# **FLAME** FM KOSMOS

QUAD POLYPHONIC FM VOICE EURO RACK MODULE

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### SHORT DESCRIPTION

Thank you for acquiring the FLAME FM KOSMOS eurorack module.

This module is a versatile, four-voice polyphonic FM synthesizer, interwoven with a potent multi-effects processor. Each voice is endowed with six operators, interconnected through thirty-two selectable algorithms, visually represented on the graphic display. Every operator possesses an ADSR envelope, capable of looping. A remarkable feature is the ability to morph seamlessly between two distinct sound variants, A and B. This transformative power extends to the effects parameters, allowing for dynamic sonic evolution.

The multi-effects processor presents a trio of effects, arranged in a sequential configuration: stereo chorus, stereo delay, and reverb. Notably, the stereo delay offers synchronization capabilities via MIDI clock or analog clock.

The MASTER page provides a suite of parameters for global sound manipulation. The envelope of all operators can be collectively compressed or stretched, while a low-pass and high-pass filter are available for sculpting the audio sum.

During its development, meticulous attention was paid to ensuring intuitive and direct operation, particularly for live performance. The eight potentiometers offer immediate control over page parameters, while the menus are designed for effortless access, eliminating unnecessary detours. This streamlined approach prioritizes efficient sound editing. A library of one hundred twenty-eight preset sounds, organized into eight groups, is readily available. Additionally, one hundred twenty-eight memory locations are reserved for user-created sounds.

The module supports both analog and digital triggering. Analog inputs, comprising Gate, 1V/Octave, and Velocity CV, provide a classic approach. For expanded control, a CV input dedicated to the Morph function and two programmable CV inputs are included. Regardless of the triggering method, the module offers comprehensive MIDI functionality. The MIDI input and output facilitate seamless integration into external MIDI setups, utilizing the MIDI-TRS-B standard.

The firmware is updatable via MIDI Sysex, enabling future enhancements and customization. Furthermore, the created sound data can be preserved or shared with others.

### **MODUL OVERVIEW**

- 1x MIDI-In, 1x MIDI-out (Typ: TRS-B)
- Button: LOAD/SAVE
- **Buttons: A/B, SETUP, MULTIEFFECT (FX)**
- **4** Buttons: OPERATOR 1-6, MAIN, MASTER
- **DISPLAY / PUSH ENCODER**
- **6** 8x KNOBS (POTENTIOMETERS)
- **3x** Inputs: Gate, 1V/Octave CV, Velocity CV
- **8** 3x CV inputs: Morph, User CV1 and CV2
- **9** Stereo AUDIO output



## **CONNECTION TO THE MODULAR SYSTEM**

### DOEPFER POWER CONNECTOR

The module is delivered with a ribbon cable connected to the Doepfer bus. The color-coded wire (usually red) represents minus 12 volts.

It is important to ensure that the polarity is correct when connecting. If the module is accidentally connected incorrectly, protective diodes prevent the module from being destroyed immediately (but it cannot be ruled out that damage may still occur).

Therefore, be careful: Check the connection several times before switching on for the first time!

The module's maximum current consumption at 12V is approx. +120mA / - 60mA (peak +140mA-70mA). The 5V supply is not used.

### NOTE!

Do not accidentally connect high CV voltages to the MIDI-IN! This may damage the hardware!

### **CV INPUTS**

The CV inputs are normalized as follows when the cable is not plugged in:

CV Velocity:	+5v (input level range 0+5v)
CV Morph:	-5v (input level range -5v+5v)
CV 1+2:	-5v (input level range -5v+5v)



### **FIRST STEPS**

### **OPERATION**

Direct access to key menus is achieved through dedicated buttons. Six buttons control the operators, while separate buttons activate the MAIN menu (global sound settings) and the MASTER menu. The FX button grants immediate access to the multi-effects, with subsequent presses cycling through the three FX pages.

(Refer to the FX PAGES - MULTI-EFFECTS chapter for detailed information.)

The SETUP menu is invoked using the SET button, with further presses navigating through various settings. Returning to the FX or SET function promptly brings you back to the last accessed page. Specific parameter descriptions within each page can be found in the corresponding chapters.

Loading and saving sounds are handled by a single button. A brief press activates the Load menu, while a longer press initiates the Save menu.

(Refer to the LOADING/SAVING SOUNDS chapter for more details.)

The A/B button doesn't directly access a page but toggles between sound variants A and B within the Operator and FX menus. All parameter adjustments within these menus affect the selected variant, with no immediate morphing between A and B. However, the Morph setting, controlled by the MASTER menu's Morph parameter, the Morph CV input, or MIDI Controller 1 (Mod wheel), enables smooth transitions between variants.

### **DISPLAY ALGORITHM GRAPHIC**

Holding down the data wheel in the Operator 1-6, Main, and Master menus reveals a graphical representation of the active FM algorithm.

### TUNING TO FUNDAMENTAL NOTE C

To globally tune the module, access the MASTER menu and set parameters 2-4 to their middle positions while a sound is loaded in the MAIN page (**f0 Oct0 c0**). Send a MIDI note C and then fine-tune the module using the Mastertune parameter in the SETUP menu (default setting: 30).

### CONTROL INTERFACE

The eight knobs control up to eight parameters displayed on the screen. When switching pages, the knob settings are preserved to avoid sudden value jumps. The current parameter value is indicated by a small slider graphic below the name and/or directly within the parameter name (e.g., parameter 7 chord in the MAIN menu). Unused parameters are marked with a dashed line (e.g., parameter 8 in the MAIN menu).





### LOAD / SAVE SOUNDS

### LOAD SOUNDS

### LOAD USER SOUND:

The module provides 128 USER memory locations for storing your custom sounds. These sounds can also be recalled using MIDI Program Change commands.

To load a USER sound, briefly press the LOAD/SAVE button to access the LOAD menu. Use the DATA control to select the desired USER sound (001-128). Pressing the DATA control again will load the selected sound. To cancel the loading process, press the LOAD button or another menu button.

### LOAD PRESET SOUND:

The module offers 128 PRESET sounds, organized into 8 groups of 16 sounds each. These presets serve as templates for your own sound creations but cannot be overwritten. The 8 banks are assigned to the 8 rotary controls.

