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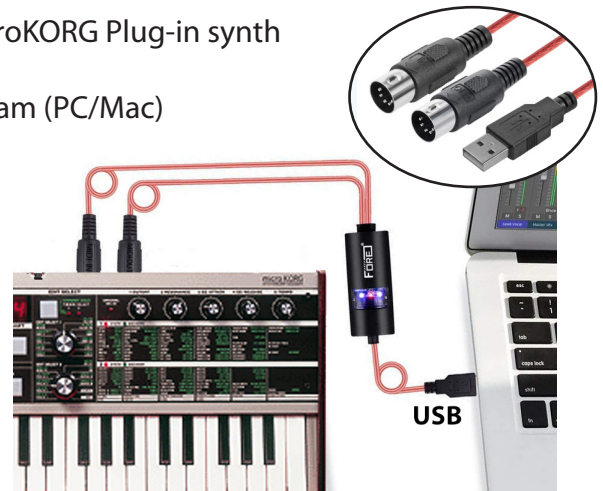
FAST & EASY INSTALL GUIDE + PATCH LIST

Congratulations on your purchase of microKORG 2023 Ultimate Patches.
(compatible with microKORG / S / Crystal / Plug-in & MS2000 series)
Celebrating microKORG's 20th Anniversary with 300 all new next-level sounds!

Install Requirements

1. A microKORG / S / Crystal, MS2000 series synth, or microKORG Plug-in synth
2. A PC (Windows 7+) or Mac (MacOS 10.9+)
3. The free Korg microKORG Sound Editor librarian program (PC/Mac)
4. A MIDI to USB Interface Cable such as the one pictured at right (or other MIDI computer interface with 5-pin MIDI in/out ports (such as Focusrite 4i4).
   Many are available on Amazon from $14:
   • FORE MIDI to USB Interface MIDI Cable Adapter
   • LEKATO USB MIDI Interface MIDI Cable Adapter
   • TENINYU USB to MIDI Cable Converter
   • Roland UM-ONE mk2 USB MIDI Interface
   • iConnectivity mio 1x1 USB MIDI Interface

USB

MIDI to USB Interface Cable

Notes

• **IMPORTANT:** Nearly all our patches utilize the Mod wheel for a unique alternate sound - make sure to always try it when checking out the patches. You'll be glad you did!

• Even though the synth lists categories (trance, retro, vocoder, etc) on the large Program Select wheel, just ignore those labels, as our patches go well beyond those categories and are not categorized.

• Volume levels vary from patch to patch, as we sometimes overdrive the synth's analog outputs for thick true-analog gain saturation. Similarly, some delicate patches require a lower volume level (such as Volume 1 B.34 "Palm Mute Guitar").

• Many of the patches have intentional vintage voice attributes (similar to - but better than - the Vintage knob on some Sequential synths), for very authentic vintage sound.

• Although files containing the full volumes are included in both PC and Mac .syx formats, we've also included the individual patch files (.syx format and PC-only ".prg" format) if you need them.

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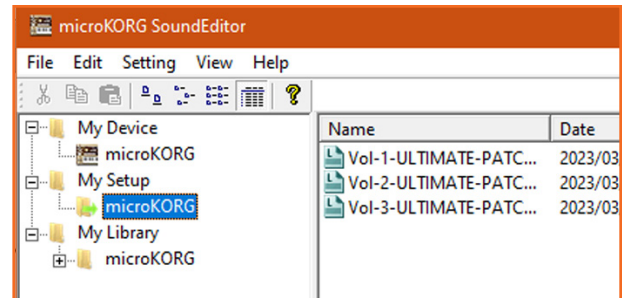
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Installation Preparation (microKORG / S / Crystal / any MS2000 series synth)

