
Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by divi - 2007/11/13 12:22

well there you have it! mkII versions of MD(UW) & MM: <http://www.elektron.se/products/>

all have slimmer designs, a new power supply and better S/N ratio. MD has 64 step patterns. MDUW 2.5MB sample memory. and the MM can load user wavetables!

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by neonleg - 2007/11/13 12:35

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Amanita - 2007/11/13 12:35

All i can say is :-D :-D :-D

and that all of these upgrades were mentioned on the New Elektron gear thread - congrats to all who guessed right!!

Oh apart from the SN ratio and PSU

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Daim - 2007/11/13 12:39

Weeeeee... just ordered :-)

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by monojim - 2007/11/13 12:44

Sampling Monomachine? Elektron ... YOU ROCK :)

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by divi - 2007/11/13 12:46

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by disembodied - 2007/11/13 12:48

must resist urge to buy mono....

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by OrsanKart - 2007/11/13 12:48

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by env - 2007/11/13 12:51

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ok,then.good to know. :-(

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by enapa - 2007/11/13 12:53

Is it just the wavemachine och beatbox the samples can be put, wonder how much memoru it has...

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by NoiseLab - 2007/11/13 12:57

I wonder if future software updates are compatible with the 'MK1's???

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Nils - 2007/11/13 13:05

I guess these are welcome updates for people who don't own an MD/UW/MM already. I can't see I need to ditch mine in favour of new ones though.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jngpng - 2007/11/13 13:08

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probably not, there are not enough memory in mkl and there are some changes to faceplate, too.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by pix - 2007/11/13 13:14

I bet the sampling in the MnM are only single cycle waveforms to use in the super wave machine...

I must say that after 3 or 4 years of waiting for their new developments I'm quite disappointed...

As it was noticed the rate of upgrades for MD and MnM was being extremely slow. I was thinking that meant that they were actually developing something new and exciting.

apparently not. It's not bad though, just a bit disappointing. I hope they have truly new products in the pipeline or that the development of these mkIIs is faster than it was for the previous generation.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 13:16

ahh, what a great way to wake up!

divi wrote:

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yeah. I was thinking the same. I suppose we'll know more real soon :-)

Nils wrote:

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env wrote:

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ok, then good to know.

really, I mean really? I'm not going to even debate nonsense like this....

what a ride the last few months for Elektron. congrats gang! cheers to you

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Posted by env - 2007/11/13 13:24

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I think that'd be a bit of a stretch. Thats the exact same phrase they've always used to describe the MD's master effects. We can hope though!

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 13:29

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by nrg - 2007/11/13 13:36

errrrrr, elektron if you are reading,
the 64 steps sequencer update is more then welcome (read urgently needed) on the older version MD.

It is actually the only one thing that buggers me in the machine, its 32step too short sequence mode ;)

So please update for this, and i am sure a bunch of users wouldbe very happy :)))

(such update would make for an excellent xmass present heheh)

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by robopants - 2007/11/13 13:42

The biggest question imho is if the old MM can use the new OS and replace the wavetables.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 13:46

wow, the Monomachine audio samples are real nice! bring on the wavetables :-D

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by arsey_rob - 2007/11/13 13:49

nearly bought a new mono recently. Glad I didn't

So exactly how much thinner are the new machines?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by NoiseLab - 2007/11/13 13:50

I also like to know if the MKII's use the same DSP engines? It looks like they only have more memory?

That can be important for future updates? and maybe a reason to sell my old ones?

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Posted by Daim - 2007/11/13 13:54

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Definitely. I have yet to see Elektron make a stupid move.
And I guess there are things in the works, as always.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by glitched - 2007/11/13 13:58

OrsanKart wrote:

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SELL SELL SELL!

Everything must go!

It might be time to ditch the SFX-6 for a nice slim 60 MKII. I wonder if it would look strange next to the MDUW "Classic"...? Humm...we need more details.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by OrsanKart - 2007/11/13 14:01

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Ah now i received the email as well.. i guess i ordered too quick :-D

I'll send an email and ask for the discount.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by disembodied - 2007/11/13 14:12

hmm i just logged in to my friend account (set up last year) and i don't see any 10% offer on the page, and i did not get any e-mail yet either.

i have never bought anything from the Elektron store before so maybe that's why? :-?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Daim - 2007/11/13 14:26

I neither ordered before and got one.

Maybe it takes a bit till every friend received his email.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by disembodied - 2007/11/13 14:27

ahh ok thanks, guess i sit here twiddling my fingers for a bit :)

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by offset - 2007/11/13 14:31

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I asked and was answered.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 14:32

i was wondering about the size too, arsey. i'm poking around on the site now. i'll post here if i find any details.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Nils - 2007/11/13 14:34

For those preoccupied with the slimness of the new case, a picture has been added to the front page.

A great shame about the sample import on old monos, but, maybe there will be an upgrade available? ;-)

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Toni - 2007/11/13 14:37

Oh yeah, 64 step patterns seems like a logical step; now the songbuilding with the both units is just a joy. Notice also, that they have audio demos on product pages. I'll be hearing the the new mono-waves only at home tonight (can't wait!).

I guess everybody is now thinking if some of these now features will make to earlier units via OS update. I hope that at least some of them will. Did you notice that tith the new product pictures there is some odd ui-controls (MnM especially).

They might be just for the photos, since I've seen odd pictures before also. Interesting... :-D

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by monofever - 2007/11/13 14:37

The MD 64 step patch for the classic would be great, how would you display using the three leds which bar the sequencer is playing?