To load a PRESET sound, briefly press the LOAD/SAVE button to enter the LOAD menu. Then, use one of the 8 potentiometers (bank A-H) to select a sound (01-16) from the corresponding bank. Press the DATA control to load the selected PRESET sound. To cancel the loading process, press the LOAD button or another menu button.

### BANKS OF PRESET SOUNDS:

А	LEAD	(synths)
В	BASS	(various basses)
С	KEYS	(solo voices, EPiano, organ etc.)
D	PERCUSSIVE	(tonal and noisy drum sounds)
Е	PADS	(pads)
F	DRONE	(more pads)
G	MOVING	(pad sounds with loops and movements
Н	FX+NOISE	(effect and noise sounds)

The complete list of all preset sounds can be found on page 26!







### LOAD / SAVE SOUNDS

### SAVE SOUND

### SAVING USER SOUND:

The module provides 128 USER memory locations for storing your custom sound programs. Please note that the preset sound banks cannot be modified.

To save a sound, press and hold the LOAD/SAVE button to access the SAVE menu. Use the DATA control to select the desired USER memory location (001-128) where you want to store the currently loaded sound. The bottom line of the display shows the memory location number and the name of the sound program that is currently stored there. To save the sound, press the DATA control. You can cancel the saving process by pressing the LOAD button or another menu button.

SAVE	SOUND			
EDIT	Name :	MYSOUND1	◄	current sound name
Save	to 001:	EBASS-01	←	Saving sound to user
				storage location 001

### **EDITING SOUND NAME**

Within the SAVE SOUND menu, you can assign a name of up to eight characters to the sound you wish to save. This sound name appears on the second line of the display. The third line displays the memory location number and the name of the sound that is currently stored there.

To modify the characters in the name on the second line, use the eight potentiometers to adjust character positions 1-8.

By turning the knobs, you can set spaces, capital letters A-Z, numbers 0-9, and a hyphen (when turned to the right).

In the example on the right, the current sound "MYSOUND1" is being saved to location 001, overwriting the existing sound "EBASS-01."





Change character with knobs 1..8

### **MASTER MENU**

After powering on, the MASTER menu is activated (indicated by the illuminated MASTER button). The Autoload sound, specified in the SETUP menu, is automatically loaded. The memory location and name of this sound are displayed in the top left corner of the screen. This Autoload setting is configured on page 4 of the SETUP menu and is saved permanently upon exiting the menu.

The parameters within the Master menu offer a powerful tool for creating dynamic sound variations during live performance, eliminating the need for deep sound programming. Adjust the values using the corresponding potentiometers to explore a wide range of sonic possibilities.



The MASTER menu contains the following parameters:

- Level overall volume audio output
- Porta portamento time (Glide) of notes
- LoCut HighPass filter
- HiCut LowPass filter
- Morph Mix between the sound/FX variants A / B
- Feedb level of feedback operator
- Range envelope time of all operators
- Shape envelope shape of all operators

#### Level

Adjusts the overall volume of the stereo audio output using Knob 1.

### Porta (Glide)

Controls the portamento time (glide) between notes using Knob 2. Turning the knob fully left disables glide, while turning it fully right sets the longest portamento time (slowest glide).

#### LoCut / HiCut

Use Knobs 3 and 4 to limit the low and/or high frequency range with these non-resonant filters. These filters are designed to reduce unwanted frequency components rather than shaping the sound.

### Morph

Knob 5 mixes between the two sound/FX variants A and B. Turn the knob fully left to prioritize control via the Morph CV input.

#### Feedb (Operator feedback)

Every algorithm includes at least one operator with feedback. Knob 6 globally adjusts the feedback level, which can be used to create noise-like effects.

#### Range (Envelopes)

Knob 7 compresses or stretches all operator envelopes simultaneously, preserving their relative ratios. This allows you to create sounds ranging from percussive to sustained.

#### Shape (Envelopes)

Knob 8 modifies the curve shapes of all operator envelopes without altering their duration. This can significantly impact the overall sound character.

### **MAIN MENU**

The parameters within the main menu are used to define global sound characteristics, excluding Morph effects. Here, you'll select the FM algorithm (the operator wiring) and fine-tune the sound relative to the global master tuning. All parameter settings are specific to the current sound. Adjust values using the corresponding knobs.

MAIN		001:E-F	<b>PIANO1</b>		current sound name
alg32 polyM	f-12 Dtune	Oct-1 minor	C-12	<	parameters

The MAIN menu contains the following parameters:

Algo	Operator algorithm of the current sound
f	Tuning: Fine tune of the current sound
Oct	Tuning: Octave of the current sound
С	Tuning: Semitone of the current sound
Mode	Playmode (monophon / polyphon, MIDI / analog
Dtune	Detuning of the four voices
Chord	Chords for monophone sounds

### Algo (No. of algorithm)

Knob 1 selects the FM algorithm for this sound. Turning the knob visually displays the algorithm connection on the screen. To view the graphic of the currently selected algorithm, hold down the data wheel. Refer to the "List of Operator Algorithms" chapter for a comprehensive overview of the 32 available variants.

### f - Finetune (f-100 to f100)

Knob 2 fine-tunes the sound's pitch from the center position - positive values raise the pitch, while negative values lower it. Tuning is measured in cents, always relative to the master tuning (set in the Setup Menu).

### Oct - Octave shift (Oct-2 to Oct2)

Knob 3 shifts the sound's pitch in octaves, relative to the master tuning. Starting from the center position, positive values shift the pitch up and negative values shift it down.

### C - Semitone shift (C-12 to C12)

Knob 4 shifts the sound's pitch in semitones, relative to the fundamental note C of the master tuning. Starting of center position, positive values shift the pitch up and negative values shift it down.

#### Mode - Playmode of current sound (mono /poly)

Knob 5 selects the sound's play mode: monophonic or polyphonic. The sound can be triggered via MIDI or the Gate+1V/Oct inputs. The GATE input determines the mode:

- GATE=0: MIDI triggering
- Active MIDI Note: MIDI triggering takes precedence over Gate+1V/Oct inputs

In polyphonic mode, up to four voices can sustain simultaneously during the release phase. In monophonic mode, notes are cut off, but you can still create chords.

