various controls to tweak sound-parameters in realtime. These parameters are performance oriented and will not be stored as part of a track.



- **A B C** selects one of the three tracks that have been loaded into the Memotron's internal memory (RAM). When moving the knob, the tracks are continuously cross-faded in order to simulate the move of the tape heads.
- **PITCH** shifts the pitch 3 halftones up and 3 halftones down. This will slightly affect the maximum duration of a played note.
- **TONE** changes the sonic character with help of a passive 12 dB lowpass filter.
- **HALF SPEED** emulates halving the tape speed. The duration of a played note is increased from 8 to 16 seconds. The playback-pitch will be lowered by one octave. HALF SPEED also emulates a slight reduction of the audio quality, especially in higher frequency ranges.
- **VOLUME** adjusts the master volume.

# **Menu-driven Functions**

All other functions of the Memotron are controlled via the menu with the help of DISPLAY and **DATA**-knob. These functions are:

- Loading, storing and deleting frames (sound data and effect settings) within the frame menu
- Loading, storing and deleting tracks (sound data) within the track menu
- Editing the track settings (sound settings)
- Editing the effect-section (effect setup)
- Editing the MIDI-functions (MIDI setup)
- Updating the operation software (info)

#### Basic access to menu-driven functions:

- 1. Move the **DATA**-knob to place the *CURSOR* in the desired position. Menus may cover several display-pages – simply turn the **DATA**-knob...
- 2. Click the **DATA**-knob to select a function or to enter a deeper menu-level.
- 3. Move and click the **DATA**-knob to select a parameter and to enable a parameter value change.
- 4. Move the **DATA**-knob to alter the value of the selected parameter.
- 5. Press the **ESC**-button to cancel a function and / or return to a higher menu-level.

The menu overview shows all menu-driven functions of the Memotron.



# Track-Menu

As already mentioned, the Memotron makes use of sample data to produce its sounds. To play them, these sounds have to be loaded into the internal memory of the Memotron. Tracks contain all sound-data (samples) for a specific sound.

The track menu provides functions to load tracks from CD-ROM and Compact-Flash-Card. Next to this, tracks can be saved to a memory card or, if desired, be deleted. Suitable Compact-Flash-Cards can be purchased at Manikin Electronic.

- The Memotron is compatible with the G-Media M-Tron® plug-In and is therefore capable to use its sound library without limitations. You may use CD-ROMs delivered with the G-Media M-Tron® plug-In directly in your Memotron.
- i M-Tron® soundfiles (file-name .cpt) that are *installed* on your Windows PC *cannot* be copied and used in the Memotron. It is no problem to copy soundfiles from your G-Media M-Tron® CD-ROMs on your PC, organize them and then use them in the Memotron. Mac users do not have to care about this. They may also copy installed M-Tron® soundfiles and use them in their Memotron.

# Load Tracks

Up to three tracks simultaneously can be loaded into the Memotron's internal memory. Please make sure, that the desired **CD-ROM** and / or **Flash-Card** has been inserted into the **drive** / **card-slot**. Please see chapters "Change Disc" respectively "Change Memory Card" on page 14.

To select the desired track destination (A:, B: or C:), click the **DATA**-knob. You are now prompted to the track menu. Select "Load Track" to enter the file system. Quite similar to an ordinary PC, drives (CD-ROM and Flash-Card slot at the Memotron) can be selected and directories and files can be accessed.



Clicking the **DATA**-knob while a directory is selected will enter this directory. Clicking the **DATA**-knob while an .mtk or .cpt file is selected will load the sample data into the previously selected track slot. When clicking ". ." in the file system view, you are prompted back to the next higher directory-level. Pressing the **ESC**-button in the file system view cancels the loading process and the display returns to the track menu.



Clicking the **DATA**-knob again will load the selected track into the internal memory (RAM) of the Memotron.

Please note, that a previously loaded track will then be overwritten without warning. Once a directory-path has been used, you will be automatically re-routed to it at the next loading, saving or deleting process.

When loading is done, the display jumps back to the track settings.

# Save Tracks

(onto memory card)

This function is useful to draw up your sound library independently from a computer. Tracks can be saved onto an inserted memory card. Please note that only sample data, not sound parameter and effect settings, are saved as a track. Sound parameters and effect settings have to be saved within a "frame". Please refer to section "Save frames" on page 12. Before a track can be saved, it has to be loaded into the Memotron's internal memory. Please refer to section "Load Tracks" on page 8.