Seems like a tempting update.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by nkirchner - 2007/11/13 14:39

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Allerian - 2007/11/13 14:46

Well, the 64 steps sound like a neat feature we could all use on our existing kit, but I don't see myself replacing the SFX-6/MDUW combo just to end up with longer patterns.

Maybe I'll pick up a Memotron after all. :-o

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 14:47

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Posted by env - 2007/11/13 14:52

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From where do you get memory to do this 64steps? UW memory ?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 15:02

I have no idea -- I was just thinking about it from an interface perspective since I'm not a programmer. But you make a good point -- 64 steps assumes that there's enough processing power in the og mds to make this work. I suppose time will tell.

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Posted by Toni - 2007/11/13 15:03

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Hey, thats an easy and elegant solution. One perspective to this would be, that it would ruin the interface, because it isn't planned for that. *But* all current units are owned by their loving users and most of them would love to see their MD hacked this way, even if it doesn't show on the faceplate so clearly. It would seem to me a justifiable reason to do this (if the technology is up to it). After all it's the music culture and its users who own/use and love these machines. It would be a favour from Elektron to old users do this, even if it clutters the interface a bit. After all old version isn't produced anymore and people should be able to do anything they like with them (in sensible context!).

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Posted by Rusty - 2007/11/13 15:09

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I'd be happy with that as a solution on the original MD.

There is a nearly zero chance that I'm going to sell my MD to buy a MKII; never felt that I can justify spending the pennies to get the UW upgrade; and don't see that a MKII version would be worth the cost/hassle of selling then buying new.

I was hoping for an Elektron sampler. :(

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 15:10

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jngpng - 2007/11/13 15:12

Looking at the products pages, it looks like the number of RAM machines on the new UW has been upped to 4, and the number of ROM machines to 48.

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answer:

Some of the new features will be compatible - but unfortunately not the wavetables due to hardware limitations of the MKI units.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by brettweldele - 2007/11/13 15:28

call me a bit underwhelmed...and that's okay.

these changes are so minor that i doubt they'll do much to the percieved value of older models on the resale market. an extra half MB of sampling would probably excite me in the '80s, but not really so much now.

the pictures don't really make them look any "slimmer."

I still want the Elektron Sampler Box.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Mesak - 2007/11/13 15:28

OrsanKart wrote:

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original is the original! ;)

heh, well not so crucial updates that i'd bother to sell my precious boxes to get the mkII's... though 64steps is obvious improvement. mostly i'd be up for better built encoders, that some more recent mkI's had, if i've understood all the chit chat here right... especially on the good old MD data wheel and other encoders are giving random values very often.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

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Posted by Nils - 2007/11/13 15:31

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As Actuel pointed out, these upgrades may be essential for the continued life of the products - both from a hardware point of view (obsolete (!) parts), and from a marketing point of view. Papertiger pointed out to me that the original MD came out in 2002 (or was that 2001? Can't remember). That's quite old, from both perspectives.

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Posted by brettweldele - 2007/11/13 15:36

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 15:39

here's a tidbit on the new MKII MD OS's, they will get the ability to control the master effects using CTRL-machines. Woohoo! A nice and welcomed addition.

before anyone asks, no word on if the MKI will get this...as Divi heard it, "Regarding the rest, I can't promise anything. The MKI's and MKII's differ quite a lot hardware wise. At the moment we are busy with MKII OS's - but we haven't forgot our MKI userbase - that's for sure!"

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by brettweldele - 2007/11/13 15:45

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well, of course it doesn't. but the question is always when. Elektron starts teasing at new things and then it turns out to be a t-shirt or something we already own.

the monmachine came out in what... 2003? that's 4 years since they've come out with a totally new product.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 15:49

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by northernligh - 2007/11/13 15:50

ha, i hovered over the buy button of both new machines for about 20 minutes now. but i decided to stay with my MK1 machines. :-P

i was a bit frustrated at first. I was really hoping for something completely new. And my MK1s seem to be outdated now.

however, i'm happy to know that there will be nice, new, shiny machines if my MK1s should ever fall apart.

i think i will go home and play with my "classics" :-D

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by northernligh - 2007/11/13 15:56

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interessting :-o

-different pattern lengths?
-FX on all outs and not just A/B?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 16:01

post #58 is all i know!

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jngpng - 2007/11/13 16:02

A couple more nuggets of info that I just got from Jon at Elektron about the new MnM:

1. The slots for the user waveforms are 1024 samples long. I guess that means that we're getting the ability to replace the wavetable in the DPRO-WAVE machine rather than any kind of UW or near-UW capability.

2. The new unit is approx 14mm slimmer than the old one.

He also hinted that they might be working on something completely new next. Exciting times! :D

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 16:07

i guess now we know that TM wasn't invented for "just" the uw. makes a bit more sense now, from a business/investment perspective.

user waves in the mnm, but still not an mnm-uw. o_O

come on you slags, we all know you've got more details!

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Posted by rydan - 2007/11/13 16:08

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Same here. Best would be to have it as a global option. Basically, it could be solved by "linking" pattern A1 with pattern E1, A2 with E2 and so on, so you either can have 64 64-step patterns, or 128 32-step.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by emisor9 - 2007/11/13 16:11

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Amen !

And ... time for look-out for purchasing second Mono Classic for abt 400-500 euro. 12 tracks of Mono-mayhem - woohooo!

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Always look on the bright side of life (whistles tune with sample rate reduced MD beat in the background)

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or a second MD Classic. I could finally make my dream of different pattern lengths come true.

Come on people! Buy those MK2s and sell your Classics to the oldskool lovers 8-)

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but the md? what does the md sps-1 (non uw) mkII have?