1. Connect your MIDI interface from your microKORG / S / Crystal or MS2000 series synth to your PC or Mac. If you're using a MIDI to USB interface cable like the one in the photo on page one, connect the cable's **MIDI OUT to the MIDI IN port on the synth, and the cable's MIDI IN to the MIDI OUT port on the synth,** and plug the USB cable into your computer.
2. On the microKORG, turn on your synth (and keep it on until all install steps are done) and do the following:
   • **Turn Write Protect off** (on microKORG / S / Crystal, hold shift and press key "8", then turn "1/CUTOFF" knob until the synth displays "off". Hit the "8" key again to complete.
   • **Enable Sysex** (on microKORG / S / Crystal, hold shift and press key "4", then turn knob "4/EG RELEASE" until the synth displays "E-E". Hit the "4" key again to complete.
   • **Temporarily change Clock Sync to External** (on microKORG / S / Crystal, select MIDI using the EDIT SELECT 2 knob, then turn knob "3/EG ATTACK" until "eEt" displays. **IMPORTANT:** Change it back to Internal (or auto) after every time you've loaded in the patches, in order for the arpeggiator to work without an external clock sync source.
   • **Make sure MIDI channel is 1** (on microKORG / S / Crystal, select MIDI using the EDIT SELECT 2 knob, then turn "1/CUTOFF" knob until "1" is displayed.
   Note: if using a Korg MS2000 series synth, perform the above steps by pressing the "Global" key to access those settings.
3. Extract the .zip file you purchased from us, to a folder on your desktop. Do not change the filenames.

Installation on Windows (microKORG / S /Crystal)

1. Install the free Korg microKORG Sound Editor librarian program (PC): https://www.korg.com/us/support/download/product/0/104/
2. Copy the volumes you purchased "Vol-1-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.set", "Vol-2-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.set", "Vol-3-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.set" into the microKORG folder here: C:\Users**username**\Documents\KORG\My Setup\microKORG Note that **username** will show your actual Windows username.
3. Start the microKORG Sound Editor. If you get "No Device Found" error, Click "MIDI Devices" in Setting menu, and make sure your MIDI interface is shown in the IN / OUT fields.
4. Click on the "microKORG" folder under "My Setup" (see image at right). You can now see the Ultimate Patches listed in the right pane.
5. Select one of those volumes shown in the right pane, and drag and drop it onto the microKORG icon under "My Device".
6. NOTE: This will erase all patches currently in the synth and overwrite them with the Ultimate Patches volume you selected. To backup your patches first, read the "Data Dump" section in the microKORG Owner's Manual, or the "MIDI Dump" section in the MS2000 manual.
7. After a few seconds, that volume of Ultimate Patches is now installed on the synth. Enjoy!
8. To install another volume, repeat the previous step, choosing the other volume you want to install. Remember, this will overwrite patches currently in the synth.
9. If for any reason you are not able to install the patches, install the MIDI-OX app using the steps under "SysEx MIDI files on PC" at https://www.sweetwater.com/sweetcare/articles/how-do-i-send-and-receive-sysex-on-pc-or-mac/ then, send the sysex data (patches) to your synth (eg Vol-1-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.syx) by following the steps under "Send SysEx data to your MIDI device" on that same webpage. NOTE: read step 6 above, first. There is also a troubleshooting section later in this guide should you need it.

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Installation - MacOS 10.14 and lower (microKORG / S / Crystal / MS2000 series)

1. Install the free Korg microKORG Sound Editor librarian program (Mac): https://www.korg.com/us/support/download/product/0/104/
2. Start the Editor. Go to Preferences by clicking the "microKORG SoundEditor" menu shown at right, and make sure MIDI channel is "1". If you see "None" under MIDI In / MIDI Out, select your MIDI In / Out Interface from the dropdown.
3. Click "Open" in the program's File menu.
4. Select the soundbank you wish to install to the synth, for example Vol-1-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.syx (located in the folder on your desktop) that you purchased from us. Click Open once selected.
5. Click on the Program icon in the blue area as shown in the example image at right. The full volume of patches will open in a window.
6. Select "Transmit" in the MIDI menu to send that volume of patches to your synth. NOTE: This will erase all patches currently in the synth and overwrite them with the Ultimate Patches volume you selected. To backup your patches first, read the "Data Dump" section in the microKORG Owner's Manual, or the "MIDI Dump" section in the MS2000 manual.