The track to be saved has to be selected within the sound settings (A, B or C) and will be saved onto the Flash-Card as soon as the Save-function is executed. When the Save-process is complete, the display jumps back to the track settings.

- **!** The realtime parameter controls on the panel such as HALF SPEED, TONE, PITCH, VOLUME and A B C will not be stored.
- Please note that tracks in the Memotron's internal memory will be lost, as soon as the Memotron is powered down and therefore have to be saved on Compact-Flash-Card previously!

# Delete Tracks

(from memory card)

The "Delete"-function is used to erase tracks on the inserted Flash-Card. If you just want to delete a track from the Memotron's internal memory, please use the "Initialise Tracks" function, described on page 10.

To delete a sound file from a memory card, please enter the track menu. By selection of "Delete Track", you are prompted into the current directory.



Now you can choose a track on the Flash-Card which will be erased. The Delete-function shows a warning, before the process can be executed. To cancel the function, please select "**No**" at the warning or press the **ESC**-button.



When deleting is done, the display jumps back to the track settings.

#### The finished delete-process can not be made undone – please pay attention!

# **Initialise Tracks**

This function is used to initialise the selected track in the internal Memotron-slots. Sample-data and the corresponding track settings will be erased. Effect settings are not affected.

Please select the track to initialise from the sound settings (A:, B: or C:). Enter the track menu and select "Init Track" and the Init-menu opens up. Choose "**No**" or hit the **ESC**-button to cancel the function and jump back into the track menu. Choose "**Yes**" to initialise the selected track. When initialisation is done, the display jumps back to the track settings.



**!** The finished initialisation process can not be made undone – please pay attention!

# Frame Functions

Frames can be used to access complete setups that are made up of up to three tracks and their corresponding parameter settings. The functions of the frame menu are "load", "save", "delete", and "initialise".

A frame contains track names and links to their position on a CD-ROM or a memory card respectively, not the sample data itself. This allows faster storage and saves lots of memory on the card. Please bear in mind that it is vital to insert the CD-ROM or memory card that contains the tracks which are needed to load a certain frame.

- The realtime parameter controls on the panel such as HALF SPEED, TONE, PITCH, VOLUME and A B C will not be stored.
- Please note that tracks in the Memotron's internal memory will be lost, as soon as the Memotron is powered down and therefore have to be saved on Compact-Flash-Card previously!

# Loading Frames

To load a frame, the desired CD-ROM or memory card has to be inserted into the Memotron first. If that has not been performed yet, please change the corresponding storage medium. Refer to section "Change CD" respectively "Change Memory Card" on page 14.

Use the **DATA**-knob to browse through the menu levels until you reach the "Sound Settings" page. Select "F:" and enter the frame menu. Click on "Load Frame" and open the file directory.



Choose between CD-ROM or memory card and select the desired frame. To cancel the loading process and leave the directory, simply hit the **ESC-**button.



When pushing the **DATA**-knob, the selected frame will be loaded with all its settings. In case the selected frame requires a track that is not to be found on the currently inserted storage medium, an error message will pop up and the loading process will be aborted.

When the loading process has been completed successfully, the display will return to the sound settings page.

# Saving Frames

(onto a memory card)

Use the **DATA**-knob to browse through the menu levels until you reach the "Sound Settings" page. Select "**F**:" and enter the frame menu. Selecting "Save Frame" allows you to enter a name for the frame in question.

Turn the **DATA**-knob to select characters and numbers and push the **DATA**-knob to add them to the frame name. By using **[BACKSPACE]** you can delete the last character entered. When you are done, use **[SAVE]** to store the frame.



If a frame of the same name already exists on the memory card, a warning message will pop up. You will be asked whether the existing frame is to be replaced with the new one or not. If you hit "**No**" the process will be aborted, "**Yes**" will complete it and take you back to the sound settings page.

## **Deleting Frames**

(from memory card)

This function deletes frames from an inserted memory card. If you wish to delete a frame from the Memotron's internal memory (RAM), please refer to the section "Initialising Frames" on page 14.

To delete a frame from a memory card, please enter the frame menu. Selecting "Delete Frame" will open the file directory.