"The MKII version adds a lot to the already feature-packed SPS-1. Slimmer design, world wide switching power supply, even better signal to noise ratio and last but certainly not least ? the pattern sequencer now has 64 steps!" that's all?

it isn't anything that couldn't be updated via software, right? (except the sn ratio, which didn't bother anyone except those that didn't do it right)

when 2 64 step patterns are combined = 128? that's nice.

when will the OS upgrades come?

Elektron, we love you all and appreciate the effort!

ps. no TM-1 MKII? :-D

hehe

I can't wait to buy 2nd hand Monomachines Classic for \$200 :-P

YES!

USE "Classic" for the old ones!

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/13 16:50

Hmmm... another slightly underwhelmed user here. I can understand the need to update the hardware due to sourcing issues, but the main reason I got my MD (at \$1700) was that Elektron had said they would not release newer versions of products that made older models obsolete. We can argue about what obsolete means, but I think you guys know what I mean. Not saying the older (gee it sucks saying that) SPS's are no longer functional or bad ass, just that I have to pay another \$1700 now to get the features people have been asking for for years.

Considering how die hard and loyal their fanbase is, I'd have hoped Elektron would have at least something to offer the owners of the now classic units to offset this somewhat at the same time. I too have been pushing for blinking LEDs as a solution 64 Step addition (and would gladly halve my pattern memory for this), and then they also added a way to control master effects and more ROM slots? Even though we have only 2MB of memory, I's still love to have more ROM slots in that space.

I'm happy Elektron can continue to release more products, but still a bit dissapointed if I must be honest.

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Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 17:00

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 17:06

Tarekith wrote:

Hmmm... another slightly underwhelmed user here. I can understand the need to update the hardware due to sourcing issues, but the main reason I got my MD (at \$1700) was that Elektron had said they would not release newer versions of products that made older models obsolete.

where is this stated? please point me to this public statement. i'm not trying to argue but this was never said in this context. here:

Daniel wrote:

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Again - think about production times mentioned and you'll understand that we (with the current size of the company) can not support releasing new products at the rate many of you expect. While developing we devote time to releasing new versions of the OS:es though, so in effect, the people who bought the first version of any of our synthesizers has gotten much more than they initially payed for. We hope to keep peoples investments intact, and not destroy them by releasing a new version that decline the previous models values. I can't promise it won't ever happen, but it's in our vision to have happy customers that do not feel they bought the wrong product at the wrong time. We think they won't be so happy investing the next time would we do so. we want any time to be a good time to buy any Elektron product.

...

and that isn't even in the same context...LINK HERE

i'm not saying folks can't be disappointed or underwhelmed, to each his own.

Just reiterating, there are other software upgrades below the surface. As well as thinner, new balanced i/o and lower heat producing power supplies. These upgrades were essential for the continued life of the products - both from a hardware point of view (obsolete (!) parts), and from a marketing point of view. Elektron's supply had ran out and they found that some of the parts in the previous MD/MDUW and MnM were no longer manufactured. So they took the opportunity to 'refresh' the units and add a little more functionality.

Elektron has maintained they have other products in the works. This update isn't a must have for everyone.

"Expectations are premeditated resentments" -- unknown

i suppose there was no way everyone is gonna be happy, regardless of their step.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 17:34

hageir,

I think I have to disagree with you on the 64 steps issue. Part of the reason why I got interested in hardware after using software for so long was the interface. I completely agree that chaining to patterns together is a workable solution, but it's still not as nice/convenient/quick as having 4 pages of steps laid out right there without having to switch back and forth between patterns.

It's a workflow issue (I'm also thinking about it from the perspective of working in tandem with the monomachine). To some people, like me, it presents enough of an improvement that I'm very happy they implemented it.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by NoiseLab - 2007/11/13 17:37

MkII hardware wise... still there are some major points missing:

USB or FireWire: for use as a host on your DAW
Digital I/O: So you have a choice to change the sound character with other converters
Better potknobs: they are still plastic, why not alunium like the new Waldorfs
Three color led style: from the MM also on the MD
Better graphics: for parameter visuals like on this video: Waldorf Blofeld for the filter, envelopes, LFO's and maybe waveform editing.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 17:41

I still don't think it's that big of a problem to excuse the md mkII's.

sorry, that's just me.

if they would've added a new type of drum synthesis, hell yes, that would've been a good explanation, but steps+leds+12mm diet+0,5mb more?

not enough! :-)

all good things, but still not enough, IMO.

new encoders, new faceplate, new colors, new lcd, new interface, etc.

the encoders are just as much of a problem as the "heating" powersupplies..

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 17:43

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I'm sorry, my fingers are on fire from writing so much, ok I tend to complicate things a little bit and not get my point across as I get lost in something else :-)

but you get my point, B.F.F., eh? 8-)

..Classic B.F.F.'s

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 17:49

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jngpng - 2007/11/13 18:00

Cool hageir, B.F.F's ;)

I think the point to remember here is that Elektron probably didn't have a choice in coming up with Mk IIs. There was some definite flakiness around the newer Mk 1s. I've listened to a friends 1 month old MDUW and the noise floor was WAY higher than on my ancient beta-unit MD. His new MD also hung quite a bit whilst mine has always been rock solid. I suspect those problems were connected to Elektron having to replace discontinued components without updating the actual design of the machines. They probably needed to redesign and move up to a Mark II just to get the machine in a decent state again, so why not add some small improvements at the same time?

Electronic equipment very rarely stays in production without being redesigned for as long as the MD did, simply because parts are discontinued, suppliers change etc etc. That effect will have been magnified even further over the last few years because of the introduction of RoHS...