#### Detune (Detuning of the four voices)

Knob 6 detunes the individual voices relative to each other, creating chorus effects for monophonic sounds and unison chords for polyphonic sounds.

#### Chord (Chords for monophone sounds)

Knob 7 selects a chord for monophonic play mode. A list of available chords is provided on the next page.

# LIST OF CHORDS

Chord name	Display	Intervals	Chord name	Display	Intervals
1. unisono	unisn	0,0,0,0	23. major	Major	0,4,7,12
2. octave 1	oct1	0,12,0,12	24. major add9	Madd9	0,4,7,14
3. octave 2	oct2	0,12,24,0	25. major 7	M7	0,4,7,10
4. octave 3	oct3	0,12,24,36	26. major maj7	M M7	0,4,7,11 (= dominant 7th)
5. fifth 1	5th 1	0,7,0,7	27. major 6	M6	0,3,7,9
6. fifth 2	5th 2	0,7,14,21	28. major sus4	Msus4	0,5,7,12
7. fourth 1	4th 1	0,5,0,5	29. major sus2	Msus2	0,2,7,12
8. fourth 2	4th 2	0,5,10,15	30. major 6 add9	M6+9	0,4,9,14
9. third major	maj 3	0,4,0,4	31. major #5	M #5	0,4,8,12
10. third minor	min 3	0,3,0,3	32. major b5	M b5	0,4,6,12
11. augmented	augm	0,4,8,12	33. major 7 sus4	M7su4	0,5,7,10
12. diminished	dim	0,3,6,12	34. major 7 #5	M7 #5	0,4,8,10
13. diminished flat seven	dimb7	0,3,6,10 (= m7 b5)	35. major 7 b5	M7 b5	0,4,6,10
14. diminished doubleflat	dim 7	0,3,6,9	36. major 7 add 9	M7/9	0,4,11,14
15. minor add9	m+9	0,3,7,14	37. major 7 add b9	M7 #9	0,4,11,13
16. minor 7 add 9	m7+9	0,3,10,14	38. major 7 add #9	M7 b9	0,4,11,15
17. minor 7 add 11	m7+11	0,3,10,17	39. major 7/9/11	M7911	0,11,14,17
18. minor 7 b5	m7 b5	0,3,6,10 (= dim b7)	40. major 7/13	M7/13	0,11,16,21
19. minor maj7	m M7	0,3,7,11 (=dominant 7th)	41. major 7/9/13	M7913	0,11,14,21
20. minor 6	m6	0,3,7,9	42. major 11	M11	0,4,10,17
21. minor 6 add9	m6+9	0,3,9,14	43. major 7/11	maj11	0,4,11,17
22. minor	minor	0,3,7,12	44. minor 11	m11	0,3,10,17

### **FM OPERATOR ALGORITHM**

### DESCRIPTION

The simplest form of FM synthesis (Frequency Modulation) involves two sine wave oscillators, known as operators. One oscillator, the modulator, influences the frequency of the other, the carrier. By adjusting the intensity (level) and frequency of the modulator, a wide range of overtones can be generated, often distorting the original sine wave of the carrier beyond recognition.

KOSMOS boasts six operators per voice, interconnected in 32 fixed algorithms. These algorithms are visually represented as diagrams, with black boxes symbolizing carrier (output) operators and white boxes representing modulator operators.



These diverse algorithms offer a broad spectrum of sound generation possibilities. Multistage modulation techniques yield harmonically rich sounds, while multiple output operators enable the blending of distinct timbres. For instance, an electric piano sound might combine three separate tones: one for the hammer strike, another for the body resonance, and a third for the vibrating tine, all evolving over time.

### FEEDBACK OPERATOR

Certain algorithms incorporate feedback loops within individual operators. Parameter 6 (Feedb) in the MASTER page controls the level of feedback, allowing for the generation of even more overtones, distortion, and noise-like textures..



Modulator operator with feedback loop

### EXAMPLE 1

Algorithm 8 provides a clear illustration of a complex FM structure. Operators 1 and 3 (black) combine to form the output. Operators 2, 4, 5, and 6 contribute to the modulation process:

- Operator 2 modulates Operator 1.
- Operators 4 and 5 combine to modulate Operator 3.
- Operator 6 modulates Operator 5.
- Operator 4 has a self-modulation feedback loop.



The dynamic nature of envelope levels further enhances the complexity of the resulting sound.

### EXAMPLE 2

Algorithm 32 represents a different approach, where all operators connect directly to the output in parallel. In this case, there's no modulation between operators.



This configuration, known as additive synthesis, is well-suited for creating a variety of organ-like sounds. By designating one operator as the primary tone and tuning the others to specific frequencies, you can generate rich overtone structures.

### LIST OF OPERATOR ALGORITHM



## **OPERATOR 1-6 PAGES**

The module features six sine wave oscillators, referred to as operators. Each operator has its dedicated page, accessible via a specific button. These operator pages are identical, each containing eight parameters.

The interconnection of these six operators, determining the signal flow, is defined by one of the 32 available algorithms. The algorithm can be selected in the MAIN menu using parameter 1 (and Knob 1). To visualize the current algorithm's graphic representation on the operator pages, simply hold down the encoder (data wheel).

It's important to note that you can create two distinct sound variants, A and B, for morphing purposes. The A/B button toggles between these variants (a lit button indicates variant B). For more details, refer to the "A/B MORPH FUNCTION" chapter.

OPERATOR:1				
r0.50	Level	fLF0	1shot	
Attac	Decay	Susta	Relea	

### 1 - Ratio

Knob 1 sets the frequency ratio of the operator in discrete steps. This parameter is active only when parameter 3 (LFO) is off. If LFO mode is enabled (indicated by "fLFO" on the display), the Ratio setting is ignored.

### 2 - Level

Knob 2 controls the volume or intensity of the operator. Its function depends on the operator's role in the algorithm:

- Modulator (white box): Determines the modulation depth.
- Output Operator (black box): Determines the volume.
- Feedback Operator (box with a self-loop): The Feedback parameter in the MAIN menu affects the level.

