

SYNTH

Modal CRAFTsynth
Digital Monophonic Synthesiser Kit

User Manual

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Important Safety Information



CRAFTsynth is not a toy, it is a musical instrument. Please:

- Read this manual fully before assembly and use
- Do not put any part of the kit in your mouth
- Do not attempt to service the synthesiser
- Do not expose any part of the synthesiser to dusty or moist environments, excess temperatures or vibration
- Do not apply excessive force to any part of the unit
- Keep the synthesiser away from all liquid
- Always unplug the USB cable and battery pack when not in use
- Do not leave the batteries inside the battery case when not in use for a long period of time
- Always keep out of reach of children under 10 years of age
- If the synth appears to be damaged, do not attempt to use it
- Use appropriate eye protection when assembling the synth

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Introduction

CRAFTsynth is a powerfully versatile monophonic synthesiser, with a unique no-soldering assembly process. It is intended to bring the pleasure of synthesis to everybody, without sacrificing sound quality or features.

The kit format and stripped-back design provides the opportunity for you to customise and augment your CRAFTsynth, from making your own knobs and enclosures to interfacing with microcontrollers and sensors.

We hope you get as much pleasure from using it as we did making it!

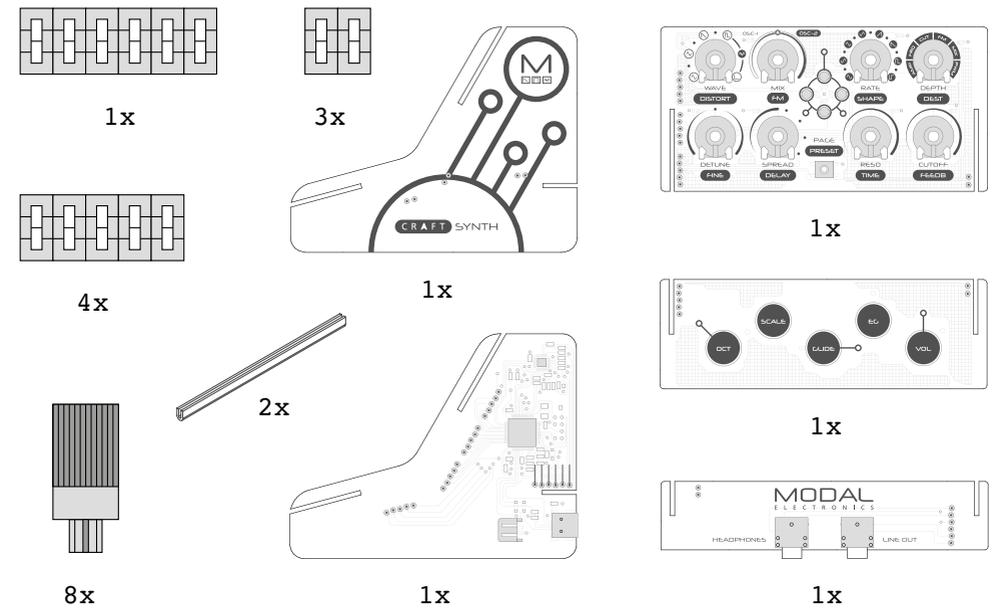
SPECIFICATION:

- Two oscillators with 6 wave shapes
- Oscillator mix and detune
- FM
- Unison & chord modes
- LFO with wide frequency range, 6 destinations, note tracking and MIDI Sync
- Variable state resonant filter
- Amplifier and filter envelopes
- Portamento glide
- Overdrive distortion
- Delay
- 16 patch storage
- Full USB MIDI control, including sustain, pitch bend and mod wheel
- Updatable firmware

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Getting Started

Parts List



Customisation ideas:

Paint a pointer:

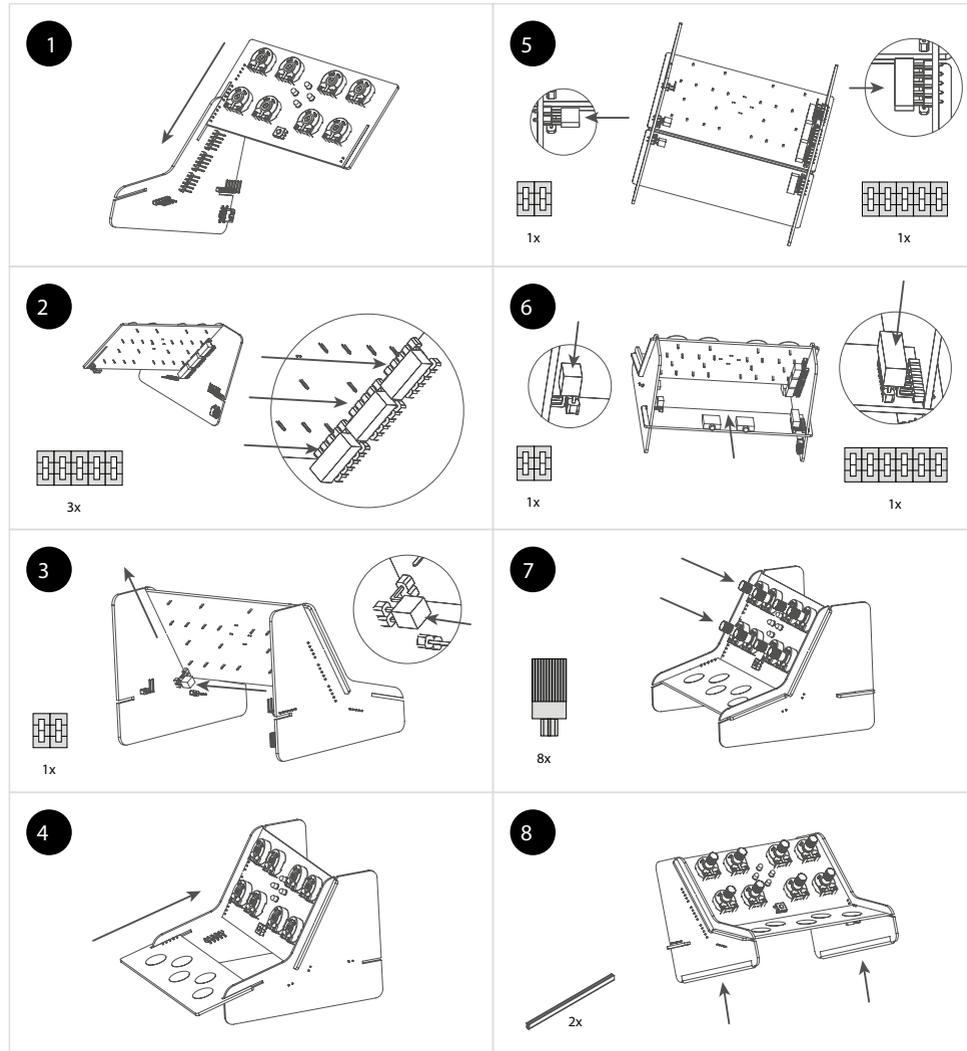
You can use some paint or tip-ex to mark the pointer position on the pot shafts. Simply turn the pot shaft all the way to the left, and paint on a line that lines up with the left leg of the pot. Test it out and see if you got it in the right place before doing the others!

