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Digitakt

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User Manual

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3. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Make sure you place the unit on a stable surface before use. If you mount the unit in a rack, be sure to tighten all four screws in the rack mount holes.
4. Connect the unit to an easily accessible electrical outlet close to the unit.
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6. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or any other equipment (including amplifiers) producing heat.
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WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock or product damage:

- Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, dripping or splashing and also avoid placing objects filled with liquid, such as vases, on the unit.
- Do not expose the unit to direct sunlight, nor use it in ambient temperatures exceeding 40°C as this can lead to malfunction.
- Do not open the casing. There are no user repairable or adjustable parts inside. Leave service and repairs to trained service technicians only.
- Do not exceed the limitations specified in the Electrical specifications.

SOUND PEAKS

- A brief signal will be sent to all audio outputs of the Digitakt when the Test mode on the STARTUP Menu is activated. Remember to turn down the volume on all speakers and headphones before activating Test mode.
- During calibration there will be loud and unpleasant sounds on all audio outputs. Disconnect these during calibration.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE POWER ADAPTER

- The adapter is not safety grounded and may only be used indoors.
- To ensure good ventilation for the adapter, do not place it in tight spaces. To prevent risk of electric shock and fire because of overheating, ensure that curtains and other objects do not prevent adapter ventilation.
- Do not expose the power adapter to direct sunlight, nor use it in ambient temperatures exceeding 40°C.
- Connect the adapter to an easily accessible electrical outlet close to the unit.
- The adapter is in standby mode when the power cord is connected. The primary circuit is always active when the cord is connected to the power outlet. Pull out the cord to completely disconnect the adapter.
- In the EU, only use CE approved power cords.

RESTART

- For a complete restart of the Digitakt, wait for at least 30 seconds after turning it off before turning it on again.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing Digitakt. The Digitakt is a compact drum machine from Elektron. It contains all the necessary tools to make people move to the beat. A digital and highly flexible sound engine, sampling capability, a live-friendly sequencer, the means to control external MIDI gear, and Overbridge support. To get the most out of your machine, we recommend that you read this manual in its entirety.

1.1 CONVENTIONS IN THIS MANUAL

We have used the following conventions throughout the manual:

Key names are written in upper case, bold style and within brackets. For instance, the key labeled "FUNC" on the main panel is written as **[FUNC]**.

Knobs are written in upper case, bold, italic letters. For instance, the knob "Level/Data" is called ***LEVEL/ DATA***.

Menu names are written in upper case letters. The SETTINGS menu is an example of that.

Parameter names and certain menu options where settings can be made or actions performed are written in bold, upper case letters. For example, **VOL**.

Upper case letters are used for parameter setting alternatives. For example, OFF.

Messages visible on the screen are written in upper case letters with quotation marks. For example, "QUANTIZE LIVE REC".

LED indicators like the Chromatic LED are written like this: <CHROMATIC>.

The following symbols are used throughout the manual:



Important information that you should pay attention to.



A tip that will make it easier for you to interact with the Digitakt.



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2. THE DIGITAKT

When we started thinking about the product that was to become the Digitakt, we began by asking ourselves: what are the ideal features and tools required to quickly make a really good sounding beat? How to define the bare essentials? But not only that. Certain products possess an almost sparkling allure, and they give more than they take. You just want to use them. Why do they evoke such a feeling? And thus, with these questions in mind, the work began.

Fast forward. It's May 2017 and Digitakt will start shipping in about a week. The Elektron HQ is bristling with activity. Factory patterns are being made, tweaks to the Digitakt OS implemented, content for the Elektron website created. Seeing Digitakt in almost complete form is a sight to behold. Now, switch it on. Hopefully you will experience the same thing as we do.

The sound.

Digitakt sounds very good. Audio material handled by the sample engine appears big, full and almost three-dimensional. Sample everything you can. Your studio gear, random clips from YouTube, everyday life. Process and sequence. Digitakt is a sound exploration tool.

The workflow.

The streamlined approach makes beat making a focused activity. Nothing will distract you. This clarity is one of the core features of Digitakt, and gives it a unique character. Being drawn into the Digitakt universe is a very enjoyable experience.

The totality.

Easy sampling, sequencing of both audio and MIDI, the flexible sample engine, and Overbridge support form a very versatile product. The provided feature set allows for depth and adaptability, and also bestows Digitakt with a certain free-spiritedness. Something, somehow, feels alive.

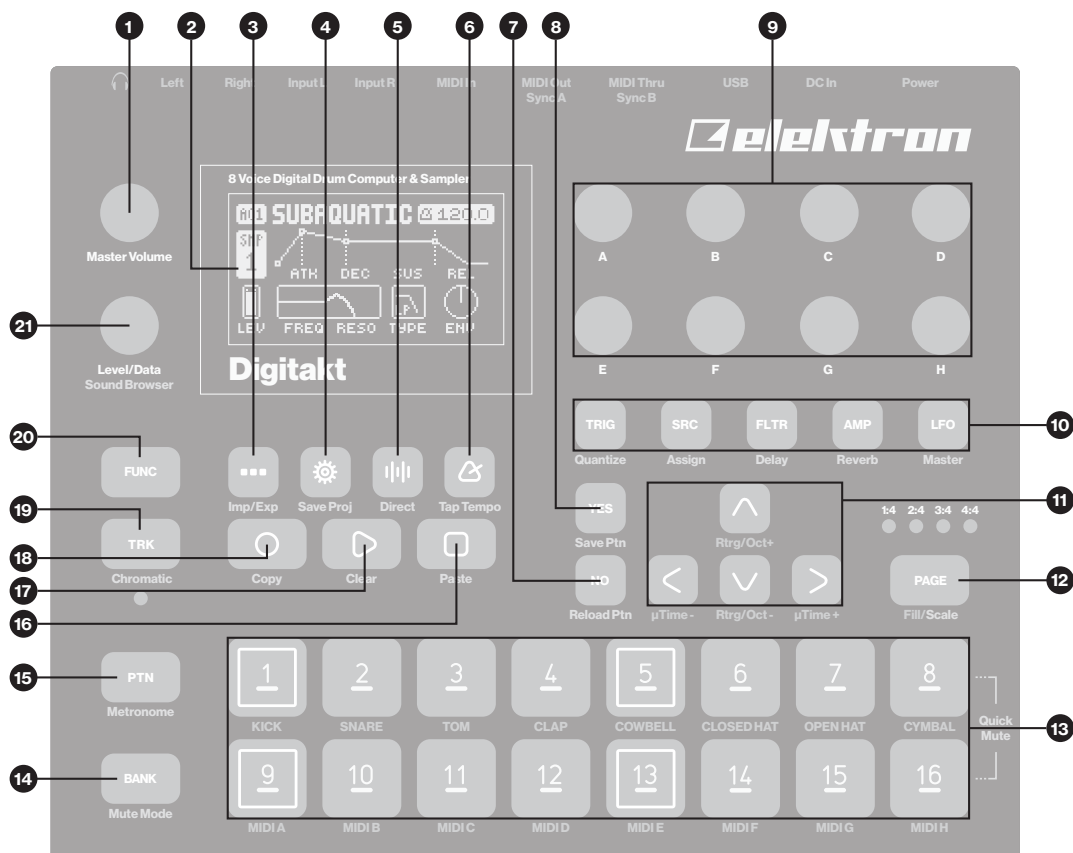
Digitakt is here. And we think we have found the answers to the questions we once asked ourselves.

Sincerely,

The Elektron Team

3. PANEL LAYOUT AND CONNECTORS

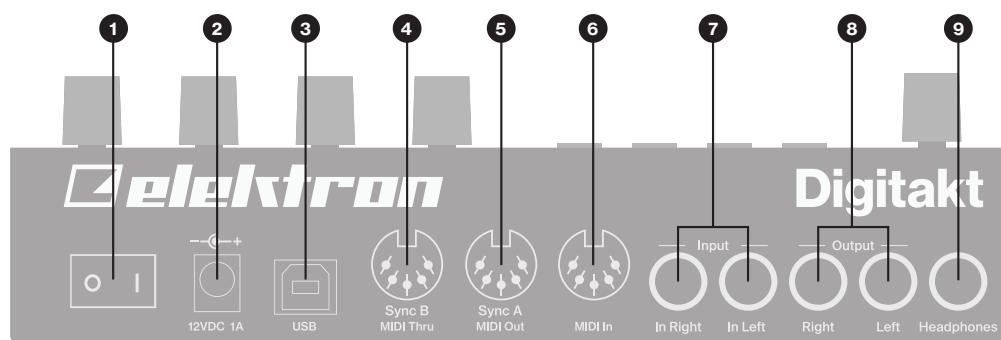
3.1 FRONT PANEL



1. **MASTER VOLUME** sets the volume for the main outputs and the headphones output.
2. Screen.
3. **[PATTERN MENU]** opens the PATTERN menu, where pattern management is located. The secondary function accesses the Import/Export menu.
4. **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]** contains the management of projects, MIDI configuration, and the System settings. The secondary function saves the current project.
5. **[SAMPLING]** opens the SAMPLING menu, where you perform the sampling. The secondary function starts Direct Sampling.
6. **[TEMPO]** opens the TEMPO menu, where you can adjust the global/pattern tempo and also adjust the swing. The secondary function makes it possible to tap the tempo.
7. **[NO]** key. Used for exiting an active menu, backing one step and negating. The secondary function is to temporarily reload the active pattern.
8. **[YES]** key. Used for entering sub-menus, selecting and confirming. The secondary function is to temporarily save the active pattern.
9. **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A-H**. Used for setting parameter values. Press and turn the knobs to change values in larger increments.
10. **[PARAMETER]** keys access the PARAMETER pages of the active track. The color of the keys indicates if the page is active (red/orange) or inactive (off).
 - **[TRIG PARAMETERS]** accesses parameters such as **NOTE**, **VELOCITY**, and other trig related parameters. The secondary function accesses the QUANTIZE menu.
 - **[SRC]** takes you to the SOURCE page that deals with sample playback on audio tracks. For MIDI tracks this page has parameters such as **CHANNEL**, **PROGRAM**, and **AFTERTOUCH**. The secondary function accesses SAMPLE SELECT.
 - **[FLTR]** accesses the FILTER page. Here are the parameters for the multimode filter for the audio tracks. On MIDI tracks you find the CC value settings here. The secondary function accesses the DELAY page.

- **[AMP]** takes you to the AMP page, where you find parameters for the amplitude envelope and effect sends. On MIDI tracks you find the CC select settings here. The secondary function accesses the REVERB page.
 - **[LFO]** accesses the LFO parameters for the active track. The secondary function accesses the MASTER pages.
11. The **[ARROW]** keys. Used for navigation and for setting some parameter values. In menus, they are called **[UP]**, **[DOWN]**, **[LEFT]**, and **[RIGHT]**.
 12. **[PAGE]** selects the active pattern page, if the pattern is made up of more than 16 steps. The <PATTERN PAGE> LEDs indicate how many pattern pages the active pattern consists of and which pattern page is currently active. The LED flashes on the pattern page currently playing. The secondary function accesses the SCALE menu. This key also activates FILL mode (when GRID RECORDING mode is not active).
 13. **[TRIG]** keys are used for entering or removing sequencer trigs, and parameter locks, in combination with the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. They are also used to select a track, bank, and pattern, in combination with the **[TRK]**, **[PTN]**, and **[BANK]** keys. The **[TRIG]** keys are also used as a keyboard in CHROMATIC mode. The secondary function is to Quick Mute tracks.
The **[TRIG]** keys lights indicate trigs on the sequencer by lit red keys, while flashing red or yellow keys indicates parameter locks, in GRID RECORDING and STEP RECORDING mode. When a pattern is playing, or when LIVE RECORDING is enabled, a light “runs” along the 16 steps of the sequencer across all (up to four) pages at the set tempo.
 14. **[BANK]** selects bank A–H in combination with the **[TRIG 9–16]** keys. The secondary function accesses the MUTE mode.
 15. **[PTN]** selects pattern 1–16 in combination with the **[TRIG 1–16]** keys. The secondary function opens the METRONOME menu.
 16. **[STOP]** stops playback. The secondary function is the paste operation.
 17. **[PLAY]** starts the sequencer playback. Pressing **[PLAY]** a second time pauses playback. The secondary function is the clear operation.
 18. **[RECORD]** key. Activates/deactivates GRID RECORDING mode. Press **[RECORD]** + **[PLAY]**, to activate LIVE RECORDING mode. Press **[RECORD]** + **[STOP]**, to activate STEP RECORDING mode. The secondary function is the copy operation.
 19. **[TRK]** key. Press **[TRK]** + one of the **[TRIG]** keys to select a track for editing. The secondary function accesses the CHROMATIC mode.
 20. **[FUNC]** key. Press, hold and press another key to access the secondary function of that key. The secondary functions are written in orange on the Digitakt front panel.
 21. **LEVEL/DATA** sets the overall volume level of the active track. It is also used for setting parameters and scrolling through lists. The secondary function opens the SOUND BROWSER.

3.2 REAR CONNECTORS



1. **POWER**, Switch for turning the unit on and off.
2. **DC In**, Input for power supply. Use the included PSU-3b power adapter, connected to a power outlet.
3. **USB**, For connecting the unit to a computer. For MIDI-control or Overbridge use. Use the included A to B USB 2.0 connector cable to connect to a computer host.
4. **MIDI THRU/SYNC B**, Forwards data from MIDI IN. Can also be configured to send DIN sync to legacy instruments. Use a standard MIDI cable to connect another MIDI device in the chain.
5. **MIDI OUT/SYNC A**, MIDI data output. Can also be configured to send DIN sync to legacy instruments. Use a standard MIDI cable to connect to MIDI In of an external MIDI device.
6. **MIDI IN**, MIDI data input. Use a standard MIDI cable to connect to MIDI Out of an external MIDI device.
7. **INPUT L/R**, Audio inputs used for external sources for sampling or audio processing. Use a 1/4" mono phone plug (unbalanced connection).
8. **OUTPUT L/R**, Main audio outputs. Use either 1/4" mono phone plug (unbalanced connection) or 1/4" (Tip/Ring/Sleeve) phone plug (balanced connection).
9. **HEADPHONES**, Audio output for stereo headphones. Use 1/4" (Tip/Ring/Sleeve) phone plug.

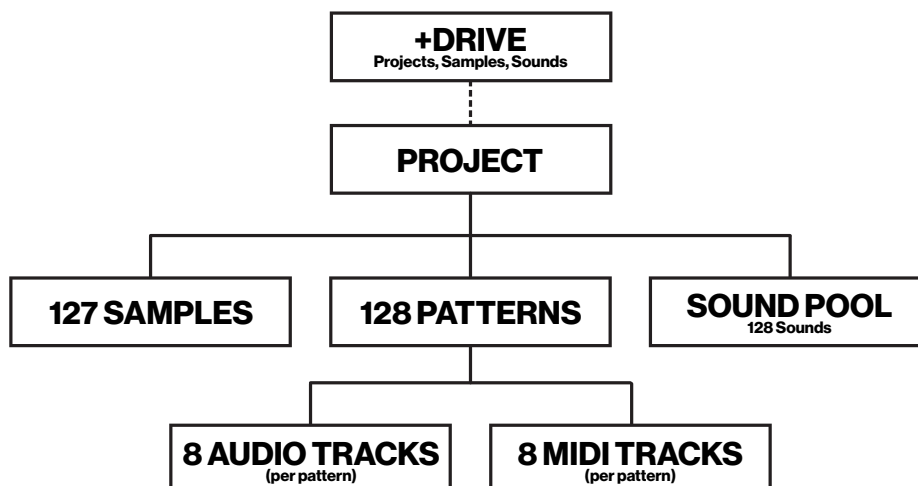
3.3 SETTING UP AND STARTING THE DIGITAKT

Make sure you place the Digitakt on a stable support, such as a sturdy table, with sufficient space for the cables. Make sure to switch off all devices before you connect the Digitakt to other devices.

1. Plug the supplied DC adapter to a power outlet and connect the small plug to the 12 V DC In on the Digitakt.
2. Connect OUTPUT L/R from the Digitakt to your mixer or amplifier.
3. To control the Digitakt from a computer, connect a USB cable between the computer and the USB connector of the Digitakt.
4. If you want to use MIDI to control the Digitakt, connect the MIDI OUT port of the device you wish to send data from to the MIDI IN port of the Digitakt. The MIDI THRU port duplicates the data arriving at the MIDI IN port, so it can be used for chaining MIDI units together. Connect the MIDI OUT port of the Digitakt to the MIDI IN port of the device you want to control if you want to use Digitakt to control other devices using MIDI.
5. If you want to sample or process audio from external sources, connect the audio source to INPUT L/R or via USB (sampling only).
6. Switch on all units. Switch on the Digitakt by pressing the Power switch located at the back of the unit.

5. OVERVIEW OF THE DIGITAKT DATA STRUCTURE

The image below outlines the data structure of the Digitakt.



5.1 +DRIVE

The +Drive is a non-volatile storage. It keeps up to 128 projects stored internally, and it also holds all saved Sounds. The +Drive also contains the sample bank. All projects have access to these samples.

5.2 DATA STRUCTURE

5.2.1 PROJECT

A project contains 128 patterns. General settings and states are also stored in the project. When a project is loaded it becomes the active working state of the Digitakt. From here it is possible to edit the patterns and Sounds of the project. Every time the Digitakt is switched on, it boots to the active working state, the active project. Projects are saved, loaded and managed in the SETTINGS menu. For more information, please see “9. PATTERNS, KITS, SOUNDS, AND SAMPLES” on page 23.

5.2.2 PATTERNS

The patterns are the primary data container for the Digitakt. 16 patterns are available for each of the eight banks, which means that 128 patterns are available for each project. A pattern contains up to eight Sounds (one for each audio track), sequencer data like trigs and parameter locks. It also contains the settings on the TRIG page and BPM, length, swing and time signature settings. The pattern also contains all the parameter settings for the eight MIDI tracks. For more information, please see “10. THE SEQUENCER” on page 28.

5.2.3 SOUNDS

A Sound is a sample, plus all the audio track settings in the SRC, FLTR, AMP, and LFO PARAMETER pages. Sounds are stored in the +Drive Sound library. The +Drive Sound library holds up to 2048 Sounds. You can use the SOUND MANAGER to manage Sounds. For more information, please see “9.3 SOUND MANAGER” on page 24, “9. PATTERNS, KITS, SOUNDS, AND SAMPLES” on page 23, and “11. AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 40.



When a Sound is imported to a pattern, it becomes an independent copy of the Sound on the +Drive and is not linked to the original Sound on the +Drive. Instead, it fully becomes a part of the pattern.

5.2.4 SAMPLES

You can load up to 64 MB (about 11 minutes) of samples in a project, using a maximum of 127 sample slots. Samples are stored in the +Drive Sample bank. Additional samples can be transferred to the Digitakt from a computer with the Elektron Transfer software. You also have the possibility to sample straight into the Digitakt. For more information, please see “14. SAMPLING” on page 57.

5.3 ABOUT THE TRACKS

5.3.1 THE AUDIO TRACKS

The Digitakt has eight audio tracks. Each audio track contains one sample, and the parameter settings in the **PARAMETER** pages **TRIG**, **SRC**, **FLTR**, **AMP**, and **LFO**.

To select an audio track for editing, press and hold **[TRK]** key and then press one of the **[TRIG 1-8]** keys.

5.3.2 THE MIDI TRACKS

The Digitakt has eight dedicated MIDI tracks. They are used to control external, MIDI equipped, gear. Each MIDI track can trigger a chord of up to four notes with adjustable parameters such as velocity and length, control pitch bend and aftertouch, as well as eight freely assignable MIDI control change parameters (MIDI CCs). For more information, please see “12. MIDI TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 48. Any MIDI channel can be assigned to a MIDI track and several tracks can share the same channel. If several tracks are assigned to the same MIDI channel the track with the lowest number has priority regarding parameter conflicts.

The MIDI tracks function almost the same way as the audio tracks. Parameter locks, LFO modulation, copy and paste commands are available. Each MIDI track also features micro timing, individual track length and time signature settings. The main difference is that the MIDI tracks do not generate any sound and the sequencer data is instead transmitted through the MIDI OUT or USB ports.

To select a MIDI track for editing, press and hold **[TRK]** key and then press one of the **[TRIG 9-16]** keys.

5.3.3 EDITING THE TRACKS

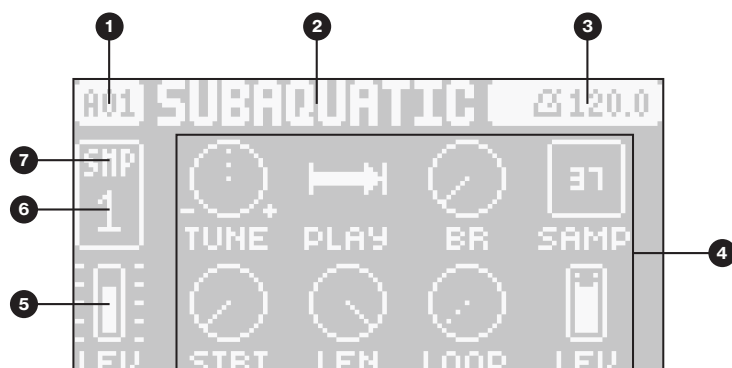
The five **[PARAMETER]** keys open parameter pages that are used for editing the tracks.

- The **TRIG** page contains different parameters such as **NOTE**, **VELOCITY**, and other trig related parameters.
- The **SRC** page hosts the parameters that deal with sample selection and editing of samples on audio tracks. For MIDI tracks this page has parameters such as **CHANNEL**, **PROGRAM**, and **AFTERTOUCH**.
- On the **FLTR** page, you find parameters for the multimode filter and the base-width filter on audio tracks. On MIDI tracks you find the CC value settings here.
- The **AMP** page for audio tracks hosts parameters for the amplitude envelope and effect sends. On MIDI tracks you find the CC select settings here.
- Finally, the **LFO** page hosts LFO parameters for the active track.

Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs A-H to edit the corresponding parameters. Press and turn a knob to adjust its parameter in larger increments. Press and hold a **[PARAMETER]** key to see the values for all parameters on that page. For more information, please see “11. AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 40, and “12. MIDI TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 48.

6. INTERACTING WITH THE DIGITAKT

The screen shows all the information needed for real-time interaction and editing on the Digitakt. The eight **DATA ENTRY** knob parameters shown will vary depending on the given situation. Below is the main interface screen of the SRC page.



1. The current bank and pattern.
2. The current pattern name.
3. The current tempo.
4. Eight track parameters. They show what the **DATA ENTRY** knobs control and their current parameter values.
5. The main volume setting of the active track. Use the **LEVEL/DATA** knob to change the volume setting.
6. The current active track.
7. Track type. Audio (SMP) track or MIDI (MID) track.



The Digitakt features a screen saver that dims the screen after 5 minutes of inactivity and turns off the screen after 60 minutes. Press any key or move any controller to wake up the screen.

6.1 SCREEN NAVIGATION

Use the [ARROW] keys [UP], [DOWN], [LEFT] or [RIGHT] to navigate menus or sub-menus. The **LEVEL/DATA** knob can be used to scroll through menus and lists quickly.

[YES] is used to affirm, select, enter sub-menus and tick/untick boxes.

[NO] is used to negate, deselect or go back one or more steps.



When in a menu or sub-menu, the [NO] key can be used to go back, one step at a time, all the way to the main screen.