### 3 - LFO (fix LFO frequency instead of ratio)

Instead of using the Ratio parameter, you can set a fixed LFO frequency that is not influenced by note pitch. To enable this mode, set the parameter to "fLFO" (frequency LFO). In this mode, the Ratio parameter is inactive. To return to Ratio control, set the LFO to "off". The LFO frequency can be adjusted using Knob 3.

### 4 - Loop on/off

The ADSR envelope can be set to either play once (1Shot) or repeat continuously (Loop) as long as the note is held. The entire envelope, including the release phase, is looped. This setting can be adjusted using Knob 4.

#### 5-8 Attac, Decay, Susta, Relea (ADSR envelope parameters)

Use Knob 5-8 to adjust the 4 parameters of the ADSR volume envelope:

- Attac = Attack: temporal rise of the envelope
- **Decay** = Decay: temporal descent to sustain level
- Susta = Sustain: Hold Level at Gate=On
- **Relea** = Release: temporal decay to zero at Gate=Off



### **FX PAGES - MULTIEFFECTS**

The FX multi-effects menu offers three effects that are applied to the master output. You can cycle through these three pages using the FX button. Within the FX menu, you can separately adjust parameters for sound variants A and B. This means you'll always hear either variant A or B, with no morphing between the two.

For more information on morphing, refer to the "A/B MORPH FUNCTION" chapter.

#### FX1 CHORUS (Stereo Chorus)

mixCh:Dry-Wet control between original signal and effectmin:min Delay time

Feedb: Feedback

**Depth:** Intensity of the effect

IFreq: LFO frequency = Rate of modulation

### FX2 DELAY (Stereo Delay)

- mixDI: Dry-Wet control between original signal and effect
- timeL: Delay time left channel
- Feedb: Feedback
- timeR: Delay time right channel
- Sync: Sync off: Delay time fix (in msec), Sync on: sync per MIDI-Clock or per analog clock via CV1 or CV2 input (CV parameter: "del Clock" analoge Clock with 24ppgn = 96 impulses per bar)

### FX3 REVERB

- mixRv: Dry-Wet control between original signal and effect
- IoCut: Highpass on reverb signal (suppress low frequencies)
- **Decay:** reverberation time
- Mod: modulation
- Bandw: bandwidth of the input signal
- Damp: Frequency attenuation of the reverb signal (reverberation becomes duller)

FX1 CHORUS				
mixCh	min	Feedb	Depth	
lFreq				

FX2 DE	ELAY		
mixDl	timeL	Feedb	timeR
Sync			

FX3 R	EVERB		
mixRv	loCut	Decay	Mod
Bandw	Damp		

### **A / B MORPH FUNCTIONS**

### DESCRIPTION

The MORPH function, controlled by Knob 5 in the MASTER menu, allows for seamless transitions between the two sound variants A and B. By adjusting parameters individually for each variant, you can create smooth transformations between drastically different sounds.

In the FM KOSMOS module, all parameters within the six operator pages and the FX parameters can be edited separately for both sound variants A and B. When you morph between these variants, the module smoothly interpolates between the two sets of parameter values.

For instance, you might create a short, percussive sound for variant A and a long, sustained sound for variant B. As you increase the morph control, the sound gradually transitions from short and percussive to long and sustained. Similarly, you could adjust modulation levels in one variant to create significant sonic changes during the morphing process.

When the A/B button is not lit, sound variant A is active. If the A/B button is lit, sound variant B is active. While in the Operator or FX Pages, you'll only hear the currently active variant, without any morphing.

To switch between variants, simply toggle the A/B button. To initiate the morphing process, use the morph control, CV input, MIDI controller, or the dedicated knob in the MAIN or MASTER menus.



### COPY A<>B

You can copy one sound variant (A or B) to the other. This creates identical variants, which you can then modify individually.

### **SEPARATE COPYING FOR FX & OPERATORS**

The copying process is separate for operator and effect parameters. To copy within a specific menu:

- 1. Hold down the A/B button.
- 2. Briefly press the SET button.
- Copying from A to B: If variant A is active, copying will duplicate A into B.
- Copying from B to A: If variant B is active, copying will duplicate B into A.

After copying, the opposite variant becomes active.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

### • Operator and FX Parameters are Copied Separately:

Copying within an Operator page affects all six operators but not the effects. Conversely, copying within an FX page only affects the effects, leaving the operator variants unchanged.

• Copying is Limited to Operator and FX Pages:

You can only copy while within an Operator or FX page.

### MORPH CV control and MIDI control:

The values from the Morph CV input and the MASTER menu's morph controller are combined. To fully control the morph range with the CV input, ensure the MASTER menu's morph controller is set to its minimum value. If the controller is set to a higher value, the CV input will control a portion of the morph range.

Additionally, the MORPH parameter can be controlled via MIDI using the modulation wheel (set to Control Change 1, Mod wheel).

### **SETUP MENU**

### DESCRIPTION

The SETUP menu contains global settings for the module. These settings are automatically saved when you exit the menu, except for the parameter assignments for the CV1+2 inputs, which are saved individually for each sound.

To access the SETUP menu, press the SET button. The last visited page within the SETUP menu will be displayed. The first time you enter the SETUP menu, you'll see the page for assigning parameters to the CV1+2 inputs (CV destination).

### LIST OF SETUP PAGES

Page1:	cv1 destination cv2 destination	Parameter assignment for input CV1 Parameter assignment for input CV2
Page2:	MIDI chan Clk Thru	MIDI receive channel for notes forward received MIDI clock via MIDI out
Page3:	progCh Rx progCh Tx	MIDI receive channel for program change MIDI transmit channel for program change
Page4:	Autoload Mst tune	sound that loads automatically when power on global master tune (on fundamental note C)
Page5:	Lcd Contr	contrast of the LCD display
Page6:	DUMP	Sysex Dump menu
Page7:	CALIBRATE	Calibration menu for the 1V/Oct input

#### **SETUP PAGE 1: CV DESTINATION**

Here, you can assign parameters to the two CV1+2 inputs using Knobs 1 and 5. These assignments are saved within the sound itself (using the SAVE menu) and are not automatically saved when you exit the SETUP menu. This means that each loaded sound can be modulated by the CV inputs in unique ways.