Add some knobs:

You can find or make your own knobs to add over the shafts provided. 6mm knobs that attach with a worm screw work the best!

Add enclosure:

You can use 3D printing, moldable plastic, cardboard or pretty much anything to encase and make the craft synth your own!



Troubleshooting

Please see the Troubleshooting section in Appendix A of this manual.

The Craft has three external connections: USB, Line out and Headphones out.

USB

USB Mini B Connection for power, MIDI input and MIDI output.

Simply connect CRAFTsynth to a powered USB socket, such as on your computer, or a powered hub with a standard USB mini cable.

To use MIDI, connect to your computer or tablet with a USB Mini cable and find 'Craft Synth' listed as a MIDI port on your computer.

Line Output

Line level output on 3.5mm Stereo jack.

This output can be connected to any line level input for monitoring and recording. The line output is higher quality than the headphone output, so always use it when recording or performing.

Note: In order to preserve maximum dynamic range, and therefore get the best sound quality, there is no line output volume control on the unit. Control the volume using your interface, mixer or amplifier.

Headphones Output

Headphone output on 3.5mm jack.

The volume can be adjusted using the VOL function (see the Getting Started section), the CRAFTsynth app, or through MIDI CC (See the MIDI section).

Powering on

CRAFTsynth can be powered either through the USB socket, or by a battery pack.

To use USB power, simply connect a USB cable to a power source as described in the Connecting Hardware section.

To use the battery pack, simply attach the battery pack lead to the connector and ensure it is turned on, with charged batteries inside.

The battery pack we recommend is Adafruit Industries' 727 3xAAA switched JST-PH, available from many retailers.

You can use double-sided sticky foam to attach the battery pack to the back to underside of Craftsynth.

Note: The JST-PH battery connector requires 100mA and 4.5v – 5v to power craft.

WARNING!!

DO NOT hold the PAGE/PRESET button whilst powering on CRAFTsynth.

Doing so and holding the button for a further 4 seconds will erase the firmware and stop the synth from working. You can restore the firmware via the update process, but it's best to avoid doing this unintentionally.

Pages

When powered on, a single LED should be lit, indicating that you are on page 1 of the controls. On page 1, the knobs control the parameters listed directly underneath, for example WAVE, MIX and DETUNE.

To switch to page 2, simply tap the PAGE/PRESET button, and the knobs will control the second indicated parameters, for example DISTORT, FM and FINE.

Be sure not to be touching any of the touch pads when trying to change page, as this will trigger the touch pad secondary functions, as described in the following section.

The top LED also indicates the status of the LFO, fading in and out with the level of the oscillator.

Playing notes

The 5 touch pads allow you to play the synthesiser without sending it MIDI from another device. The octave and scale that these 5 pads trigger can be configured, as detailed in the secondary functions below.

The pads also send MIDI notes out, which you can use to control other instruments or features on your DAW.

Secondary functions

The pads all have a secondary function that can be accessed by holding only the relevant pad and tapping the PAGE/PRESET button.

All of the following parameters can be controlled fully through the Craft App and through MIDI CCs (See the MIDI section).

OCT

Holding just this pad whilst tapping the PAGE/PRESET button will shift the octave of the current sound. When on page 1, the octave will shift up, when on page 2, the octave will shift down.

SCALE

Holding just this pad whilst tapping the PAGE/PRESET button will change the musical scale that is assigned to the 5 pads. The LEDs indicate the current selection:

| LEDs | Selected Scale |
|------|--------------------|
| 0 | C Major |
| 1 | C Minor |
| 2 | C Diminished |
| 3 | C Major Augmented |
| 4 | C Blues Pentatonic |

When on page 1, the scale will shift up, when on page 2, the scale will shift down.

Touch Pads

GLIDE

Holding the touch segment labeled GLIDE and tapping the PAGE/PRESET button will step through the portamento glide time presets. The LEDs indicate the length of the glide time from 0s, to ~2.5s. When on page 1, the glide time will shift up, when on page 2, the glide time will shift down.

EG

CRAFTsynth has two configurable envelope generators, one modulating the filter cutoff, one modulating the amplitude. 16 useful presets of these are accessible through this function. To change the envelope preset, hold the EG pad and tap the PAGE/PRESET button. The number of active LEDs will indicate which EG preset you are on, between 0 and 15 (Displayed in binary.)

| Preset Number | EG Style |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 0 | Snappy |
| 1 | Fade In Amp |
| 2 | Fade Out Amp |
| 3 | Fade In/Out Amp |
| 4 | Fade In Filter |
| 5 | Fade Out Filter |
| 6 | Fade In/Out Filter |
| 7 | Filter Closing Quick |
| 8 | Percussive 1 |
| 9 | Percussive 2 |
| 10 | Percussive 3 |
| 11 | Percussive 4 |
| 12 | Pad 1 |
| 13 | Pad 2 |
| 14 | Pad 3 |
| 15 | Pad 4 |

When on page 1, the EG preset will shift up, when on page 2, the EG preset will shift down. Full ADSR envelope controls for both amp and filter are configurable via MIDI CCs and the Craft App!