This is all speculation of course, but it's something worth thinking about...

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 18:04

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yes in a way, but if I would've been working on it, I would've made something new in addition to the updates.. but I guess the wavetables are enough

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by tjebbe - 2007/11/13 18:15

it is all cool but

can we the Classic sps-1 users just send their old md's for a MKII version instead of the 10% discount (119 euro)

just seems a little confusing that we have to buy a full prized md again to get the option we all ready wanted since years every user stated so much problems solutions and fixes,ideas to get the md where it is today it is only fair to the users that their should be a better offer arranged for them really we all(most of them) spend the 1300 euro (sps-1) this new version is even cheaper ?1190? and got lots more to offer and you want to give us a discount. this seems like a rip off dont mind me wrong but I thought we all invested time and thoughts how to make things better for the user itself and a better product than it was in the beginning.

in my opinion I just thrown away (110 euro) this is almost the 10% discount you gave us (119 euro)the difference 9 euro for nothing

if i have to buy the mk2 I will loose 400-500 euro because second hand you can sell it for approxamitly 800-900 euro than I still have to

get 300-400 euro extra to get the new version this sucks in everyway for Classic users that means me

just give us worth for our money and make a better offer for users that spended more money than it now costs

:-(please reconsider this elektron you rule but this is bad shit for all your users.

also stating we are mostly poor musicians and have no money growing on our backs. the sps-1 one is my biggest investment and now it seems the be a wrong investment please reconsider

regards Tjebbe van der kooij

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 18:17

eminor9 wrote:

And ... time for look-out for purchasing second Mono Classic for abt 400-500 euro. 12 tracks of Mono-mayhem - woohoooo!

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I agree... my favorite machine just got cheaper!!! :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by djsun1 - 2007/11/13 18:18

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 18:25

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Posted by Wavecircle - 2007/11/13 18:39

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yeah, in a sense it's good

for example: the new pcb's might have more sockets for future-extra-add-ons = more possibilites.

and YES!

they have to make new machines+algorithms.

I wonder if the effects section in the new mkII's has something new?

like a flanger, phaser or something like amp modelling?

ps. there's a ton of "Friends" browsing the site, I wonder how many of them are working for elektron :-)

sorry :-D

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

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yeah, let's hope the next update is just stuffed with all the features from everyone on the boards :-)

hehe

one year is a long time for a os upgrade in process

so yeah, it def. has something new+nice in it

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 18:54

I am at least a little disappointed, having bought my MDUW just a few months ago. I guess ultimately, everything the mk2 has new is just added convenience over the original, and I've yet to use up my sample space or slots.

That said, it would be extremely nice to see something significant in the OS upgrade, though. Being able to use 4 bar patterns w/o rigging up a song would make life a lot easier, and the master fx machine would be a good add.

BUT

I am extremely happy about the user wavetable feature in the MnM, and am very glad that when I was making the decision between it and the Ebbe und Flut a couple of months ago, I chose the Ebbe. This way, once the updated OS comes out, I will have the cash money for a new MnM, and I can have it looking all funny-like next to my MDUW.

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but seriously a trade in, what would elektron do with all the Classics?
they couldn't sell them again or anything..

maybe it's possible to send it in for a hardware upgrade -> new pcb (inc. the new outputs+psu socket+uw chips?)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Array - 2007/11/13 18:56

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by relapse808 - 2007/11/13 18:58

Well I know the trade in wouldnt work. For me having the machine drum just over a month it makes sense in my mind but then there are people who have owned the unit for years and i dont see it making as much sense for that situation. Give me the the 64 step pattern and the ctl-all tracks to control the master effects and im good.

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hallelujah/amen! 8-)
I'd pay for the upgrade to the MKII
but then it leaves me with one thing: MKIII? :-o

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by divi - 2007/11/13 19:04

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which IMHO is a really silly thought... guys, get with it, both the machinedrum and monomachine are several years old and have been updated. really don't see the problem or cause for complaining in that. let alone the calls for free updates to mkl's :lol:

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 19:20

As long as nobody sues Elektron for \$1e6 like that jackass in the states sueing over the iphone :)

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by tjebbe - 2007/11/13 19:21

your totally thru not about buying do

I am glad I bought one it is a work of art I only state that the offer being made to the elektron friend is a little strange
I can get a discount of 119 euro i already have one md

I just want to get a option if their is no turning back to replace the old md with the mk2 for a better offer
i just dont want to pay the full prize again and again

if they said that i could trade it with a extra cost i will pay the extra 119 euro not pay 1081 euro !!!

but your right with outdated elektronics just i hope this is not the end for my best friend and I cant wait what the new os
got in store for me and probably I am jumping the horse here
about prizes and all I just
I am sorry but its just weird

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by divi - 2007/11/13 19:24

ok i see you re point now...

(en hoe is 't nog in den haag? long time no see!)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Volcom - 2007/11/13 19:24

I don't have a problem with the new MKII's, I just hope Elektron fix any bugs in the MnM classic and implement some feature requests in the next OS update.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 19:28

Really, I think that, although it was probably not possible to do, Elektron could have unveiled the MK2s at the same time or just after an OS update, so that present owners would have something to get excited about. I guess in the ideal world, Elektron could have tinkered with the code enough that the two units sounded really different from each other, that way there's no question of obsolescence.

Anyway, User Wavetables! I think I'd feel much more put out as an MnM owner than an MD owner (Sorry MnM people).