Browse through the file system and select the desired frame. To quit the deleting process and leave the directory, simply hit the **ESC** button.



When pushing the **DATA** knob, a warning message will pop up. If you hit "**No**", the process will be aborted. Hitting "**Yes**" will complete it and take you back to the sound settings page.

**!** The finished initialisation process can not be made undone – please pay attention!

# **Initialise Frames**

This function will initialise a loaded frame from the Memotron's internal memory (RAM), that means all corresponding track parameters and effect settings will be erased or reset to their default values.

After selecting "Init Frame", a warning message will pop up. Select "**No**" or push the **ESC** button to cancel the initialisation of the frame and return to the frame menu. Selecting "**Yes**" will execute the initialisation of the selected frame. As soon as the initialisation process has been completed, you will be taken back to the sound settings page.



! The finished initialisation process can not be made undone – please pay attention!

# **Storage Device Functions**

To change storage media (CD-ROM and memory card), the Memotron's necessary functions can be accessed both from the frame menu and the track menu.

# **Changing Discs**

This function will eject a CD-ROM from the Memotron's CD-ROM drive and mount a new one.

First, enter the sound settings and select the frame (F:) or one of the tracks (A:, B: or C:). From the frame or track menu respectively, please select "Change Disc". A disk that had been inserted previously will be ejected and you will be asked to insert a new one. Push the new disc gently into the Memotron's disc drive slot. As soon as the disc has been inserted completely, push the **DATA** knob and the new disc will be mounted.



# **Changing Memory Cards**

This function will disconnect an inserted Flash Card from the Memotron's internal processor and mount a new one.

First, enter the sound settings and select the frame (F:) or one of the tracks (A:, B: or C:). From the frame or track menu respectively, please select "Change Card". You will be asked to insert a card. Please push the **DATA** knob after having inserted a new memory card, and the new card will be mounted.



! Always use this function if you want to change memory cards! Changing these without using this function may cause severe tire damage and data loss!!!

# Sound-Settings

The sound settings contain frame and track names as well as various parameters with which you can tailor each track to your personal needs.

#### The following parameters can be adjusted on each of the three tracks:

Volume:	0 127	volume of the track
Attack:	0 127	fast or slow attack-phase of the sound
Release:	0 127	fast or slow decaying sound after release of key
Panorama:	L64 C00 R63	stereo panning (with <u>L</u> eft, <u>C</u> enter and <u>R</u> ight)

All sound setting parameters can be accessed by turning the **DATA** knob. A selected parameter can be edited by pushing the **DATA** knob. The cursor will turn into a pointer. Turning the **DATA** knob will now alter the parameter values. Pushing the **DATA** knob again will confirm the value changes and another parameter can be selected for tailoring by turning the **DATA** knob.



By pressing the **ESC** button you can leave the sound settings and return to the main menu.

# Effect-Setup

The Memotron features an easy to use Effect-Setup, which clearly increases its sonic capabilities, especially in a live-situation.

The Effect-Setup offers 15 different effect-algorithms:

- 1. Hall 1
- 2. Hall 2
- 3. Room 1
- 4. Room 2
- 5. Room 3
- 6. Plate 1
- Plate 2
   Plate 3
- 9. Chorus
- 10. Flanger
- 11. Delay 1
- 12. Delay 2
- 13. Chorus / Room 1
- 14. Chorus / Room 2
- 15. Rotary Speaker

#### The following parameters can be edited:

Effect:	Disabled, Enabled	disables / enables the Effect-Setup
Prog:	Hall1 Rotary Speaker	selects one of the 15 effect-algorithms
Send:	0% 100%	proportion of the effect-signal in the output

Enter the effect setup from the main menu. A selected effect parameter can be edited by pushing the DATA knob. The cursor will turn into a pointer. Turning the DATA knob will now alter the parameter values. Pushing the DATA knob again will confirm the value changes and another effect parameter can be selected by turning the DATA knob.



By pressing the **ESC** button you can guit the effect settings section and return to the main menu.

# **MIDI Setup**

The MIDI-Setup controls all functions that are used to play the Memotron from a suitable external MIDI-device (e.g. master-keyboard or a MIDI-sequencer such as the Manikin Schrittmacher). The MIDI-Setup also controls all functions to enable the Memotron to play suitable external MIDI-equipped sound generators via its internal keyboard.