Installation - MacOS 10.15 and up (microKORG / S / Crystal / MS2000 series)

1. MacOS 10.15 and up is not compatible with the microKORG Sound Editor, so:
2. Install the free SysEx Librarian that is appropriate to your macOS version: https://www.snoize.com/SysExLibrarian/
   then follow the instructions under "Send SysEx MIDI data to your device" on this page: https://www.sweetwater.com/sweetcare/articles/how-do-i-send-and-receive-sysex-on-pc-or-mac/ to send the sysex data (patches) to your synth (eg Vol-1-ULTIMATE-PATCHES.syx). NOTE: This will erase all patches currently in the synth and overwrite them with the Ultimate Patches volume you selected. To backup your patches first, read the "Data Dump" section in the microKORG Owner's Manual, or the "MIDI Dump" section in the MS2000 manual.
   Note: optionally, you can try the MS2000 Librarian: http://daz.korgforums.com/ which is free — or use any other Sysex program of your choice.
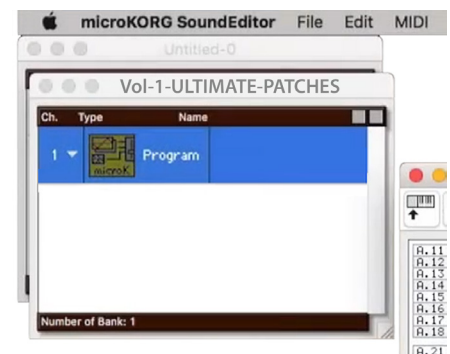
Installation microKORG Plug-In Synth
Follow the instructions included with the Plug-in.

Installation - Windows (MS2000 series synths)
Follow the steps of the above section "Installation on Windows". Alternatively, you can try these free programs:
ReMS2000: https://github.com/inteyes/ReMS2000/releases/download/v1.3.4/ReMS2000_WinStandalone.exe
MS2K Patch Buddy: http://daz.korgforums.com/

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Troubleshooting

If you're having trouble with installing the patches, make sure you perform — in order and exactly — the installation preparation followed by the appropriate installation procedures in this guide. If you're still having issues, follow these steps:

1. Make sure you've connected the MIDI cables as shown on Page 1 of this manual (MIDI OUT > MIDI IN and vice versa).
2. If your MIDI interface requires a driver, make sure it is installed and working.
3. Make sure you do NOT turn off the synth throughout the Installation Preparation and Installation process.

    If all else fails:
4. Reboot your computer.
5. Restore the factory settings on the synth following the instructions on page 63 of the microKORG Owner's Manual available for download here: https://www.korg.com/us/support/download/product/0/104/
    Important: first read step 5 of "Installation on Windows (microKORG / microKORG S)" in this manual.
6. Repeat the Installation Preparation steps from page 1 of this manual. Then continue on to the installation steps.
7. If you still have issues, install using MIDI-OX (PC) or SysEX Librarian (Mac) following the instructions in this manual, or use any similar MIDI Sysex program of your choice.

If you've followed the instructions exactly and in order, and you still need help installing, search Youtube using the search words "microKORG Load Sounds" where several helpful installation videos can be found. You can then contact us if still needed, via the contact page on our website: https://www.ultimatepatches.com