6.2 PARAMETER EDITING

The **DATA ENTRY** knobs are used to change the values of the track parameters. The positions of the parameters on the screen correspond to the physical locations of the knobs on the front panel. Some of the parameters on the screen tell you what **DATA ENTRY** knob controls that particular parameter. For example "(E)".

- The parameters are adjusted in larger increments if you press down the **DATA ENTRY** knob while turning it. This makes it quicker to sweep through the whole parameter range.
- Press **DATA ENTRY** knob + [NO] to reset the parameter to the default value.
- Press [PARAMETER] key + [PLAY] to reset all the parameters in the selected parameter page to default values.
- Press and hold a [PARAMETER] key to see the values for all parameters on that page.

6.2.1 PARAMETER VALUE JUMP

Pressing [FUNC] while editing certain parameters will make the parameter values jump to appropriate positions. The time of the Delay, for example, will jump between 16, 32, 64 and 128 and the sample tuning will jump whole octaves.

6.2.2 CONTROL ALL

If you press and hold **[TRK]** and change a parameter setting, this change will affect this parameter in all the audio tracks in the pattern. Press **[NO]** before you release **[TRK]** to revert the parameter changes. The control all functionality is not available for the MIDI tracks.

6.2.3 [FUNC] KEY PRESS COMBINATIONS

The standard way to use the **[FUNC]** key in combination with other keys, is to press and hold **[FUNC]** and then make a short press on the second key in the combination. For some key combinations, it is also possible to access a sub-menu by pressing and holding **[FUNC]** + second key for a second.

6.3 QUICK SCROLLING

Scroll through menus using the **LEVEL/DATA** knob. Quick scrolling is possible on many menus. Press **[FUNC]** + the **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** keys to move the cursor one menu page.

6.4 COPY, CLEAR, AND PASTE

Copy, clear and paste commands are available in a lot of contexts. Pressing **[FUNC]** + **[RECORD]** to copy. Press **[FUNC]** + **[STOP]** to paste. Press **[FUNC]** + **[PLAY]** to clear. Paste and clear operations is undone by repeating the key press combination. Please see the different sections in the manual for more information on when these commands are available.



The copy clipboard can only hold one item at a time. When you perform a copy command, the item copied replaces any earlier copied items. For example, you can not have both a trig and a pattern copied at the same time.

6.5 THE NAMING SCREEN

The naming method is identical for the various naming situations that appear when you save samples, Sounds, projects et cetera.



The **[LEFT]** and **[RIGHT]** arrow keys are used to navigate between the characters. Turning the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or pressing the **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** arrow keys selects the characters. **[FUNC]** + **[NO]** erases characters. **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** inserts space. Press and hold **[FUNC]** to access the Pop-up Naming menu.

6.5.1 POP-UP NAMING

A convenient way of naming is to open a pop-up menu that shows all available letters, symbols, and digits. Press and hold the **[FUNC]** key when you are on the NAMING screen to access the Pop-up Naming screen.



Keep **[FUNC]** pressed and use the **[ARROW]** keys to highlight the character you want to insert. Once there, release **[FUNC]** to add the character.



Copy, paste, and clear commands are available on the NAMING screen.

6.6 OVERBRIDGE

The Overbridge software enables a tight integration between the Digitakt and a computer DAW software. When using Overbridge, the user interface for the Digitakt presents itself as a plug-in window in your DAW. Access, edit and automate parameters for sound shaping on screen. Always find your device preset parameters in the same state as you left them when you return to your DAW project, with the useful total recall functionality.

Read more about Overbridge use and availability on the Elektron website: <https://www.elektron.se/overbridge/>

6.7 CLASS COMPLIANT DEVICE

The Digitakt is a class compliant device (also known as plug-and-play). It means it does not require any extra drivers to connect to your computer or other USB class compliant hosts.

The Digitakt can, therefore, stream audio and MIDI directly over USB to and from supported computers/phones/tablets. It opens up several exciting possibilities of what you can do with your device, for example, record audio from your device directly over USB in your DAW. For more information, please see “15.7.1 USB CONFIG” on page 69.

6.8 BACKING UP THE DIGITAKT

It is always recommended to make regular backups of your data. Backups are also a convenient way to share your projects, Sounds, and samples with other users. To make backups and transfer files to and from your Elektron device, you should use Transfer, a free application that you can download from the Elektron site <https://www.elektron.se/support>. The application is available for both Windows and macOS.

6.8.1 BACKING UP PROJECTS, SOUNDS AND SAMPLES

You can backup up your projects, Sounds and samples from your Elektron device to a computer. Here is the general procedure for how to back up your device:

1. Connect the Elektron device to the computer via USB.
2. Open the Transfer application on your computer, and then select the USB MIDI port(s) for your device on the CONNECTION page, and then click “CONNECT” (or click “CONNECT” next to your device under PREVIOUSLY USED if it has been connected before).
3. In Transfer, click the EXPLORE tab to open the EXPLORE page.
4. On the EXPLORE page top left side of the drop-down menu, make sure “MY COMPUTER” is selected.
5. On the top right side, in the drop-down menu, select the type of file you want to transfer.
6. In the window on the right, navigate to the files or folders you want to transfer
7. Drag and drop the files or folders to your preferred location under “MY COMPUTER.”

6.8.2 TRANSFERRING BACKED UP FILES TO YOUR ELEKTRON DEVICE

Use the EXPLORE page in Transfer to transfer previously backed up files to your Elektron device from a computer.

1. Connect the Elektron device to the computer via USB.
2. Open the Transfer application on your computer and then select the USB MIDI port(s) for your device on the Transfer CONNECTION page. Click “CONNECT” (or click “CONNECT” next to your device under PREVIOUSLY USED if it had been connected before).
3. In Transfer, click the EXPLORE tab to open the EXPLORE page.
4. On the top right side, in the drop-down menu, select the type of file you want to transfer.
5. On the top left side in the drop-down menu, make sure “MY COMPUTER” is selected.
6. Under “MY COMPUTER,” navigate to the files or folders you want to transfer.
7. Drag and drop the files or folders to your preferred location on your device.
8. Depending on what file type you send, you might encounter pop-up windows asking you to decide what files you want to send and how you want to organize them.

7. QUICK START

This quick start will guide you through some of the basic operations to start using the Digitakt right away. First, connect it as described in section “3.3 SETTING UP AND STARTING THE DIGITAKT” on page 12.

7.1 PLAYING THE FACTORY PRESETS

You can find a number of preset patterns, Sounds, and samples in the Digitakt. Follow the instructions below to get started exploring your new instrument.

1. Press **[BANK]** and then press **[TRIG 9]** key to select bank A. The screen reads “BANK A : SELECT PTN”.
2. Press **[TRIG 1]** key to select the first pattern of bank A.
3. Press **[PLAY]** to listen to pattern A01.
4. Press **[PTN]** and then press **[TRIG 2]** key to select pattern A02. It will start once pattern A01 has reached its end. Select pattern A03 by pressing **[PTN]** and then press **[TRIG 3]** key, and so on.
5. Press **[STOP]** to stop playback.

7.1.1 USING CHROMATIC MODE

You can use the **[TRIG]** keys to play any audio track sample chromatically.

1. Select the audio track to play chromatically by pressing **[TRK]** + one of the **[TRIG 1–8]** keys.
2. Press **[FUNC]** + **[TRK]** to enter CHROMATIC mode. The **[TRIG]** keys will light up in a pattern that resembles an octave of a piano keyboard. Only lit keys are playable.
3. Play the **[TRIG]** keys. The Sound will be pitched differently for each of the playable keys. Press the **[ARROW]** keys **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** to transpose the virtual keyboard up or down one octave.

For more information, please see “8.5.1 CHROMATIC MODE” on page 21.



CHROMATIC mode is an effective way to add musical variety to your beats. The timbre, tonality and impact of playing a Sound chromatically depend on the character of the source Sound.

7.1.2 USING MUTE MODE

You can mute any of the sequencer tracks in this mode. Unlike the CHROMATIC mode, it makes no difference which track is active when this mode is activated. You can access all tracks simultaneously.

1. Make sure a pattern is playing.
2. Press the **[FUNC]** + **[BANK]** key to enter MUTE mode.
3. Press any of the **[TRIG]** keys to mute the corresponding track. Press again to unmute. The light of the **[TRIG]** keys indicates the mute status. Unlit keys are muted tracks. Lit keys are active tracks.

For more information, please see “8.5.2 MUTE MODE” on page 22.

7.1.3 TEMPO



To change the BPM setting, open the TEMPO menu by pressing the **[TEMPO]** key. Use the **LEVEL/DATA** knob to change tempo. Pressing the knob while turning it changes the tempo eight BPM at a time. The **[ARROW]** keys **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** change the tempo in fractional steps. Note that you can choose between a global tempo or using a separate tempo for every pattern. Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to switch between GLOBAL and PATTERN tempo mode. On the main interface screen, you can also press and hold **[ARROW]** keys **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]** to nudge the tempo 10% up or down temporarily. Release the key to revert to the original tempo.

To tap a tempo setting, hold the **[FUNCTION]** key and tap the **[TEMPO]** key in a steady rhythm. After four consecutive taps the average tempo of the taps will be calculated. By continuing tapping, the average tempo will keep on updating.

When in the TEMPO menu, holding **[FUNC]** while turning the **LEVEL/DATA** knob will not change the tempo to the selected value until the **[FUNC]** key is released. While doing this, “PREP.” will flash in the bottom left corner of the screen.



Nudging the tempo is very handy when manually syncing Digitakt to a turntable or an external sound source. Note that you do not need to be in the TEMPO menu to perform tempo nudging.

7.1.4 EDITING PARAMETERS

Each track has five PARAMETER pages. Press **[PARAMETER]** keys TRIG, SRC, FLTR, AMP, and LFO to access the different PARAMETER pages. These parameters affect the sound and signal in various ways.

1. Make sure a pattern is playing.
2. Press **[TRK]** + **[TRIG]** keys 1-8 to select one of the eight audio tracks.
3. To change, for example, the cutoff of the filter, press the **[FLTR]** key to open the FILTER page. The parameter labeled **FREQ** changes the cutoff of the filter. Turn **DATA ENTRY** knob **E** to change the parameter value, and hear how the sound is affected.

Try out the rest of the PARAMETER page parameters to explore a variety of sound shaping possibilities.

7.2 SAMPLING FROM THE EXTERNAL INPUTS

Digitakt can also sample audio. It can sample audio from external sources, via the external inputs, and it can also sample audio internally from the Digitakt itself.

1. Connect your audio source to the **INPUT L/R** inputs of the Digitakt.
2. Press **[SAMPLING]** to access the SAMPLING menu and then use **DATA ENTRY** knob **G** to set **SOURCE** to IN L+R.
3. Keep an eye on the audio input meter and play the audio source and make sure that the volume of the audio source is as strong as possible, but without clipping or distorting. Set **MON** to YES to monitor the incoming audio through the Digitakt.
4. Again, with an eye on the audio input meter and use **DATA ENTRY** knob **F** to set **THRESHOLD** just above the indicated background noise of the audio source (when it is not playing).
5. Press **[YES]** to arm the sampler and then play the sound source. When the input audio exceeds the set **THRESHOLD** level, sampling will start.
6. Press **[YES]** when you want to finish the sampling.
7. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A** and **C** to set the parameters **TRIM START** and **TRIM END** to trim the sample to the desired length. You can use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **B** and **D** to zoom in and out to make it easier to see where to trim the sample. Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to preview the sample. The preview is played back by the voice of the active track. Make sure to select an audio track as active track.
8. Press **[YES]** to save the sample.
9. Name the sample and press **[YES]** again to confirm the save.
10. Press **[TRACK 1-8]** to select the track to where you want to assign the sample.

For more information, please see “14. SAMPLING” on page 57.

8. DIGITAKT CONTROLS

8.1 TRIG KEYS

The **[TRIG]** keys have several uses, including for example, triggering an audio track Sound (track 1–8) from the active pattern. (When sequencer recording is deactivated). They are also used for placing trigs in GRID RECORDING mode. When pressed in combination with the **[PTN]** and **[BANK]** keys, they select patterns and banks. The **[TRIG]** keys light up to indicate the position of placed trigs and to indicate the selected bank and track.

8.2 ROTARY ENCODERS

The **MASTER VOLUME** is an absolute encoder, spanning roughly 320 degrees from its left extreme to its right extreme. The **LEVEL/DATA** and **DATA ENTRY** knobs (with which you set various parameter values), are relative encoders which may be spun any number of turns. Pressing and turning these encoders will change their associated values at a greater speed.

8.3 KEY BEHAVIOR

As a group, the track selection keys (**[TRIG]** keys) have radio button functionality, i.e. when a new track is set to be active, the previous one is simultaneously deactivated. Only one track can be selected at a time. Likewise, the group consisting of the five **[PARAMETER]** keys have radio button functionality.

The **[FUNC]**, **[TRK]**, **[PTN]**, and **[BANK]** keys must always be used in combination with other keys.

8.4 MIDI NOTES

Some functions can be triggered by sending MIDI note values from an external MIDI device (a MIDI keyboard or a computer, for example) connected to the Digitakt via a standard MIDI cable or a USB 2.0 A to B connector cable.

Of the 128 notes in the standard MIDI range, Note numbers 0–7 correspond to notes C0 through to G0, the leftmost octave (which is sometimes called C-2–G-2 in certain applications). These notes will trigger the Sound of track 1 through track 8, respectively (provided they are set to their default channels 1–8). These notes values map to each of the eight tracks, regardless of which track is active.

MIDI note numbers 12–84, that corresponds to notes C1–C7 (C5, MIDI note 60, being middle C) will trigger the Sound of the active track in any of its 73 chromatic variations (as if played by the **[TRIG]** keys in CHROMATIC mode, see section below), from lowest to highest pitch.

MIDI program change messages 0–127 will select pattern 1–128 (A01–H16) on the Digitakt. Additionally, MIDI CC and NRPN messages can be sent to control various aspects of the Digitakt. For more information, please see “APPENDIX A: MIDI” on page 77.

8.5 MODES

There are two special modes of operation on the Digitakt: CHROMATIC mode and MUTE mode.

8.5.1 CHROMATIC MODE

Press **[FUNC]** + **[TRK]** to enter CHROMATIC mode. In this mode, you can play the Sound of the active audio track (or send MIDI notes if you have an active MIDI track) chromatically. The **[TRIG]** keys will light up in a pattern that resembles an octave of a piano keyboard layout. Only lit keys are playable. Press **[TRK]** + **[TRIG 1–16]** keys to select the track you want to play chromatically.

Press the trig keys to change the chromatic note pitch of the Sound. The range from **[TRIG 9]** key to **[TRIG 16]** key is one octave. The whole range you can trig for audio tracks spans 6 octaves: middle, 1 up and 4 down. The whole range for MIDI tracks spans eleven octaves. Press the **[ARROW]** keys **[UP]** or **[DOWN]**, to transpose the virtual keyboard up or down in octave steps.

Notes triggered chromatically can be recorded on the sequencer in LIVE RECORDING mode. Find out how this is done in section “10.2.3 LIVE RECORDING MODE” on page 29.

The active state of CHROMATIC mode (the portion of the chromatic keyboard currently visible on the **[TRIG]** keys) is not stored per pattern but stays in the state as it was last set.

Press **[FUNC]** + **[TRK]** to exit CHROMATIC mode.



You can also use an external keyboard to play the active tracks Sound chromatically. Connect the keyboard to the Digitakt and configure the external keyboard and the Digitakt MIDI Auto Channel (SETTINGS > MIDI CONFIG > CHANNELS) to the same MIDI channel. Then play the keys on the external keyboard to play the active tracks Sound chromatically. You can play the active track's Sound chromatically even if the Digitakt is not in CHROMATIC mode.

8.5.2 MUTE MODE

You can use MUTE mode to mute any of the 16 sequencer tracks. Unlike CHROMATIC mode, it makes no difference which track is active when you enter MUTE mode. All tracks are accessed simultaneously. Press any of the [TRIG] keys to mute the corresponding track. Press again to unmute. The color of the [TRIG] keys indicates its tracks mute status. Unlit keys signify muted tracks. Lit keys signify unmuted tracks.

There are two different versions of MUTE mode on the Digitakt:

- **GLOBAL MUTE MODE** In GLOBAL MUTE mode, the muted tracks are muted in all patterns, and the trig [TRIG] keys are lit green. Press [FUNC] + [BANK] to enter GLOBAL MUTE mode. If tracks are muted in GLOBAL MUTE mode, the tracks will flash green when the pattern plays. Press [FUNC] + [BANK] to exit GLOBAL MUTE mode.
- **PATTERN MUTE MODE** In PATTERN MUTE mode, the muted tracks are muted only in the active pattern, and the trig [TRIG] keys are lit purple. Press [FUNC] + double-tap [BANK] to enter PATTERN MUTE mode. If tracks are muted in PATTERN MUTE mode, the tracks will flash purple when the pattern plays. Press [FUNC] + [BANK] to exit PATTERN MUTE mode.

The GLOBAL MUTE mode settings are saved together with the project. The PATTERN MUTE mode settings are saved together with the pattern.



- You can also use QUICK MUTE to mute and unmute sequencer tracks. Press and hold [FUNC] and then press the [TRACK] keys to mute or unmute tracks.
- Digitakt remembers the last used version of MUTE mode and will access this one first when you press [FUNC] + [BANK]. This also applies to QUICK MUTE.

9. PATTERNS, KITS, SOUNDS, AND SAMPLES

The patterns are the primary data container for the Digitakt. Sixteen patterns are available for each of the eight banks, which means that 128 patterns are available for each project. A pattern contains up to eight Sounds (one for each audio track), sequencer data like trigs and parameter locks. It also contains the default settings on the TRIG page and BPM, length, swing and time signature settings. A pattern also contains all the parameter settings for the eight MIDI tracks.

A kit is a collection of eight Sounds. A Sound is a sample, plus all the settings in the PARAMETER pages (SRC, FLTR, AMP, and LFO). A Sound can be assigned to one of the eight audio tracks.

Each of the audio tracks can contain one Sound. A Sound that has been imported from the +Drive to a pattern becomes part of the active pattern. Any changes made to a Sound will therefore not affect the stored Sound or kit. It will only affect the Sound in the active pattern. You can export (and in that way save) a Sound from the active pattern to the +Drive. For more information, please see “9.3 SOUND MANAGER” on page 24.

A sample that is used in a Sound or a pattern can be renamed or moved and still work as intended. This is due to a hash function that adds a file specific value to every file, and this value is independent of the file name or the file's location in the data structure. However, if you delete a sample, it will not be included in any Sounds or patterns anymore.



- When a Sound is imported to a pattern, it becomes a copy of the Sound on the +Drive and is not linked to the original Sound stored on the +Drive. Instead, it fully becomes a part of the pattern.
- If you delete a sample from the +Drive, it will not be included in any Sounds or patterns anymore.

A Pattern contains:

- A kit.
- All parameter settings for the eight MIDI tracks.
- Sequencer data such as trigs and parameter locks.
- The settings on the TRIG PARAMETERS page, BPM, length, swing and time signature settings.

A Kit contains:

- Eight audio track Sounds.
- LEVEL settings for the audio tracks.

A Sound contains:

- A sample (linked from the +Drive), plus the SRC, FLTR, AMP, and LFO PARAMETER pages settings for the audio track.

A Sample contains:

- A 16 bit, 48 kHz, mono audio file.

9.1 THE +DRIVE SOUND LIBRARY AND THE SOUND POOL

The total size of the +Drive is 1 GB. The +Drive Sound library can hold up to 2048 Sounds (256 Sounds in each bank A-H) that are available to all projects. The +Drive Sound library also contains the samples. You can load up to 64 MB (about 11 minutes) of samples to a project. A sample must be imported to a project, for it to be Sample locked. For more information, please see “11.3.4 SAMP” on page 41.

Sounds can be loaded to a pattern from either the +Drive Sound library or the Sound pool of the active project. The difference between the two is that the +Drive Sound library has the capacity of 2048 Sounds, available to all projects, while the Sound pool is a part of a project and limited to 128 Sounds. The primary benefit of Sounds loaded to the Sound pool is the possibility for them to be Sound locked. This feature is not available for the Sounds in the +Drive Sound library. For more information, please see “10.10.2 SOUND LOCKS” on page 36.

9.1.1 ADDING SOUNDS TO THE SOUND POOL

You must first add Sounds to the Sound pool to be able to perform Sound locks.

1. Press **[FUNC] + [PATTERN MENU]** to open the IMPORT/EXPORT menu.
2. Select **MANAGE SOUNDS**, and then press **[YES]** to open the SOUND MANAGER.
3. Select the Sounds you want to add to the Sound pool by highlighting them and pressing **[YES]**.

4. Press **[RIGHT]** to open the SOUND OPERATIONS menu.
5. Select **COPY TO ...** and then press **[YES]**.
6. Select **SOUND POOL**, and then press **[YES]**.

9.2 SOUND BROWSER



Press **[FUNC]** + **LEVEL/DATA** to open the SOUND BROWSER. The SOUND BROWSER is used to preview and load Sounds. This menu will show a list of all Sounds in the +Drive Sound library. Scroll the list by turning the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or by pressing **[UP]/[DOWN]**. Press **[TRIG 9-16]** to select Sound bank A-H. Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to preview the Sound before you load it to the track. Press **[YES]** to load the Sound to the track.

Press **[LEFT]** to access the SORTING menu. Press **[YES]** to execute the commands. Press **[NO]** or the **[RIGHT]** arrow key to exit the menu.



VIEW POOL lists Sounds available in the Sound pool of the active project. The command is only available when you browse the +Drive Sound library.

VIEW +DRIVE lists Sounds available on the +Drive Sound library. The command is only available when you browse the Sound pool of the active project.

SORT ABC sorts the Sounds in alphabetical order. The command is only available when Sounds are being sorted by slot number.

SORT 123 sorts the Sounds by slot number. The command is only available when Sounds are being sorted alphabetically.

FILTER opens a list where Sounds can be arranged according to tags. Select and deselect tags by pressing **[YES]**. Multiple tags can be selected. Exit the tag list by pressing **[NO]**.

SEARCH will perform a text search and list all Sounds with names matching or including the text input. For more information, please see “6.5 THE NAMING SCREEN” on page 17 on how to enter text.

9.3 SOUND MANAGER

Press **[FUNC]** + **[PATTERN MENU]** to open the IMPORT/EXPORT menu. The SOUND MANAGER is used to manage Sounds, for example import, export, rename, and tag Sounds. Select **MANAGE SOUNDS** and press **[YES]** to open the SOUND MANAGER. Sounds can be saved, loaded, renamed, tagged et cetera. Opening this menu will show a list of all Sounds found in the +Drive Sound library. Turn the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or press **[UP]/[DOWN]** to scroll through the list. Press **[TRIG 9-16]** to select Sound bank A-H. Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to preview the Sound before you load it to the track.



Press [LEFT] to access the SORTING menu. Press [YES] to execute the commands. Press [NO] or the [RIGHT] arrow key to exit the menu.



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FILTER opens a list where Sounds can be arranged according to tags. Select and deselect tags by pressing [YES]. You can select multiple tags. Exit the tag list by pressing [NO].

SEARCH will perform a text search and list all Sounds with names matching or including the text input. For more information, please see "6.5 THE NAMING SCREEN" on page 17 on how to enter text.