Touch Pads

VOL (Headphones)

Holding the touch segment labeled VOL and tapping the PAGE/PRESET button will alter the headphone output volume. On Page 1, the volume will increase each step and wrap around to being quiet. On Page 2, the volume will decrease, but not wrap around to loud (So you don't get a shock!)

Be careful not to damage your ears when adjusting the headphone volume!

MIDI Panic

If the synth won't stop making sound, it's likely that you have a 'hung' MIDI note. This means the synth has been sent a 'note on' message without ever receiving a 'note off'.

To manually stop the sound by performing a 'MIDI Panic', hold just the OCT and VOL touch pads and tap the 'page/preset' button.

Sound Presets

CRAFTsynth comes with 16 preset sounds, detailed in the table below. You can save your own sound over any of these, and restore all factory presets at any time.

To load or save a sound, first enter 'Preset mode' by holding the PAGE/PRESET button until the LEDs start spinning. Now you can scroll through the presets by tapping the PAGE/PRESET button. The preset number is displayed as a pattern on the LEDs (which is the patch number in binary for those of you who like that sort of thing!).

Once you reach the preset number you would like to **load**, simply hold the button until the LEDs start spinning, and then let go.

To **save** over a preset, use the same process, but hold the button a bit longer, until the LEDs Flash.

To **exit** preset mode without loading or saving, simply press nothing and wait a few seconds until the LEDs go back to normal, indicating you are on page 1.

To **re-load** all factory-preset sounds, enter preset mode and hold all 5 touch pads. **This will overwrite any sounds you have made!**

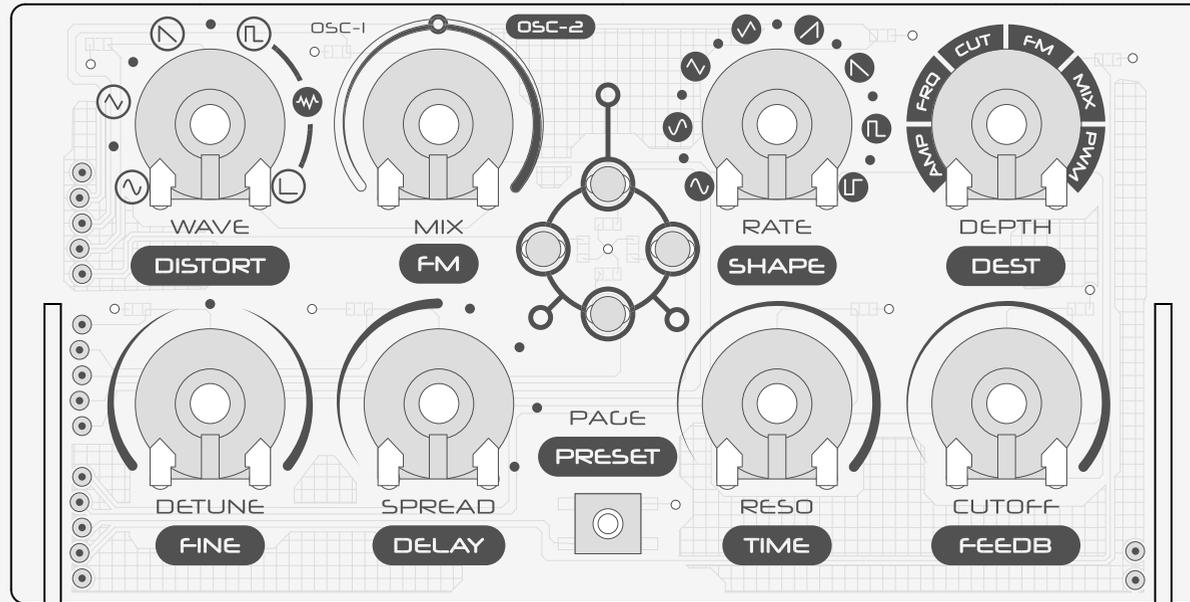
You can send CRAFTsynth program change MIDI messages to change preset, which means you can automate sound changes during a composition from your DAW!

Default Presets

| Preset Number | EG Style |
|---------------|----------------|
| 0 | Space Mission |
| 1 | Corporation |
| 2 | Rave Keys |
| 3 | Big Lead |
| 4 | Alarm |
| 5 | Acid Stab |
| 6 | Spooky Organ |
| 7 | Metallic |
| 8 | Distorted Bass |
| 9 | Tinkle |
| 10 | LoFi Drum |
| 11 | Wobble Bass |
| 12 | Pulsar |
| 13 | Ambient |
| 14 | Aliens |
| 15 | Basic Sine |

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Synthesis engine



Oscillators

The CRAFTsynth synthesis engine has two configurable oscillators referred to as OSC1 and OSC2, which can be combined in various ways to create a multitude of timbres ready to be shaped and modulated by the filter, LFO and effects.

This section details the relevant controls for OSC1 and OSC2:

WAVE

This control sets the waveform of the currently selected oscillator (See MIX parameter below for OSC selection). The available wave shapes are:

OSC1 - Sine, Triangle, Saw tooth, Square and PWM
OSC2 - Sine, Triangle, Saw tooth, Square and White Noise

The waveforms are indicated around the dial.

MIX

This parameter cross-fades between OSC1 and OSC2. Set half way, each oscillator can be heard at equal volume.

If you are predominantly listening to OSC1, the WAVE control will set the shape for OSC1, and vice versa.

DETUNE

This dial raises or lowers the pitch of OSC2 in relation to the note being played. This can be used to create different harmonies with OSC1 or to achieve a very low or very high-pitched sound.

When set to the center position, OSC2 is set to the fundamental frequency of the note being played, in unison with OSC1. When turning to the left, OSC2 pitch is lowered down to a maximum of -4 octaves, always maintaining a ratio of a 3rd, major 5th, minor 5th or octave.

When turning to the right, OSC2 pitch is raised up to a maximum of 3 ½ octaves, always maintaining a ratio of a 3rd, major 5th, minor 5th or octave.