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14. VANGELIS '83	54. THE TIMPANI
15. BALLAD PIANO	55. 1983 SPARKLE
16. THE SITAR	56. VINTAGE LOTR
17. THE JUNO-60	57. SYNCLAVIER I
18. GARGABOT	58. THE RACE
21. FUTUREPOP 2037	61. REGGAETON X
22. THE WHISTLER	62. DR. WHO '75
23. 1984 BRASS	63. PANOPTICA
24. SLIPGATE	64. 1985
25. RETROCADE I	65. NEON NIGHTS
26. CINEMA PAD	66. OPTIMUS BASS
27. SAM SMITH I	67. CYBERIA
28. SAM SMITH II	68. TECHNOTRONIC 1989
31. SHINTO LEAD	71. 1970
32. D-50 1987 REDUX	72. 1975
33. FROZEN SOLUS	73. R&B BASS 1980
34. LONDON 1983	74. FLASHBACK
35. THE CARS 1979	75. BASS OF 1993
36. SUPERSAW POP	76. GRANDFATHER
37. ROBODROP	77. TX81Z 1989
38. POLYSIX 1984	78. PROPHET GAIN
41. 1975 P-BASS GUITAR	81. DISCO DUCK
42. 1981 P-BASS GUITAR	82. SAWYER REDUX
43. GUITAR 1984	83. THE STRINGER
44. WAILERS J-BASS	84. 2035
45. JUNO-106	85. 2025 STRINGS
46. ZIPPADEE	86. BETAMAX PAD
47. FM BASS 2023	87. DUBSTEP 2012
48. METAVERSE X	88. DAS MELLOW

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11. NEPTUNES 2005	51. MYSTERY LEAD
12. OBERHEIM SEM	52. ENDOR WILDLIFE
13. B3 ORGAN 1976	53. WAVESTATE X
14. LOS ANGELES	54. THE DROID
15. FLUTOPIA	
16. P-FUNK 2024	
17. THE SENTINEL	
18. CUTTING CREW 2027	
21. ROBO-CREEP	
22. PPG WAVE 2.1	
23. SEA TO SKY	
24. DAS NEUE	
25. FUNK COMPER	
26. SEINFELD BASS	
27. SONORA DOTS	
28. HIPHOP 1982	
31. SAMPLE HIT 4	
32. SON DEXTER	
33. CINCO BELLO	
34. PALM MUTE GUITAR*	
35. THE WATCHER	
36. JAZZ VIBRAPHONE	
37. ARCADE INVADERS I	
38. ARCADE INVADERS II	
41. BROOKLYN TAP	
42. STRINGER 1980	
43. GHOSTMACHINE	
44. 8-DIN	
45. JAZZ B3 1964	
46. SCTV NEWS	
47. MOOG BASS OF 1976	
48. MOOG BASS OF 2076	

this patch has intentionally low volume as this was the only way to get a realistic low-gain palm-mute guitar sound with a small amount of realistic guitar crunch.

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13. THE JUNO-6	53. DEPECHE MODE
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15. DOLBYS DREAM	55. C64 CHIPTUNE
16. DIGIDOTS	56. MORODEREDUX
17. COLD FUSION	57. CHOIR SAMPLE
18. DUA LIPA REDUX	58. GENETIC DATA
21. 1976	61. FAIRY TALE
22. ROM MASK	62. CYCLOTRON
23. LUMINEX	63. B3 ORGAN 1959
24. COLECOVISION	64. B3 ORGAN 1976
25. SEGA GENESIS	65. B3 ORGAN 1980
26. ORC INVASION	66. STARDUST PAD
27. JUPITER-6	67. FAST-FORWARD
28. FUNK OF '82	68. EPIC OF 1977
31. TANGERINE 77	71. BLADE LUSHER
32. PIC-A-POP	72. DATABUBBLER
33. 1980	73. TECHOUSE 2029
34. WEEKND 2021	74. SUPERTANG
35. CHEEK POPPER	75. SYNCLAVIER 2
36. CRYPTO WAVE	76. VCO BRASS
37. RETROWAVE X	77. PRINCE OB-Xa
38. CYBERSINGER	78. VANGELIC CS
41. MEGA DRIVE	81. THE HARPSICHORD
42. CELL EMERGENCY	82. 1981
43. PONG TUNE	83. 1973 AMBIENT
44. SOFT GLITCH	84. HARMONICA
45. CRONENBERG	85. CITRUSFUNK
46. STYX 2040	86. SNOOP DOGG
47. ETHERWAVE	87. BINARY TRUTH
48. WHO REDUX	88. MODULARITY