Press [RIGHT] to access the SOUND OPERATIONS menu. The available operations will affect the highlighted Sound. Press [YES] to apply the commands to the selected Sound. Press [NO] or the [LEFT] arrow key to exit the menu.



IMPORT TO TRACK loads the selected Sound to the active track and makes it a part of the active pattern.

COPY TO... Copies the selected Sounds to one of the following:

- SOUND POOL copies the selected Sounds to the first free slots of the Sound pool.
- +DRIVE copies the selected Sounds to the first free slots of the +Drive Sound library.
- +BANK (A-H) copies the selected Sounds to the first free slots of a specific bank inside the +Drive.

EXPORT TO HERE exports the active track Sound and saves it to the selected slot.

RENAME Opens a screen where you can rename the selected Sound.

EDIT TAGS opens a menu where Sounds can be tagged. Sounds can have any number of tags, but only the first two will show on the Sound list. Press [YES] to apply or remove tags. Highlight <SAVE> and press [YES] to save

DELETE deletes the Sound or selected Sounds.

SELECT ALL selects all Sounds in the list.

SELECT UNUSED selects all Sounds that are not used in any pattern in the project from the Sound pool. The Sounds are not removed from the +Drive Sound library. Then select **DELETE** to remove the selected sounds from the project's Sound pool. The **SELECT UNUSED** command is only available when you browse the Sound pool of the active project.

DESELECT ALL deselects all Sounds in the list.

TOGGLE enables or disables write protection for the selected Sounds. When a Sound is write protected it cannot be overwritten, renamed, tagged or deleted. A write protected Sound has a padlock symbol next to its name. The command is only available when you browse the +Drive Sound library.

SEND SYSEX sends the selected Sounds as SysEx data.



- Sounds in the +Drive Sound library are organized into eight banks, ranging from A to H. Each bank can contain 256 Sounds. Use the [TRIG A–H] keys to view only Sounds located in a specific bank.
- You can preview the currently selected Sound by pressing the [TRIG 1–8] key of the active track. All Sounds available for the active track can be previewed. Please note that if the previewed Sound is sent to the effects, the current effects settings will affect it.
- Several Sounds can be simultaneously affected by the commands available in the **SOUND OPERATIONS** menu. Select/deselect individual Sounds by highlighting them and pressing [YES].
- Press [FUNC] + [UP]/[DOWN] for faster scrolling in the Sound list.

9.4 PLAYING A SOUND

Press the [TRIG 1–8] keys to play the Sounds of the eight tracks of the active pattern. The [TRIG] keys will briefly light up when pressed.

PLAYING A SOUND WITH AN EXTERNAL MIDI UNIT

The Sounds can also be played using an external MIDI device connected to Digitakt. The MIDI channels for each of the audio tracks can be assigned in the MIDI CHANNELS menu, covered in the section “15.3.3 CHANNELS” on page 66. You can also use an external MIDI unit to play a Sound chromatically when you are in CHROMATIC mode. For more information, please see “8.5.1 CHROMATIC MODE” on page 21.

9.5 EDITING A SOUND

Activate one of the audio tracks for editing by pressing [TRK] + one of the [TRIG] keys 1–8. When editing the settings of the track, any changes made will be stored as part of the active pattern.

Adjust the overall volume level of the active audio track with the **LEVEL/DATA** knob.

Edit a Sound by adjusting the parameters found on the **PARAMETER** pages. Access these pages by pressing a [PARAMETER] page key. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs A–H to change the parameters. For more information, please see “11. AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 40.

SRC controls sample selection and playback of samples.

FLTR controls the filter mode, cutoff frequency, and envelope.

AMP controls the amplitude parameters, effect sends, and levels.

LFO controls parameters for the LFO of the Sound.

The complete Sound, with all its parameter settings and sample, may be copied to another track. Press [TRK] + [RECORD], and then press [TRK] + one of the [TRIG] keys to select the track you want to copy the Sound to, and finally press [TRK] + [STOP] to paste the Sound to the selected track.

9.6 SAVING A SOUND

After you edited the parameters of a Sound, you can save it to the +Drive.

1. Press [FUNC] + [PATTERN MENU] to open the IMPORT/EXPORT menu.
2. Select EXPORT SOUND, and then press [YES].
3. Turn the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or use the [UP]/[DOWN] keys to select an empty slot to where you want to save your Sound, and then press [YES]. If you want to save your Sound to another bank, press [BANK] + [TRIG 9–16] to select a bank.

4. On the NAMING screen, name your sound and then press **[YES]**. For more information, please see “6.5 THE NAMING SCREEN” on page 17.
5. On the TAGS screen, use the **[ARROW]** keys and **[YES]** key to select the appropriate tags for your sound, and then select **<SAVE>** and press **[YES]**.

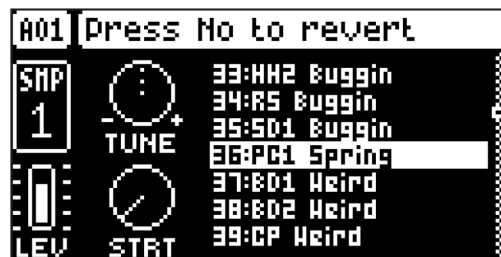
9.7 ASSIGNING A SAMPLE

Any of the 127 samples loaded to a project may be assigned to a Sound on any of the audio tracks. The user samples can be replaced, relocated and otherwise managed in the SAMPLES menu. For more information, please see “15.2 SAMPLES” on page 61.

1. Press **[TRK]** + **[TRIG 1-8]**. To select an audio track to assign the sample to.
2. Press **[SRC]** to open the SOURCE parameter page.



3. Turn **DATA ENTRY** knob **D** to bring up a list of samples.



4. Turn the knob counter-clockwise to scroll up the list, clockwise to scroll down the list. Press the **[TRIG]** key of the active track while browsing to listen to the sample currently outlined.
5. Press **[YES]** to select a sample. Press **DATA ENTRY** knob **D** or **[NO]** to exit the list without selecting a sample.

9.7.1 ASSIGNING A SAMPLE USING THE QUICK ASSIGN METHOD

You can also use the Quick assign method to load a sample to a track and the project's Sound pool.

1. Press **[SRC]** to open the SOURCE page, and then turn the knob for the **SAMP** parameter.
2. While the Sample list is open, press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to open the SAMPLES menu. For more information, please see “15.2 SAMPLES” on page 61.
3. Navigate to the sample you want to load. Any sample can be previewed (played back by the voice of the active track), just highlight it and then press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]**. Approximately, ten seconds of the sample can be previewed.
4. Highlight the sample, and then press **[YES]** to load it directly to the track and the project's Sound pool.

10. THE SEQUENCER

The sequencer of the Digitakt stores information in patterns. A pattern controls the playback of the audio tracks, the MIDI tracks and various pattern-specific aspects of the tracks. Each of the eight banks, A to H, contains 16 patterns, which means 128 patterns are available for each project. For more information, please see “10.5 PATTERN MENU” on page 32.

A pattern contains:

- General trig settings on the TRIG page (default note pitch, velocity et cetera).
- The parameter settings on the SCR, FLTR, AMP, and LFO pages.
- The settings on the DELAY, REVERB, and MASTER pages.
- Quantization settings.
- Note trigs and Lock trigs for all tracks.
- Parameter/Sample/Sounds locks.
- Length and time signature for the tracks.

10.1 BASIC PATTERN OPERATIONS

Digitakt can seamlessly switch between patterns. This, together with the ability to chain patterns, is a handy feature when improvising live. For more information, please see “10.11 CHAINS” on page 38.

10.1.1 SELECTING BANK AND PATTERN

Press **[BANK]** and then press **[TRIG 9–16]** to select a bank. Then press **[TRIG 1–16]** to select a pattern. Press **[PTN]** and then press **[TRIG 1–16]** to select a new pattern in the current bank. When you press **[BANK]** or **[PTN]** you must choose a bank or pattern within four seconds for the change to take effect. A message on the screen indicates the four second timeout. Press **[TRK]** to exit pattern or bank select.

White **[TRIG]** keys indicate pattern positions that contain data. A red **[TRIG]** key indicates the current active pattern. Empty patterns are unlit.

When a pattern is playing, and a new pattern is selected, the new pattern position will be shown flashing in the upper left corner of the screen. Once the last step of the pattern has played, the new pattern will start, and the pattern position will cease to flash.



- Patterns can be changed while the sequencer is running.
- Patterns can be changed and queued by sending program change messages.
- It is possible to copy a pattern, and then paste it to one or several locations without leaving the active pattern. You can also clear one or several non-active patterns.
 - To copy, press and hold **[PATTERN] + [TRIG]** key to select the pattern you wish to copy. Then press **[RECORD]**. Let go of the **[TRIG]** key and then press and hold the **[TRIG]** key(s) to where you want to paste the pattern. Finally, press and hold **[STOP]** to paste the pattern(s).
 - To clear, press and hold **[PATTERN] + [TRIG]** key(s) to select the pattern(s) you wish to clear. Then press and hold **[PLAY]** to clear the pattern(s).

10.1.2 PATTERN CONTROL

Press **[PLAY]** to start the playback of a pattern. Press **[STOP]** to stop the playback of all tracks. The sound will be cut off, but effects like Delay will continue to be audible until the delay repeats have faded out. When the sequencer has stopped, quickly press **[STOP] + [STOP]** to stop playback of all tracks and get just a short fade out the send effects.

When a pattern is playing press **[PLAY]** to pause the playback. Press **[PLAY]** to resume the playback.

If a pattern contains more than 16 sequencer steps, the <PATTERN PAGE> LEDs will indicate this. When a pattern is playing, the currently active pattern page is shown with a flashing, <PATTERN PAGE> LED.

10.1.3 PATTERN TEMPO

The tempo is set in the TEMPO menu. Press **[TEMPO]** to open this menu. For more information, please see “7.1.3 TEMPO” on page 19.

10.2 EDITING A PATTERN

Digitakt offers three main modes of input when creating or editing a pattern, GRID RECORDING mode, LIVE RECORDING mode, and STEP RECORDING mode. In these modes, two types of trigs can be entered: Note trigs and Lock trigs.

10.2.1 TRIG TYPES

A trig is a sequencer event that you can place when you want the sequencer to perform an action on the Digitakt. There are two types of trigs that you can use, note trigs and lock trigs.

- **NOTE TRIGS** trigger Sounds or MIDI notes.
- **LOCK TRIGS** trigger parameter locks (but does not trigger Sounds or MIDI notes). For more information, please see “10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS” on page 35.

Note trigs are indicated by red **[TRIG]** keys and lock trigs are indicated by yellow **[TRIG]** keys. Unlit **[TRIG]** keys indicate steps that does not contain any trigs. Read more about parameter locks in section “10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS” on page 35. Trigs are added differently in the sequencer, depending on whether GRID RECORDING, LIVE RECORDING, or STEP RECORDING mode is active.

10.2.2 GRID RECORDING MODE

GRID RECORDING is a method of composing where you use the **[TRIG]** keys to add trigs.

1. Press **[RECORD]** to enter GRID RECORDING mode. The **[RECORD]** key lights up red to indicate that GRID RECORDING mode is active.
2. Select the track to which you want to add trigs by pressing and holding **[TRACK]** and then one of the **[TRIG]** keys. A red **[TRIG]** key indicates the active track.
3. Place note trigs on the sequencer using the sixteen **[TRIG]** keys. To add a lock trig, press **[FUNC] + [TRIG]**. Quickly pressing the **[TRIG]** key of any of the trigs entered will remove the trig. Pressing a **[TRIG]** key of a trig and holding it slightly longer will prepare the trig for editing, rather than removing it.
4. Select another track, and add note trigs. Repeat the procedure for all the tracks you want to use.
5. Press **[PLAY]** to listen to the sequence.

Add micro timing to a note trig by pressing and holding the **[TRIG]** key while pressing **[ARROW]** keys **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]**. For more information, please see “10.3 MICRO TIMING MENU” on page 31.

Set the retrig speed by pressing and holding the **[TRIG]** key while pressing **[ARROW]** keys **[UP]** or **[DOWN]**. Similarly, a pop-up menu will appear on the screen, where various retrig settings are made. For more information, please see “10.4 RETRIG MENU” on page 31.

If the pattern contains more than 16 steps, select the pattern page you want to edit by pressing the **[PAGE]** key. A fully lit <PATTERN PAGE> LED shows the active pattern page.

Press **[RECORD]** to exit the GRID RECORDING mode.



- You can use an external MIDI controller such as a keyboard to input NOTE and TRIG VELOCITY data when you are in GRID RECORDING mode. Just press and hold a **[TRIG]** key, and then play a note on the external keyboard. On MIDI tracks, you can add up to a four note chord to every trig. The first note sets the TRIG VELOCITY value for all notes on the trig.
- Press **[TRIG] + [YES]** to preview a specific trig. The preview includes any parameter locks you have placed on that trig.
- If you use an external MIDI controller to record to the Digitakt MIDI tracks, the sequencer receives data on the Auto MIDI channel and records on the active track. For more information, please see “15.3.3 CHANNELS” on page 66.
- All trigs of a track can be shifted forwards or backward on the sequencer. While in GRID RECORDING mode, hold down **[FUNC]** while pressing the **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]** arrow keys to perform the trig shift.

10.2.3 LIVE RECORDING MODE

LIVE RECORDING mode is the second method of adding trigs to the tracks. In this recording mode, the **[TRIG]** keys are played in real time to input trigs to the tracks. You can also use CHROMATIC mode to add note trigs chromatically. It is also possible to enter parameter locks in real time. Trigs input in LIVE RECORDING mode can be automatically quantized or not. Non-quantized trigs can be quantized after they are recorded, by using the QUANTIZE menu that is accessed by pressing **[FUNC] + [TRIG]**. For more information, please see “10.7 QUANTIZE MENU” on page 33.

1. Press and hold **[RECORD]**, then press **[PLAY]** to enter LIVE RECORDING mode. (Press **[PLAY]** twice while keeping the **[RECORD]** key pressed to activate/deactivate automatic quantization.) The sequencer starts to play, and the **[RECORD]** key starts to flash red.

2. Enter trigs in real time by tapping the **[TRIG]** keys. If CHROMATIC mode is active, the pitch value of the note trig will be recorded according to which **[TRIG]** key is pressed. Any changes to PARAMETER page settings, using the **DATA ENTRY** knobs, will be recorded as parameter locks and add lock trigs where needed.
3. Press **[PLAY]** to exit LIVE RECORDING mode while keeping the sequencer playing. If LIVE RECORDING mode is active and **[RECORD]** is pressed, GRID RECORDING mode will be activated.
4. Press **[STOP]** to stop both recording and playback of the sequencer.

To exit LIVE RECORDING mode while keeping the sequencer playing, press **[PLAY]**.



You can use an external MIDI controller such as a keyboard to input NOTE, TRIG VELOCITY, and TRIG LENGTH data in LIVE RECORDING mode. Just play the notes on the external keyboard and they will be recorded by the sequencer. On MIDI tracks, you can add up to a four note chord to every trig. The first note sets the TRIG VELOCITY value for all notes on the trig. The last note that is released sets the TRIG LENGTH for all notes on the trig.

10.2.4 STEP RECORDING MODE

STEP RECORDING is a quick and straightforward method of placing trigs on the sequencer. In this recording mode, you insert notes by pressing the **[TRIG]** keys or an external MIDI controller. The sequencer then captures the note and automatically advances to the next step. There are two different modes available, STANDARD mode and JUMP mode.

STANDARD mode

1. Press **[RECORD]** + **[STOP]** to enter STEP RECORDING mode. The **[RECORD]** key starts to double-blink red. (Press **[STOP]** twice while keeping the **[RECORD]** key pressed to toggle between STANDARD and JUMP mode).
2. Press a **[TRIG]** key to select the active step to where you want to start to add note trigs. The active step is shown with a green **[TRIG]** key that double-blinks. (If positioned on an earlier placed trig, it inherits the light pattern of that trig). You can also use **[LEFT]/[RIGHT]** to select the active step or skip steps.
3. Press and hold **[FUNC]** and then press **[TRIG 1-16]** key to add a note trig on the corresponding track to the active step. The active step then automatically advances to the next step.

You also have the option to add note trigs chromatically on the selected active track.

4. Press **[TRK]** + **[TRIG 1-16]** to select the track to which you want to add trigs. A red **[TRIG]** key indicates the active track.
5. Press **[FUNC]** + **[TRK]** to toggle the chromatic mode keyboard on
6. Press and hold **[FUNC]** and then press any lit **[TRIG]** key to add a note trig with the corresponding note value to the selected step. The active step then automatically advances to the next step. You can use **[UP]/[DOWN]** to transpose the chromatic keyboard on the **[TRIG]** keys up or down in octaves.
7. To remove a trig or to add a rest (no trig), position the active step on the trig that you want to remove or add a rest to, and then press **[NO]**. The active step then automatically advances to the next step.
8. To add a parameter lock to a trig, press and hold a **[TRIG]** key, and then turn the **DATA ENTRY** knob that controls the parameter you want to lock and set it to the desired value. The graphics become inverted for the locked parameter, and the locked parameter value is displayed. The **[TRIG]** key of the locked trig blinks red (for note trigs) or yellow (for lock trigs) to indicate that the trig now contains a parameter lock.
9. Press **[RECORD]** to exit STEP RECORDING mode.

JUMP mode

In JUMP mode, the **LEN** parameter setting on the TRIG PARAMETER page controls the note length of the trigs you place, and advances the active step the same length. A **LEN** value of 1/16 adds a sixteenth note and advances the sequencer one step. 1/8 adds an eighth note and advances the sequencer two steps. 1/4 adds a quarter note and advances the sequencer four steps and so on. The **LEN** parameter is also parameter locked on every trig you place.



- Press [PLAY] to listen to the sequence while you are programming it. Press [STOP] to stop the sequencer and stay in STEP RECORDING mode.
- If you use an external MIDI controller, you must set it to send MIDI data on the Digitakt's defined AUTO CHANNEL. For more information, please see "15.3.3 CHANNELS" on page 66.
- If you use an external MIDI controller, the trig's VEL (velocity) value is determined by the velocity sent from these and is parameter locked.
- If you press and hold [FUNC] while inputting notes from an external MIDI controller, the velocity is fixed and determined by the VEL parameter setting.
- If you press and hold [YES] while you place a trig with [TRIG] keys or an external MIDI controller, the trig length is locked to the time you press the [TRIG] keys or the external MIDI controller.
- If you add a new note trig on a previously placed note trig, any parameter locks previously placed on that trig remain as they were.
- In STEP RECORDING mode, to avoid accidental key presses, [FUNC] + [NO] does not reload the pattern. [FUNC] + [YES] does not save the pattern. Instead they work as described above.

10.3 MICRO TIMING MENU

Here you can add micro timing to a note trig, moving it ahead or behind the beat. Micro timing can be customized on any of the sequencer steps on both audio and MIDI tracks. In GRID RECORDING mode, press and hold one or several [TRIG] keys and then press [LEFT]/[RIGHT] to access the pop-up Micro timing menu that shows the time offset for the chosen sequencer step(s) on the active track. To exit the micro timing menu, release the [TRIG] key(s). The micro timing settings are stored in the active pattern



MICRO TIMING Press [LEFT]/[RIGHT] keys to adjust the time offset.

10.4 RETRIG MENU

Retrigs can be customized on any of the sequencer steps on the audio tracks (the retrig function is not available on the MIDI tracks). In GRID RECORDING mode, press and hold one or several [TRIG] keys and then press [UP]/[DOWN] to access the pop-up Retrig menu that shows the retrig actions for the chosen sequencer step(s) on the active track. To exit the Retrig menu, release the [TRIG] key(s). The retrig settings are stored in the active pattern.



RETRIG Turns the retrig lock ON/OFF. Use *DATA ENTRY* knob A to turn retrig on/off.

RATE Sets the retrig rate (1/1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/8, 1/10, 1/12, 1/16, 1/20, 1/24, 1/32, 1/40, 1/48, 1/64 or 1/80). 1/16 is the nominal retrig rate, one trig per step. 1/32 corresponds to two trigs per step and so on. To trig triplets, for example, set the retrig rate to 1/12 (or 1/24). You can also press the [UP]/[DOWN] keys when you are in the retrig menu to adjust the rate.

LEN Sets the duration of the retrig velocity curve in fractions of, or rational or integer multiples of, a step (0,125–INF). 1/16 is the nominal length of one step. This setting affects the behavior of the velocity curve by defining the boundaries of its envelope.

VEL Sets the velocity curve fade out/fade in of the retrig (-128–127). -128 corresponds to a complete fade out during the set length, -64 fades out to half the velocity during the set length, 0 equals a flat velocity curve with no fade, 64 fades into half velocity during the set length and 127 fades in completely to full velocity during the set length.

10.5 PATTERN MENU

Use the PATTERN menu to perform pattern management. Press [PATTERN MENU] to open the menu. Use the [UP] and [DOWN] arrow keys to move between the options. Press [YES] to confirm your selection. Exit the menu by pressing [NO].



10.5.1 RENAME

Opens a NAMING screen where you can rename the active pattern.

10.5.2 CLEAR

- **WHOLE PATTERN** Clears the active pattern's sequencer data and kit. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to clear, or [NO] to cancel the operation. Note that no pattern information will be permanently lost until the pattern is saved to the same pattern slot that it was loaded from.
- **KIT DATA** Clears the active pattern's kit. All sequencer data will remain unchanged. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to clear, or [NO] to cancel the operation. Note that no kit information will be permanently lost until the pattern is saved to the same pattern slot that it was loaded from.
- **SEQUENCE DATA** Clears the active pattern's sequence data. All Sounds will remain unchanged. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to clear, or [NO] to cancel the operation. Note that no sequencer information are permanently lost until the pattern is saved to the same pattern slot it was loaded from.

10.5.3 SAVE TO PROJ

You must have saved the project at least once before you can save pattern information.

- **WHOLE PATTERN** Saves the active pattern's sequence data and kit to the +Drive. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to save, or [NO] to cancel the operation.
- **KIT DATA** Saves the active pattern's kit to the +Drive. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to save, or [NO] to cancel the operation.
- **SEQUENCE DATA** Saves the active pattern's sequence data to the +Drive. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to save, or [NO] to cancel the operation.

10.5.4 RELOAD FROM PROJ

You must have saved the pattern at least once before you can reload pattern information.

- **WHOLE PATTERN** Reloads the active pattern's sequence data and kit from the +Drive. A prompt will appear when you select this option. Press [YES] to reload, or [NO] to cancel the operation.
- **KIT DATA** Reloads the active pattern's kit from the +Drive. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to reload, or [NO] to cancel the operation.
- **SEQUENCE DATA** Reloads the active pattern's all sequence data from the +Drive. A prompt appears when you select this option. Press [YES] to reload, or [NO] to cancel the operation.

10.5.5 IMPORT/EXPORT

Here you can manage the Sounds on the Digitakt.

- **IMPORT SOUND** Imports (copies) a Sound from the +Drive to the active pattern. Turn the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or press **[UP]/[DOWN]** to scroll through the list. Press **[YES]** to select a Sound and then press **[TRACK 1–8]** to select the track to where you want to assign the Sound.
- **EXPORT SOUND** Exports (saves) the active track's Sound to the +Drive. Turn the **LEVEL/DATA** knob or press **[UP]/[DOWN]** to choose a destination memory slot. Press **[YES]** to export the Sound. Name the Sound and press **[YES]** again to confirm the export.
- **MANAGE SOUNDS** Opens the SOUND MANAGER. For more information, please see “9.3 SOUND MANAGER” on page 24.