The CV1+2 inputs accept bipolar voltages in the range of +/-5V, allowing for the use of bipolar LFOs. Most parameters from the FX, MAIN, and MASTER menus can be controlled via MIDI. All other parameters, including those from the operator pages, can also be controlled via MIDI.

SETUP1

cv 1 Dest:main chord

cv 2 Dest:no dest

### CV1+2 LIST OF PARAMETERS

NAME	PARAMETER	NAME	PARAMETER
no dest	no function!	rvb decay	FX Reverb decay
chor depth	FX Chorus depth	rvb mod	FX Reverb mode
chor min	FX Chorus min delay	rvb bw	FX Reverb bandwidth
chor fb	FX Chorus feedback	rvb damp	FX Reverb damp
chor mix	FX Chorus dry/wet mix	main detune	MAIN Detune
chor Ifreq	FX Chorus Ifo rate	main chord	MAIN Chord
del mix	FX Delay dry/wet mix	mst level	MASTER Level
del time1	FX Delay time left	mst locut	MASTER LoCut
del fb	FX Delay feedback	mst hicut	MASTER HiCut
del time2	FX Delay time right	mst fb	MASTER Feedback
del clock	FX Delay clock 24ppq	mst range	MASTER Range
rvb mix	FX Reverb dry/wet mix	mst shape	MASTER Shape
rvb locut	FX Reverb low cut filter		

### **SETUP MENU**

### **SETUP PAGE 2**

With Knob 1: MIDI receive channel for notes: 1-16 With Knob 5: forward received MIDI clock data via MIDI out: on/off

### **SETUP PAGE 3**

With Knob 1: MIDI receive channel for program change commands: off,1-16 With Knob 5: MIDI send channel for program change commands: off,1-16

### **SETUP PAGE 4**

With Knob 1: Autoload (number of the user sound that is automatically loaded): 1-128 With Knob 5: Global master tune to fundamental note C (in cents): -100 .. 100 (default: 30)

SETUP PAGE 5 With Knob 1: Contrast of LCD display: 32-63

SETUP PAGE 6 SYSEX MIDI DUMP (sending or loading sound programs) See the chapter: MIDI DUMP SOUNDS

### **SETUP PAGE 7**

CV CALIBRATE - here the 1V/Oct input is calibrated (the input is already calibrated at the factory). If necessary, see the chapter: 1V/OCT CALIBRATION

ds: off,1-16 progCh Rx:1 off,1-16 progCh Tx:off

### SETUP4 Autoload:1

Mst tune:30

SETUP5

SETUP2

SETUP3

Clk

Midi Chan:1

Thru: off

Lcd Contr:47

SETUP	5 MIC	DI	DU₽	IP	
USER					
Sysex	Rx:	al	l		

### CV CALIBRATE

push encoder to start

### **OVERVIEW**

The module can be controlled extensively using MIDI commands. In addition to standard MIDI note commands, it can also respond to pitch bend, portamento, master volume, and modulation wheel messages. Furthermore, all parameters within the operator pages can be controlled using specific MIDI Control Change commands. A detailed list of these control change messages can be found on the next page of this manual.

NOTE: Note that the MIDI sockets are of the MIDI-TRS-B type.



### MIDI RECEIVE CHANNEL FOR NOTE ON/OFF

The module will only respond to note on/off commands on the specific MIDI channel set in the SETUP2 menu.

### MIDI RECEIVE CHANNEL FOR PROGRAM CHANGE

The MIDI channel for receiving program change commands is configured in the SETUP3 menu. This channel can be independent of the MIDI channel for notes or sending program change commands.

### MIDI TRANSMIT CHANNEL FOR PROGRAM CHANGE

The MIDI channel for sending program change commands is also set in the SETUP3 menu. This channel can be independent of the MIDI channel for notes or receiving program change commands.

### MIDI CLOCK for FX3 SYNC DELAY

The module can synchronize the delay time of the FX3 stereo delay using MIDI clock commands. These clock commands can also be forwarded through the MIDI output.

### **CONTROL CHANGE NUMBERS**

The module can be controlled using MIDI Control Change commands. A list of the corresponding control change numbers is provided on the next page. The MIDI channel for these commands is determined by the MIDI channel set for note reception.

### PITCHBEND

The module can receive pitch bend commands. The MIDI channel for pitch bend is the same as the MIDI channel for note reception.

### **MIDI SYSEX**

The SETUP menu includes MIDI DUMP functions for saving and loading sounds via SYSEX. You can load individual sounds into specific memory locations or save/load multiple sounds at once (ALL).

### MIDI CONTROL CHANGE NUMBERS (CC-Nr)

MASTER	OPERATOR 1-3	OPERATOR 4-6	FX CHORUS	FX DELAY	FX REVERB
CCParameter1Master Morph5Portamento Amount7Master Volume64Sustain pedal65Portamento On/Off104Master LoCut105Master HiCut106Master FeedB107Master Shape	Arameter ain Algorithm ain fFine ain fOct ain fCoar ain detune ain chordCC Parameter 16 OP1 ratio 17 OP1 Level 18 OP1 Loop 19 OP1 Attack 20 OP1 Decay 21 OP1 Sustain 22 OP1 Release 23 OP2 ratio 24 OP2 Level 25 OP2 Loop 26 OP2 Attack 27 OP2 Decay 28 OP2 Sustain 29 OP2 Release 30 OP3 ratio 31 OP3 Level 32 OP3 Loop 33 OP3 Attack 34 OP3 Decay 35 OP3 Sustain 36 OP3 Release	CCParameter37OP4 ratio38OP4 Level39OP4 Loop40OP4 Attack41OP4 Decay42OP4 Sustain43OP4 Release44OP5 ratio45OP5 Level46OP5 Loop47OP5 Attack48OP5 Decay49OP5 Sustain50OP5 Release51OP6 ratio52OP6 Level53OP6 Loop54OP6 Attack55OP6 Decay56OP6 Release57OP6 Release	CC Parameter 80 Chorus Mix 81 Chorus min 82 Chorus fb 83 Chorus depth 85 Chorus Ifo Rate	CC Parameter 86 Delay Mix 87 Delay timeL 88 Delay fb 89 Delay TimeR 90 Delay sync	CC Parameter 91 Rvb Mix 92 Rvb loCut 93 Rvb decay 94 Rvb mod 95 Rvb bw 96 Rvb damp



### **MIDI CONNECTIONS**

The module features MIDI IN/OUT sockets (3.5mm mini jack in TRS-B standard) for controlling parameters, loading/editing sequences, or performing firmware updates via Sysex.

