

Novation Launchkey 88



Novation today announces the release of Launchkey 88, the largest keyboard controller in the MK4 range. This latest addition inherits the deep DAW integration, built-in creative tools, and intuitive workflow features of Launchkey 49 and 61 and pairs them with a custom-designed, 88-key semi-weighted keybed for expressive playing.

Launchkey 88 boasts seven-plus octaves of full-size, piano-style keys and a semi-weighted mechanism that has been refined to provide the most expressive response possible, even during the most delicate passages. Its 16 velocity-sensitive pads with polyphonic aftertouch and Novation's patented Force Sensitive Resistor technology are equally playable and allow for additional options when playing drums or melodic instruments.

Launchkey 88 includes existing MK4 keyboards' full suite of built-in creative tools and workflow-enhancing features, helping composers and producers stay in the flow while working in Ableton Live, Logic, Cubase, FL Studio, Reason, Bitwig, or Ardour, with Mackie HUI support for Pro Tools and other supported DAWs. As with the range's other premium controllers, Launchkey 88 includes a bank of nine precision faders and eight endless encoders that map automatically to key parameters of supported DAWs - from transport, to mixing, to navigating projects - and supported NKS plugins.

Included in Launchkey 88's selection of instrument and effect plugins is Novation Play, an exclusive software instrument based on sampled acoustic pianos, vintage synthesisers, and cutting-edge sound design - all mapped directly to Launchkey's controls for a hardware instrument-like playing experience. Launchkey 88 rounds out the MK4 range, which, following the recent launch of Launchkey 61 White, now encompasses a total of 10 controllers across six different sizes and two unique colour options.

Key Features:

Novation introduces the Launchkey 88

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- Our most expressive keybed yet: Launchkey MK4 88 features a bespoke, semi-weighted keybed designed with performers in mind.
- In-depth DAW control: Powerful control of Ableton Live, Logic, Cubase, FL Studio, Reason, Bitwig, and Ardour - no set-up required.
- Tweak your software: Eight encoders and nine faders for instant control over DAW mixers, virtual instruments, effects, and more.
- Play drums and instruments: 16 velocity-sensitive pads with polyphonic aftertouch and patented Force Sensitive Resistor technology for playing beats, chords, and melodies, as well as launching clips and working with grids.
- Powerful built-in creative tools: Arpeggiator and Chord Modes make it easy to create musical progressions.
- Always stay in key: Scale Mode locks notes on the keyboard into the right key, and Chord Detector shows what chord is currently being played on the OLED display.
- Split and layer the keyboard: Split divides the keyboard into two independent zones, and Layer allows two MIDI channels to be played from the same keys.
- Connect to other instruments: Control synths and other hardware with a full-sized MIDI out port.
- Create your own control surfaces: Map parameters to pads and controls of your choice with easy-to-use Components software.
- NKS-ready: Seamlessly connect to software from Native Instruments and other 3rd-party developers.
- Software included: Get Ableton Live Lite, Cubase LE, Novation Play, and a collection of instruments and effects from Klevgrand, GForce, Orchestral Tools, and Native Instruments - plus lessons from Melodics.

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