10.5.6 AUDIO ROUTING (PATTERN)

Here you find number of audio routing options that affects the Digitakt on a pattern level. You can also set the audio routing on a global level. For more information, please see “15.5 AUDIO ROUTING (GLOBAL)” on page 68.



USE GLOBAL SETTING uses, when ticked, the global audio routing settings for the active pattern.

ROUTE TO MAIN Use this option to customize which of the 8 tracks + 2 effects (Delay, Reverb) that sends audio through the master effect (Compressor) to the MAIN OUT outputs. Use the **[TRIG 1–8]** keys and the **[FLTR]**, and **[AMP] [PARAMETER]** keys to activate/deactivate send from each track and effect. Green keys signal send to main. Red keys signal do not send to main. Note that each track still sends to its TRACK OUTPUTS.

SEND TO FX Use this option to customize which of the 8 tracks + the Delay effect that sends audio to the effects (Delay, Reverb). Use the **[TRIG 1–8]** keys and the **[FLTR]** key to activate/deactivate send from each track and effect. Green keys signal send to the effects. Red keys signal do not send to the effects.



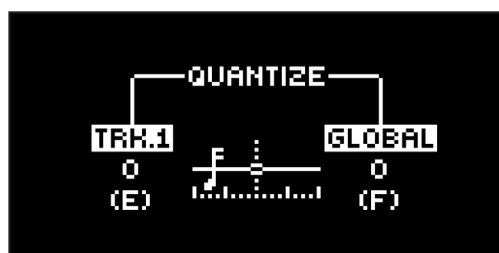
- Audio from the **TRACK OUTPUTS** is always without any effects.
- Tracks that are routed to not send audio to **MAIN OUT** still send audio on separate outputs in Overbridge.

10.6 TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE

Set the actions for when a note is triggered in the TRIG PARAMETERS page. Press the **[TRIG PARAMETERS]** key to access the menu. Change settings using the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. These general settings affect note trigs placed on the sequencer. On any step of the pattern, trigs can be locked to other settings by first pressing and holding a **[TRIG]** key, then changing the settings. For more information, please see “11.2 TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE” on page 40.

10.7 QUANTIZE MENU

The quantization affects all micro timed and off grid trigs on the sequencers tracks. Press **[FUNC] + [TRIG PARAMETERS]** to access this menu. Change settings with **DATA ENTRY** knob **E** and **F**.



TRK. affects all the trigs of the active track in real time. The higher the quantize value, the more the trigs will be quantized. Press **[TRIG 1–8]** key to select track to quantize. (0–127)

GLOBAL affects all the trigs of all tracks in real time. The higher the quantize value, the more the trigs will be quantized. (0–127)

Press **[NO]** to exit the menu.

10.8 METRONOME MENU

The METRONOME menu controls the internal metronome of the Digitakt. Press **[FUNCTION]** + **[PTN]** to open the METRONOME menu. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to change the settings.



ACTIVE activates/deactivates the metronome. You can also press **[FUNC]** + **[PTN]** and hold for a second to toggle the metronome on and off when you are not in the METRONOME menu.

TIME SIG. controls the note and beat measure of the metronome time signature.

PREROLL BARS controls for how many bars the metronome will sound before the sequencer starts playing. This setting is only relevant when you are in LIVE RECORDING mode.

VOL. controls the volume of the click.

10.9 SCALE MENU

You can set the length and timing of the pattern and tracks in this menu. The SCALE menu has two modes. In PER PATTERN mode all tracks share the same length. In PER TRACK mode, each track can have different lengths. Press **[FUNC]** + **[PAGE]** to access the SCALE menu. Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to toggle between the two SCALE modes. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to adjust the settings.

10.9.1 PER PATTERN MODE

In this mode, all tracks of the pattern share the same length and time signature.



LENGTH controls the step length of the pattern. The leftmost number displays the number of steps in the pattern. The total length, displayed by the second number, determines the maximum number of steps available in the pattern. If you use 17 steps or more in a pattern, the **[PAGE]** key is (while in GRID RECORDING mode) used to toggle between the different pattern pages.

SCALE controls the speed of pattern playback in multiples of the current tempo. It offers seven possible settings, 1/8X, 1/4X, 1/2X, 3/4X, 1X, 3/2X and 2X. A setting of 1/8X plays back the pattern at one-eighth of the set tempo. 3/4X plays the pattern back at three-quarters of the tempo; 3/2X plays back the pattern twice as fast as the 3/4X setting. 2X makes the pattern play at twice the BPM.

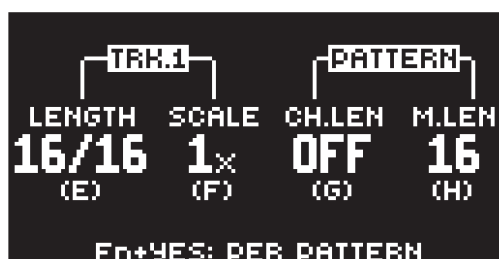
When you extend the length of a pattern, its trigs copies automatically over to the new steps. If a pattern consists of for example two pages and the pattern length is increased to four pages, the two additional pattern pages are then copies of the first two pattern pages.

Press the **[PAGE]** key to change the total length of the pattern quickly. Press the **[TRIG]** keys to change the number of steps of the pattern quickly.

A 2X scale setting is useful for increasing the base resolution of the step sequencer to 32nd notes. A 3/4X setting is useful when Digitakt is playing alongside other instruments set to the same BPM, and you want Digitakt to play triplets.

10.9.2 PER TRACK MODE

In this mode, you can assign individual length and scale to the tracks of the pattern. Press **[FUNC] + [YES]** to switch between the two scale modes. In PER TRACK mode, two columns exist, TRACK and PATTERN.



The TRACK column sets the step length and scale of the track. The settings only affects the active track. Press the **[TRK]** keys to select the track whose scale settings you wish to edit.

The PATTERN column sets the master change length and the master length of the pattern.

LENGTH controls the step length of the track. The leftmost number displays the number of steps of the track. The total length, displayed by the second number, determines the maximum number of steps available for the track. If you use 17 steps or more in a track, the **[PAGE]** key is (while in GRID RECORDING mode) used to toggle between the different pattern pages.

SCALE controls the speed of track playback in multiples of the current tempo. It offers seven possible settings, 1/8X, 1/4X, 1/2X, 3/4X, 1X, 3/2X and 2X. A setting of 1/8X plays back the track at one-eighth of the set tempo. 3/4X plays the track back at three-quarters of the tempo; 3/2X plays back the track twice as fast as the 3/4X setting. 2X makes the track play at twice the BPM.

CH.LEN (Change Length) controls for how long the active pattern plays before a cued or chained pattern begins to play. This setting is important when, for example, you set **M.LEN** to INF. If you do not make any **CH.LEN** setting, the pattern plays infinitely, and the next pattern is thus not cued. By default a cued pattern change happens at the end of the pattern (**CH.LEN** set to OFF).

M.LEN (Master Length) controls the number of steps the pattern plays before all tracks restart. An INF setting makes the tracks of the pattern loop infinitely, without ever being restarted. Note that this setting also affects for how long the active pattern plays before a chained pattern starts playing. The **CH.LEN** parameter overrides this if its parameter value is less than the **M.LEN** value.



In the **SCALE** menu, you can press **[FUNC] + [UP]/[DOWN]** to set the **TRACK LENGTH** in increments from 2/16 to 64/64.

10.10 SEQUENCER FEATURES

10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS

Parameter locks makes it possible to set every trig to have its own unique parameter values. The note trigs of an audio track can, for example, have different pitch, amp or filter settings. It is possible to parameter lock the parameters found on the **PARAMETER** pages, and you can apply parameter locks to all types of tracks. For a complete overview of all parameters on the **PARAMETER** pages, please see “11. AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 40, and “12. MIDI TRACK PARAMETERS” on page 48.

Adding parameter locks in GRID RECORDING mode.

1. Press **[RECORD]** to enter GRID RECORDING mode.
2. Press **[TRIG]** to add a Note trig or **[FUNC] + [TRIG]** key to add a Lock trig and to where you want to perform a parameter lock.
3. Press and hold the **[TRIG]** key of a previously placed trig (note trig or a lock trig).
4. Turn the **DATA ENTRY** knobs that control the parameter you want to lock, and set it to the desired value. The graphics become inverted for the locked parameter, and the locked parameter value is displayed. The **[TRIG]** key of the locked trig blinks red (for note trigs) or yellow (for lock trigs) to indicate the trig now contains a parameter lock.

Remove a single parameter lock by holding **[TRIG]** + pressing the **DATA ENTRY** knob of the locked parameter. You can erase all parameter locks from a trig if you remove the note trig and then enter it again.

Adding parameter locks in LIVE RECORDING mode.

1. Press and hold **[RECORD]**, then press **[PLAY]** to enter LIVE RECORDING mode.
2. Turn a **DATA ENTRY** knob, or play the **[TRIG]** keys in CHROMATIC mode, to add parameter locks to the active track. Note trigs are placed, and parameter locked accordingly, and it also places lock trigs that contains the parameter locks on the sequencer steps that do not already have any trigs.

Press **[NO]** + one (or several) of the **[TRIG]** keys to erase a sequence of recorded trigs on a specific track (or on several tracks) in time with the sequencer, i.e. all steps reached on the pattern playing will be erased until the keys are released.

You can also remove specific parameter locks on a track in real time. In LIVE RECORDING mode, press and hold **[NO]** and then press and hold the **DATA ENTRY** knob corresponding to the parameter that you want to remove.

Adding parameter locks in STEP RECORDING mode.

1. Press and hold **[RECORD]**, then press **[STOP]** to enter STEP RECORDING mode.
2. Press and hold a **[TRIG]** key, and then turn the **DATA ENTRY** knobs that control the parameter you want to lock, and set it to the desired value. The graphics become inverted for the locked parameter, and the locked parameter value is displayed. The **[TRIG]** key of a locked trig blinks red (for note trigs) or yellow (for lock trigs) to indicate that the trig contains a parameter lock.



Up to 72 different parameters can be locked in a pattern. A parameter counts as one (1) locked parameter no matter how many trigs that lock it. If for example the cutoff parameter of the filter is locked on every sequencer step, there are still 71 other parameters that can be locked.

10.10.2 SOUND LOCKS

You can change a tracks Sound to another Sound from the Sound pool on any individual sequencer step. These Sound locks are an immensely useful feature for adding variations to a track. Press and hold a note trig and turn the **LEVEL/DATA** knob to open the Sound pool list. Use the **LEVEL/DATA** knob to scroll through the list. Select the Sound you want to assign to the note trig and then release the **[TRIG]** key. The **[TRIG]** key starts to flash to indicate that it contains a Sound lock. Press and hold the **[TRIG]** key of the note trig to show the assigned Sound. For more information, please see “9.1.1 ADDING SOUNDS TO THE SOUND POOL” on page 23.

10.10.3 TRIG CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONAL LOCKS

Trig conditions are a set of conditional rules that you can apply to any trig, using specific parameter locks called conditional locks. Each rule is a logical condition that determines whether a trig set on a track in the sequencer is triggered or not. If the condition is true, then the trig becomes active and affect the track. If the condition is false, the trig is ignored.

ADDING A CONDITIONAL LOCK

1. In GRID RECORDING or STEP RECORDING mode, place a note trig or lock trig on the sequencer step to where you want to apply a conditional lock.
2. Press and hold the trig to access the **COND** (Trig Condition) parameter on the TRIG PARAMETERS page. It temporarily replaces the **PROB** parameter. For more information, please see “11.2 TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE” on page 40.
3. Turn **DATA ENTRY** knob **D** to select one of the following trig conditions:

FILL is true (activates the trig) when FILL mode is active.

FILL is true when FILL is false. A trig with this trig condition is active when you are not in FILL mode.

PRE is true if the most recently evaluated trig condition on the same track was true. (**PRE** and **PRE** conditions are ignored and not evaluated.)

PRE is true when **PRE** is false. A trig with this trig condition is active if the most recently evaluated trig condition on the same track was not true. (**PRE** and **PRE** conditions are ignored and not evaluated.)

Example 1: Trig 1, 50% = **True** > Trig 2, **PRE** = **False** > Trig 3, **PRE** = **False** > Trig 4, **PRE** = **True**

Example 2: Trig 1, 50% = **False** > Trig 2, **PRE** = **True** > Trig 3, **PRE** = **True** > Trig 4, **PRE** = **False**

NEI is true if the most recently evaluated trig condition on the neighbor track was true. (**PRE** and **PRE** conditions on the neighbor track are ignored and not evaluated.) The neighbor track is the track before the active track. For example, track 3 is the neighbor track of track 4. **NEI** and **NEI** conditional trigs on track 4 evaluate the conditional trigs placed on track 3. The **NEI** condition is false if no conditional trigs exist on the neighbor track.

NEI is true when NEI is false. A trig with this trig condition is active if the most recently evaluated trig condition on the neighbor track was not true. (PRE and **PRE** conditions on the neighbor track are ignored and not evaluated.)

1ST is true the first time the pattern plays (when looped).

1ST is true when 1ST is false. A trig with this trig condition is always active apart from the first time the pattern plays (when looped).

X% is a probability condition. There is an x% chance that the trig will be active.

A:B **A** sets how many times the pattern (or track, if the track length is shorter than the pattern length) plays before the trig condition is true. **B** sets how many times the pattern (or track, if the track length is shorter than the pattern length) plays before the count is reset and starts over again. This cycle then repeats until you stop the sequencer.

For example:

With the setting 1:2, the trig condition is true the first time the pattern plays and then the third, the fifth, and so on.

With the setting 2:2, the trig condition is true the second time the pattern plays and then the fourth, the sixth, and so on.

With the setting 2:4, the trig condition is true the second time the pattern plays and then the sixth, the tenth, and so on.

With the setting 4:7 the trig condition is true the fourth time the pattern plays and then the eleventh, the eighteenth, and so on.



- The sequencer needs to be in FILL mode to activate the conditional lock called FILL. For more information, please see “10.10.4 FILL MODE” on page 37.
- Conditional parameter locks are a great way to add variety to a pattern. To set up a grid of mutually exclusive or conclusive note trigs across any of the audio tracks, and adding some probability locks in there as well (perhaps, in turn, also sporting an array of logically conditioned trigs), is a neat way to make the most minimal of compositions come alive with randomness.
- Note that random or arbitrary variety, while fun and interesting, is not the only way of using conditional trigs. They may also be used, for example, to have two different melodic or percussive sequences on the same track, one of which is activated only when FILL mode is active.

10.10.4 FILL MODE

FILL mode can be used to create a temporary variation, such as a drum fill, in your pattern.

Press **[YES]** + **[PAGE]** to activate FILL mode for one pattern cycle. It will become active when the pattern loops, and remain active until it loops again. You can also activate FILL mode at any time, and for any duration, by pressing and holding the **[PAGE]** key when the pattern is playing (GRID RECORDING mode cannot be active). The FILL mode is active for as long as the key is held.

Press and hold **[PAGE]** + **[YES]**, and then release **[PAGE]** before you release **[YES]** to latch FILL mode. Press **[PAGE]** again to unlatch FILL mode.

10.10.5 SWING

Adjust the swing setting of the pattern, to employ a propulsive, rhythmic groove. Press **[TEMPO]** to access this menu.



Turn **DATA ENTRY** knob **E** to set the SWING ratio to 51-80%. The default setting is equal spacing, 50%.

10.10.6 COPY, PASTE AND CLEAR OPERATIONS

Patterns, tracks, track pages, and trigs can be copied, pasted and cleared.

The active pattern can be copied to another location in the same bank or in another bank. To perform a pattern copy operation, GRID RECORDING mode must be deactivated. Copy the pattern by pressing

[FUNC] + [RECORD]. Select another pattern, and then press [FUNC] + [STOP] to paste the copied pattern to this location. Press [FUNC] + [PLAY] to clear all the trigs in the current pattern.

Individual sequencer tracks can be copied, pasted and cleared in the same way as patterns. To do so, GRID RECORDING mode must be active.

A single track page may also be copied, pasted and cleared. It is similar to copying/pasting/clearing a track, but will only affect the active track page. Select the track page of choice by pressing the [PAGE] key. Copy by pressing [PAGE] + [RECORD]. Select a new track page and press [PAGE] + [STOP] to paste. Press [PAGE] + [PLAY] to clear the active track page.

Trigs, complete with all parameter lock settings, can be copied, pasted and cleared as well. GRID RECORDING mode needs to be active to access this functionality. Press and hold a trig and press [RECORD] to perform the copy operation. Paste by holding another [TRIG] key and pressing [STOP]. It is also possible to copy more than one trig. Press and hold the trigs you wish to copy, and then press [RECORD]. Press and hold the [TRIG] key to where you want to paste, and then press [STOP] to paste the copied sequence of trigs. When pasting, the copied trigs are placed in the same relation to each other as they had when they were copied. The destination trig acts as the starting point for the sequence of copied trigs. Clear trig locks by holding one or more trigs and press [PLAY].

You can undo any copy, paste, and clear operation by repeating the key presses.



- It is possible to copy, clear and paste one or several patterns without leaving the active pattern. To copy, press and hold [PTN] + [TRIG] key to select the pattern you wish to copy. Then press [RECORD]. Let go of the [TRIG] key and then press and hold the [TRIG] key(s) to where you want to paste the pattern. Finally, press and hold [STOP] until the count down finishes to paste the pattern(s). To clear, press and hold [PTN] + [TRIG] key(s) to select the pattern(s) you wish to clear. Then press and hold [PLAY] to clear the pattern(s).

10.10.7 TEMPORARY SAVE AND RELOAD PATTERN COMMANDS

Patterns can instantly be saved to a temporary memory space and then reloaded again from this space.

- To perform a temporary save of the active pattern, press [FUNC] + [YES]. This is useful in order to create a restore point when you are live tweaking, but without permanently save your changes.
- To perform a temporary reload of the active pattern, press [FUNC] + [NO]. It will reload the pattern from when you last used the temporary save command. If you have not done any temporary save, then the pattern will reload from the permanently saved state.



The TEMPORARY SAVE PATTERN and TEMPORARY RELOAD PATTERN commands are great when improvising live. Any changes made to the active pattern, like adding bass line notes or using CONTROL ALL, can immediately be undone. And at the same time, the saves and reloads will not affect the pattern in a permanent way.



The TEMPORARY SAVE PATTERN command will not save the pattern permanently and any changes will be lost if you load another project. If you wish to save your changes permanently, you should use SAVE TO PROJ in the PATTERN MENU. For more information, please see “10.5 PATTERN MENU” on page 32.

10.11 CHAINS

Chains are sequences that consist of more than one pattern. You can use chains to preselect and automate in what order you want your patterns to play.



You can create one chain and it can contain any pattern in bank A–H. The chain can consist of up to 64 patterns.

1. Press [BANK] + [TRIG 9–16] key to select bank.

2. Press and hold **[PTN]** and then press a **[TRIG 1–16]** key to select the first pattern in the chain.
3. Release the **[PTN]** key and then press **[TRIG 1–16]** keys in the same order as you want the chained patterns to play. Keep a previous **[TRIG]** key pressed while you press the next one, the one after that and so on. You can press the same **[TRIG]** key again if you wish to add the pattern multiple times in a row. If you want to add a pattern from another bank, press **[BANK] + [TRIG 9–16]** to select bank, and then press **[TRIG 1–16]** to select pattern.
4. Press **[PLAY]** to start the sequencer and play the chain. The chain will be looped once the final pattern of the chain has played.



Please note that the chain will be lost when you create a new chain or when you select a new bank/pattern. Chains cannot be saved and will be lost when you switch the Digitakt off.



- Chains can be created while the sequencer is running.
- You can also use MIDI program change messages from an external device to change patterns on the Digitakt. For more information, please see “15.3.1 SYNC” on page 64.

11. AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS

Here follows a description of all of the parameters that are available on the audio tracks **PARAMETER** pages. The parameters on the **TRIG** page are not saved together with the Sound, but are instead saved with the pattern. The audio track parameters may be locked to other settings on any step of the pattern by first pressing and holding a **[TRIG]** key, then changing the parameters' settings with the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. For more information, please see "10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS" on page 35.

11.1 EDITING THE AUDIO TRACK PARAMETERS

There are five **PARAMETER** pages for the audio tracks. Press the **[PARAMETER]** keys to access the audio tracks **PARAMETER** pages. The **SRC** parameter group has two pages. To access page one, press the **[SRC]** key once. To access page two, press the **[SRC]** key twice. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A-H** to change the parameters. Press and hold a **[PARAMETER]** key to see the values for all parameters on that page.



- You can always reload a Sound from its last saved state. Press **[TRK] + [TRIG1-8] + [NO]** to reload the Sound.
- You can also randomize the parameter settings on a specific **PARAMETER** page on an audio track. Press **[PARAMETER]** key + **[YES]** to randomize all parameters on that page. Every time you press this key combination, the parameters randomize in a new way.
- Press **[PARAMETER]** key + **[NO]** to reset the **PARAMETER** page to its last saved state.

11.2 TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE

Set the actions for when a note is triggered. Change settings using the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. These general settings affect note trigs placed in the sequencer.

Press **[TRIG PARAMETERS]** to access this parameter page.



11.2.1 NOTE

Trig Note sets the pitch of the note when triggered. When in **LIVE RECORDING** mode and playing in **CHROMATIC** mode, the pitch of the **[TRIG]** keys played will override this setting. (-48→+24)

11.2.2 VEL

Trig Velocity sets the velocity of the sequencer's note trigs. (0-127)

11.2.3 LEN

Trig Length sets the length of the note trig. In **LIVE RECORDING** mode, the duration of pressing the **[TRIG]** keys overrides this general setting. (0-127, INF)

11.2.4 PROB

Trig Probability sets the probability that the trigs on the track plays or not. The probability outcome is re-evaluated every time a trig is set to play. The default setting is 100%, meaning that all the trigs on the track plays every time. (0%-100%)

This parameter changes temporarily to display and control **COND** (Trig Condition) when you add a conditional lock. **COND** sets the Trig Condition with which a set of conditional rules can be applied to any trig, using a parameter lock. For more information, please see "10.10.3 TRIG CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONAL LOCKS" on page 36.



If you have placed a conditional lock on a trig in the sequencer, the trig condition overrides the Trig Probability setting. For example, if you set **PROB** to 70% and a **FILL** trig condition on a trig, that trig will only (and always) play when the Digitakt is in **FILL** mode. For more information, please see "10.10.3 TRIG CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONAL LOCKS" on page 36.

11.2.5 FLT.T

Filter Trig controls if the filter envelope will be triggered or not. (ON, OFF)

11.2.6 LFO.T

LFO Trig controls if the LFO will be triggered or not. (ON, OFF)

11.3 SRC PAGE 1

The parameters on the SOURCE page control the playback of the user samples. Within each pattern, the samples may be dynamically allocated, modulated and customized. There are 127 sample slots available for every project.

Press [SRC] to access this parameter page and to toggle between SRC PAGE 1 and SRC PAGE 2.

**11.3.1 TUNE**

Tune sets the pitch of the sample. The knob works in a bipolar fashion, and a value of 0 leaves the pitch unchanged. Press and hold [FUNC], and then turn the *DATA ENTRY* knob to snap parameter values to full octaves. Press and turn the *DATA ENTRY* knob to snap parameter values to semitones (-60.00–+24.00)

11.3.2 PLAY

Play Mode sets the play mode of the sample. It controls how the sample will be played back when it is triggered.

