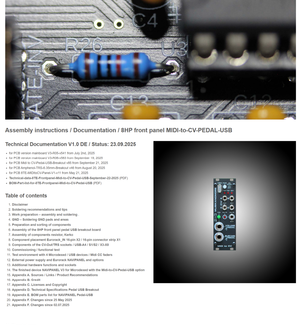
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1) Disclaimer

Before you begin with the kit and assembly, we have some legal information for you. Please read the disclaimer carefully. Thank you for your understanding. The right of withdrawal and return expires as soon as the device has left DIY kit and we have established the included circuit boards in practice and have tested the components. The DIY kit may be returned to us in an unopened condition. The buyer is responsible for the return shipping costs. The warranty is limited to the components included in the DIY kit. Any warranty claims will be passed on to our suppliers (supply chain verification) or reimbursement of the purchase price. Liability for consequential damages, such as soldering errors or consequential damages from incorrect commissioning or the wrong selection of the components.

Hans-Peter Zwegat(sorrygroup) and Thomas Effenberg (Musikmanufaktur) are free from any legal claims that may result from injuries caused by the assembly, soldering and improper use of the MAXPWMS, V1 for Microboard, as well as from faulty design caused by missing soldering tools.

This project requires **good to extremely precise** and a certain degree of **soldering experience**, as well as **basic electronics knowledge**. Every electronics project depends on the tools and the care taken when soldering, including ESD soldering and working ESD (ground) copper surfaces. Solder joints are the most common cause of failures in electronics. The same applies to unwanted solder bridges, e.g., between the tracks and pads.

One important aspect of handling electronic components is the **ESD treatment** of semiconductor circuits such as ICs, FGPAS, the Teensy 4.1, etc. We also know that not every electronics hobbyist or musician has an ESD protection workplace with grounding mats, wrist straps, ionizers, UPS/batteries, and a discharge spot (some resistors) for static electricity.

Tip: To avoid damage to the semiconductors, if possible, touch something metallic (especially, e.g. a radiator, before touching semiconductors in order to discharge static electricity.

This electronics kit is not designed for children under 14 years old. A PC 12 power supply (optionally with USB power) and a 4A+ Krush Eurorack power supply (+12V and 12VC). Power banks and USB power supply units only work, however, the operating time depends heavily on the power bank's performance. The current consumption of the MAXPWMS, v1 is currently approximately 250mA at 5V without any USB devices connected.

A power supply with **3.7V LiPo batteries is not technically possible**, as the USB devices, the USB host, and the analog components require 5V DC. Should the NanoFrame V2 use and with LiPo batteries (Mini-Step-Up-Converter) and the corresponding charging circuit for the battery cells and will not be held responsible for any damage to the MAXPWMS, V2 for Microboard or other technical damage.

LiPo 3.7V batteries are not safe to **handle and should only be used by professionals with appropriate electronics knowledge.**

2) Soldering recommendations and tips

Use only **lead-free solder** with a diameter of 0.7 mm - 1.0 mm, e.g., from STANNOL KE155 SAC305,2.7 em1.2 mm (Made in Germany). The KE155 solder wire contains a **rosin-free** flux with synthetic resins. Rosin has a **high corrosive effect** on electronic components and circuit boards. **Recommendation:** https://www.reichelt.de/de/de/shop/produktuebersicht.html?&search=stannol+ke155

Another point is **soldering tune selection**.

Soldering irons with a power of 40 watts are sufficient and cover a humidity to loads. Therefore, please ensure that the soldering tunes are effectively extracted from the soldering joints and that the room is well-ventilated. Solder fumes are harmful to health. Therefore, we recommend a fume extractor. Alternatively, activated charcoal filters and ventilation systems in front of your workplace. Do not inhale solder fumes. Wash your hands after use. Wash your hands after use. Wash your hands after use



Midi-to-CV pedal USB breakout board, right view with mainboard (desktop or Eurorack version)



Midi-to-CV pedal USB breakout board, view from the soldering side and mainboard (desktop and Eurorack version) with **SHIFT front panel for Midi-to-CV pedal USB**

11) Test environment with 4 Microdexed / USB devices / Midi CC-Fader V3

We tested in the following configuration:

Test environment: AKAI MPCmini, ANTUTAH MALaKI, and 1x Microdexed NAVIPANEL V2 AND 3x Microdexed NAVIPANEL V3 and **MIDI FADER V3**



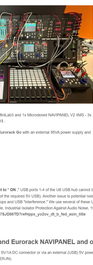
AKAI MPCmini via USB host on the Microdexed **NAVIPANEL V2 AND**

Test environment: We tested the following configuration with the USB hub T-4 on 3 of 4 possible USB-A ports

- AKAI MPC mini (MIDI via USB)
- AKAI MPD 218 (Midi via USB)
- ANTUTAH MALaKI (MIDI via TRS MIDI IN)

The total current consumption was in the range of 350mA – 410mA, so still well under 500mA.

The entire setup is powered by the **Berhinger Eurorack Go** with an external 9/5A power supply and USB plug-in power supplies.



AKAI MPCmini via USB host on the Microdexed **NAVIPANEL V3 AND MIDI FADER V3**

A notice:

If the black push button **V3 USB PWR is not set to " ON "** USB ports 1-4 of the LAB USB hub cannot be used, e. g. to use USB MIDI data transfer. In general, using USB hub or audio and MIDI is a tricky issue. Many times the external power supply helps even in the case of missing 5V USB. Another issue is potential noise on the audio signals when using USB audio and/or audio-like outputs. In the studio, galvanic USB isolation is very helpful for eliminating ground loops and USB "interference." We use several of these USB isolation modules in our studio.

Here is the product: ARCELI USB Isolator Module, Industrial Isolator Protection Against Audio Noise, 1500V Digital Module: https://www.amazon.de/dp/B07BJDW7S5?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title

12) External power supply and Eurorack NAVIPANEL and options

An external 5V power supply [1], either via the 5V/1A DC connector or via an external (USB) 5V power adapter, is also helpful to prevent any noise or hum. The new version, released in April 2025, now also includes a USB-C power connector (I2P_POWER-N).

IMPORTANT! The **X10** 10-pin angled pin connector on the Midi-to-CV breakout board and PedalUSB breakout board is **not populated** (the power pins are not connected). You only need it if you want to power the Midi-to-CV or Midi-to-CV+ connections in a rack and the battery is removed, or another external power supply is connected to the Midi-to-CV or Midi-to-CV+ connections.

IMPORTANT! The power switch of the NAVIPANEL V3, **S1 PWR** (white cap) must then be set to " **OFF" when using external power supply**.

13) Additional hardware functions and sockets

The **SPDIF OUT output** is fully functional and integrated into the Microdexed software. It delivers a 44.1kHz/16-bit digital signal to the 3.5 mm jack (TS) connector (SPDIF OUT). For connection, a standard SPDIF cable with a mono 3.5 mm TRS jack to an RCA connector is required.

The **CLOCK OUT** output (same jack as SPDIF OUT) is fully integrated into the current software. Two software versions are available for operation with **SPDIF** or **CLOCK OUT** (current version under " Downloads "):

The **TRS jacks VOLUME PEDAL/CTRL, CLOCK IN, and SUSTAIN PEDAL/SETUP** are hardware and software functional. Information on voltage levels can be found under " **Technical Specifications** ".

The functionality and use of the USB HOST, USB 1, USB 2, USB 3, and the USB port (USB-HOST) on the rear panel are described in section 15. The Teensy 4.1 micro-USB port can be switched **ON/OFF using S1 PWR** and is no longer accessible from the front panel.

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For software support, please contact:
Mark Kosmowski at **@positionlight** (https://discord.gg/X27e3PSSuF)



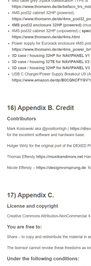
Eurorack 3U/40HP case variant with 8HP front panel MIDI to CV / Pedal-USB



Device variant solder side **Eurorack 3U/40HP** with 8HP front panel MIDI to CV / Pedal-USB

14) The finished device NAVIPANEL V3 for Microdexed with the MIDI to CV / Pedal-USB option

Photos with different device views:





15) Appendix A.

As of: September 15, 2025

Sources / Links / Product recommendations

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- Solder / Link to the product: https://www.conrad.de/de/p/conrad-sn117-l-sodyton-bleifrei-sprule-sn99-3-cu0-f-vorrt-100-g-1-stck-2287422.html
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