To connect the module to your keyboard/controller or computer, use a MIDI cable (either a MIDI-DIN to mini TRS-B adapter or a 3.5mm stereo jack cable) to connect the module's MIDI input to the MIDI output of your device.

A detailed overview of MIDI commands is provided in the MIDI chapter.

3.5mm mini jack stereo cable for direct MIDI connection between two TRS-B sockets



Adapter diagrams MIDI DIN socket to 3.5mm mini jack in MIDI-TRS-B standard



### Examples of possible connections:



## **MIDI DUMP SOUND DATA**

### **RECOMMANDED SOFTWARE**

- PC: MIDI-OX (freeware)
- Mac: SYSEX LIBRARIAN

### **DUMPING SOUNDS**

- 1. Access the SETUP menu.
- 2. Navigate to the "SETUP 6 MIDI DUMP" menu using the SET button.

### TRANSMITTING SOUNDS - CONNECTION AND TRANSFER

- 1. Set Knob 5 to "Sysex Tx".
- 2. Set Knob 6 to the desired sound number (001-128) or "all" for all 128 sounds.
- 3. Connect the MIDI output of the FM KOSMOS to the MIDI input of your computer.
- 4. Use a Sysex program on your computer to receive the SYSEX file.
- 5. Set the "Delay" parameter in the Sysex program to at least 10-20ms.

### Using MIDI-OX on PC:

- 6. Activate Menu View > Sysex.
- 7. Start the Sysex reception with Menu "Sysex > Receive Manual Dump...".
- 8. Send the Sysex data from the module (using LOAD button).
- 9. After successful transmission, the module's display will indicate the transmitted sound.
- 10. Stop the Sysex recording on the computer
- 11. Save the received Sysex file on the computer

### Using SYSEX LIBRARIAN on Mac:

- 6. Start the Sysex reception with the "Record Many" button.
- 7. Send the Sysex data from the module (using LOAD button).
- 8. After successful transmission, the module's display will indicate the transmitted sound.
- 9. Stop the Sysex recording on the computer
- 10. Save the received Sysex file on the computer

### **RECEIVING SOUNDS - CONNECTION AND TRANSFER**

- 1. Set Knob 5 to "Sysex Rx".
- 2. Set Knob 6 to the desired memory location (001-128) or "all" for all 128 sounds.
- 3. Connect the MIDI input of the FM KOSMOS to the MIDI output of your computer.
- 4. Use a Sysex program on your computer to send the SYSEX file.
- 5. Set the "Delay" parameter in the Sysex program to at least 100ms.
- 6. After successful transmission, the module's display will indicate the received sound.

(Receiving an ALL file (128 sounds) takes about 4 minutes)

### **IMPORTANT NOTE!**

To hear a sound loaded via SYSEX, you must load it into the internal memory using the LOAD function.

## FIRMWARE UPDATE

A firmware update requires a computer with a MIDI interface and a SYSEX program. For PCs we recommend the freeware software MIDI-OX, for MACs the software "SYSEX LIBRARIAN". Set the parameter "Delay..." in the SYSEX program to 20ms.

Proceed as follows:

- П Load the firmware file (e.g. FlameKosmosV1 00.syx) onto the computer.
- Connect the MIDI input of the module directly to the MIDI output of your compu-2 ter or MIDI interface using a MIDI-TRS-B adapter (avoid detours, e.g. via USB hubs).

Attention: A MIDI-TRS-B adapter is required for the MIDI connection!

- Switch the module on while holding down buttons 1 (Operator 1) and 8 8 (MASTER). The module now starts in the bootloader menu and waits for the SYX file at the MIDI input.
- Send the firmware file from the SYSEX program to the module. The module's 4 display should now show that the data has been received (a counter counts up). If nothing is shown on the display when the file is sent, the MIDI connection is not correct (please check the cables, MIDI interface settings and the SYSEX program settings).
- 6 If the upload was successful, the module first saves the new program and then automatically starts with the new firmware.

Attention: Do not switch off the module before it has rebooted!





### fm bootloader V1.0

update: wait for data on midi input

fm bootloader V1.0

update: 0593/3750

fm bootloader V1.0

write firmware Do not turn off!



When booting, the new version number is displayed on the start screen

### **1V/OCT CALIBRATION**

The CV input 1V/OCT must be calibrated so that the 1V per octave semitone scaling is accurate. This is already done at the factory when the module is delivered.

If you want to calibrate again later, the SETUP Page 7 "CV CALIBRATE" is available. You need an exact external CV voltage of 0.000V and 2.000V (or a calibrated MIDI-to-CV interface that can generate the two voltages).

To call up the "CV CALIBRATE" menu, press the SET button (several times) until the menu is displayed. Then press the data wheel to start the calibration and follow the text on the display:

- Plug a cable into the 1V/OCT input and apply a voltage as close to 0.000V as possible. Then press the data wheel.
- 2 Now apply a voltage as close to 2.000V as possible to the input. Then press the data wheel again.
- **3** To save the calibration values, press the data wheel again. To cancel the process without saving, press another menu button.

After calibration, the input should be playable over 8 octaves in exact semitones. Note that the 1V/OCT input resistance is 100kohm.

### CV CALIBRATE

push encoder to start

### CV CALIBRATE

set cv to OV and push encoder

### CV CALIBRATE

set cv to 2V and push encoder

### CV CALIBRATE

to save push encoder

### **CV Control**

- **Controllable Parameters:** Most parameters in the MAIN, MASTER, and FX menus can be controlled via the two CV inputs.
- **Parameter Assignment:** Individual parameter assignments for each sound can be defined in the SETUP menu.
- Morph CV Input: A separate CV input is dedicated to controlling the Morph function.

### **MIDI Control**

- Modulation Wheel: Controls Morph (Control Change 1).
- Other MIDI Controls: Pitch bend, portamento, and master volume can also be controlled via MIDI.
- Operator Parameter Control: All operator parameters can be controlled using spe cific MIDI Control Change commands (refer to the MIDI chapter for a detailed list).