The different modes are:

- **REVERSE** The sample will be played back in reverse once every time it is triggered.
- **REVERSE LOOP** The sample will loop continuously in reverse between Loop Position and Length. How long it will loop for is set with the LEN parameter on the TRIG page. This time is also constrained by the AMP page envelope parameters **HLD** and **DEC**.
- **FORWARD LOOP** The sample starts at the **STRT** position and will loop continuously between Loop Position and Length. How long it will loop for is set with the LEN parameter on the TRIG page. This time is also constrained by the AMP page envelope parameters **HLD** and **DEC**.
- **FORWARD** The sample will be played back once every time it is triggered.

11.3.3 BR

Bit Reduction. Increasing the value of this parameter decreases the resolution of the sample, making it more lo-fi. (0–127)

11.3.4 SAMP

Sample Select. Here you can browse the list of the up to 127 samples that are loaded to the project, and assign them to the audio tracks. Turn the knob clockwise to scroll down the list, counter-clockwise to scroll up. The first position, OFF, plays no sample. Press [FUNC] + [SRC] to quickly access this parameter. You must load a sample from the +Drive to the project before you can assign it to a track. For more information, please see “14.4 ASSIGNING A SAMPLE TO A TRACK FROM THE +DRIVE” on page 58. You can apply parameter locks to the SAMP parameter and change the sample on any step of the sequencer, so called Sample locks. For more information, please see “10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS” on page 35. (OFF, 1–127).

11.3.5 STRT

Start sets the start position for playback of the sample. (0.00–120.00)

11.3.6 LEN

Length sets the length of the playback of the sample. Start + Length effectively define the end point of the portion of the sample that is played. (0.00–120.00)

11.3.7 LOOP

Loop Pos sets the position in the sample to where playback will return to after reaching the Length Position (defined by **STRT** + **LEN**) of the sample if **PLAY MODE** is set to FORWARD LOOP or REVERSE LOOP. The sample is then looped between the end of **LEN** and **LOOP**. (0.00–120.00)

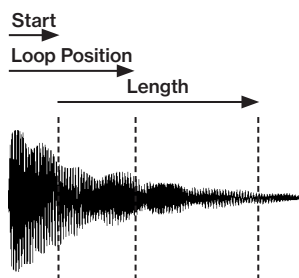
11.3.8 LEV

Sample Level sets the level of the sample. (0.00–127.00)

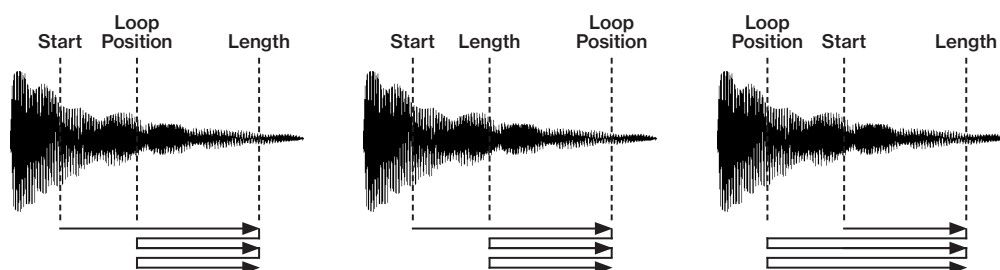


If you press and hold [SRC], you can see the name of the currently loaded sample.

The **STA**, **LEN**, and **LOP** parameters.

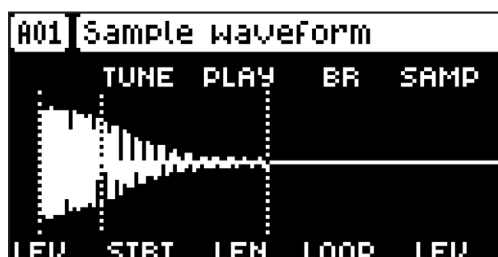


FORWARD LOOP play mode.

**11.4 SRC PAGE 2**

Same parameters as on SRC page 1 but with a graphical representation of the parameters and a view of the sample waveform.

Press [SRC] to access this parameter page and to toggle between SRC PAGE 1 and SRC PAGE 2.

**11.5 FLTR PAGE 1**

On FILTER page 1, you will find all parameters that control the multimode filter and its associated envelope.

Press [FLTR] to access this parameter page.



11.5.1 ATK

Attack Time sets the length of the attack phase of the filter envelope. (0–127)

11.5.2 DEC

Decay Time sets the length of the decay phase of the filter envelope. (0–127)

11.5.3 SUS

Sustain Level sets the sustain level of the filter envelope. (0–127)

11.5.4 REL

Release Time sets the length of the release phase of the filter envelope. (0–126, INF)

11.5.5 FREQ

Frequency sets the cutoff frequency of the multimode filter and the center frequency of the EQ. (0.00–127.00)

11.5.6 RESO/GAIN

Resonance sets the resonance behavior of the filter. Resonance introduces a peak in the spectrum at the cutoff frequency. (0.00–127.00) Gain sets the amount of boost/cut around the center frequency of the EQ. (-64.00–63.00)

11.5.7 TYPE

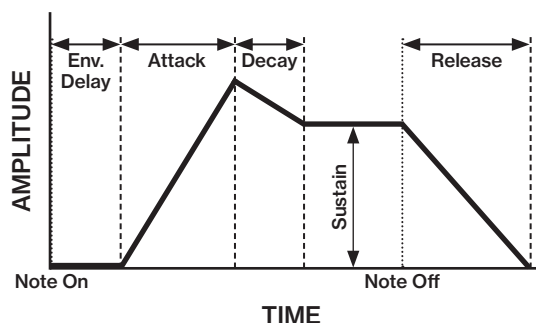
Filter/EQ Type selects the type of filter and EQ. (OFF, 2-pole Lowpass, 2-pole Highpass, EQ 1–5)



- The parametric EQ is used to boost desired frequencies or to remove unwanted frequencies of the sound.
- The five different settings of the EQ lets you select the bandwidth of the frequency range that the EQ affects. This value is often referred to as Q. The higher the Q value, the narrower the bandwidth. A broad bandwidth boosts or cuts a larger band of frequencies than a narrow.

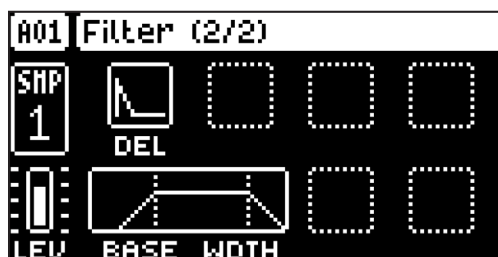
11.5.8 ENV

Env. Depth sets the amount of cutoff frequency modulation from the filter envelope. The knob is bipolar, both negative and positive modulation depths are available. Range (-64.00–63.00)



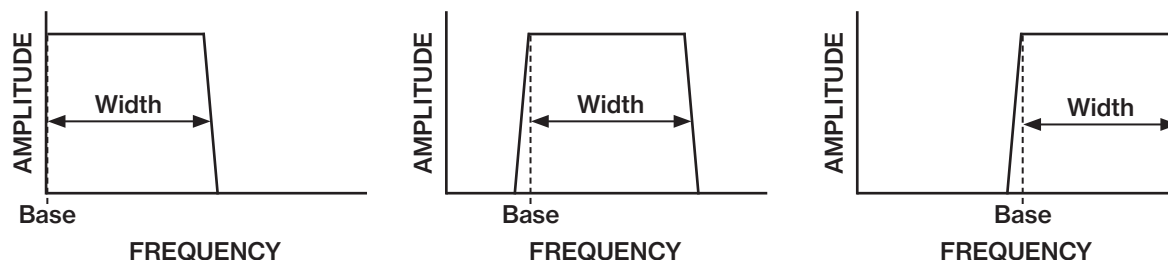
11.6 FLTR PAGE 2

On FILTER page 2, you will find the parameters that control the base-width filter and the envelope delay parameter. Press [FLTR] twice to access this parameter page.



The base-width filter is basically a Highpass filter and a Lowpass filter connected in series. The filters **BASE** and **WIDTH** parameters define the base-width filters frequency range.

Examples of how the **BASE** and **WIDTH** parameters affect the filter frequency range:



- With **BASE** set to 0, the filter functions as a low pass filter with **WIDTH** adjusting the frequency range.
- With **WIDTH** set to 127, the filter functions as a high pass filter with **BASE** adjusting the frequency range.
- With **BASE** set to 0 and **WIDTH** set to 127 the filter does not affect the sound.

11.6.1 DEL

Envelope delay sets the time before the attack phase of the filter envelope starts. This parameter is part of the filter envelope that controls the multimode filter. You can also press and hold **[FUNC]** and then turn **DATA ENTRY** knob A to quickly access this parameter from FILTER PAGE 1.

11.6.2 BASE

Sets the base frequency of the filter. (0-127)

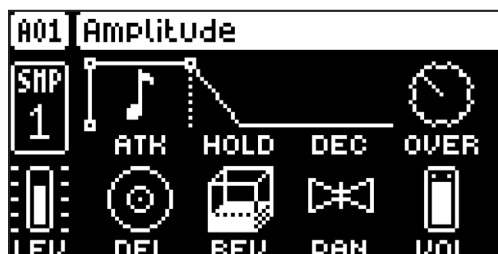
11.6.3 WIDTH

Sets the frequency width above the base frequency. (0-127)

11.7 AMP PAGE

The AMP page controls parameters for the amplitude envelope, overdrive, effects sends, panning and volume.

Press **[AMP]** to access this parameter page.



11.7.1 ATK

Attack Time sets the length of the attack phase of the amp envelope. (0-127)

11.7.2 HOLD

Hold Time sets the length of the hold phase of the amp envelope. Fixed Hold time values (0-126) specify the length of the hold phase, and the envelope ignores Note Off events such as Trig Length (See "10.6

TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE” on page 33), releasing a **[TRIG]** key or a key on an external controller. Setting **HOLD** to **NOTE** means the hold phase will be determined by Note On and Note Off events. (0–126, NOTE)



If you set **HOLD** to **NOTE** and use an external keyboard to trigger the envelope, then the sound will be sustained for as long as you press a key on the keyboard (or until the sample ends).

11.7.3 DEC

Decay Time sets the length of the decay phase of the amp envelope. (0–126, INF)

11.7.4 OVER

Overdrive sets the amount of overdrive and clipping distortion of the signal entering the filter. (0.00–127.00)

11.7.5 DEL

Delay Send sets the amount of the sound that is sent through to the Delay effect. For more information, please see “13. FX AND MIXER PARAMETERS” on page 52. (OFF, 0.01–127.00)

11.7.6 REV

Reverb Send sets the amount of the sound that is sent through to the Reverb effect. For more information, please see “13. FX AND MIXER PARAMETERS” on page 52. (OFF, 0.01–127.00)

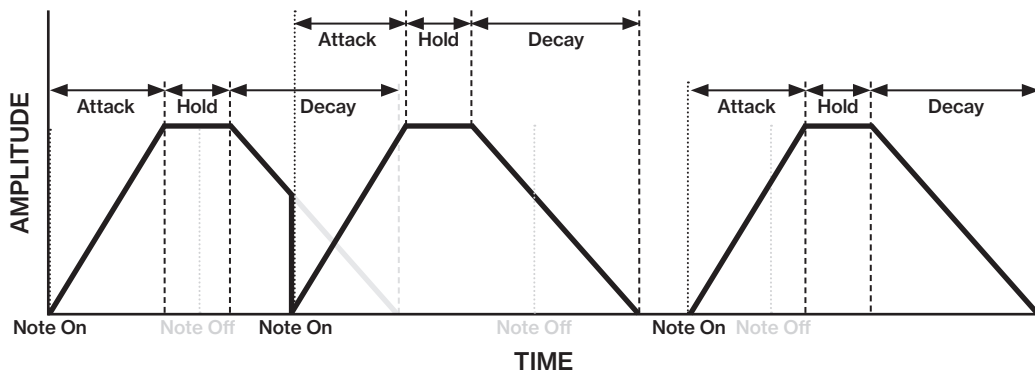
11.7.7 PAN

Pan positions the sound in the stereo field. The knob function is bipolar with 0 being the balanced mid-point, L64 sends all sound to the left channel and R63 sends all sound to the right. (L64–R63)

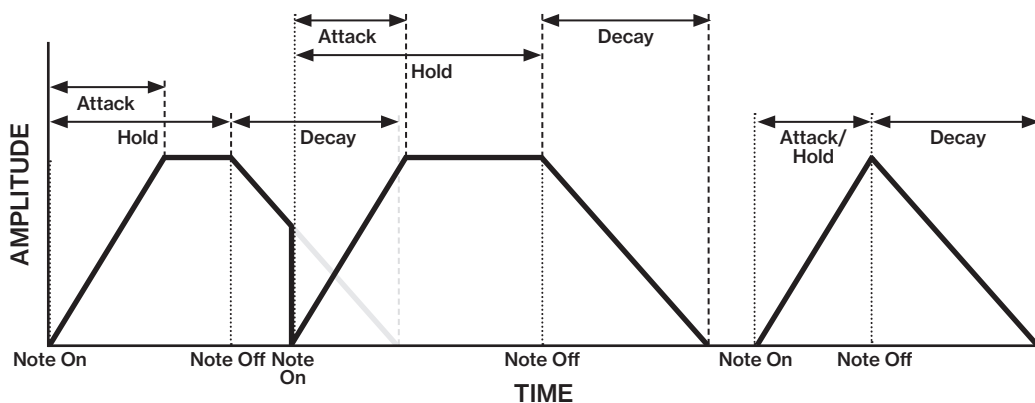
11.7.8 VOL

Volume sets the amount volume of the sound. This parameter is independent of the overall track level. (0.00–127.00)

Amplitude envelope with a fixed **HOLD** time.



Amplitude envelope with **HOLD** set to **NOTE**.



11.8 LFO PAGE 1

The Low-Frequency Oscillator can be used to modulate the parameters found on the audio tracks SRC, FILTER and AMP pages. Customize the low-frequency oscillator behavior, orientation, and depth on this page. This page controls the behavior of LFO 1

Press [LFO] to access this parameter page.



11.8.1 SPD

Speed sets the speed of the LFO. Try settings of 8, 16 or 32 to sync the LFO to straight beats. The knob is bipolar. The LFO cycle can be played backward by using negative values. (-64.00–63.00)

11.8.2 MULT

Multiplier multiplies the SPD parameter by the set factor either by multiplying the current tempo (BPM settings), or by multiplying a fixed tempo of 120 BPM.

11.8.3 FADE

Fade In/Out makes it possible to fade in/fade out the LFO modulation. The knob is bipolar. Positive values give a fade-out, negative values give a fade in. 0 gives no fade in/fade out. (-64–63)

11.8.4 DEST

Destination selects the modulation destination for the LFO. Preview how the LFO modulation will affect the sound by highlighting a destination. Press [YES] to confirm the selection. For more information, please see “APPENDIX B: LFO MODULATION DESTINATIONS” on page 81

11.8.5 WAVE

Waveform sets the LFO waveform. The Triangle, Sine, Square, Sawtooth, and Random waveforms are bipolar. The Exponential and Ramp are unipolar.

11.8.6 PHAS

Start Phase sets the point within the wave cycle where the LFO will start when it is triggered. 0 makes the LFO start at the beginning of a complete wave cycle, 64 makes it start at the center. A small square at the start of the waveform shows that the wave cycle starts at a zero-crossing. (0–127)

11.8.7 MODE

Trig Mode sets how the LFO will act when a note is triggered.

- **FRE** is the default free-running mode. It makes the LFO run continuously, never restarting or stopping even if notes are triggered.
- **TRG** makes the LFO restart when a note is triggered.
- **HLD** makes the LFO run free in the background, but when a note is triggered the LFO output level is latched and held still until the next note is triggered.
- **ONE** The LFO starts when a note is triggered, then runs to the end of the waveform and then stops. This makes the LFO function similar to an envelope.
- **HLF** The LFO starts when a note is triggered, then runs to the middle of the waveform and then stops.

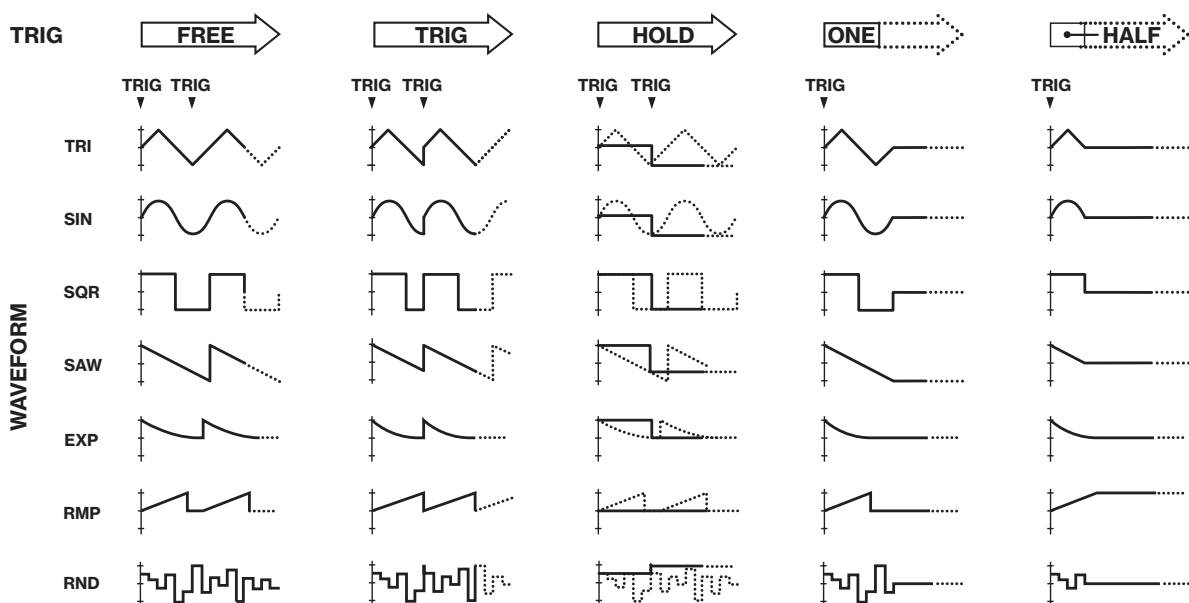
11.8.8 DEP

Depth sets the depth and polarity of the LFO modulation. Both negative (inverted) and positive modulation depth is possible. A center setting, 0.00, equals no modulation depth. (-64.00–63.00)

11.9 LFO PAGE 2

LFO page 2 page contains the same parameters as LFO page 1, but controls the behavior of LFO 2. Press [LFO] twice to access this parameter page.

LFO waveforms and trig modes.



The table below shows the LFO speed measured in whole note values. One whole note equals 16 sequencer steps in 4/4 with SCALE set to 1x. I.e., a combination of SPD and MULT (set to a BPM value) settings that generate a value of 1 in the table gives that the LFO will do one full cycle in the time it takes the sequencer to advance 16 steps.

		MULT											
		1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1K	2K
SPD	1	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16
	2	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
	4	32	16	8	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64
	8	16	8	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128
	16	8	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128	1/256
	32	4	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128	1/256	1/512
	64	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128	1/256	1/512	1/1024

12. MIDI TRACK PARAMETERS

Here follows a description of the parameters that are on the MIDI tracks **PARAMETER** pages. The MIDI tracks parameters are saved together with the pattern. The parameters may be locked to other settings on any step of the pattern by first pressing and holding a **[TRIG]** key, then changing the parameters settings with the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. For more information, please see “10.10.1 PARAMETER LOCKS” on page 35.

12.1 EDITING THE MIDI TRACK PARAMETERS

There are five **PARAMETER** pages for the MIDI tracks. Press the **[PARAMETER]** keys to access the MIDI tracks **PARAMETER** pages. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A-H** to change the parameters. Press and hold a **[PARAMETER]** key to see the values for all parameters on that page.

12.2 TRIG PARAMETERS PAGE

Set the actions for when a note is triggered. Change settings using the **DATA ENTRY** knobs. These general settings affect note trigs placed in the sequencer.

Press **[TRIG PARAMETERS]** to access this parameter page.



12.2.1 NOT1

Note 1 sets the root note that should be sent by the MIDI track. (C0–G10)

12.2.2 NOT2–NOT4

Note 2–4 will add more notes, offset from the root note by the selected values, to a note trig. This makes it possible for a MIDI track to send out chords that consists of up to 4 notes. If the root note is changed the offset notes will transpose accordingly. A value of 0 will remove the offset note. (-64–+63)

12.2.3 VEL

Trig Velocity controls the velocity of the notes the MIDI track sends out. A setting of 0 equals a NOTE OFF command. (1–127)

12.2.4 LEN

Trig Length sets the duration of the notes. When a note has finished playing a NOTE OFF command will be sent. The INF setting equals infinite note length. (0.125–128, INF)

12.2.5 PROB

Trig Probability sets the probability that the trigs on the track plays or not. The probability outcome is re-evaluated every time a trig is set to play. The default setting is 100%, meaning that all the trigs on the track plays every time. (0%–100%)

This parameter changes temporarily to display and control **COND** (Trig Condition) when you add a conditional lock. For more information, please see “10.10.3 TRIG CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONAL LOCKS” on page 36.



If you have placed a conditional lock on a trig in the sequencer, the trig condition overrides the Trig Probability setting. For example, if you set PROB to 70% and a FILL trig condition on a trig, that trig will only (and always) play when the Digitakt is in FILL mode. For more information, please see “10.10.3 TRIG CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONAL LOCKS” on page 36.

12.2.6 LFO.T

LFO Trig controls if the LFO will be triggered or not. (ON, OFF)

12.3 SRC PAGE

Here you can set the MIDI channel that the MIDI track should use to send data. Bank and program change values are also set here, together with a few standard CC parameters. The default value of the parameters on this page is OFF, meaning they are disabled and will not send out any data. Press and hold [FUNC] and then press the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to enable them. You can then use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to set the parameter values as usual. Disable the parameters again by repeating the activation procedure.

Press [SRC] once to access this parameter page.



12.3.1 CHAN

Channel sets the MIDI channel the track sends MIDI data to. If you set this parameter to OFF, it turns the MIDI track off. Please note that this parameter cannot be parameter locked. (OFF, 1-16)

12.3.2 BANK

Bank sends a bank change message on CC 0 MSB. (OFF, 1-128)

12.3.3 SBNK

Sub Bank sends a bank change message on CC 32 LSB. (OFF, 1-128)

12.3.4 PROG

Program Change sends a Program Change message. (OFF, 1-128)

12.3.5 PB

Pitch Bend controls the pitch bend data sent on the MIDI track. (OFF, -128.00-128.00)

12.3.6 AT

Aftertouch controls the aftertouch data sent on the MIDI track. (OFF, 0-127)

12.3.7 MW

Mod Wheel controls the modulation wheel data sent on the MIDI track. (OFF, 0-127)

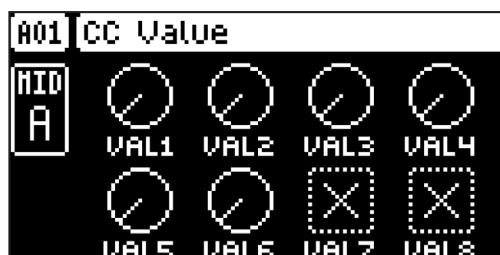
12.3.8 BC

Breath controller controls the breath control data sent on the MIDI track. (OFF, 0-127)

12.4 FLTR PAGE (CC VALUE)

Here you can set the values of up to eight assignable CC commands. The default value of the parameters on this page is OFF, meaning they are disabled and will not send out any data. Press and hold [FUNC] and then press the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to enable them. You can then use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to set the parameter values as usual. Disable the parameters again by repeating the enabling procedure.