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 19:39

Well, I didn't really think it was gonna happen, but it has and I can understand why (part supplies, etc.). OTOH, it's not really what I was thinking when people were saying MkII. I was thinking of a much more drastic upgrade. This doesn't make me flinch a whole lot. The 64 steps would be great though.

BUT what of my MD that is in Sweden right now? I must say that is the one thing that really kinda disappoints me. I am assuming that it will come back to me as a MD-UW Classic. I would think that before I plunked down \$500 (plus another \$200 for shipping!), Elektron would let me know that there was about to be an MkII version coming out. I could have spent that money on an MkII after selling my SPS-1 Classic.

And before someone says it: it's not that the UW Classic won't be cool and I won't enjoy the hell out of it, it's that I could have gotten the new features for a relatively similar price. And Elektron would have made more money in the process! I'm a little confused on why they have offered those upgrades.

Has anyone already plunked down for MkII versions and put your Classics up for sale?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by tjebe - 2007/11/13 19:41

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(lekker bezig met organiseren van festivals,nog steeds den haag hoe is het verder met jou, lekker bezig met muziek maken hehehe?)

I bow down to my machinedrum I love it I hate I have a relation with it.
just give me my new os so I dont feel sad about the mk2 upgrade

:-D

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Ideally what will happen is that it will come back with 64 step patterns, thus demonstrating that the Mk1 can take the new OS and not leaving you feeling like you've been given a bit of a short deal.
Even if it doesn't, you'll have the UW Mk1, which will keep you plenty busy, and there should be this OS update coming soon...

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Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/13 19:48

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That was kind of my point too. Current Elektron users are their MAIN advertising force, we all hype up the gear we love so much all over the net and gigs. Surely they could have foreseen that this was going to upset current owners who bought a drum machine from a boutique supplier who had previously stated that they would never release new products that made their old ones redundant? Would have been better to wait until any OS upgrades for the classic stuff (man I HATE saying that about Elektron gear!) were ready to go. Makes everyone happy, and not like we're not used to waiting for stuff from Elektron.

Other option would have been to just make the new ones identical to the old ones with the new spec'd parts. I could see maybe the 12mm difference and power supply being new, but once you add new features, especially those we've all asked for for so long, well.... ????

How could they not see this was going to upset their user-base? And why not retain the 12mm hieght, but include the TM-1 functions built in?

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Ideally what will happen is that it will come back with 64 step patterns, thus demonstrating that the Mk1 can take the new OS and not leaving you feeling like you've been given a bit of a short deal.
Even if it doesn't, you'll have the UW Mk1, which will keep you plenty busy, and there should be this OS update coming soon...

We shall see. I have also emailed Elektron concerning the matter.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 19:49

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dude I'm prayin for ya I hope I hope :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 19:52

Tarekith wrote:

And why not retain the 12mm hieght, but include the TM-1 functions built in?

Why not put in a freakin' usb port...actually, that would probably be more annoying in a way than the extra 12 ROM slots.
I really need to consolidate my samples, put all of the one-shots into 1 or 2 slots....

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1/2 the price?!?! That is depressing to think about. I guess we will see.

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 19:56

Selling it for 1/2 retail would be idiotic. The new upgrades aren't that great, and there is a new OS around the corner.

It's too bad I really want the user wavetable feature, otherwise I'd be happy to buy a mono off someone for \$600.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by brettweldele - 2007/11/13 19:57

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yeah, it will be interesting. i'll be interested in seeing what UW classics are going for in the US on the 'bay. cause i want to "upgrade" if the price is right.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 19:58

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Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 20:01

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6. to make obsolete by replacing with something newer or better :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 20:05

ThinkTanx wrote:

Ah yes, but you left off the sixth definition, which is: "replaced"! :-D

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True...but they are in order of relavence. ;) I use outdated versions of Live and Logic and to me its no big deal. I'm not one to use every feature on every machine...I just make music and learn features as I need them.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 20:05

haha i am sure you can still use them, but bieng the elektronik music freak i am always trying to stay ahead by getting the newest software for making the newest sounds i would have to get the newest elektron gear . my MM without sampling is pointless compared to the new version. its like running reaktor 3 when u can run 5 with kore. I guess it depends on what style of music you are making in order to decide if its worth upgrading to the newer machines. and also i cant have one slim machine and one fat machine haha. looks silly on stage. :lol:

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 20:12

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Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 20:13

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Yeah. I actually just updated everything in my studio (which the UW upgrade was also part of), sold off some stuff that wasn't getting used as much, etc. Although, I am like you in that I certainly don't use every feature of every machine... the music comes first, getting all tweaky on the machines comes second. But that's also why I wanted to slim down... using a couple of things more and getting deeper into them, while still putting the music first.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 20:17

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I will say, in Kero's defense, that he has released music on three of my favorite labels: Shitkatapult, Bpitch Control, and Detroit Underground. He does some cool stuff.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 20:22

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ya it is,I think i have some kind of syndrome. haha. but seriously you cant do certain things with old software / gear that you can do with new stuff . More options available = more possibilities in sound design.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ploploplo - 2007/11/13 20:24

you are sure for the fx track controller ?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/13 20:27

Well, fair enough, I get the 'new and cool' thing, but of late I've been finding that by going back to gear like my XT or G1, there's so much territory I've yet to plot...

BACK ON TOPIC:

How do you think the MnM is going to deal with the user waves? Will they have to be completely ready to go when you load them up, or do you think you could, say put something that was 2000 samples in, and the MnM (or C6) will crunch it to the appropriate size?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by monofever - 2007/11/13 20:29

So what is the new going rate in sterling/dollars for a Classic in any three flavours. It stands to reason that market forces i.e. buyers for the MD and MnM outside of this group have been trying to get their hands on these machines for a few hundred less for years, but there is no way they are going to shell out for a new one regardless of features, so the demand remains the same.