When OSC2 wave shape is set to white noise, the DETUNE parameter affects the cut off frequency of a low pass filter affecting the noise, allowing the noise to be sculpted. There are multiple effects that can be achieved using this feature, such as having low frequency noise as the FM modulation source, creating an 'unstable' frequency.

FINE

The FINE parameter allows you to affect the detune of OSC2 more precisely. In the center position, OSC2 has no fine-tuning applied. When turned right, the frequency of OSC2 is raised up to a maximum of +50 cents. When turned left, the frequency of OSC2 is lowered to a maximum of -50 cents.

FM

The FM control on page 2 sets the amount by which OSC1 frequency is modulated by the level of OSC2, up to a maximum of +/- 2 octaves. Because of the wide range of OSC2 detune and the flexibility of the LFO, this can be used to create a huge array of effects, from adding rich harmonics to interesting low-frequency modulations.

SPREAD

The SPREAD control allows CRAFTsynth to introduce additional oscillators to achieve unison and chord modes.

In the first half of the dial, OSC1 and OSC2 are split into 8 individual oscillators and spread out over the frequency spectrum to create a fat unison sound. This effect is increased up to the center position.

Past half way, the oscillators arrange themselves into chord shapes. A huge variation of chords can be created with this control in conjunction with OSC2 detune.

Note: The average level of the sound will be lower when using the SPREAD control. This is because the combining oscillators are phasing in and out and not constantly re-enforcing each other as they would if the spread is set to zero.

Returning the spread to zero and retriggering a note will bring all oscillators back to their original phase and volume.

LFO

CRAFTsynth features an LFO with 8 waveforms and 6 destinations, which can be synced to MIDI clock. This feature can be used to create a huge array of sound modulations, including generating extra harmonics through AM and FM.

DEPTH

The DEPTH control affects the depth of the LFO modulation. The LFO modulation works differently for each destination to get the most versatility from the synthesis engine.

- **AMP** - LFO modulates overall amplitude from full volume down to LFO depth, where maximum depth is silence.
- **FRQ** - LFO modulates +/- LFO depth around current note frequency.
- **CUT** - LFO maximum depth is current filter cut off.
- **FM** - LFO maximum depth is current FM Amount.
- **MIX** - LFO modulates +/- LFO depth around current OSC Mix.
- **PWM** - LFO modulates +/- LFO depth around current OSC1 PW.

RATE

This control sets the rate of the LFO, and its behavior depends on the presence of MIDI clock.

If there is no MIDI clock detected:

In the first half of the dial, the frequency is set freely from 0.1 HZ to 20Hz.

If there is MIDI clock detected:

The first half of the dial sets the LFO frequency to divisions of the host BPM.

In the second half of the dial, the LFO rate is set to a division of the main frequency of the note being played. This allows the LFO frequency to run into the audible range and maintain harmonious modulations. A massive array of effects can be achieved in this way, including AM and FM.

SHAPE

This parameter sets the shape and phase of the currently selected LFO, as indicated around the dial. Available shapes are Sine (up first), Sine (down first), Triangle (up first), Triangle (down first), Ramp up, Ramp down, Square (high first) and Square (low first).

DEST

This parameter sets the LFO destination. The available destinations are:

- **AMP** - Overall sound amplitude
- **FRQ** - Current note frequency
- **CUT** - Filter cut off frequency
- **FM** - Amount of FM
- **MIX** - Mix between OSC1 and OSC2
- **PWM** - Pulse width of OCS1 (PWM must be selected as OSC1 wave)

Note: In normal operation, the top LED indicates the status of the LFO wave, to help you keep track of how the sound is being modulated.

Filter

CUTOFF

This affects the cut-off frequency of the filter, from 0Hz up to 20kHz.

The filter is a low-pass type by default, but is actually a state-variable filter. Through MIDI CC or the CRAFT App, the filter type can be 'morphed' from low-pass, through band-pass and into high-pass.

The cut-off frequency can be modulated by the LFO and the filter envelope.

RESO

The RESO parameter sets the resonance of the filter around the cutoff frequency.

Note: If the audio output seems unusually quiet, check the resonance is not turned up. To compensate for feedback occurring when the filter cutoff approaches the fundamental frequency, turning up the resonance will attenuate the level of the signal and introduce gentle soft limiting. This is common practice to avoid clipping or sudden large changes in signal level.

Effects

DISTORT

This control sets the amount of overdrive distortion applied to the sound.

All the way to the left, there is no distortion. All the way to the right, the sound is fully distorted.

This distortion is a wave-shaping overdrive, which can be used to add harmonics and warmth to a sound, as well as compressing it and making it very loud and distorted.

DELAY

This parameter affects the Dry/Wet mix of the of the delay audio effect at the end of the audio signal chain. When set to minimum, only the dry signal will be heard. When set to maximum, only the delayed signal will be heard.

TIME

TIME controls the delay time of the delay effect, from 0 to 250ms.

If an incoming MIDI Clock signal is detected, the Delay time will snap to divisions of the host clock. This feature can be disabled or enabled via midi CC (See the MIDI section).

FEEDB

This parameter sets the amount of delayed audio signal fed back into the delay input.

When at the fully position, only the first delayed signal will be heard. All the way to the right, almost the entire level of the delayed signal is fed back into the delay.

This can be used to create a wide array of effects from an echo or reverb-type effect, to noise and metallic sounds.