## The following parameters can be edited:

Rx Channel	1 16, omni	MIDI-Channel that receives MIDI-data
Tx Channel	1 16	MIDI-Channel that sends MIDI-data
Local Control	on / off	disconnects the Memotron's keyboard from its internal soundgeneration.
Rx Transpose	-24 +24	transposes received MIDI-notes -/+ 24 halftones
Tx Transpose	-24 +24	transposes transmitted MIDI-notes -/+ 24 halftones
Device ID	0 126	assigns an individual ID-number when more Memotrons are used in a MIDI-instrument setup.

Enter the MIDI setup via the main menu. A selected MIDI parameter can be edited by pushing the **DATA** knob. The cursor will turn into a pointer. Turning the **DATA** knob will now alter the parameter values. Pushing the **DATA** knob again will confirm the value changes and another MIDI parameter can be selected by turning the **DATA** knob.

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By pressing the **ESC** button you can quit the MIDI settings and return to the main menu.

# Operation-System Update / Info-Page

Manikin Electronic permanently improves its products and tries, where ever possible, to implement features based on suggestions and ideas of musicians.

To keep the Memotron on its latest technical level, Manikin Electronic will launch operation-system updates from time to time. These updates can easily be installed from CD-ROM or memory card. The procedure is close to simply loading a track (see chapter "Load Tracks", page 8).

The update process can be accessed via the Info-row in the main menu. Pressing the **DATA**-knob enters the Info-page. The currently installed operation-system version number is also displayed in this Info-page.



To update the operation system, select "Update". Now the file directory will open up.

The following procedure is basically the same as loading a track: Select the desired storage device ("Disc:" or "Card:") and the directory which holds the operation system file. Select the operation system file (named "OSXX.mos") and push the **DATA** knob to initiate the update process. The update process will take about two minutes. When the update process has been completed, the display will return to the main menu again.



While the update process is running, do NOT power down the Memotron!!!

The Memotron is ready for performance, as soon as the update process has been successfully performed.

# Appendix

# **Product-Support**

If you would like to ask any questions concerning your Manikin Electronic-Product, there are four ways to contact us:

1. Send us an email.

support@manikin-electronic.com

2. Send us a telefax.

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3. Send us a letter.

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4. In very urgent cases, please call us.

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# **Technical data**

<b>Power Supply</b> Nominal voltage Maximum power consumption Connector	: AC 100- 240V / 50Hz – 60 Hz : 14 W : Standard IEC-Type
<b>Connections</b> MIDI Line Out Headphones Volume Pedal	<ul> <li>In, Out and Thru</li> <li>Left, right (1/4" Plug, mono)</li> <li>Output (1/4" Plug)</li> <li>Input (1/4" Plug)</li> </ul>
<b>Dimensions and weight</b> Dimensions (width / height / depth) Overall weight	<ul> <li>885 mm x 85 mm x 400 mm 34,9" x 3,4" x 15,8"</li> <li>12 kg 20 lbs</li> </ul>

# Disposal

This device has been manufactured RoHS-conforming in compliance with the requirements of the European parliament and council and thus is free from lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium.

Nevertheless this product is special waste and shall not be disposed in ordinary household waste!!!

For disposal, please contact your local dealer or

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# CE

This product has been tested and found to comply with the following Harmonised European Standards:

EN 55013: 2003, CENELEC EN 55020: 2003, EN61000-3-2: 2000 and EN 61000-3-3: 1995 + corr. 1998

# FCC Information (U.S.A.)

**1. IMPORTANT NOTICE: DO NOT MODIFY THIS UNIT!** This product, when installed as indicated in the instructions contained in this Manual, meets FCC requirements. Modifications not expressly approved by Manikin Electronic may void your authority, granted by the FCC, to use this product.

**2. IMPORTANT:** When connecting this product to accessories and/or another product use only high quality shielded cables. Cable/s supplied with this product MUST be used. Follow all installation instructions. Failure to follow instructions could void your FCC authorisation to use this product in the USA.