Supply only increases if people owning the original feel they can afford a newer model, and the price of sale of the Classic may be important, but if classic prices fall too low people can't afford to make that decision and supply tightens again.

Unless people looking to buy support people looking to make further investment supply is short and prices remain high. The price is still underpinned by the qualities the older model has, new features do not erode those qualities. So why will the price drop heavily.

I was hoping for OS updates.....

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 20:34

ThinkTanx wrote:

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I just did the same... and it has been liberating.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by innerclock - 2007/11/13 20:37

Anyone care to ask/mention did they 'sharpen' the timing?

I'll buy one now if someone can post the numbers for me - I miss my MD!

regards - David

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by mememamo - 2007/11/13 20:46

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heh, my MD now... and still enjoying it very much! actually it's in for a UW upgrade at the moment...

but yeah can't say i'm not curious about the timing of the newer ones.

... don't think i can resist the temptation of the monomachine now.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by booblitZ - 2007/11/13 21:11

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I'm glad I've got mine :)

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by orwell - 2007/11/13 21:17

Very weak upgrades; massive disappointment. I don't think the Mk2 will devalue the MK1 in the marketplace by much \$\$\$ at all - especially with the OS update. Sorry, to hear some people's brought an mk1 only a month ago and weren't given the heads up on the mk2 by elektron or the partners!

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 21:19

booblitz wrote:

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Yeah, I was thinking the same thing. There shouldn't be much of a dip in value with it. Not that I'm gonna ever sell it anyways!

So, I emailed Elektron about my current UW upgrade. Here is my email and Jon's response. I don't think he would mind me posting it.

me:

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 21:33

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by xtal - 2007/11/13 21:34

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Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 21:44

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by enapa - 2007/11/13 21:48

This WAVes in the new monol?da, is it only in the digi:wave or also in the BEATBOX ?? that would be cool!

But i wonder if they will replace the old samples or will there be a new identical machine with the userwaves, so there will be 2 beatboxes and 2 digiwaves??

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 21:50

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You're welcome. Congrats on getting to collab with so many great labels and artists. I hope to be there myself one day.

I have to say that I would be majorly surprised if we saw anything new from Elektron in the next year. They really are a very small company, which I think we forget sometimes. OTOH, I was majorly surprised that they did the MkII thing at all, so what do I know? Plus, it's not like these are totally new and different machines, so in that sense they may still have resources for something new.

I would really, really love to see something totally new.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by mrbip - 2007/11/13 21:51

This post makes for a very interesting read :P

My point of view on this is that I dont mind the that there are mkII versions as long as the os for the "Classic" is still being updated.

I do however have a little issue with my trust in elektron.

I am a big elektron fan boy so dont get me wrong! but

I bought the sidstation when they first announced that it was the last production run "ever"..... they then did two or three production runs after this, so was I lied to? I know they found more sid chips but you should not say last ever if it is not.

I then got a UW upgrade for my machine drum because again it was supposedly my last chance to do so..... looks like I was wrong again. (not that I regret getting the upgrade)

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Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 21:52

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Vader77 - 2007/11/13 21:57

Sorry if I've missed this but is there anything to say the new 'user wave' thingy in the Monomachine Mk2 can't be upgraded to the Mk1's via software and load new waves via MIDI?

All the rest of the hardware changes are pretty superficial to me.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/13 22:03

actuel wrote:

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bwahahaha :-)
vagina-box? 8-)
hehe

I'm not really that pissed anymore, they had to do it because some of the components weren't available and stuff..
but the "MKII" name just gets on my nerves..
should be Rev 1.2 instead because MKII is just too much "better"

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/13 22:06

Wow...

Browsing:

Kero, daswesen, enapa, actuel, Ariba, jsrockit, disembodied, Ookpikk, robopants, hageir, mrbip, jngpng, megawatt, obeast, neonleg, sensorium, eagleroad, wolfinterval, more...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 22:10

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we hit 3 pages of users earlier today. amazing! (click more, that's what i mean by pages)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 22:16

its an historic event in elektron history. and we are all here watching it happen..
LOL :-P

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by burlives - 2007/11/13 22:17

"which IMHO is a really silly thought... guys, get with it, both the machinedrum and monomachine are several years old and have been updated. really don't see the problem or cause for complaining in that. let alone the calls for free updates

to mkl's"

For the Mono upgrades, we saw bug fixes. I may be alone in the belief that the Mono is still a work in progress. If the voice machine is taken seriously, there's trouble in paradise, IMHO.

There is just so much can be done with software upgrades. I have no knowledge of what can improve on the machines after production, but I'll check for machine upgrades periodically.

The Sps-1 Ctrl-al was significant, and made a difference to users and the outlook on their purchase. At least I thought it was a big deal. Great idea for the ctrl=al on Master Effects, who ever said as much.

I don't see that sixty-four beats couldn't be done on the sps. Incidentally, I think the parameter controls, particularly program changes, were reliable and easy to use. That's from a late bloomer, so I won't change machines anytime soon.

Except for the UW I doubt owners of new mk IIs and the fortunate few with a half-price used machine drum need os updates.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by aom - 2007/11/13 22:23

Just throwing in my two cents in hopes of seeing Ctrl for the Master Effects on the original MD/UW as well!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Vibes - 2007/11/13 22:24

These 2 past years I was saving some cash for the new Elektron gear, tomorrow I will be able to buy the Xbase999 :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by obeast - 2007/11/13 22:31

bip! :-) lol

In my opinion, the new machines look good, still can't be certain of what I'm gonna receive but maybe this was the reason i've been waiting so long.