Press [FLTR] to access this parameter page.



12.4.1 VAL1-VAL8

CC 1–8 Value controls the values that are sent for the CC commands, which are specified on the AMP (CC SELECT) page. These parameters default value is OFF. Press [TRIG] + **DATA ENTRY** knobs to activate the parameters and then set a value. (OFF, 0–127)

12.5 AMP PAGE (CC SELECT)

Here you select the eight CC commands whose values are controlled by the parameters on the FLTR PAGE (CC VALUE) page. Press the corresponding knob or [ENTER/YES] to activate the parameter change.

Press [AMP] to access this parameter page.



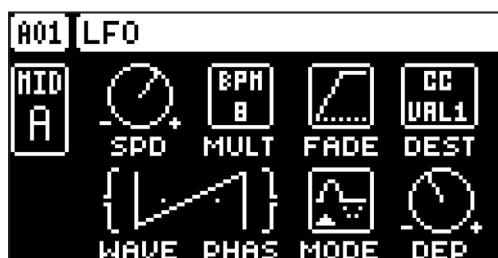
12.5.1 SEL1-SEL8

CC 1–8 Select specifies the CC commands that are controlled by the parameters on the AMP PAGE 1 (CC VALUE) page. The selectable values are the standard MIDI Control Change Messages. (1–119)

12.6 LFO PAGE

The Low-Frequency Oscillator can be used to interact with the parameters found on the MIDI tracks' SRC, and FLTR pages. Customize the low-frequency oscillator behavior, orientation, and depth on this page.

Press [LFO] to access this parameter page.



12.6.1 SPD

Speed sets the speed of the LFO. Try settings of 8, 16 or 32 to sync the LFO to straight beats. The knob is bipolar. The LFO cycle can be played backward by using negative values. (-64.00–63.00)

12.6.2 MULT

Multiplier multiplies the SPD parameter by the set factor either by multiplying the current tempo (BPM settings), or by multiplying a fixed tempo of 120 BPM.

12.6.3 FADE

Fade In/Out makes it possible to fade in/fade out the LFO modulation. The knob is bipolar. Positive values give a fade-out, negative values give a fade in. 0 gives no fade in/fade out. (-64–63)

12.6.4 DEST

Destination selects the modulation destination for the LFO. Preview how the LFO modulation will affect the sound by highlighting a destination. Press [YES] to confirm the selection. For more information, please see "APPENDIX B: LFO MODULATION DESTINATIONS" on page 81

12.6.5 WAVE

Waveform sets the LFO waveform. The Triangle, Sine, Square, Sawtooth, and Random waveforms are bipolar. The Exponential and Ramp are unipolar.

12.6.6 PHAS

Start Phase sets the point within the wave cycle where the LFO will start when it is triggered. 0 makes the LFO start at the beginning of a complete wave cycle, 64 makes it start at the center. A small square at the start of the waveform shows that the wave cycle starts at a zero-crossing. (0–127)

12.6.7 MODE

Trig Mode sets how the LFO will act when a note is triggered.

- **FRE** is the default free-running mode. It makes the LFO run continuously, never restarting or stopping even if notes are triggered..
- **TRG** makes the LFO restart when a note is triggered.
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12.6.8 DEP

Depth sets the depth and polarity of the LFO modulation. Both negative (inverted) and positive modulation depth is possible. A center setting, 0.00, equals no modulation depth. (-64.00–63.00)

13. FX AND MIXER PARAMETERS

The Digitakt effects and mixers parameters are explained in this chapter.



The parameters on the FX and mixer pages can be set to work on a global level making them affect all patterns in the project instead of just the currently selected pattern. This functionality is useful when you want to adjust the settings of multiple patterns and at the same time assure that these settings are the same for all the patterns in the project. For more information, please see “15.6 GLOBAL FX/MIX” on page 69.

13.1 EDITING THE FX PARAMETERS

The Digitakt's Delay and Reverb are send effects and are set on a pattern level. It means that all the Sounds in a pattern shares the same effect settings but have individual send levels to the effects. The Delay and Reverb parameters are set on their respective PARAMETER page, but their incoming signals are set by the DEL and REV send parameters on the AMP page of each audio track. Press [FUNC] + [FLTR] to edit the Delay. Press [FUNC] + [AMP] to edit the Reverb. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A-H** to change the parameters.

DELAY controls the character, reverb send and volume of the delay send effect.

REVERB controls the character and volume of the reverb send effect.



The FX parameter settings are stored as part of the pattern. Don't forget to save the pattern and give it a unique name once you have achieved the results you want.

13.2 DELAY

The Delay send effect takes the input signal, delays it in time and then rejoins it with the original signal.

Press [FUNC] + [FLTR] to access this parameter page.



13.2.1 TIME

Delay Time sets the delay time. It is relative to the current BPM and is measured in 128th notes. (1.00–128.00)

TIME setting	Divide ratio
1	1/128
2	1/64
2.67	1/48 (1/32T)
3	1/64.
4	1/32
5.33	1/24 (1/16T)
6	1/32.
8	1/16
10.67	1/12 (1/8T)
12	1/16.
16	1/8
21.33	1/6 (1/4T)
24	1/8.
32	1/4

TIME setting	Divide ratio
42.67	1/3 (1/2T)
48	1/4.
64	1/2
96	1/2.
128	1

13.2.2 X

Ping-pong sets the delay signal to alternate across the stereo field. There are two settings:

- **OFF** lets you manually set the position of the delay signal in the stereo field. Use the WID parameter to change the stereo field position.
- **ON** makes the delay signal alternate between left and right pan positions. The WID parameter controls the amount of panning.

13.2.3 WID

Stereo Width sets the delay signal pan width across the stereo field. The knob is bipolar. (-64.00–63.00)

13.2.4 FDBK

Feedback Gain sets the amount of delay output signal to feed back into the input of the delay. With higher parameter settings, infinite and/or swelling delays are possible. Please be aware that high feedback can lead to a very loud signal. (0–198)

13.2.5 HPF

Feedback HPF sets the cutoff frequency of the delay highpass filter. (0.00–127.00)

13.2.6 LPF

Feedback LPF sets the cutoff frequency of the delay lowpass filter. (0.00–127.00)

13.2.7 REV

Reverb Send sets the amount of Delay output signal to be sent to the Reverb. (0.00–127.00)

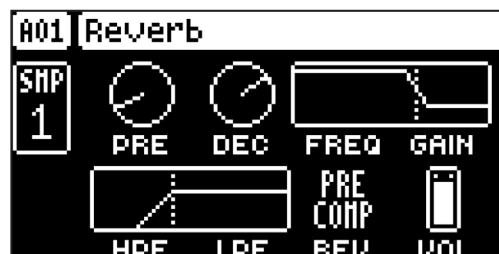
13.2.8 VOL

Mix Volume adjusts the volume of the Delay output signal. (0.00–127.00)

13.3 REVERB

The Reverb send effect controls the persistence, and ambient characteristics, of the sound reverberations. It can simulate many different sonic locations, from huge spaces to small rooms.

Press **[FUNC]** + **[AMP]** to access this parameter page.



13.3.1 PRE

Pre-delay sets the pre-delay time of the Reverb. (0.00–127.00)

13.3.2 DEC

Decay Time sets the length of the decay phase of the reverberated signal, essentially setting the size of the acoustic space. (1–127, INF)

13.3.3 FREQ

FB Shelving Freq sets the shelving filter frequency. Together with the GAIN parameter, it can be used to dampen the reverberated signal above a chosen frequency, making the reverberation sound more prominent or more muffled. (0.00–127.00)

13.3.4 GAIN

FB Shelving Gain affects the damping of the reverberated signal above the shelving frequency set by the FREQ parameter. At max value the treble is included in the reverberations; lowering the value gradually dampens it. (0.00–127.00)

13.3.5 HPF

HPF sets the cutoff frequency of the reverb high-pass filter that affects the audio going in to the reverb. (0.00–127.00)

13.3.6 LPF

LPF sets the cutoff frequency of the reverb low-pass filter that affects the audio going in to the reverb. (0.00–127.00)

13.3.6 REV

Rev Pre/Post Comp sets whether the signal from the reverb should enter the audio chain before or after the compressor. (PRE, POST) For more information, please see “4.2 EFFECTS” on page 13.

13.3.7 VOL

Mix Volume sets the volume of the Reverb output signal. (0.00–127.00)

13.4 COMPRESSOR (MASTER PAGE 1)

The Compressor master effect compresses the dynamic range of the signal by reducing the volume of loud sounds relative to the quiet sounds. There are eight parameters with which the compressor is customized on this page. There is a bar on the rightmost edge of the screen that visually represents the amount of compression.

Press [FUNC] + [LFO] once to access this parameter page.

**13.4.1 THR**

Threshold sets the threshold of the compressor. A lower threshold means a larger portion of the signal are subject to compression. (0–127)

13.4.2 ATK

Attack sets the time of the compressor attack phase, i.e. how quickly the compressor responds to loud peaks. (0–127)

13.4.3 REL

Release sets the time of the compressor release phase, i.e. how long it takes for the compression to recover in quieter moments. (0–127)

13.4.4 MUP

Makeup Gain sets the makeup gain of the compressor output, to compensate for the reduced signal levels caused by compression. The Makeup Gain parameter value is displayed in dB. (0.0–24.0)

13.4.5 VOL

Pattern volume sets the patterns overall audio level. This parameter basically has the same function as the **MASTER VOLUME** knob, but is saved together with the pattern. (0–127)

13.4.6 RAT

Compression Ratio. There are eight different compression ratios, 1.50, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 6.00, 8.00, 16.00 and 20.00. Higher ratios result in greater compression of the signal.

13.4.7 SCS

Sidechain Source decides what audio source the compressor analyzes when it performs sidechaining. Sidechaining is the process when the compressor uses the output of an audio source to control the overall action of the compressor. For example, if you set **SCS** to TRK1 where you have a kick drum, every time the kick drum plays, the compressor lowers the overall sound of the mix.

MAIN sets the sidechain source to be the sound sent to the Main (L/R) outputs.

TRK1–8 sets the sidechain source to be the sound sent from one of the separate audio tracks.

IN L sets the sidechain source to be the sound coming from INPUT L.

IN R sets the sidechain source to be the sound coming from INPUT R.

13.4.8 SCF

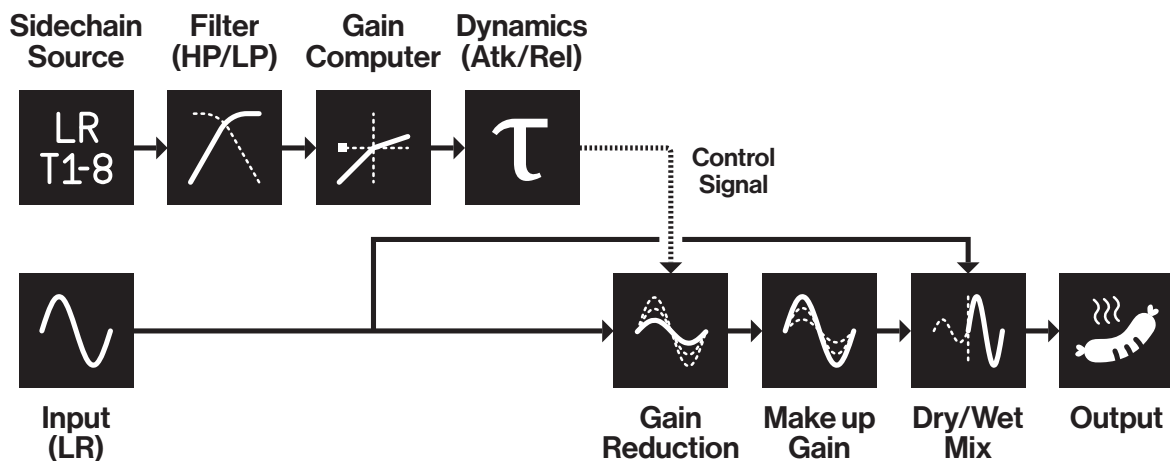
Sidechain Filter filters the signal from the sidechain source before the compressor analyzes it. The parameter ranges from a low-pass filter to a high-pass filter. Negative parameter values sets a low-pass filter. Positive parameter values sets a high-pass filter. (–64–63)

When set as a low-pass filter, the compressor reacts mostly to bass frequencies. Use this setting for a characteristic pumping compressor sound. When set as a high-pass filter, the compressor reacts less to bass frequencies. Use this setting to avoid pumping.

13.4.9 DRY/WET MIX

Dry/Wet Mix sets the mix of the uncompressed signal and the compressor output signal. A setting of 0 results in a completely uncompressed signal. A setting of 127 lets only the compressed signal pass through. All values in between mix the uncompressed signal with the compressed signal, which is known as parallel compression. (0–127)

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13.5 INTERNAL MIXER (MASTER PAGE 2)

The INTERNAL MIXER page is where you can conveniently access the **TRACK LEVEL** parameter of all the eight audio tracks. (0–127)

Press **[FUNC]** + **[LFO]** twice to access this parameter page.



13.6 EXTERNAL MIXER (MASTER PAGE 3)

The EXTERNAL MIXER page contains a number of parameters related to when you use the **INPUT L/R** inputs to process incoming audio.

Press **[FUNC] + [LFO]** three times to access this parameter page.



13.6.1 IN L

Volume input L sets the level of the audio from the **INPUT L** audio input.

13.6.2 IN R

Volume input R sets the level of the audio from the **INPUT R** audio input.

13.6.3 LPAN

Left pan sets the pan of the audio from the **INPUT L** audio input. (L64–R63)

13.6.4 RPAN

Right pan sets the pan of the audio from the **INPUT R** audio input. (L64–R63)

13.6.5 DUAL

Dual Mono sets if the inputs are processed as two separate mono inputs or as a single stereo input. Setting this parameter to OFF changes the rest of the parameters from being separate controls for the left and right channel to single controls for both audio channels. The **PAN** parameters changes to a **BAL** (Balance) parameter. Use **LEVEL/DATA** to adjust this parameter (OFF, ON)

13.6.6 LDEL

Input L Delay Send sets the amount of sound from the **INPUT L** audio input that is sent through to the delay effect. For more information, please see “13.3 DELAY” on page 59. (0.00–127.00)

13.6.7 RDEL

Input R Delay Send. Same as **LDEL** but instead affects the audio from the **INPUT R** audio input (0.00–127.00)

13.6.8 LREV

Input L Reverb send sets the amount of sound from the **INPUT L** audio input that is sent through to the reverb effect. For more information, please see “13.4 REVERB” on page 61. (0.00–127.00)

13.6.9 RREV

Input R Reverb Send. Same as **LREV** but instead affects the audio from the **INPUT R** audio input (0.00–127.00)



- Setting the **MON** parameter on the **SAMPLING** menu to **YES** disables the External in mixer functionality. For more information, please see “14.1 SAMPLING MENU” on page 57.
- After you load/reload a project, or after pressing **[STOP] + [STOP]**, you must trig or play an audio track to activate the effects for the External in mixer.

14. SAMPLING

Digitakt is a very competent and accessible sampler. It can sample audio from external sources via the external inputs, and it can also sample audio internally from the Digitakt itself. The maximum sampling time is 33 seconds and this is always available even if a project's 64 MB of RAM memory is all used up.

14.1 SAMPLING MENU

The SAMPLING menu offers settings that control the different aspects of sampling.

Press **[SAMPLING]** to access this menu. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs to change the parameters.



14.1.1 REC

Press **[FUNC]** + **[YES]** to start sampling. Press **[YES]** to stop sampling.

14.1.2 ARM

Press **[YES]** to arm the sampler. The sampler is now in arm mode and it will start sampling when the incoming audio exceeds the threshold level. See **THR** below. Press **[SAMPLING]** + **[NO]** to cancel.

14.1.3 THR

If you have selected to arm the sampler, the sampling begins when the incoming audio signal exceeds the threshold setting. Set the threshold high enough so that it is not triggered by background noise, but low enough that you capture all of the signal. (0-127)

14.1.4 SRC

Source selects between different incoming audio sources to sample from.

- **IN L** sets the input source to INPUT L.
- **IN R** sets the input source to INPUT R.
- **IN L+R** sets the input source to INPUT L+R. The audio is summed together to mono.
- **MAIN L** sets the input source to the Digitakt internal main audio left channel.
- **MAIN R** sets the input source to the Digitakt internal main audio right channel.
- **MAIN L+R** sets the input source to the Digitakt internal main audio L+R channels. The audio is summed together to mono.
- **USB L** sets the input source to USB (left channel) and lets you sample audio using Overbridge or from a connected class compliant audio host.
- **USB R** sets the input source to USB (right channel) and lets you sample audio using Overbridge or from a connected class compliant audio host.
- **USB L+R** sets the input source to USB (left+right channel) and lets you sample audio using Overbridge or from a connected class compliant audio host. The audio is summed together to mono.
- **TRK1-8** sets the input source to one of the Digitakt internal tracks 1-8.

14.1.5 MON

Selects the option to monitor the incoming audio through the Digitakt or not. The **MON** parameter is only available if **SRC** is set to one of the IN settings. (NO, YES)



- Setting the **MON** parameter to **YES** disables the External In mixer functionality. For more information, please see “13.6 EXTERNAL MIXER (MASTER PAGE 3)” on page 56.
- The incoming audio is summed together to mono and without effects when **MON** is set to **YES**.

14.2 SAMPLING AUDIO

1. If you use an external audio source, connect it to the Digitakt.
2. Press **[SAMPLING]** to access the SAMPLING menu and then use **DATA ENTRY** knob **G** to set **SOURCE** to your preferred audio input source.
3. Keep an eye on the audio input meter and play the audio source and make sure that the volume of the audio source is as strong as possible, but without clipping or distorting. Set **MON** to YES to monitor the incoming audio through the Digitakt.
4. Again, with an eye on the audio input meter, use **DATA ENTRY** knob **F** to set **THR** just above the indicated background noise of the audio source (when it is not playing).
5. Press **[YES]** to arm the sampler and then play the sound source. When the incoming audio signal exceeds the set threshold level, sampling will start.
6. Press **[YES]** when you want to stop sampling. The Digitakt then automatically normalizes the sample.
7. Use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **A** and **C** to set the parameters **TRIM START** and **TRIM END** to trim the sample to the desired length. You can use the **DATA ENTRY** knobs **B** and **D** to zoom in and out to make it easier to see where to trim the sample. Press **[FUNC] + [YES]** to preview the sample. (The preview is played back by the voice of the active track. Make sure to select an audio track as the active track) Press **[YES]** to trim the sample. After you have trimmed the sample, you can press **[NO]** to untrim the sample if you are not happy with the result.



8. Press **[YES]** to save the sample.
9. Name the sample and press **[YES]** again to confirm the save.
10. Press **[TRACK 1-8]** if you want to select a track to where you want to assign the sample. Press **[NO]** if you don't want to assign the sample to a track.

14.3 DIRECT SAMPLING

You can also perform sampling without using the SAMPLING menu. This is achieved by a set of key press combinations. The sampler will use the **SRC** and **THR** settings that were last used.

1. Press **[SAMPLING] + [YES]** to arm the sampler. The **[SAMPLING]** key turns yellow. You can also start direct sampling without arming the sampler first. Press **[FUNC] + [SAMPLING]** to manually start sampling.
2. When the incoming audio signal exceeds the set threshold level (or you manually start direct sampling), the sampling starts, and the **[SAMPLING]** key turns red.
3. Press **[FUNC] + [SAMPLING]** again to stop sampling. The **[SAMPLING]** key first turns dark red while normalizing the sample, then green when it is done.

Press **[SAMPLING] + [NO]** to cancel at any stage of the Direct Sampling process.

14.4 ASSIGNING A SAMPLE TO A TRACK FROM THE +DRIVE

You can also assign samples from the +Drive storage in the Digitakt to the tracks.

1. Press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]** to access the SETTINGS menu, and then select **SAMPLES** and press **[YES]**.
2. Use the **[ARROW]** keys to navigate to the sample you want to assign, and then press **[YES]** to select the sample.
3. Press **[RIGHT]**, and then select **LOAD TO PROJ** and press **[YES]** to copy and load the sample to the project.
4. Press **[YES]** to confirm.
5. Press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]** to exit SETTINGS menu.
6. Press **[TRACK] + [TRIG 1-8]** to select the track to where you want to assign the sample.

7. Press **[SRC]** access the SOURCE menu, and then use **DATA ENTRY** knob **D** to select the sample you want to load.
8. Press **[YES]** to load the sample to the track.

For more information, please see “15.2 SAMPLES” on page 61.

14.5 SAMPLE PLAYBACK

Once the sample is assigned to a track, it can be triggered either by the sequencer or manually by pressing a **[TRIG]** key. You also have the ability to set the samples play mode and edit what portion of the sample is played.

1. Press **[SRC]** to access the SOURCE page.
2. Use **DATA ENTRY** knob **B** to set the **PLAY MODE** behavior of the sample.
 - **REVERSE** The sample will be played back in reverse once every time it is triggered.
 - **REVERSE LOOP** The sample will loop continuously in reverse between Loop Position and Length. How long it will loop for is set with the LEN parameter on the TRIG page. The loop time is also constrained by the AMP page envelope parameter settings **HLD** and **DEC**.
 - **FORWARD LOOP** The sample will loop continuously between Loop Position and Length. How long it will loop for is set with the LEN parameter on the TRIG page. The loop time is also constrained by the AMP page envelope parameters **HLD** and **DEC**.
 - **FORWARD** The sample will be played back once every time it is triggered.
3. Use **DATA ENTRY** knobs **E**, **F**, and **G** to set the **STRT**, **LEN**, and **LOOP** parameters which define what portion of the sample is played. Press **[SRC]** twice to access SRC page 2, in order to more easily see these settings using the sample waveform. For more information, please see “11.4 SRC PAGE 2” on page 42.



4. • **STRT** Start sets the start position for the playback of the sample.
 - **LEN** Length sets the length of the playback of the sample. Start + Length effectively defines the end point of the portion of the sample that is played.
 - **LOOP** Loop Position sets the position in the sample to where playback will return after reaching the Length Position (defined by **STRT** + **LEN**) if **PLAY MODE** is set to **FORWARD LOOP** or **REVERSE LOOP**. The sample then loops between the end of **LEN**, and **LOOP**.

For more information, please see “11.3 SRC PAGE 1” on page 41.

15. SETTINGS MENU

The SETTINGS menu offers settings that affect Digitakt and can also be used to manage Projects.

Press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]** to access the SETTINGS menu. Scroll the list by using **[UP]/[DOWN]** or the **LEVEL/DATA** knob. Open a highlighted menu by pressing **[YES]**.



15.1 PROJECT



15.1.1 LOAD PROJECT

Load Project opens a project selection screen where you can choose a project to load. Note that the active project will not be saved before loading the new project so remember to save the active project first. If you wish to create a new project, select **CREATE NEW** at the very bottom of the list. The new project will be a blank slate.