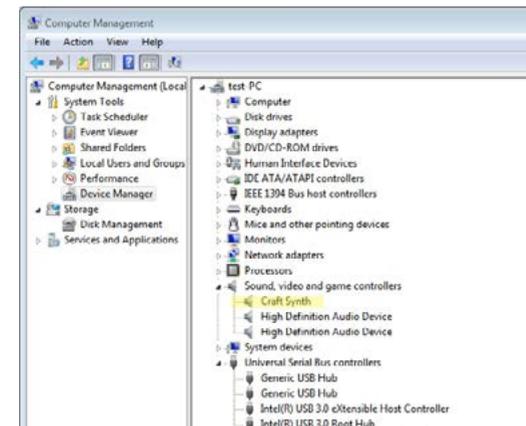
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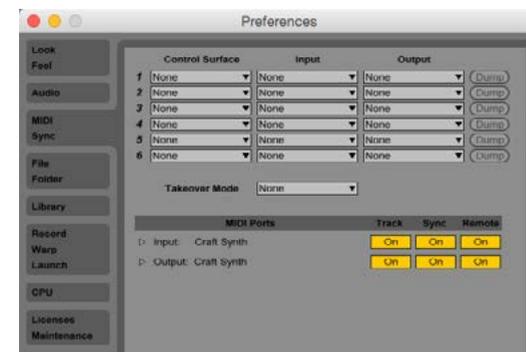
CRAFTsynth is fully USB-MIDI class-compliant, meaning you can plug it into your computer, no drivers required, and gain access to a huge array of extra features. Simply plug in CRAFTsynth to a USB port and it will show up as a MIDI input and output device in any software that supports external MIDI devices.



On Mac OSX, CRAFTsynth will show up in 'Midi Studio', found in Applications > Utilities > Audio MIDI Setup. (Once open, select Window > Show MIDI Studio)



On Windows, CRAFTsynth will show up as a sound device in the Device manager.



Remember to enable the device input and output in your DAW's preferences.

MIDI Channel

CRAFTSynth's MIDI channel can be set from the front panel, or with CRAFT App. To set using the front panel, hold the SCALE and EG touch pads and click the 'PAGE/PRESET' button. The LEDs will show the assigned channel in binary. (See the 'Binary LEDs' chart at the end of this manual).

Note: Setting the channel to 0 on the front panel actually sets the MIDI channel to 16, to make the LEDs easier to read.

MIDI Output

All controls on the craft output midi messages. This allows CRAFTsynth to be used as a fully functional plug and play MIDI controller!

When a change is detected on any of the parameters, a CC message is sent out. See the MIDI implementation chart in the MIDI section to find which parameters send which CC numbers.

The touchpads send MIDI notes for the note that they are set to trigger.

MIDI Input**Notes**

CRAFTsynth can be played by sending it MIDI notes. This means you can use your DAW or any device that can send MIDI notes over USB to sequence velocity sensitive notes for your synth.

MIDI Clock

Configure your DAW to send MIDI clock (Sync) to CRAFTsynth and it will automatically configure itself to work in time with your track tempo. The LFO rate will snap to divisions of the host clock (up until half way - see LFO section).

Delay time will also snap to divisions of the host clock, depending on the delay sync setting, controlled via MIDI CC (See MIDI implementation chart above).

When no clock is detected, the synth will continue to use whatever tempo it is configured to until a change of LFO rate or Delay time is detected by a dial turn.

Pitch Bend, Mod wheel and Sustain

CRAFTsynth responds to the pitch bend, mod wheel and sustain controls of your MIDI controller. Mod wheel destination is specified using the CRAFT App, or via MIDI CC 42 (See MIDI CC implementation chart).

Program Change

Sending a program change to CRAFTsynth will load the relevant preset. This enables you to automate changes between sound, for example to move between different elements of a track, or from one track to the next.

Note: Your DAW might list program changes starting from '1' this will load the first preset on CRAFTsynth, which is referred to as '0' in this manual.

CC control parameters list

All parameters of the synthesis engine can be controlled by sending CC messages to CRAFTsynth. There are several features that can only be accessed through this control, or by using the CRAFT App.

The following table shows which midi CC numbers control which parameters.

MIDI CC Implementation Chart

| Function | CC | Values |
|------------------|----|--|
| Glide | 5 | 0 - 2.5 seconds, exponential control |
| Headphone Volume | 7 | Silence - full volume |
| Distortion | 12 | Dry - Wet |
| Delay Amount | 13 | Dry - Wet |
| Delay Time | 14 | No Sync: 0 - 250 milliseconds / Sync: 8 steps, division of host clock |
| Delay Feedback | 15 | 0% - 90% |
| Osc1 Shape | 16 | 0 - 21 Sine / 22-42 Tri / 43-63 Saw / 64-127 PWM duty 50% - 5% |
| Osc2 Shape | 17 | 0 - 21 Sine / 22-42 Tri / 43-63 Saw / 64-85 Square / 86-127 Noise |
| Osc Mix | 18 | OSC1 - OSC2 |
| FM Amount | 19 | No FM to +/- 2 Octave modulation |
| Spread | 20 | 0-63 Unison Spread / 64-76 major / 77-89 minor / 90-102 7th / 103 maj 7th / 116-127 maj Octave |
| FEG Attack | 22 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| FEG Decay | 23 | 0 - 2 Seconds |
| FEG Sustain | 24 | 0 - 1 |
| FEG Release | 25 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| AEG Attack | 26 | 0 - 2 Seconds |
| AEG Decay | 27 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| AEG Sustain | 28 | 0 - 1 |
| AEG Release | 29 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| Osc2 Detune | 30 | -4/+3.5 Octaves, Snaps to Root, min3, maj3, 5th |
| Osc2 Fine | 31 | -/+ 50 Cents |
| FEG Invert | 32 | 0-63 Not inverted, 64-127 Inverted |
| Filter Morph | 33 | 0 = LP / 64 = BP / 127 = HP Continuous morph |
| Filter Cutoff | 34 | 0Hz - 20kHz |