**3. NOTE:** This product has been tested and found to comply with the requirements listed in FCC Regulations, Part 15 for Class "B" digital devices. Compliance with these requirements provides a reasonable level of assurance that your use of this product in residential environment will not result in harmful interference with other electronic devices. This equipment generates/uses radio frequencies and, if not installed and used according to the instructions found in the users manual, may cause interference harmful to the operation of other electronic devices. Compliance with FCC regulations does not guarantee that interference will not occur in all installations. If this product is found to be the source of interference, which can be determinated by turning the unit "OFF" and "ON", please try to eliminate the problem by using one of the following measures: Relocate either this product or the device that is being affected by the interference. Utilise power outlets that are on branch (Circuit breaker or fuse) circuits or install AC line filter/s. In the case of radio or TV interference, relocate/reorient the antenna. If the antenna lead-in is 300 ohm ribbon lead, change the lead-in to coaxial type cable. If these corrective measures do not produce satisfactory results, please contact the local retailer authorised to distribute this type of product.

The statements above apply ONLY to products distributed in the USA.

# Canada

The digital section of this apparatus does not exceed the "Class B" limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the radio interference regulation of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Le present appareil numerique n'emet pas de briut radioelectri-ques depassant les limites aplicables aux appareils numeriques de la "Classe B" prescrites dans la reglement sur le brouillage radioelectrique edicte par le Ministre Des Communications du Canada. Ceci ne s'applique qu'aux produits distribués dans Canada.

# Other Standards (Rest of World)

This product complies with the radio frequency interference requirements of the Council Directive 89/336/EC.

Cet appareil est conforme aux prescriptions de la directive communautaire 89/336/EC.

Dette apparat overholder det gaeldenda EF-direktiv vedrørendareadiostøj.

Dieses Gerät entspricht der EG-Richtlinie 89/336/EC.

# **MIDI Implementation Chart**

Mode	l: Memotron	Midi Implem	entation Chart	Date: 03.Jan.2007 Version: 1.0	
Fι	inction	Transmitted	Recognized	Remarks	
Basic	Default	1 – 16	1 – 16	Memorized	
Channel	Changed	1 – 16	1 – 16		
	Default	3	1, 3	Memorized	
Mode	Messages	x	x		
	Altered	****	x		
Note		19 – 101	0 – 127	Transpose	
Number	True Voice	****	0 – 127		
Velocity	Note ON	o 9nh, v=1-127	o v=1-127		
	Note OFF	x 9nh, v=0	x		
After	Key's	x	x		
Touch	Ch's	X	X		
Pitch Bender	ŕ	0	o 3 semi	7 bit resolution	
Control	1	0	0	Modulation Wheel (Track)	
Change	7	0	0	Volume	
	10	x	0	Panorama	
	12	x	0	Effect Ctrl (Half Speed)	
	20-22	x	0	Tracks A-C Volume	
	23-25	x	0	Tracks A-C Attack	
	26-28	x	0	Tracks A-C Release	
	72	x	0	All Tracks Release	
	73	x	0	All Tracks Attack	
	74	0	0	Tone	
	95	x	0	Pitch	
Prog		X	X		
Change: Tru	е	****	X		
System Excl	usive	0	0		
System	: Song Pos	x	X		
	: Song Sel	x	X		
Common	: lune	X	X		
System	: Clock	x	X		
Real Time	: Commands	X	X		
Aux : Loc	al ON/OFF	x	0		
: All	Notes OFF	x	0 (123-125)		
Mes- : Active Sense		x	X		
sages : Reset		X	X		
Notes					

Mode 1: OMNI ON, POLY Mode 3: OMNI OFF, POLY Mode 2: OMNI ON, MONO Mode 4: OMNI OFF, MONO

o: Yes x: No

# Glossary

## Aftertouch

Most modern MIDI keyboards can generate **Aftertouch** messages. If you press down on a key while it is already playing on such a keyboard, this aftertouch generates MIDI messages. This can be used to add an expressive volume swell to the sound character (e.g. vibrato).

### CD-ROM

Removable "Read Only Memory" data storage device.

### **Compact Flash Card**

Removable, read- and writable data storage device. Keeps data permanently.

### **Control Change (Controllers)**

Using these MIDI messages it becomes possible to change the sound response of the sound generator.

This message basically consists of two parts:

- the controller number which determines what is influenced. It can range between 0 and 120,
- the controller value which determines the intensity of the modification.

Examples of the use of controllers are slowly starting vibrato, movement of the sound in panorama position or influence on the filter frequency.

