AlphaTrack™ Quick Start Guide

Welcome to AlphaTrack, the compact motorized DAW controller!

This document includes installation instructions and basic setup information for AlphaTrack.

> **Note:** After you complete the procedures in this Quick Start Guide, please refer to the documents on the CD-ROM for more detailed information about using AlphaTrack with specific computer applications.

In addition to this Quick Start Guide, your AlphaTrack package should include:
- AlphaTrack control unit
- USB cable
- CD-ROM containing driver installation files and application-specific documentation

Windows 2000/XP Driver Installation

1. *IMPORTANT:* Make sure that your AlphaTrack is *NOT* connected to your computer to begin this installation!

2. Insert the AlphaTrack CD-ROM into your computer's CD-ROM drive. In a few moments, the AlphaTrack menu will appear. (If it does not, use Windows Explorer to navigate to the top folder of the CD-ROM, and double-click the "autorun.exe" file.)

3. Select "Install Driver and Plugins" from the menu to run the automatic installer. Follow the on-screen prompts, making sure to select any application specific plug-ins you want to install. (These can be added at a later time if needed).

4. When the Windows Logo warning appears, select "Continue Anyway."

5. Once the installer has run, connect AlphaTrack to any available USB port on your computer using the supplied cable. AlphaTrack will be detected automatically, and the "New Hardware Wizard" will appear.

6. When asked if Windows can connect to Windows Update, select "No" and click "Next."

7. Select "Install the software automatically" and then click "Next."

8. When the Windows Logo warning appears, select "Continue Anyway."

9. When the Wizard finishes this part of the AlphaTrack software installation, click "Finish."

10. After a few seconds, another "New Hardware Wizard" will open automatically. Repeat steps 5–7 to install the AlphaTrack WDM Interface.

11. It is recommended that you restart your computer to complete the installation process.

    The AlphaTrack icon should now appear in the Task Bar on the desktop (usually at the bottom right of the screen).

Mac OS X (10.3.9 and later) Driver Installation

1. *IMPORTANT:* Make sure that your AlphaTrack is *NOT* connected to your computer during this installation!

2. Insert the AlphaTrack CD-ROM into your computer's CD-ROM drive. When the AlphaTrack disc icon appears, double-click it and the "AlphaTrack Installer" window will open.

3. Double-click the file called "AlphaTrack Installer" to start the installer.

4. Follow the prompts to install the driver. (Note: you will need the computer administrator's password to install the AlphaTrack drivers.)

5. Restart your computer to complete the driver installation process.

6. Connect AlphaTrack to any available USB port on your computer.

    The AlphaTrack icon should appear in the Status Bar (usually at the top right of the screen).

> **Note:** If connecting AlphaTrack via an external USB hub shared with other devices, a powered hub may be necessary to ensure the AlphaTrack has sufficient power for operation.

> **Note:** For additional information about using AlphaTrack, and updating or removing the AlphaTrack drivers, please refer to the User's Guide PDF file on the AlphaTrack CD-ROM. If you had any problems during driver installation, please see the Troubleshooting section of the User's Guide PDF file on the CD-ROM.

AlphaTrack Local Settings

Press and hold the SHIFT and STOP buttons. The LCD will display the following message:

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Hit F4>Calibrate
LCD  Light Sleep
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While pressing SHIFT+STOP, you can turn the encoders to:

- Adjust the LCD's contrast
- Adjust the LCD backlight (Hi or Lo)
- Adjust the sleep timeout

(Note: when you touch an encoder, the LCD screen changes to show more details about the corresponding parameter.)

To calibrate the fader and touch sensors, press F4 (while pressing SHIFT+STOP) and then release all the buttons. While it is calibrating, do not touch any part of the AlphaTrack. (Calibration is finished when the LCD screen clears.) You should calibrate your AlphaTrack if any of the touch sensors seem to be malfunctioning, or if the fader only moves much less than its full vertical range.

Where's the **OFF** switch?

AlphaTrack doesn't have one! AlphaTrack will remain on as long as USB power is applied. AlphaTrack will automatically dim its LCD, turn off its LED's, and go into sleep mode when it is not used for a full Sleep Timeout period. Press any button, or touch the fader, an encoder, or the touch strip, to wake up AlphaTrack and continue working.

Control Modes

Within your computer application, AlphaTrack appears as a MIDI input/output device. You can change AlphaTrack's control mode to specify which types of MIDI messages it will send and receive. Currently, control modes include: AlphaTrack Native and Pro Tools (HUI).

Control Mode Selection (Windows)

When the AlphaTrack is recognized, a small icon appears in the Task Bar (usually at the bottom right of the desktop). Right click this icon to see the list of available control modes. Left click a control mode to select it.

Control Mode Selection (Macintosh)

When the AlphaTrack is recognized, a small icon appears in the Status Bar (usually at the top right of the desktop). Click this icon to see the list of available control modes. Click a control mode to select it. Alternatively you can open "AlphaTrack Manager" (in your Applications folder) and change the control mode there.

To determine which control mode to use and how to set up your recording application with AlphaTrack, please refer to the appropriate application guide on the AlphaTrack CD-ROM, or on the Frontier Design Group web site (www.frontierdesign.com). The Native control mode guide includes detailed information about AlphaTrack's MIDI messages, which can be useful if you're customizing an application to work with AlphaTrack.

Product Registration

To register your AlphaTrack, go to http://frontierdesign.com/Support/Registration.

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