### Firmware Update and MIDI Dump Issues

- Check MIDI Connections: Ensure correct MIDI cable connections (TRS-B adapter) and a direct connection to the computer, avoiding USB hubs or similar devices.
- Verify Sysex Program: Confirm that the correct MIDI connection is selected in the Sysex program.
- Mac Users: Use the "Record Many" button in SYSEX LIBRARIAN to capture Sysex data.
- **Sound Card Compatibility:** Older sound cards might be more reliable than newer, cheaper models, which may have power supply issues on the MIDI socket.

### 1V/Oct Input and Triggering

- Gate Input: The GATE input is essential for triggering notes. The 1V/Oct input only controls pitch.
- Note Signal Indication: The LED on the SETUP button indicates the presence of a note signal.
- Velocity Input: The Velocity input affects volume and other parameters.
- Master Level: Ensure the Master Level in the Master Menu is set correctly.
- MIDI and Gate Input: Avoid using both MIDI notes and the GATE input simultaneously.

### **MIDI Input and Triggering**

- MIDI Channel: Verify the MIDI receive channel in the SETUP menu and ensure notes are sent on this channel.
- Note Signal Indication: The LED on the SETUP button indicates the reception of note commands.
- Master Level: Check the Master Level in the Master Menu.
- Gate Input and MIDI: Avoid using both simultaneously.

### **CV Control Range**

- **Parameter Range:** To fully utilize the CV control range, set the controlled parameter to its minimum value. The CV input will then cover the entire range.
- Input Voltage: Ensure the CV input voltage is within the bipolar range of +/-5V.

### **MIDI Output Function**

- Sysex Data Transmission: The MIDI output is used to transmit sound Sysex data during the dump process.
- **Program Change Transmission:** The module can send program change commands when loading sounds.
- **MIDI Clock Forwarding:** Incoming MIDI clock commands can be forwarded through the MIDI output.

### **Stereo Delay Synchronization**

- MIDI Clock Sync: The stereo delay can be synchronized to a MIDI clock.
- Analog Clock Sync: Alternatively, the delay can be synchronized to an analog clock signal connected to the CV1 or CV2 input. Refer to the CV1 and CV2 parameter list for details.

### LIST OF PRESET SOUNDS

BANK A: LEAD			BA	NK B: BASS
1	BRASSING		1	BASS SAT
2	CHEAPSYN		2	BASSBRUT
3	CHIPLEAD		3	BASSGHOS
4	DETVIBRA		4	BASSPERC
5	EVOLVER		5	BELLBASS
6	FAIRLITE		6	DISCO-73
7	FLUTLEAD		7	DISCO-75
8	MOTORACE		8	E-BASS02
9	SAWCLOUD		9	EBASS-N1
10	SAWFUZZY		10	IDM BASS
11	SUPIBOO1		11	INDUBASS
12	SUPIBOO2		12	KNARZ N
13	TRANSIT		13	LEMMY
14	VELOLEAD		14	SOLIDPRC
15	VINTLEAD		15	SOLIDPUR
16	XERXLEAD		16	SOLIDSAW

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BA	NK E: PADS		BA	NK F: DRON
1	BOC-PAD1		1	XERXES
2	BRASSPAD		2	CERNVIBE
3	DREAM-ON		3	DARKNESS
4	EP-PAD		4	DRONSAW2
5	FATBRASS		5	DRONSAW3
6	IDM-PAD		6	ERAZER-2
7	ORCHPAD		7	FX-GHOST
8	PLEXUS		8	GHOSDRON
9	REVEPAD		9	INDUTIME
10	SAW-PAD		10	LFODRONE
11	SAW-RING		11	LHASA
12	SPOOKPAD		12	MEZZBZ-2
13	SUPERUSS		13	MISODROM
14	TRANSEXP		14	NUCLEON
15	WINDRONE		15	TRPGHOST
16	BLADERUN		16	UKWEH-2

BAI	NK F: DRONE
1	XERXES
2	CERNVIBE
3	DARKNESS
4	DRONSAW2
5	DRONSAW3
6	ERAZER-2
7	FX-GHOST
8	GHOSDRON
9	INDUTIME
10	LFODRONE
11	LHASA
12	MEZZBZ-2
13	MISODROM
14	NUCLEON
15	TRPGHOST
16	UKWEH-2

BANK C: KEYS						
1	BELLYFEX					
2	BLITZEYS					
3	CELLO N1					
4	CHORDRAV					
5	CINEBELL					
6	DYNOFOLD					
7	EP-KOSMO					
8	E-PIANO1					
9	FMFXORGA					
10	HAMMO B3					
11	ORGADETU					
12	ORGAN-X1					
13	ORGMORPH					
14	PORTAKEY					
15	SPINETT					
16	WONKHIT					

**BANK G: MOVING** 

AIRCRAFT

BASSORG

CARPENTR

CAT-PAD1

COMPLEX

DETUNPAD

**ECODRONE** 

ELECORGN

FXCHIME

JUX LON3

JUX LOOP

LOFIMOVE

LOOPIPAD

OLD CAVE

PLUG RNG

WIZZARD

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BAN	IK D: PERCUSSIVE
1	ASIAMETL
2	CHRDPERC
3	ECOLOTO1
4	ELECTRIP
5	FATANA 2
6	FM-METAL
7	FM-PERC2
8	FMPLUCK1
9	FXPERCSY
10	GITSNARE
11	MOTRACE2
12	PCECO-HI
13	PERCMELO
14	STEEL-DR
15	TOMGHOS2
16	WOODPERC

#### **BANK H: FX+NOISE** CRACKLE 1 2 DARKTIME 3 DUNG FLY 4 ELECDRON 5 ELECPOPE FX-TRAPP 6 7 INDUSTRY 8 JUX AMBI 9 MARSATAC 10 MARSFON 11 MELONOIZ 12 NOISEORG 13 NOISEQU1 14 NOISEQU2 OLDVINYL 15 16 SYSALARM

#### PRESET SOUND BANKS:

А	LEAD	(synths)
В	BASS	(various basses)
С	KEYS	(solo voices, EPiano, organ)
D	PERCUSSIVE	(various percussive sounds)
Е	PADS	(pads)
F	DRONE	(more pads)
G	MOVING	(pads with loops and movement)
Н	FX+NOISE	(effect and noise sounds)

#### LOAD PRESET SOUNDS:

There are 128 PRESET sounds, organized in 8 groups with 16 sounds each. These sounds cannot be changed, but serve as templates for your own sound programs. The 8 banks are assigned to the 8 rotary controls.