If you load a new project it will replace the active project. Be sure to save your active project before you load another project.

15.1.2 SAVE PROJECT AS

Save Project opens a project selection screen where you choose a slot to save the active project to. You can also press **[FUNC] + [GLOBAL SETTINGS]** to access this screen.

15.1.3 MANAGE PROJECTS

Manage Projects launches the PROJECT MANAGER menu. Selecting a project in this menu and pressing the **[RIGHT]** arrow key will bring up a list of commands.

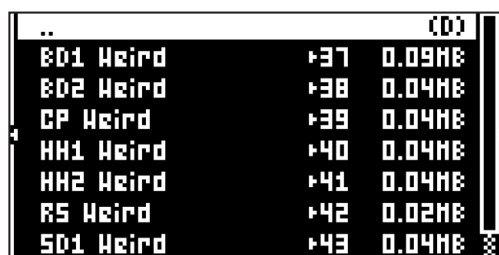
- **CLEAR** Resets the project slot to a clean state.
- **DELETE** Removes the project from the slot.
- **RENAME** Opens a NAMING screen where you can rename the project file.
- **LOAD FROM** Loads the selected project. This will replace the active project!
- **SAVE TO** Saves the active project to the selected slot.
- **TOGGLE** Toggles write protection on or off. Write protected projects cannot be overwritten, renamed or erased. A lock symbols in front of the project name shows that the project is write protected.
- **INIT NEW** Initializes an empty file slot with a clean project. This option is only available for empty project slots.
- **PURGE ALL** purges (removes) all Sounds from the Sound pool and all samples that are not used in any pattern in the project from the RAM memory. The Sounds and samples are not removed from the +Drive Sound library. This option is only available when you select the currently loaded project.

15.2 SAMPLES

Here you can manage your samples. Initially, here are three directories FACTORY, INCOMING, and RECORDED. A wide array of preset samples are available in the write protected FACTORY directory. The INCOMING directory is the default destination for samples sent to the Digitakt +Drive storage via the C6 software. RECORDED will contain the samples you create when you sample with the Digitakt.



Use the [ARROW] keys to highlight a directory, and then press [YES] to open it. To exit a directory and back one step up in the directory hierarchy, select the item labeled ".." at the very top of the screen and press [YES]. Do this repeatedly to return to the top of the directory hierarchy. You can also press [FUNC] + [RIGHT] to open a directory and [FUNC] + [LEFT] to exit a directory and back one step up in the hierarchy. To distinguish directories from samples, all directories, including the directory exit row, "..", are labeled with a (D) at the very end of the row. When browsing a directory in the +Drive, a sample assigned to one of the 127 sample slots of the active project will have its slot number shown as seen below.



15.2.1 LOADING A SAMPLE

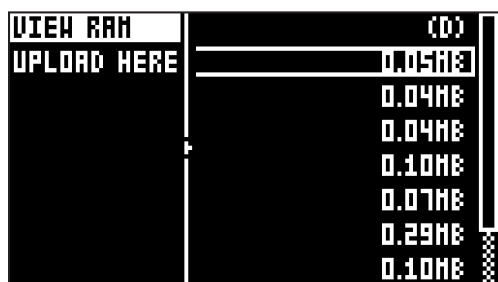
You can load one or several samples to the RAM memory of the active project.

1. Press [GLOBAL SETTINGS], and then open the SAMPLES menu.
2. Open the FACTORY directory, and then navigate to the samples you want to load.
3. Highlight the samples, and then press [YES] to select them. Any sample can be previewed, played back by the voice of the active track (make sure to select an audio track). Highlight the sample and then press [FUNC] + [YES]. Approximately, ten seconds of the sample can be previewed.
4. Press the [RIGHT] arrow key. A menu will appear on the right side of the screen.



5. Select LOAD TO PROJ and press [YES].

The samples you selected (ticked) will now appear in the first available empty slots out of the 127 sample slots of the active project. To view the samples currently in the RAM memory of the active project, press the [LEFT] arrow key twice. This will bring up the left side menu.



Select VIEW RAM and press [YES]. A list appears that shows all 127 sample slots.



On this screen, the 127 samples may be unloaded individually or collectively to empty the slots.

15.2.2 UNLOADING A SAMPLE

You can unload one or several samples from the RAM memory of the active project.

1. Scroll the list using the [ARROW] keys [UP]/[DOWN] or the *LEVEL* knob.
2. Press [YES] to tick individual samples, or bring up the right-hand menu by pressing [RIGHT] and choose SELECT ALL.
3. On the right-hand menu, select UNLOAD to empty the slots of the ticked samples.



15.2.3 REPLACING A SAMPLE

You can replace one or several samples in the RAM memory of the active project.

1. Highlight the slot containing the sample you wish to replace, and then press [RIGHT] to open the right-hand menu and select REPLACE.
2. Browse the directories of the +Drive, locate the desired sample and press [YES] to place it in the previously highlighted sample slot.

If you wish to go back to browsing the +Drive storage directories, press [LEFT] twice and select VIEW +DRIVE.

You can also replace a sample in the RAM memory by replacing it directly in its audio track.

1. Press [TRK] + [TRIG 1-8] to select the audio track that contains the sample you wish to replace.
2. Press [FUNC] + [SRC] to open the RAM memory sample slot list. The sample assigned to the track is highlighted.
3. Press [FUNC] + [YES]. to open the +Drive library
4. Navigate to the sample you want to use, and then press [YES].

You can preview a sample in the +Drive library by highlighting it and pressing [FUNC] + [YES].

15.2.4 RENAMING A SAMPLE

You can also rename a sample.

1. Navigate to the directory that contains samples you want to rename.
2. Highlight the sample you want to rename, and then press **[YES]** to select it.
3. Press the **[RIGHT]** arrow key. A menu will appear on the right side of the screen.
4. Select RENAME and press **[YES]**.
5. Use the NAMING screen to rename the sample and then press **[YES]**.

15.2.5 MOVING A SAMPLE

You can move one or several samples from one directory to another.

1. Navigate to the directory that contains samples you want to move.
2. Highlight the samples you want to move, and then press **[YES]** to select them.
3. Press the **[RIGHT]** arrow key. A menu will appear on the right side of the screen.



4. Select SEL FOR MOVE and press **[YES]**.
5. Press **[YES]**, and then navigate to the directory to where you want to move the samples.
6. Press the **[LEFT]** arrow key, and then highlight MOVE HERE.
7. Press **[YES]** to move the samples.

15.2.6 REMOVING UNUSED SAMPLES FROM RAM

You can use this feature to remove all samples that are not used in any pattern in the project from the RAM memory. The samples are not removed from the +Drive.

1. Press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]**, and then open the SAMPLES menu.
2. Press the **[LEFT]** arrow key. A menu will appear on the right side of the screen. Select VIEW RAM and press **[YES]**.
3. Press the **[RIGHT]** arrow key. A menu will appear on the right side of the screen. Select SELECT UNUSED, and then press **[YES]**.
4. Select UNLOAD. A warning popup will appear asking “UNLOAD X SAMPLES? CONFIRM? Y/N”. Press **[YES]** to remove all unused samples.

15.2.7 TRANSFERRING SAMPLES FROM A COMPUTER TO DIGITAKT

1. Connect Digitakt to the computer via USB.
2. Open the Elektron Transfer software (Available on the Elektron website) on your computer.
3. On the Transfer CONNECTIONS page, set the MIDI IN and OUT ports to your Digitakt.
4. In Transfer, click the EXPLORE tab to open the EXPLORE page.
5. On the top right side, in the drop-down menu, select “Samples”.
6. On the top left side in the drop-down menu, make sure “My Computer” is selected.
7. Under “My Computer” navigate to the files or folders you want to transfer.
8. Drag and drop the files or folders to your preferred location on your device. Transfer automatically converts all audio files to 16 bit, 48 kHz, mono audio files, the Digitakt native audio format.

To use the samples, they need to be loaded to the active project. For more information, please see “15.2.1 LOADING A SAMPLE” on page 61.

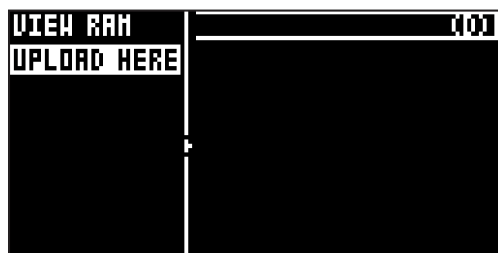
15.2.8 CREATING A NEW DESTINATION DIRECTORY

The Digitakt still supports receiving of samples via MIDI Sample Dump Standard (SDS) and Extended

SDS. The Elektron C6 software supports this transfer protocol. You need to enable SDS Handshake in order to secure the transmission over fast interfaces like USB MIDI. You also have to enable the transmission of the Extended SDS header if you want the sample name to be sent to the Digitakt.

This procedure is only for when you use the Elektron C6 software transfer tool. If you use Elektron Transfer you can create a new destination directory in the Digitakt directly from Transfer.

On the main screen, press [ARROW] key [RIGHT] to access the right side menu. Select CREATE DIR to create a new directory by pressing [YES]. A naming screen will appear. Give your new destination directory an appropriate name. Press [YES] to open the new directory. In the initially empty directory, press [ARROW] key [LEFT] to open the left side menu. Highlight UPLOAD HERE and press [YES].



Samples sent from a computer will be written into the new destination directory. Note that any new or existing directory can be set to be the destination directory in a similar manner, accessing the left side menu, except for the FACTORY directory which is write-protected. A directory can be deleted or re-named by highlighting it, accessing the right-hand menu and selecting DELETE DIR or RENAME.

15.2.9 TRANSFERRING SAMPLES FROM DIGITAKT TO A COMPUTER

1. Connect Digitakt to the computer via USB.
2. Open the Elektron Transfer software (Available on the Elektron website) on your computer.
3. On the Transfer CONNECTIONS page, set the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT ports to your Digitakt.
4. In Transfer, click EXPLORE to open the EXPLORE page.
5. On the EXPLORE page on the right side under DIGITAKT, navigate to the samples you want to transfer
6. Drag and drop the samples to your preferred folder under MY COMPUTER.



- Make sure you have the latest version of the Elektron Transfer software installed on your computer. You can download the free Transfer software and the Transfer User Manual from the Support section of the Elektron website.
- If MIDI+USB is selected in the INPUT FROM and/or OUTPUT TO settings on the MIDI PORT CONFIG menu (see below), MIDI data transfers will limit the USB speed. When sending or receiving large chunks of data, make sure you use the USB setting.
- Sequencer playback stops when you transfer files to the Digitakt.

15.3 MIDI CONFIG

In this menu, various sub-menus dealing with the MIDI functionality of Digitakt are found.



15.3.1 SYNC

Controls how Digitakt receives and sends MIDI clock and transport commands. Change settings by using the [LEFT]/[RIGHT] arrow keys or the [YES] key.



CLOCK RECEIVE sets whether or not Digitakt responds to MIDI clock sent from external devices.

CLOCK SEND sets whether or not Digitakt transmits MIDI clock.

TRANSPORT RECEIVE sets whether or not Digitakt responds to MIDI transport messages sent from external devices.

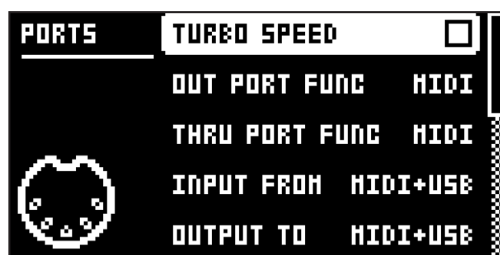
TRANSPORT SEND sets whether or not Digitakt transmits MIDI transport messages.

PRG CH RECEIVE will, when active, make Digitakt respond to incoming program change messages, which is useful when wanting to select patterns externally. The MIDI channel that will listen to incoming program change messages is set in the MIDI CHANNELS menu. For more information, please see “15.3.3 CHANNELS” on page 66.

PRG CH SEND will, when active, send program change messages when patterns are changed. The MIDI channel that will send program change messages is set in the MIDI CHANNELS menu. For more information, please see “15.3.3 CHANNELS” on page 66.

15.3.2 PORT CONFIG

Here you find the MIDI port related settings. Change settings by using the [LEFT]/[RIGHT] arrow keys.



TURBO SPEED press [YES] to start the turbo speed negotiation. Speed is chosen automatically. Please note that you must use a MIDI interface that supports the Turbo-MIDI protocol.

OUT PORT FUNCTIONALITY selects what type of signal the MIDI OUT port will send.

- **MIDI** makes it possible for the port to send out MIDI data.
- **DIN 24** will make the port send DIN 24 sync pulses. No MIDI data is transferred over the port when this option is selected.
- **DIN 48** will make the port send DIN 48 sync pulses. No MIDI data is transferred over the port when this option is selected.

THRU PORT FUNCTIONALITY selects what type of signal the MIDI THRU port will send. The settings are the same as for OUT PORT FUNCTIONALITY.

INPUT FROM selects the source Digitakt will receive MIDI data from.

- **DISABLED** will make Digitakt disregard any incoming MIDI data.
- **MIDI** will make Digitakt listen only to MIDI data sent to the MIDI IN port.
- **USB** will make Digitakt listen only to MIDI data sent to the USB port.
- **MIDI+USB** will make Digitakt listen to MIDI data sent to both the MIDI IN and USB ports.

OUTPUT TO selects the destination to which Digitakt will send MIDI data.

- **DISABLED** will stop Digitakt from sending out any MIDI data.
- **MIDI** will make Digitakt send MIDI data to the MIDI OUT port only.
- **USB** will make Digitakt send MIDI data to the USB port only.
- **MIDI+USB** will make Digitakt send MIDI data to both the MIDI OUT and USB ports.



If MIDI+USB is selected in the **OUTPUT TO** settings, MIDI data will limit the USB speed. When sending large chunks of data, make sure you only use the USB setting.

OUTPUT CH selects whether the knobs will send data on the auto channel or the track channel.

PARAM OUTPUT selects what type of MIDI messages the **DATA ENTRY** knobs will send. For information about which CC/NRPN parameters that will be sent, please see “APPENDIX A: MIDI” on page 77.

- **NRPN** will make the knobs send out NRPN MIDI messages.
- **CC** will make the knobs send out CC MIDI messages.

ENCODER DEST controls whether the **DATA ENTRY** and **LEVEL/DATA** knobs sends MIDI data or not. When set to INT, the knobs only affects the Digitakt and no MIDI data is sent. When set to INT + EXT, the knobs affects the Digitakt and also sends MIDI data to external devices.

TRIG KEY DEST controls whether the **[TRIG]** keys sends MIDI data or not. When set to INT, the **[TRIG]** keys only affects the Digitakt and no MIDI data is sent. When set to INT + EXT, the **[TRIG]** keys affects the Digitakt, and also sends MIDI data to external devices. When set to EXT, the **[TRIG]** keys do not affect the Digitakt but MIDI data is sent externally.

MUTE DEST controls whether activating/deactivating mutes will send MIDI data or not. When set to INT, mute only affects the Digitakt and no MIDI data is sent. When set to INT + EXT, mute affects the Digitakt and also send MIDI data to external devices. When set to EXT, mute sends MIDI data externally, but do not affect the Digitakt.

RECEIVE NOTES will, when active, make it possible to play Digitakt using an external MIDI keyboard.

RECEIVE CC/NRPN will, when active make it possible to control Digitakt parameters from an external MIDI device sending CC/NRPN data.

15.3.3 CHANNELS

This menu handles the MIDI channel configuration.

CHAN	TRACK 1 CHANNEL	1
	TRACK 2 CHANNEL	2
	TRACK 3 CHANNEL	3
	TRACK 4 CHANNEL	4
	TRACK 5 CHANNEL	5

TRACK 1-8 selects the dedicated MIDI channel that is used to receive or send (by turning the knobs) parameter data to or from a specific audio track. If configured as OFF, parameter data are neither received nor sent via MIDI.

TRACK A-H selects the dedicated MIDI channel that is used to receive or send (by turning the knobs) parameter data to or from a specific MIDI track. If configured as OFF, parameter data are neither received nor sent via MIDI.



- The sequencer data is always sent on the MIDI channel specified by the **CHAN** parameter on the **SRC PARAMETER** page.
- On **TRACK A-H** you can only control the parameters on the **TRIG (NOT1, VEL, LEN, LFO.T)** and **LFO (all) PARAMETER** pages.

FX CONTROL CH selects the dedicated MIDI channel that is associated with the parameters on the **DELAY** and **REVERB** parameter pages, both for input and output. If configured as OFF, parameter data are neither sent nor received via MIDI.

AUTO CHANNEL selects the MIDI channel that will give access to the currently active track. If an external MIDI keyboard connected to Digitakt sends MIDI data on this channel, the keyboard will control the active track. This is useful when for example quickly changing between the active audio tracks to play different Sounds. The Digitakt also uses the **AUTO** channel to record to the MIDI tracks from external MIDI controllers.

PROGRAM CHG IN CH selects the MIDI channel that will listen for incoming program change messages. An **AUTO** setting will use the **AUTO** channel. Enable Digitakt to respond to program change messages in the **MIDI SYNC** menu. For more information, please see “15.3.1 SYNC” on page 64.

PROGRAM CHG OUT CH selects the MIDI channel that will send program change messages when changing patterns. An AUTO setting will use the AUTO channel. Enable Digitakt to send program change messages in the MIDI SYNC. For more information, please see “15.3.1 SYNC” on page 64.

15.4 SYSEX DUMP

In the SYSEX DUMP menu, project, pattern, and Sound data can be sent and received via the MIDI OUT port or the USB port of the Digitakt. Select a menu option using [UP]/[DOWN] or the **TRACK LEVEL** knob. Press [YES] to open the highlighted menu selection.



When receiving or sending SysEx data, the MIDI ports or the USB port of the Digitakt should be connected to the external sending/receiving device.

If the Digitakt is sending or receiving SysEx data through the MIDI ports, use the Elektron TM-1 USB MIDI interface for up to 10x transfer speeds.

If the external device is a computer, we recommend using our free SysEx utility C6, which can be downloaded from the Elektron website.



Please note that Sysex dump only sends and receives project, pattern and Sound data. It does NOT send or receive the Sounds samples.

15.4.1 SYSEX SEND

Here projects, patterns, and Sounds can be sent to an external device.



The column to the left selects what will be backed up. Select the column using the [LEFT] arrow key. Use the [UP]/[DOWN] keys or the **TRACK LEVEL** knob to navigate in the column. The SysEx data send alternatives located in the column to the right will change depending on the selection made in the left column. Press the [RIGHT] arrow key to access this column. Use the [UP]/[DOWN] keys or the **TRACK LEVEL** knob to select what will be sent. Press [YES] to initiate the SysEx send procedure.

PROJECT will send the active project (settings, patterns, Sounds in the Sound Pool).

PATTERN will send the selected pattern.



- Backing up your data regularly is important!
- Before initiating a SysEx send, first, make sure the receiving device is listening for data to be sent.

15.4.2 SYSEX RECEIVE

Here projects, patterns, and Sounds can be received from an external device. Digitakt is continuously listening for SysEx data so you can at any time send backed up projects or patterns to the device.

PATTERN	ADP SUBROUTINE
SOUNDS	AD2 UNTITLED
	AD3 ONLY SINE
	AD4 BRINFAIR
	AD5 DALGA1500
	AD6 RUNNER2000
	AD7 WORKAHOLIC
	AD8 KAFFESUGEN

The column to the left selects what will be received. Select the column using the [LEFT] arrow key. Use the [UP]/[DOWN] keys or the **TRACK LEVEL** knob to navigate in the column. The SysEx data receive alternatives located in the column to the right will change depending on the selection made in the left column. Press the [RIGHT] arrow key to access this column. Use the [UP]/[DOWN] keys or the **TRACK LEVEL** knob to select what will be received. Press [YES] to initiate the SysEx receive procedure. The Digitakt starts listening to incoming data. Press [NO] to stop listening.

PATTERN will store a received pattern to the selected pattern slot.

SOUNDS will store a received Sound to the selected slot of the +Drive Sound library. The option ANYWHERE will place the Sound in the first free slot available. To the right of the bank indication, the amount of free slots can be seen.

15.5 AUDIO ROUTING (GLOBAL)

Here you find number of audio routing options that affects the Digitakt on a global level. You can also set the audio routing on a pattern level. For more information, please see “10.5.6 AUDIO ROUTING (PATTERN)” on page 33.

ROUTING	ROUTE TO MAIN	10/10
	SEND TO FX	9/9
	INT TO MAIN	AUTO
	USB TO MAIN [dB]	0
	PRE/POST FADER	PRE

15.5.1 ROUTE TO MAIN

Use this option to customize which of the 8 tracks + 2 effects (Delay, Reverb) that sends audio through the master effect (Compressor) to the MAIN OUT outputs. Use the [TRIG 1–8] keys and the [FLTR], and [AMP] keys to activate/deactivate send from each track and effect. Green keys signal send to main. Red keys signal do not send to main. Note that each track still sends to its TRACK OUTPUTS.

15.5.2 SEND TO FX

Use this option to customize which of the 8 tracks + the Delay effect that sends audio to the effects (Delay, Reverb). Use the [TRIG 1–8] keys and the [FLTR] key to activate/deactivate send from each track and effect. Green keys signal send to the effects. Red keys signal do not send to the effects.

15.5.3 INT TO MAIN

Sets if Digitakt sends internal audio to the MAIN OUT and HEADPHONES OUT or not when used with Overbridge or as a class compliant audio device.

OFF No sound is sent to main out.

ON Sound is always sent to main out.

AUTO No sound is sent to main out when Overbridge is available and/or streaming audio, if not, the sound is sent to main out.

15.5.4 USB TO MAIN [dB]

Sets the amount of amplification of the sound that is streamed over USB to the Digitakt main out when used with Overbridge or as a class compliant audio device. (0 dB–+18 dB)

15.5.5 PRE/POST FADER

Sets if audio over USB should be pre or post the track level setting.



- Audio from the **TRACK OUTPUTS** is always without any effects.
- Tracks that are routed to not send audio to **MAIN OUT** still send audio on separate outputs in Overbridge.

15.6 GLOBAL FX/MIX

In the GLOBAL FX/MIX menu, you can select several parameter pages whose parameters will (when selected) act on a global level instead of on a pattern level. Then the parameter's settings on that page will not only affect the active pattern but will also affect all the other patterns in the project. The parameters text/value graphics are then inverted. Use the **[LEFT]/[RIGHT]** keys to select or deselect the parameter pages you wish to function on a global level. For more information, please see "13. FX AND MIXER PARAMETERS" on page 52.



15.7 SYSTEM

The System menu contains LED INTENSITY, USB CONFIG, OS UPGRADE, FORMAT +DRIVE, and STORAGE options for the Digitakt.



15.7.1 USB CONFIG

Here you find several settings related to Overbridge and USB audio. Selecting one mode disables the other two modes.



OVERBRIDGE enables Overbridge functionality. For more information, please see "6.6 OVERBRIDGE" on page 18.

USB MIDI select this option If you wish to send and receive MIDI over USB.

USB AUDIO/MIDI sets the Digitakt to send and receive audio and MIDI over USB. Select this option if you want to use the Digitakt together with a class compliant USB audio host. For more information, please see "6.7 CLASS COMPLIANT DEVICE" on page 18.