Honestly though I'd like to think that if i had the 'classic' then I wouldn't really be that bothered about Elektron bringing out this new model. Fair enough It's always nice to have the most recent version of anything but I could definitely see the reason for this update being due to the need to update the electronics inside it.

That's probably the reason why it's called the MKII and not the SPS-2 because it is essentially the same machine (unless it sounds well different). They've created it with the same layout just slightly thinner and with slightly more memory for samples. Ok, the 64 step sequences might be an added bonus but you can get around this on the original machine and seems as though they have updated it they might as well add some new features just to get the most out of it's new hardware. Both marks are similar machines so hopefully OS updates can cater for a lot in there slight differences.

You have to bare in mind as well as much as Elektron support their User Base they literally aren't aiming to sell these machines solely to us. Therefore I don't see this as a major Elektron release that everyone here should want to upgrade to (well, maybe for people who want a wavetable mono). They need to keep selling products to new people, the MD and MnM are their best selling products and if they needed a hardware upgrade to keep them going then surely this is better than them going discontinued.

Also on another note a MnM UW was not possible before. They have listened to us users so they have brought it out in on the new marks. There really should be no reason for people getting upset here because Elektron have just given us what we wanted which was not capable before, props to 'em.

Sounds like something more maybe in the pipeline. Anyone wanna ramble on some more about what it could be then get disapointed! lol :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/13 22:44

When are those fresh elektron bags being made again? i want one!!! especially if im getting a new UWMK2!!!!!!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by mrbip - 2007/11/13 22:46

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Yeah I agree and I am not upset with elektron for this at all :-)

Just I dont like the limited stock marketing technique thats all. They are good enough to do without it....

However maybe I would not have upgraded my machinedrum if they did not scare me into it.....so they probably did me a favour!? :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by videodave - 2007/11/13 22:46

Damn! What a let down.

I thought it might be a new t-shirt.

Come on fellas, how about a nice orange one!

I'm pleased the mono isn't too much removed from the "classic" as it's now being called as I can't afford anything at the minute... apart from a nice new t-shirt!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by NoiseLab - 2007/11/13 22:49

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left out in the cold.

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Looks like the MKII's have different/better DSP engines + more memory. So on the software side... time will tell if it is interesting to sell the MKI's and get the MKII's?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/13 22:50

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/13 22:51

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hahahah ol' friend, you win!!!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by 11hzrobot - 2007/11/13 23:15

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by husker - 2007/11/13 23:23

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I guess it depends on whether you are talking about 'value' as a music making device, or as a financial investment with future monetary return...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/13 23:43

So, I sent this email to Jon in response to the one he sent me earlier:

Hi Jon,

I just wanted to point out one more thing to you. Did you guys not consider the fact that rather than upgrade my SPS-1

to a UW, I would probably rather upgrade to a UW MkII? In other words, I would have sold my SPS-1 and then used the \$700 (upgrade + shipping) I spent on the UW Mkl upgrade to buy the MKII. In effect, what you guys have done is both cost yourselves about \$1000 and left me with no reasonable option (monetarily) to move up to the MkII. Kind of a bummer.

I know you guys like to keep in touch with your userbase, and I felt it necessary to make these points to you. Make no mistake, I still love your products (I also have a SFX-6), and can't wait to have my MD back!

Do I sound bitter? :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by monofizmo - 2007/11/14 00:08

MkII would not fit so nicely next to your sfx-6.

Martin
(sfx-6/UW)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/14 00:19

They don't sit next to each other in my studio anymore. :-?

Plus, I don't think I would ever take my SFX-6 out live. I never have before.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by sabline - 2007/11/14 01:00

i'm the one who bought a UW kit + Shortcircuit this summer! :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by stylinghead - 2007/11/14 01:23

hmmmm.... so just enough improvements to make older users feel like their machines have been devalued? if they are taking the time to redesign the machines what about: internal power supply, usb port, recessed jacks for better racking and why not put that beautiful joystick into the new mnm? i am saddened. :-?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/14 01:26

actuel wrote:

"Expectations are premeditated resentments" -- unknown

I like that.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/14 01:32

NoiseLab wrote:

MKII hardware wise... still there are some major points missing:

USB or FireWire: for use as a host on your DAW

..and fuck around with drivers for a year? No, thank you.

NoiseLab wrote:

Digital I/O: So you have a choice to change the sound character with other converters

Daniel H had a long post or email about why Elektron wouldn't include digital clocks - it seemed well reasoned and thoughtful. Buy better converters.

NoiseLab wrote:

Better potknobs: they are still plastic, why not aluminium like the new Waldorfs

Three color led style: from the MM also on the MD

Better graphics: for parameter visuals like on this video: Waldorf Blofeld for the filter, envelopes, LFO's and maybe waveform editing.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/14 01:34

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by NoiseLab - 2007/11/14 01:47

niall wrote:

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MKII hardware wise... still there are some major points missing:

USB or FireWire: for use as a host on your DAW

..and fuck around with drivers for a year? No, thank you.

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Digital I/O: So you have a choice to change the sound character with other converters

Daniel H had a long post or email about why Elektron wouldn't include digital clocks - it seemed well reasoned and thoughtful. Buy better converters.