Each rotary control can be used to select one of 16 PRESET sounds from bank as follows:

Briefly pressing the LOAD/SAVE button calls up the LOAD menu. Then use one of the 8 potentiometers (bank A-H) to select a sound (01-16) from the respective bank. Pressing the DATA control loads the PRE-SET sound. You can cancel (without loading) using the LOAD button or another menu button.

When the module is delivered, all preset sounds are also copied to the 128 USER memory locations. There they can be changed and saved, for example. The originals are then still in the preset banks... see next page

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	$\begin{array}{c}1\\2\\3\\4\\5\\6\\7\\8\\9\\10\\11\\12\\13\\14\\15\\16\\17\\18\\19\\20\\21\\22\\23\\24\\25\\26\\27\\28\end{array}$	BRASSING CHEAPSYN CHIPLEAD DETVIBRA EVOLVER FAIRLITE FLUTLEAD MOTORACE SAWCLOUD SAWFUZZY SUPIBOO1 SUPIBO02 TRANSIT VELOLEAD VINTLEAD XERXLEAD BASS SAT BASSBRUT BASSGHOS BASSPERC BELLBASS DISCO-73 DISCO-75 E-BASS02 EBASS-N1 IDM BASS INDUBASS	<ul> <li>33 BELLYFEX</li> <li>34 BLITZEYS</li> <li>35 CELLO N1</li> <li>36 CHORDRAV</li> <li>37 CINEBELL</li> <li>38 DYNOFOLD</li> <li>39 EP-KOSMO</li> <li>40 E-PIANO1</li> <li>41 FMFXORGA</li> <li>42 HAMMO B3</li> <li>43 ORGADETU</li> <li>44 ORGAN-X1</li> <li>45 ORGMORPH</li> <li>46 PORTAKEY</li> <li>47 SPINETT</li> <li>48 WONKHIT</li> <li>49 ASIAMETL</li> <li>50 CHRDPERC</li> <li>51 ECOLOTO1</li> <li>52 ELECTRIP</li> <li>53 FATANA 2</li> <li>54 FM-METAL</li> <li>55 FM-PERC2</li> <li>56 FMPLUCK1</li> <li>57 FXPERCSY</li> <li>58 GITSNARE</li> <li>59 MOTRACE2</li> <li>60 DOFCOLU</li> </ul>	65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91	BOC-PAD1 BRASSPAD DREAM-ON EP-PAD FATBRASS IDM-PAD ORCHPAD PLEXUS REVEPAD SAW-PAD SAW-PAD SAW-RING SPOOKPAD SUPERUSS TRANSEXP WINDRONE BLADERUN XERXES CERNVIBE DARKNESS DRONSAW2 DRONSAW3 ERAZER-2 FX-GHOST GHOSDRON INDUTIME LFODRONE LHASA ME77B7 2		97AIRCRAFT98BASSORG99CARPENTR100CAT-PAD1101COMPLEX102DETUNPAD103ECODRONE104ELECORGN105FXCHIME106JUX LON3107JUX LOOP108LOFIMOVE109LOOPIPAD110OLD CAVE111PLUG RNG112WIZZARD113CRACKLE114DARKTIME115DUNG FLY116ELECDRON117ELECPOPE118FX-TRAPP119INDUSTRY120JUX AMBI121MARSATAC123MELONOIZ124NOISEORG	When the module is delivered, all preset sounds are copied one after the other to the 128 USER memory locations. There they can be changed, given a diffe- rent name and saved. The originals are still in the pre- set banks. The user sounds can also be selected via MIDI pro- gram change and loaded automatically.
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	20 27 28	INDUBASS KNARZ N	58 GIISNARE 59 MOTRACE2 60 PCECO-HI	90	LHASA MEZZBZ-2		122 MARSFON 123 MELONOIZ 124 NOISEORG	
	29 30 31	LEMMY SOLIDPRC	61 PERCMELO 62 STEEL-DR 63 TOMCHOS2	93 94	MISODROM NUCLEON TRPGHOST		125 NOISEQU1 126 NOISEQU2 127 OLDVINYI	
	32	SOLIDFOR	64 WOODPERC	95	UKWEH-2		128 SYSALARM	
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### **APPENDIX & TECHNICAL DETAILS**

### **Technical details**

### **Connections:**

Ribbon cable adapter for Doepfer bus +/-12Volt Inputs: 1x MIDI-TRS-B, 5x CV, 1x Gate, 3,5mm Mono/stereo jacks Outputs: 1xMIDI-TRS-B, 2x Audio 3,5mm Mono/stereo jacks

### Controls:

12 illuminated buttons8 Potentiometer, 1 Encoder1 LCD graphic display

Resolution: DA-Wandler: 16Bit, Audio output: +/-5V Current consumption: +/-12v: +120mA / -60mA Size: Euro Format 3U / 22HP 110x128,5x33mm, Installation depth: 30mm

### Warrenty

Beginning from the date of purchase a 2-year warranty is guaranteed for this device in case of any manufacturing errors or other functional deficiencies during runtime.

The warranty does not apply in case of:

- damage caused by misuse
- mechanical damage arising from careless treatment
- (dropping, vigorous shaking, mishandling, etc)
- damage caused by liquids penetrating the device
- heat damage caused by overexposure to sunlight or heating
- electric damage caused by improper connecting
- (wrong power supply/ jacks/ MIDI connections/ voltage problems).

If you have any complaints please contact your dealer or send an e-mail to: service@flame-instruments.de

### **Terms of production**

conformity: CE, RoHS, UL

### Disposal

The device is produced with RoHS-conformity (subject to the regulations of the European Union) and is free of hazardous substances (like mercury, plumb, cadmium and hexavalent chrome). But electronical scrap is hazardous waste. Please don't add this to consumer waste. For an environment friendly disposal of waste please contact your distributor or specialist dealer.

### Support

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