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11. SCHNAPPER	51. THE CARS 1978
12. DUBSTEP 2010	52. HELSINKI POP
13. HOUSE BASS 1986	53. META QUEST 3
14. HERALDRY	54. VAPORWAVE DREAM
15. SIXTH SENSE	
16. SOUNDTRACK 1979	
17. SUPER ACID	
18. P-FUNK 2040	
21. PIANO 1965	
22. PIANO 2039	
23. PIANO 1969	
24. PIANO 1989	
25. PIANO 2024	
26. PIANO 1986	
27. HARD COMPER	
28. 2033	
31. FUTUREPOP V	
32. EPIC REALMS	
33. MATRIX BELLS	
34. HEART EXPOSED	
35. THRILLER KEYS 2023	
36. 1984	
37. HARKENING	
38. ARCANE CINE	
41. STAR CASTLE	
42. ARPANET	
43. ZETA ONE	
44. 1979 BRASS	
45. MOOG BASS 1978	
46. OB-Xa BASS 1982	
47. ARP LEAD 1971	
48. MARVIN GAYE 1975	

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13. 2028 DROP	53. GAY CHOIR
14. FUTUREPOP II	54. NITZER EBB
15. DAS VOKAL	55. ANDROMEDA
16. CHIPTUNED	56. TECH CRASH
17. RETROWAVE II	57. JP-04 PAD
18. 2027 BASSIX	58. DEEPHOUSE1991
21. TEK VIBRANTE	61. OMD REDUX
22. DARK WEB	62. DEEPHOUSE 1987
23. JUPITER-6 II	63. GRANULATOR
24. 2031	64. TEKDROP BASS
25. DIGITAL 1981	65. PURE SUB
26. DIGI-MUNCHER	66. GRANULATOR II
27. SPANDAU 1983	67. SH-101 BASS
28. THE REECE BASS	68. RETROCADE II
31. AWAKENING	71. MACCA REDUX
32. FLUXTER	72. MAGNETO
33. NEPTUNE-80	73. LE FANTÔME
34. REAL PIZZI	74. DEAD SPACE 4
35. DURAN PRAYER	75. DEPECHE 2030
36. 1990 HOOVER	76. LO-FI LUSHER
37. SHEERAN PLUCK	77. THE MARCH
38. CLUB NOUVEAU	78. EURYTHMIC REDUX
41. 1956 ORGAN	81. SMITH&MIGHTY
42. SAMPLE HIT I	82. FAIRLIGHT 1980
43. CRUSHER SUB	83. EXPOSITION
44. TRON 2028	84. HAL DRONE
45. SAMPLE HIT 2	85. DIGI-FRAPPER
46. SAMPLE HIT 3	86. CHROMA-KEY
47. MAN-MACHINE	87. VAN HALEN '86 LEAD
48. BERLIN 2029	88. HENDRIX 1969

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11. FLUX DEEPLY	51. WURLITZER 1980
12. MOON ODYSSEY	52. WURLITZER 1983
13. FINLANDIA	53. RHODES 1976
14. L'AMBIANCE	54. RHODES 1978
15. SYNTHEX 1984	
16. AVICII BRASS 2017	
17. CREAMWAVE	
18. RISER 2030	
21. 1985 CLASSIC	
22. THE CURE '89 ORGAN	
23. DOVES CRY OB-Xa	
24. DW-8000 BELLS	
25. TOKYO TEK	
26. HIPHOP SUB	
27. FUTUREPOP 3	
28. MARS SECRETS	
31. D-50 BELLS	
32. CANTINA SINGER	
33. CINCO VIVA	
34. TOMITA 1977	
35. PANS OF 2059	
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37. KAPUTIN 2023	
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41. FLASHDANCE 1	
42. FLASHDANCE 2	
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45. RHODES 1977	
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47. WURLITZER 1972	
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