MIDI CC Implementation Chart

| Function | CC | Values |
|-----------------------|----|--|
| Filter Resonance | 35 | None - Full |
| LFO Rate | 36 | NO SYNC: 0-63 = 0-32Hz Free / 64-71 Root/8 / 72-79 Root/4 / 80-87 Root/2 / 88-95 Root / 96-103 Root*1.5 / 104-111 Root*2 / 112-119 Root*2.5 / 120-127 Root*3 SYNC: 0-7 = 1/16 / 8-15 = 1/8 / 16-23 = 1/4 / 24-31 = 1/2 / 32-39 = 1 / 40-47 = 5/4 / 48-55 = 2 / 56-63 = 4 (Cycles per beat), then / 64-71 Root/8 / 72-79 Root/4 / 80-87 Root/2 / 88-95 Root / 96-103 Root*1.5 / 104-111 Root*2 / 112-119 Root*2.5 / 120-127 Root*3 |
| LFO Depth | 37 | 0 - Full |
| LFO Destination | 38 | 0-21 AMP / 22-42 FRQ / 43-64 CUT / 65-85 FM / 86-106 MIX / 107-127 PWM |
| LFO Shape | 39 | 0-14 Sine / 15-31 iSine / 32-47 Tri / 48-63 iTri / 64-79 Ramp up / 80-95 Ramp down / 96-120 Square / 121-127 iSquare |
| Octave | 40 | Octave shift -2 to +3 (0-21/22-43/44-65/66-87/88-110/9-110-127) |
| Scale | 41 | C Major (0-24) C Minor (25-49) C Diminished (50-74) C Major Augmented (75-99) C Blues Pentatonic (100-127) |
| Mod Wheel Destination | 42 | 0-15 Cut Off / 16-31 Filter Res / 32-47 Osc Mix / 48-63 LFO Rate / 64-79LFO Depth / 80-95 FM Amount / 96-111 Spread Amount / 112-127 Delay Amount |
| AEG Release | 72 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| AEG Attack | 73 | 0 - 4 Seconds |
| Filter Cutoff | 74 | 0Hz - 20kHz |
| AEG Decay | 75 | 0 - 2 Seconds |
| Glide | 84 | 0 - 2.5 seconds, exponential control |
| MIDI Sync options | 86 | 0-31 LFO Off Delay Off / 32-63 LFO Auto Delay Off / 64-95 LFO Off Delay Auto / 96-127 LFO Auto Delay Auto |

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Update

Update

CRAFTsynth's firmware can be updated remotely. This means that you will be able to update your CRAFTsynth to the latest version each time an update is released, introducing new features.

CRAFT App will provide the most user-friendly way to update firmware, however it is also possible to update the firmware using MIDI sysex messages, meaning you won't need the app.

Instructions for updating will be provided with updates, at www.modalelectronics.com

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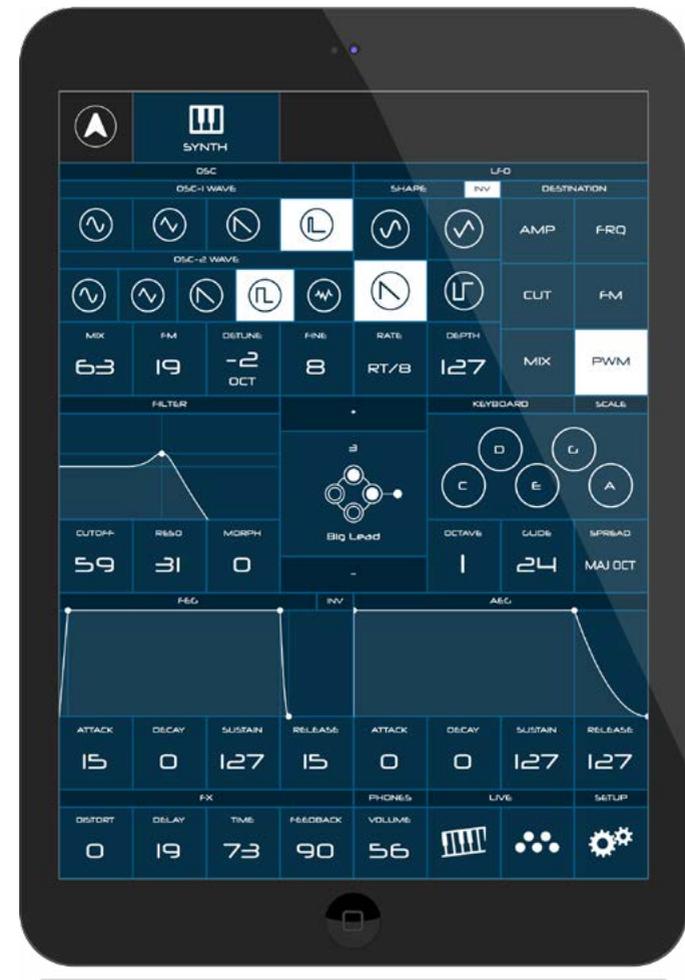
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CraftApp adds extra functionality and accessibility to CRAFTsynth, including the ability to update CRAFTsynth's firmware when new features are added.

CraftApp is available for OSX, iOS, Windows, and Android.

To find the app on your platform, visit www.modalelectronics.com/craft



Connecting devices

CRAFTsynth can be attached to an iPad using a Camera Connection kit, or an Android device using a USB OTG (On-the-go) adapter.

NOTE: If you wish to use more than one USB device with your tablet, phone or computer, connect all devices through a powered USB hub.

Install and open CraftApp. You will see a splash screen until a CRAFTsynth has been detected, at which point you will see the Patch Editor page appear.

Playing Craft

At this point, you can play your CRAFTsynth with any MIDI controller! CraftApp forwards all incoming MIDI to CRAFTsynth automatically. Just make sure that your MIDI controller is sending to the same MIDI channel that the CRAFTsynth is assigned to.