15.7.2 LED INTENSITY

Sets the brightness of the key LEDs and screen. Use the **[LEFT]/[RIGHT]** keys to change the setting (LOW, MID, MAX).

15.7.3 REMEMBER SUBPAGE

Will, when selected, remember which PARAMETER page's subpage you last used and access this page again the next time you press the same [PARAMETER] key. Use the [YES] key to toggle this setting. (ON, OFF).

15.7.4 OS UPGRADE

Use this menu option when you want to upgrade the Digitakt OS. To send the OS file, use our free Elektron Transfer software. Elektron Transfer can be downloaded from the Elektron website.

The device sending the OS file must be connected to the USB port of Digitakt.

Please note that the Digitakt will not appear as an icon on your computer desktop.

1. Download the Digitakt OS file from the Elektron website.
2. Connect the Elektron device to the computer via USB.
3. Open the Transfer application on your computer.
4. On the Transfer CONNECTIONS page, set the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT ports to your Elektron device.
5. On the Transfer DROP page, drag and drop the OS file. The OS file is then automatically transferred to the Elektron device and the OS update initiates. A progress bar is visible on device screen when receiving the OS.
6. On your device. Press [YES] to confirm the OS update.

When the update is done, the Digitakt will reboot.



If your current Digitakt OS does not fully support Transfer, you will be automatically directed to Transfer's LEGACY OS UPGRADE page after you drag and drop the OS file on the Transfer DROP page. Follow the instructions on the LEGACY OS UPGRADE page to proceed with the OS upgrade.

15.7.5 FORMAT +DRIVE

You have the possibility to erase all content of the +Drive. Once you have made your choices using the [LEFT] or [RIGHT] arrow keys and confirmed by pressing [YES], a prompt will appear asking if you want to execute the formatting procedure. Press [YES] to proceed with the formatting.





PROJECTS+SOUNDS Erases all projects and Sounds. Tick/untick this box by pressing the [LEFT] or [RIGHT] arrow keys.

SAMPLES Erases all samples. Tick/untick this box by pressing the [LEFT] or [RIGHT] arrow keys.

15.6.6 STORAGE

Here you get an overview of what is stored in the RAM and the +Drive and how much memory that is available. Other than the number of Projects, Sounds, and Samples, and you also see the amount of sample time used and remaining. On the right, you see the memory usage of the RAM and the +Drive.

STORAGE	RAM	+DRIVE
PROJECTS: 8		
SOUNDS: 67		
SAMPLES: 34	13%	15%
SAMPLE TIME:	FREE:	FREE:
01:34/14:33	55MB	812MB

16. STARTUP MENU

To access this menu, hold down the **[FUNC]** key while powering up the Digitakt. From here you can perform a variety of tasks. To choose the different alternatives, press the corresponding **[TRIG]** key.

16.1 TEST MODE

To enter this mode, press the **[TRIG 1]** key.



For testing purposes, a short sound is heard through all outputs of the unit.

If you have any trouble with your Digitakt and suspect it may be due to a hardware problem, perform this self-test. The **[UP]** and **[DOWN]** keys can be used to scroll through the test log. A fully functional device should not report any errors. If it does report an error, please contact Elektron support or the retailer that you bought your Digitakt from.

16.2 EMPTY RESET

To perform this operation, press the **[TRIG 2]** key. All patterns and Sounds will be erased. The data on the +Drive remains intact.

16.3 FACTORY RESET

When performing a factory reset on the Digitakt, it will overwrite and re-initialize the active RAM project (including all pattern and global data). The +Drive project slot 1 will be overwritten and re-initialized with factory preset patterns, Sounds and settings. Sound bank A will be overwritten with the factory Sounds.

If you wish to keep the active project, remember to save it to a +Drive project slot higher than 1 before you perform a factory reset. To perform a factory reset, press the **[TRIG 3]** key.

16.4 OS UPGRADE

Use this menu option if you for some reason can't upgrade the Digitakt OS using the standard procedure in the SYSTEM menu. To send the OS file, use our free Elektron Transfer software. The Elektron Transfer can be downloaded from the Elektron website.

1. Download the Digitakt OS file from the Elektron website.
2. Connect the Digitakt's MIDI IN port to the MIDI OUT port of the computer's MIDI interface.
3. Hold down the **[FUNC]** key while powering on Digitakt. This takes you to the STARTUP menu.
4. Press the **[TRIG 4]** key to enter OS UPGRADE mode.
5. Open the Transfer application on your computer. On the Transfer CONNECTION page, click "go to the SYSEX TRANSFER page".
6. On the SYSEX TRANSFER page, click "OS Upgrade via device startup menu", and then follow the on-screen instructions.

When the update is done, the Digitakt will reboot.



USB MIDI transfer is not possible when upgrading the OS from the STARTUP menu.

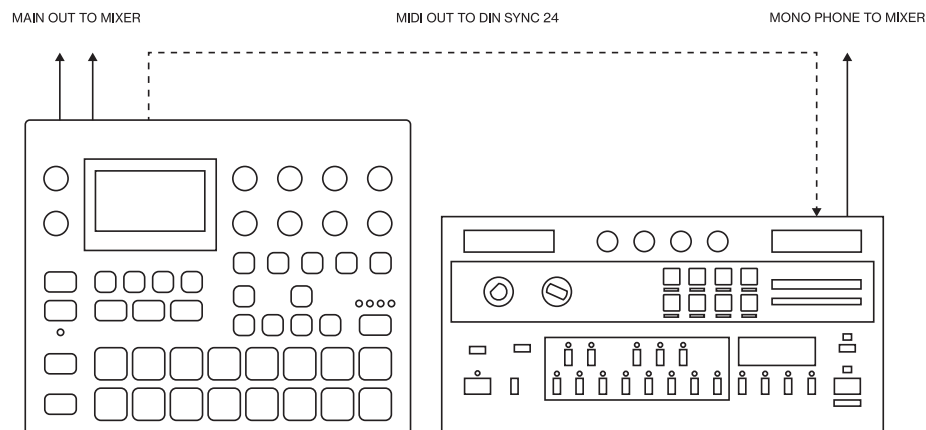
16.5 EXIT

Press the **[TRIG 5]** key to exit the STARTUP menu.

17. SETUP EXAMPLES

The Digitakt likes to play with other machines. Whether it uses its ability to sync and play with legacy machines, samples from your smart phone or controls other synthesizers: Digitakt gets along with other gear.

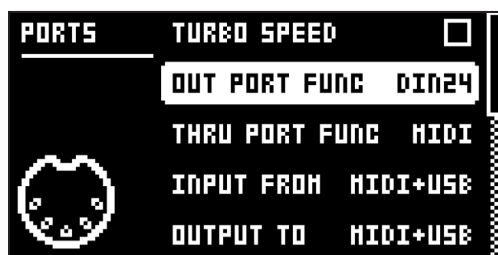
17.1 DIGITAKT WITH A MONOPHONIC BASS MACHINE



The DIN sync capabilities of the Digitakt allows you to use gear from yesteryear.

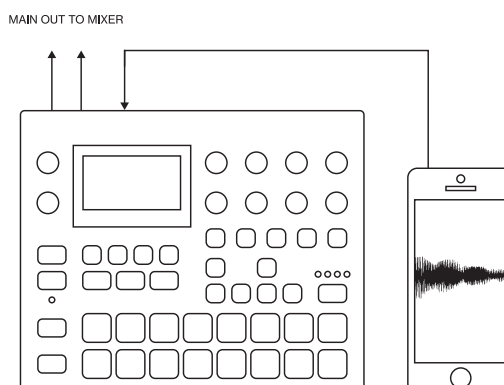
In this example, a legacy monophonic bass machine is used alongside the Digitakt. The Digitakt can stop, start and control the tempo of the bass machine.

1. Prepare a bassline pattern on the bass machine.
2. Connect the output of the bass machine to the mixer using a Mono jack 6.3 mm male cable.
3. Connect the Digitakt audio outputs to the mixer using 2 x Mono or Stereo jack 6.3 mm male cables.
4. Use a DIN connector cable to connect the MIDI OUT of the Digitakt to the SYNC IN of the bass machine.
5. On the Digitakt, press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]**, and then navigate to **MIDI CONFIG > PORT CONFIG** and set **OUT PORT CONFIG** to **DIN24**.



6. Press **[PLAY]** on the Digitakt.

17.2 DIGITAKT WITH A SMART PHONE



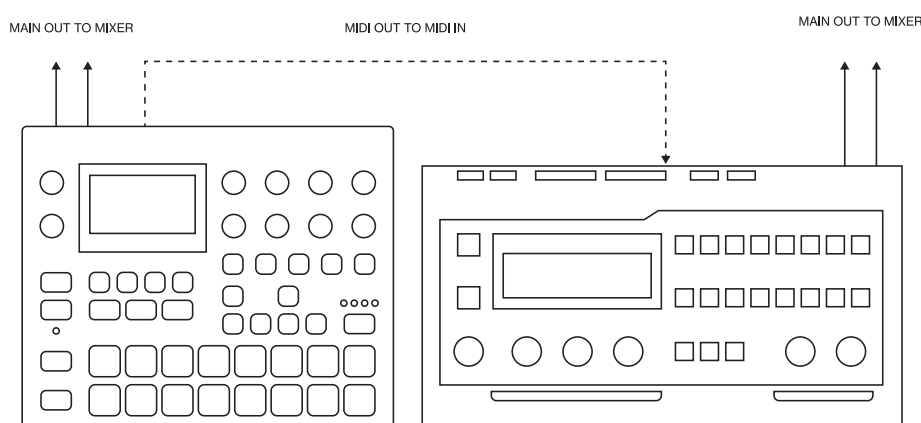
Digitakt can make use of its class compliant audio and MIDI functionality together with your computer, smart phone or tablet. You can let Digitakt sample audio from the phone or maybe use it the other way around and record audio from the Digitakt on your phone. You can use your phone as an effect processor for the Digitakt, and among many other things. In this example, we use Digitakt to sample audio from the phone.

1. Use a cable or adapter to connect your phone's data connector jack (Lightning, USB-C or other) to the Digitakt's USB-B jack.
2. Navigate to **SETTINGS > SYSTEM > USB CONFIG** and select **USB AUDIO/MIDI**.
3. Press **[SAMPLING]** to access the **SAMPLING** menu and then use **DATA ENTRY** knob **G** to set **SOURCE** to **USB L+R**. The stereo signal is summed to mono in the Digitakt.



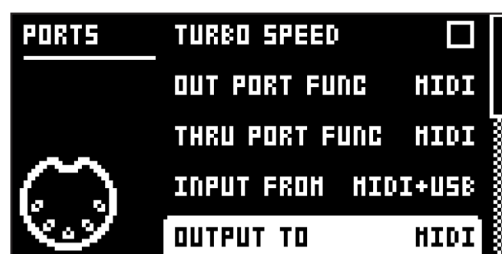
4. You are now ready to start sampling audio from your smart phone. For more information about the sampling process, please see "14. SAMPLING" on page 57.

17.3 CONTROLLING A SYNTHESIZER USING THE MIDI TRACKS



Digitakt has extensive capabilities to use its sequencer's MIDI tracks to control other MIDI-equipped synthesizers.

1. Use a standard MIDI cable to connect the Digitakt MIDI OUT jack with the synthesizer's MIDI IN jack.
2. On the Digitakt, press **[GLOBAL SETTINGS]**, and then navigate to **MIDI CONFIG > PORT CONFIG** and set **OUT PORT FUNC** to **MIDI**.
3. In the same menu set **OUTPUT** to **MIDI**.



4. On the main screen, press **[TRK] + [TRIG 9-16]** to select a MIDI track.
5. Press **[SRC]** and use the **CHAN** parameter to select a MIDI channel that the track will output its data to.
6. Make sure to set your synthesizer to receive MIDI input in a way that corresponds to the settings you made in the Digitakt.

You are now ready to use the Digitakt sequencer to control your synthesizer. For more information about using the Digitakt sequencer, please see "10. THE SEQUENCER" on page 28.

18. USEFUL KEY COMBINATIONS (QUICK KEYS)

Use the key combinations below to quickly perform certain tasks.

GENERAL

[FUNC] + [REC] performs a copy command. Action depends on the currently active page or mode.

[FUNC] + [PLAY] performs a clear command. Action depends on the currently active page or mode.

[FUNC] + [STOP] performs a paste command. Action depends on the content that was copied.

TRACK/PATTERN/BANK SELECT

[TRK] + [TRIG 1-8] keys to select an audio track.

[TRK] + [TRIG 9-16] keys to select a MIDI track.

[PTN] + [TRIG 1-16] keys to select a pattern.

[BANK] + [TRIG 9-16] keys to select a bank.

NAMING

[FUNC] + [ARROW] (on the NAMING screen) to choose a letter.

[FUNC] + [NO] (on the NAMING screen) to erase a letter.

SAVING AND RELOADING

[FUNC] + [GLOBAL SETTINGS] saves the active Project.

[FUNC] + [YES] temporary saves the active Pattern.

[FUNC] + [NO] temporary reloads the active Pattern.

[PARAMETER] key + [NO] reloads all parameters on that parameter page from its last saved state.

[TRK] + [TRIG1-8] + [NO] reloads the Sound from its last saved state.

NAVIGATING

[FUNC] + [RIGHT] (In the SAMPLES menu) opens a directory.

[FUNC] + [LEFT] (In the SAMPLES menu) exits a directory and backs one step up in the directory hierarchy.

MENU ACCESS

[FUNC] + [PATTERN MENU] opens the IMPORT/EXPORT menu.

[FUNC] + [TRIG SETTINGS] opens the QUANTIZE menu.

[FUNC] + [FLTR] opens the DELAY menu.

[FUNC] + [AMP] opens the REVERB menu.

[FUNC] + [LFO] opens the MASTER menu.

[FUNC] + [PTN] opens the METRONOME menu.

[FUNC] + [PAGE] opens the pattern/track SCALE menu.

SEQUENCER SETTINGS

[FUNC] + [TEMPO] to tap tempo.

[LEFT/RIGHT] to nudge tempo (when sequencer is playing).

[FUNC] + [LEFT/RIGHT] moves all trigs a whole step, left or right (when in GRID RECORDING mode).

[TRIG] key (hold) + [UP/DOWN], opens the RETRIG menu and turns retrig on and sets the retrig **RATE** for the trig (when in GRID RECORDING mode).

[TRIG] key (hold) + [LEFT/RIGHT], opens the MICRO TIMING menu and sets the micro timing for the trig (when in GRID RECORDING mode).

[FUNC] + [UP]/[DOWN] (In the SCALE menu) sets the TRACK LENGTH in musical increments from 2/16 to 64/64.

SEQUENCER RECORDING

[RECORD] + [PLAY] starts LIVE RECORDING.

[RECORD] + [STOP] activates STEP RECORDING.

[RECORD] + double-press [PLAY] activates/deactivates QUANTIZE LIVE RECORDING.

[NO] + [TRIG] key during LIVE RECORDING clears the trigs from a sequencer track.

[FUNC] + [PTN] (long press) toggles the metronome on/off.

MUTES

[FUNC] + [TRIG] keys mutes/unmutes one or several tracks.

MODES

[FUNC] + [BANK] enters GLOBAL MUTE mode.

[FUNC] + double-press [BANK] enters PATTERN MUTE mode.

[FUNC] + [TRK] enters CHROMATIC mode.

[YES] + [PAGE] activates FILL mode for one pattern cycle.

Press and hold [PAGE] to activate FILL Mode for as long as [PAGE] is held.

Press and hold [PAGE] + [YES], and then release [PAGE] before you release [YES] to latch FILL mode.

Press [PAGE] again to unlatch FILL mode.

CLEAR TRACK/CLEAR PATTERN

[FUNC] + [PLAY] (while in GRID RECORDING mode) clears active track.

[FUNC] + [PLAY] (while in no mode or LIVE RECORDING mode) clears pattern.

RESET PARAMETERS

Press *DATA ENTRY* knob + [NO] to reset the parameter to the default value.

[PARAMETER] key + [PLAY] to reset all the parameters in the selected parameter page to default values.

RANDOMIZE PARAMETERS

Press [PARAMETER] key + [YES] to randomize the parameters on that page.

SAMPLE SELECT

[FUNC] + [SRC] accesses the SAMPLE SELECT parameter.

DIRECT SAMPLING

[SAMPLING] + [YES] arms the sampler.

[FUNC] + [SAMPLING] starts sampling.

[FUNC] + [SAMPLING] stop sampling (after it has been started).

[SAMPLING] + [NO] cancels at any stage in the Direct Sampling process.

SAMPLE/SOUND/TRIG PREVIEW

[FUNC] + [YES] (In the SAMPLES menu) previews the highlighted sample.

[FUNC] + [YES] (In the SOUND BROWSER/SOUND MANAGER) previews the highlighted Sound.

[TRIG] + [YES] (In GRID- and STEP RECORDING mode) previews the selected trig.

19. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Impedance balanced audio outputs

Main outputs level: +22 dBu peak
Output impedance: 440 Ω unbalanced
Digital S/N ratio: 108 dB (20–20.000 Hz)

Headphones output

Headphones out level: +22 dBu peak
Output impedance: 55 Ω

Audio inputs

Input level: +19 dBu peak
Audio input impedance: 11 k Ω
Digital S/N ratio: 110 dB (20–20.000 Hz)
Unit power consumption: 7 W typical
Recommended power supply: PSU-3/b/c,
12 V DC, 2A

HARDWARE

128 × 64 pixel OLED screen
MIDI In/Out/Thru with DIN Sync out
2 × 1/4" impedance balanced audio out jacks
2 × 1/4" audio in jacks
1 × 1/4" stereo headphone jack
48 kHz, 24-bit D/A and A/D converters
Electrically isolated hi-speed USB 2.0 port
Power inlet: Center positive 5.5 × 2.5 mm barrel jack,
12 V DC, 1 A

PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Sturdy steel casing
Dimensions: W215 × D176 × H63 mm
(8.5" × 6.9" × 2.5") (including knobs and feet)
Weight: approximately 1.45 kg (3.2 lbs)
100 × 100 mm VESA mounting holes. Use M4 screws
with a max length of 7 mm.
Maximum recommended ambient operating
temperature: +40 °C (+104 °F)

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APPENDIX A: MIDI

This appendix lists the CC and NRPN specification for the Digitakt.

A.1 TRACK PARAMETERS

TRACK				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Mute	94		1	101
Track level	95		1	100

A.2 TRIG PARAMETERS

TRIG PARAMETERS				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Note	3		3	0
Velocity	4		3	1
Length	5		3	2
Filter Trig	13			
LFO Trig	14			

A.3 SOURCE PARAMETERS

SOURCE				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Tune	16		1	0
Play mode	17		1	1
Bit reduction	18		1	2
Sample slot	19		1	3
Start	20		1	4
Length	21		1	5
Loop position	22		1	6
Sample level	23		1	7

A.4 FILTER PARAMETERS

FILTER				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Filter Frequency	74		1	20
Resonance	75		1	21
Filter Type	76		1	22
Attack Time	70		1	16
Decay Time	71		1	17
Sustain Level	72		1	18
Release Time	73		1	19
Env. Depth	77		1	23
Env. Delay	86		1	50
Base	84		1	51
Width	85		1	52

A.5 AMP PARAMETERS

AMP				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Attack Time	78		1	24
Hold Time	79		1	25
Decay Time	80		1	26
Overdrive	81		1	27
Delay Send	82		1	28
Reverb Send	83		1	29
Pan	10		1	30
Volume	7		1	31

A.6 LFO PARAMETERS

Note that the LFO 1/2 depth are high-resolution parameters, with CC LSB values.

LFO 1				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Speed	102		1	32
Multiplier	103		1	33
Fade In/Out	104		1	34
Destination	105		1	35
Waveform	106		1	36
Start Phase	107		1	37
Trig Mode	108		1	38
Depth	109	61	1	39

LFO 2				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Speed	112		1	40
Multiplier	113		1	41
Fade In/Out	114		1	42
Destination	115		1	43
Waveform	116		1	44
Start Phase	117		1	45
Trig Mode	118		1	46
Depth	119	63	1	47

A.7 FX PARAMETERS

DELAY				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Delay Time	85		2	0
Pingpong	86		2	1
Stereo Width	87		2	2
Feedback	88		2	3
Highpass Filter	89		2	4
Lowpass Filter	90		2	5
Reverb Send	91		2	6
Mix Volume	92		2	7

REVERB				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Predelay	24		2	8
Decay Time	25		2	9
Shelving Freq	26		2	10
Shelving Gain	27		2	11
Highpass Filter	28		2	12
Lowpass Filter	29		2	13
Rev Pre/Post Comp	30		2	14
Mix Volume	31		2	15

COMPRESSOR				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Threshold	111		2	16
Attack Time	112		2	17
Release Time	113		2	18
Makeup Gain	114		2	19
Pattern Volume	119		2	24
Ratio	115		2	20
Sidechain Source	116		2	21
Sidechain Filter	117		2	22
Dry/Wet Mix	118		2	23

EXTERNAL IN MIXER				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Input L Level	102		2	30
Input L Pan	103		2	31
Input R Level	104		2	32
Input R Pan	105		2	33
Input L Delay Send	106		2	34
Input R Delay Send	107		2	35
Input L Reverb Send	108		2	36
Input R Reverb Send	109		2	37
Stereo Input	84		2	38
Input L+R Level	102		2	30
Input L+R Balance	103		2	31
Input L+R Delay Send	106		2	34
Input L+R Reverb Send	108		2	36

A.8 VAL PARAMETERS

These are the CC VAL parameters on the [FLTR] page for MIDI tracks.

CC VAL				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
VAL1	70			
VAL2	71			
VAL3	72			
VAL4	73			

CC VAL				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
VAL5	74			
VAL6	75			
VAL7	76			
VAL8	77			

A.9 MISC PARAMETERS

MISC				
Parameter	CC MSB	CC LSB	NRPN MSB	NRPN LSB
Pattern Mute	110		1	104

APPENDIX B: LFO MODULATION DESTINATIONS

The following are the modulation destinations for the Digitakt's LFOs:

AUDIO TRACKS

META: None

LFO1: Speed (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Multiplier (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Fade In/Out (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Waveform (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Start Phase (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Trig Mode (Only available for LFO2)

LFO1: Depth (Only available for LFO2)

SAMPLE: Tune

SAMPLE: Play Mode

SAMPLE: Bit Reduction

SAMPLE: Sample Slot

SAMPLE: Start

SAMPLE: Length

SAMPLE: Loop Position

SAMPLE: Sample Level

FILTER: Frequency

FILTER: Resonance

FILTER: Envelope Depth

FILTER: Attack Time

FILTER: Decay Time

FILTER: Sustain Level

FILTER: Release Time

FILTER: Base

FILTER: Width

FILTER: Env. Delay

AMPLIFIER: Attack Time

AMPLIFIER: Hold Time

AMPLIFIER: Decay Time

AMPLIFIER: Overdrive

AMPLIFIER: Delay Send

AMPLIFIER: Reverb Send

AMPLIFIER: Pan

AMPLIFIER: Volume

MIDI TRACKS

META: None

SRC: Pitch Bend

SRC: Aftertouch

SRC: Mod Wheel

SRC: Breath Controller

CC: CC1 Value

CC: CC2 Value

CC: CC3 Value

CC: CC4 Value

CC: CC5 Value

CC: CC6 Value

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CC: CC8 Value

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