## Effect-Algorithm

A software-based process to generate a certain kind of sound processing. The Memotron offers the following different effect-algorithms:

– Hall:	Simulation of a big room / environment
– Room:	Simulation of a small room / environment
– Plate:	Simulation of a Plate Reverb
– Chorus:	Type of signal processing. Several slightly detuned copies of a signal are mixed together, to generate a type of "choir"-like effect. Adds subtile animation and density to a sound.
– Flange:	Type of signal processing. A slightly time-delayed copy of a signal is mixed with the original. Adds animation to a sound.
– Delay:	Echo-effect
<ul> <li>Rotary Speaker:</li> </ul>	Type of signal processing, achieved from rotating speakers (Doppler-effect, Leslie-cabinet). Famous especially for organ-sounds.

## **Effect-Section**

The Memotron's internal selection of signal processing features.

### **Drive directory**

List of available storage devices respectively memory-drives.

### File-System

Hierarchic structure of an electronic storage device, e.g. drives, folders, files.

### Frame

In the Memotron a combination of up to three tracks plus effect- and MIDI-settings.

## Lowpass filter

A filter that alters a sound by attenuating its high frequencies.

## MIDI

MIDI is short for "Musical Instrument Digital Interface". It was developed in the early eighties to link electronic musical instruments of different types and from different manufacturers. Up to that time there was no standard for linking several sound generators and so MIDI was a considerable improvement. From then on it became possible to link all devices using easy and always identical connection cables.

The basic steps are: A transmitter is always connected with one or several receivers. If, for example, a computer is to play a synthesizer the computer is the transmitter and the synthesizer the receiver. For this purpose all MIDI devices (with only a few exceptions) have two or three connections: MIDI IN, MIDI OUT and possibly MIDI THRU. The transmitting device provides the information to the outside world via its MIDI OUT connection. The data are passed on to the MIDI IN connection of the receiver by means of a cable.

The MIDI THRU connection has a special meaning. It makes it possible for a transmitter to reach several receivers. It works in such a way that it provides the incoming signal without any changes. Another receiving device is then simply plugged into the MIDI THRU connector. This process creates a chain in which one transmitter and several receivers are connected. It is, of course, a requested feature that the transmitter can control each individual device separately. Therefore it has to be ensured that the individual devices keep to certain rules among each other.

#### MIDI Channel

An important part of most messages. A receiving device only reacts to incoming messages if its set receiving channel is identical with the transmitting channel of the message. This makes clear information transfer to a receiver possible. The MIDI channel can be selected within the range from 1 to 16. Beyond this range a device can be switched to Omni. Then it will receive on all 16 channels.

#### **MIDI Clock**

The time interval of the MIDI Clock message defines the tempo of a musical piece. It is used for synchronizing time-dependent processes.

#### Note on / note off

This is the most important MIDI message. It determines the tone pitch and the velocity of the tone generated. The time of its arrival is at the same time the starting point of the tone. The pitch is the result of the transmitted note numbers. It is within the range from 0 to 127. The velocity is within the range from 1 to 127. The value 0 for the velocity means "NoteOff", i.e. the note is switched off.

### Panning

Designates the panorama position of a sound.

#### Pitch Bend

Pitch Bend is a MIDI message. Although the functions of the Pitch Bend message are similar to those of the control change messages, it represents a message type of its own. The reason why is above all that the Pitch Bend message is transmitted with a considerably finer resolution than the "usual" controller. This takes into account that the human ear is extremely sensitive to pitch changes.

### Program Change

MIDI messages for selecting the sound program. It is possible to select between the program numbers 1 to 128.

#### **RAM = "Random Access Memory"**

Memory-area of the Memotron, into which tracks and frames to be played will be loaded. When powering down the Memotron, all data stored in the RAM will be lost, therefor permanent saving on Compact-Flash-Card is needed.

#### Sample data

A digitally recorded representation of a sound.

### Sampling

The process of encoding an analogue signal into digital form by reading (sampling) its level at short and precisely spaced intervals of time.

## System Exclusive data

System Exclusive data represent the access to the innermost part of a MIDI device. They enable access to data and functions which are not represented by any other MIDI messages. "Exclusive" also means that the data indicated here only apply to one single type of device. Each device has its own System Exclusive data. The most frequent applications for this data type are the transmission of complete memory contents as well as the complete device control by means of a computer.

## Track

In the Memotron one of three independent memory areas into which sound-data can be loaded.

## **Track Settings**

Parameter settings within a track.