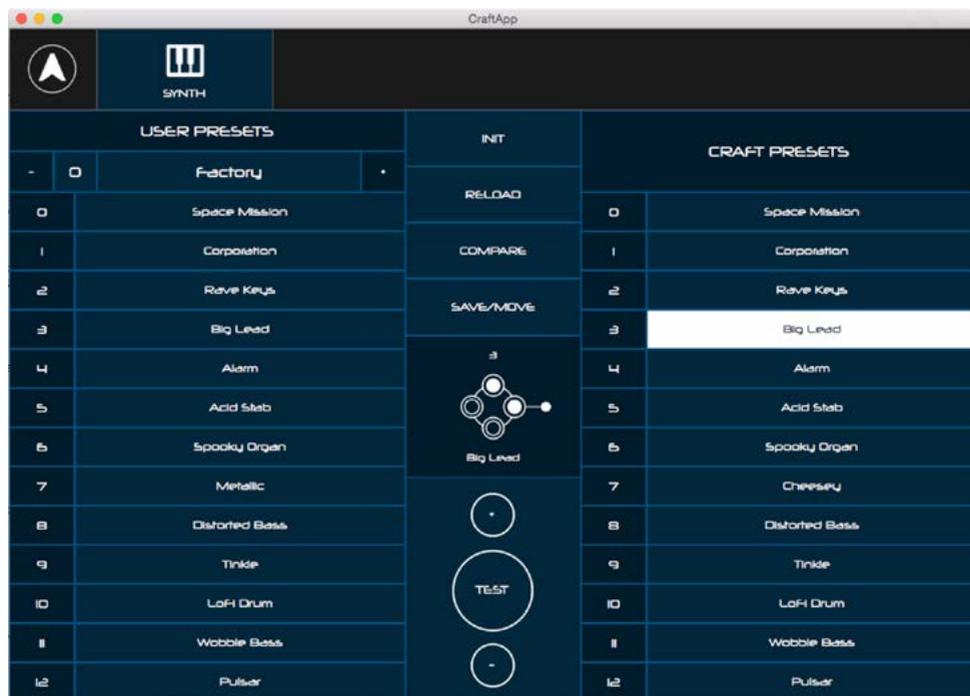


This page gives you access to all the parameters of your sound in one window. You can drag the envelopes and filter graph to change them in real time.

Number boxes can be dragged to change the value, including the PWM wave shape of OSC. The center of the screen shows the currently loaded preset. You can click the + and - buttons either side of this to scroll through presets on your craft.

From this page you have access to all of the other App pages; Presets, Live, and Setup.

To access the Preset page, click the preset symbol in the center of the page.



From this page, you can save, load and backup presets, as well as rename, move, compare, and more.

Presets that are stored on the CRAFTsynth are listed on the right. Presets that are stored in the CRAFTApp are listed on the left. You can save multiple banks of presets in the App to allow you to store up to 512 sounds. Clicking the – and + buttons located under USER PRESETS scrolls through the banks.

Load

To load a patch from either a bank or the CRAFTsynth, simply click on it. CRAFTsynth will load and play this sound.

Test

Click the TEST button to play the currently loaded sound through CRAFTsynth. This allows you to quickly hear what a preset sounds like through the Preset page. The + and – buttons scroll through octaves.

Save / Move

If CRAFTsynth is playing a sound that you want to save, click SAVE/MOVE. This enters Save mode, indicated by the center preset icon turning white.

Now select a destination to save this sound to. You can choose to save onto the CRAFTsynth or into a preset bank on the App. Your selected slot will turn white.

Now click SAVE to overwrite this preset, or EXIT to exit without saving.

Click RENAME to change the name of a preset before saving.

Use the << BANK button to move an entire bank of sounds from the CRAFTsynth to the App bank. Use the BANK >> button to move an entire bank of sounds from the App bank to the CRAFTsynth. You need to click SAVE for this to take effect, or EXIT to go back without moving anything.

Reload

This button reloads the currently loaded preset on CRAFTsynth, losing all changes you have made since you last loaded that preset.

Compare

Turning on COMPARE temporarily reloads the currently loaded preset without losing any changes you have made since you loaded that preset. Click compare again to go back to your version of the sound.

This allows you to quickly check if you want to overwrite the preset with the changed you have made.

Init

This button loads the initialisation patch parameters to craft (a simple sine wave sound), but doesn't overwrite any saved preset.

Click the preset icon in the center of the screen to return to the Patch Editor page.



The Live page gives you a multi-touch in-app MIDI controller for CRAFTsynth, including a keyboard, pitch-bend and mod wheel, sustain, preset selection, and more.

CRAFTsynth Controls

The tabs PAGE 1, PAGE 2, and EG PRESETS give you access to most of the CRAFTsynth controls, so that you can tweak as you play the sound. Use the numbers in the 'EG PRESETS' tab to load an envelope presets, or drag the envelope points to customise.

Keyboard

Press a key to send a note to craft! The lower down on the key you press, the louder the sound. Use the scroll bar above the keyboard to choose the currently displayed section of the keyboard.

Click the numbers above the scrollbar to choose how many octaves are displayed on the keyboard.

Pitch-bend, ModWheel, and Sustain

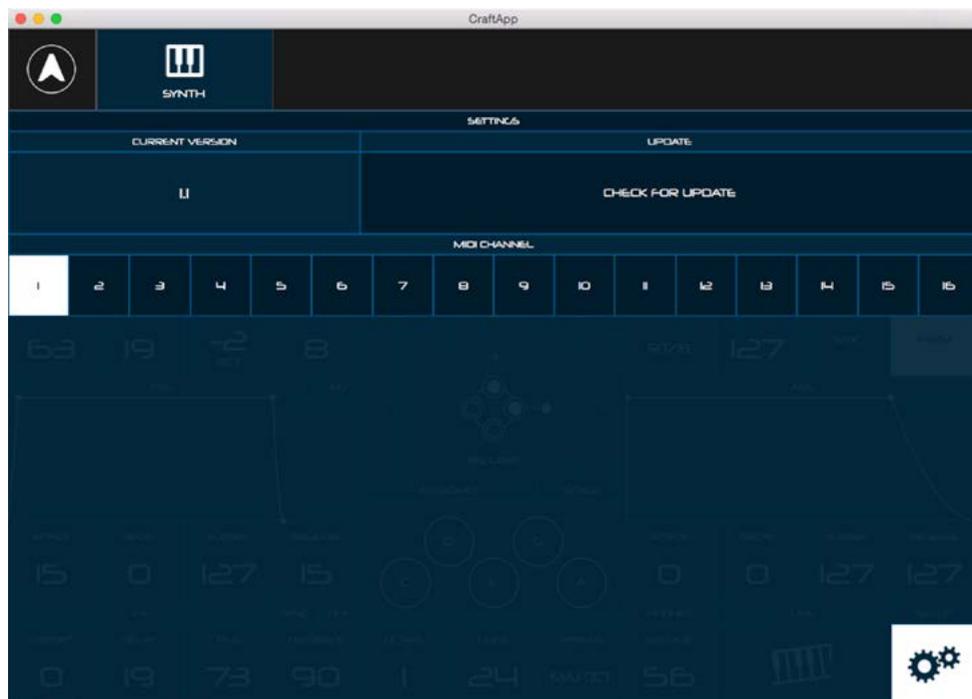
These controls behave exactly as they would on a MIDI keyboard.

Click and drag on the ASSIGN parameter to select a destination for the Modwheel control. This will be saved with your sound when you save a preset.

Selecting SUSTAIN emulates the effect of a sustain pedal, holding the envelopes in their sustain stage until it is deselected.

Click the EDITOR Button to return to the Patch Editor page.

Settings Page



Firmware version



Keep an eye out for this notification on the setup button of the Patch Editor page.

It informs you that there is a new update available for you CRAFTsynth! You can manually check for updates by clicking the 'CHECK FOR UPDATE' button on the Setup page.

If an update is available, follow the on-screen instructions to update your CRAFTsynth to the latest version.

MIDI Channel

Here you can select the MIDI channel that CRAFTsynth is set to. CRAFTsynth will now only send and receive MIDI on this channel.

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Appendix

Troubleshooting

Having trouble pushing the connectors on?

The pins are designed to be slightly out of line – this helps the connectors stay on nice and tight! The connector will still slide over the pins.

I can't seem to fit the knob shafts in?

Look inside the potentiometer - it actually has a shape to it, and you should be able to see how the shaft fits in. Make sure that the orientation of the knob shaft lines up with the rectangular slot.

My synth doesn't turn on?

When you provide power to the CRAFTsynth, you should see LEDs light up. If this isn't the case, please check the following:

- Check that all the connectors are attached properly (See Assembly section).
- Check that there is no damage to the synth, such as bent header pins.

If powering by USB:

- Unplug and plug the USB cable back in.
- Try using a different USB cable.
- Check that you are using a USB port on the computer or powered USB hub, rather than a keyboard or a non-powered hub, which may not be able to provide enough current.

If powering with a battery pack:

- Check that the battery pack's power switch is turned on.
- Check that the battery pack is properly connected to the battery connector on the synth and that the leads are not damaged.
- Check that the batteries are fully charged and in the correct orientation.

My synth turns on and looks like it's working, but there's no sound?

- Check that all the connectors are attached properly (See Assembly section).
- Check that your headphones or line connections are connected properly and working as they should (Testing with another device to provide sound is a good way to do this).
- Turn the synth on and wait a few seconds for it to initialise, you should see just the top LED on, suggesting you are on page one.
- Hold a touch pad and turn the CUTOFF control all the way to the right.
- Try turning DEPTH all the way to the left and putting MIX to the middle.
- Try turning up the headphone volume (See Touch Pads section).
- Try sending MIDI to the synth to identify if it is an issue with the touch pads.

The touch pads don't seem to work properly or the sound keeps re-triggering?

The touch pads work through 'capacitive sensing', detecting the presence of your touch in a similar way to your smartphone screen. If you are having difficulty using the touch pads, it's likely to be to do with either your skin contact, or the power source.

- First ensure that all connectors are attached properly and that the synth is not damaged.
- Because of the 'open' circuit, there are several places on the synth other than the touch pads that will trigger sounds, ensure that you are just touching the pads and not the left hand side of the synth.
- Ensure your hands are clean and dry and that you are not wearing any gloves.
- Try powering the synth from an alternate power source. Powering from a battery pack and listening on headphones will isolate the synth from any other equipment that may be affecting the synth. If this fixes the issue, try unplugging any other equipment that may be affecting the power, such as your laptop charger.
- Try sending MIDI to the synth to identify if it definitely is an issue with the touch pads, and not just an unusual sound!

My synth turns on, but I just get four solid LEDs lit up and nothing else?

If all four LEDs stay on solidly and you never get to the point where a single LED is on, it may be that there has been an update error, or you have accidentally entered 'update mode'.

When starting the update process, the firmware on the synth is erased, ready to put the new firmware on. If the update is not completed successfully, the result will be that you only ever see 4 LEDs lit solidly.

Don't worry, it's still possible to put the firmware back on the device, just contact support@modalelectronics.com for help.

The synth doesn't show up as a MIDI device?

CRAFTsynth uses a class-compliant MIDI over USB connection, which means most operating systems will recognise it as a MIDI device without the need to install additional drivers. If you're not seeing 'Craft Synth' listed as a MIDI device, check the following:

- Check to see if the device shows up on your computer, as described in the MIDI section of this manual.
- Some systems may take some time to search for any required drivers, simply wait until your operating system has finished this process.
- Check that your DAW or other software has enabled MIDI input and output to 'Craft Synth'. This is usually found in Preferences > MIDI.
- Check that the USB cable is not faulty, and that the USB socket on your computer works properly.
- Make sure that the USB sockets are free from dust or dirt.

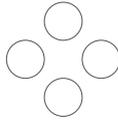
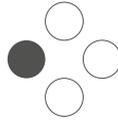
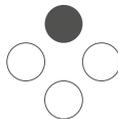
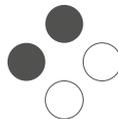
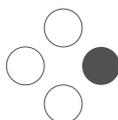
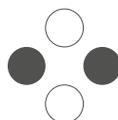
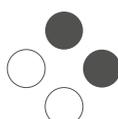
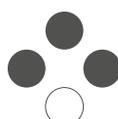
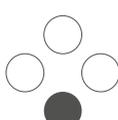
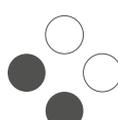
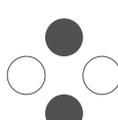
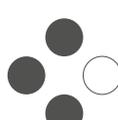
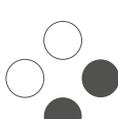
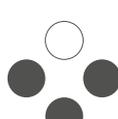
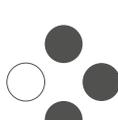
My Synth doesn't respond to MIDI

Please check that you have CRAFTsynth set to the same MIDI channel that you are sending MIDI to.

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Appendix

Binary LEDs

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| 2 |  | 10 |  |
| 3 |  | 11 |  |
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