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Better potknobs: they are still plastic, why not aluminium like the new Waldorfs

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Well, it is just a MKII update so don't bother and did you watch the Waldorf video?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/14 02:11

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" Hey guys, we know some of you are going to be upset, but we had to do this due to (pick one)

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sidenote: i'm not a fan of hearsay. trying to be the best admin i can be through all this :-D

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Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/14 02:49

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actual - 2007/11/14 03:00

Tarekith wrote:

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Totally cool man. My fault for not clarifying this fact earlier :-)

sorry

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by nkirchner - 2007/11/14 04:27

jsrookit wrote:

nkirchner wrote:

What a fucking disappointment. I was hoping for something new. These 'upgrades' are WEAK!

Why do you think something new isn't coming? This is just a simple upgrade...it is a normal thing for a company to do.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ingrid - 2007/11/14 04:29

Oh, I bet a SPS-1 mkII would be great next to my MD-UW Classic! I have often thought to myself that "The MD's best companion is another MD." Now I have the chance to get one at a discounted price. And that's with 64 steps and master FX ctrl machines! :-o How sweet is that! Now if only I could get a hold of the money somehow...

runs and hides before Papertiger shows up and bitch slaps me :lol:

-Ingrid

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Allerian - 2007/11/14 04:47

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Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/14 05:03

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Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/14 05:15

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i think your first statement assumes that the market for mds and mnms has dried up, nkirch, but i don't think that's necessarily the case as a lot of shops have had waiting lists for the md and the mnm. people didn't stop and say, oh i guess I won't buy an mnm or md because the didn't have the upgraded features, they didn't buy them because they weren't available. why? because there was trouble with supply. why? because, as some people on the thread have mentioned, Elektron has explained that the company had trouble getting some of the parts that were originally used in the mnm and md. so they used new parts, and along the way made some hardware modifications and improvements.

So, the new machines may be a shitty upgrade to you, but maybe users like the people on this board aren't Elektron's primary target -- after all most of us are here because we already own the device. It's true that a completely new machine would capture the attention of those that own current Elektron machines and those that do not -- a broader segment of the MI market. But the new machines are likely targeted at the latter group, even though they contain improvements that some in the former category have requested. it depends on which segment of the market you're going to take into account. My guess is that the market for people who don't own mnms or mds is larger than those that currently do.

i think many on this board are disappointed because we fall into the group of people that already own Elektron machines. But I don't think it's bad business for Elektron to continue manufacturing their products and keeping them in supply so they can sell more. Granted, they went beyond simply "making more," but I don't see why hardcore Elektron users should be so upset (setting aside the obsolescence issue). Elektron made updates to their existing product line at the same time that it refreshed supply. This move says nothing about whether they are or are not working on something new. Time will tell. Maybe we have ourselves to blame for whipping up anticipation to such a frenzied level.

Just some thoughts.

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PS Ingrid, I would never resort to violence. I'll just come to your house and steal your mkII once you get it. I'll be wearing a pair of Allerian's Super Duper Space and Time Differential Pads as quiet shoes.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by glitched - 2007/11/14 05:25

Hah. What did you guys do? The Elektron site is down. Maybe you hurt their feelings and now their packing it all up and calling it quits.

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Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/14 05:38

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Of everyone bitching...I think you have the best case.

:lol:

Ha! Thanks!

No really, I'm not bitching... more like grouching. :)

No really, earlier today, I was feeling a little bit aggrieved, but still excited (and anxious as hell!) to get my MD-UW Classic back. Tonight, after spending some time working and whatnot, I have calmed even more and realized that it's totally cool. It's just 64 steps and some extra sample slots. Honestly, I would kill for 64 steps, but it wasn't a deal-breaker before, so I don't see why it has to be one now. As for extra sample slots, I don't even have the damn thing yet, so who knows how much I might or might not want those?

For god's sake, I just want my MD back, period!!!! :-o

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by 11hzrobot - 2007/11/14 07:23

husker wrote:

11hzrobot wrote:

I feel like my MnM has significantly declined in value since last week. Kinda bummed.

I guess it depends on whether you are talking about 'value' as a music making device, or as a financial investment with

future monetary return...

I liked how the sidstation's value increased over time and the machinedrum and monomachine maintained a high resale value. So yeah i meant monetary return/ resale value. Judging by the initial responses, the new machines have just devalued the old machines.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by udenjoe - 2007/11/14 07:59

My guess on the new products is cost. They can get better memory for the same price. Probably an newer DSP for the same price. Smaller cases to save on shipping. They probably made changes which made business sense.

It's too bad I haven't been able to see the website since the news. They must be updating...

I wonder how the user waves of the MnM are implemented? If it's 1024 then they must be waveforms you load. But what parameters? It'd be awesome if you could change the waves in the MnM with the UI.

Also these products are obviously not for the current users but to gain new users, for christmas.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/14 13:10

nkirchner wrote:

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On the flip side though, A lot of engineering work goes into even minor changes like this. Elektron is a small company, so if they have been working on this than chances are they haven't been working on anything else.

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Your business 101 comment seems to work for hot dogs and pizza... maybe clothes etc...but for \$1000+ machines... I'm not sure Elektron can count on existing customers to buy everything they make. I'm actually one person that loves minaturization, so yes...if you can make it smaller...I like that. I'm still waiting for the Teenage Audio device thingy from Elektron.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/14 13:12

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Posted by nkirchner - 2007/11/14 13:30

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So that, to me (and you might not of taken it this way) seems to be suggestive, a tease if you will, that a new product is on the way

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and don't give me that \$1000+ sob story... how much was your Voyager? still got it? your little phatty? your bug brand noise makers? still got them? We all complain about being poor muso's and the high cost... but we all fork over what ever it takes to get what we WANT.

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A matter of resource.. They probably are planning to do something else (I hope) but the fact is it takes a lot of engineering effort to make even what appears to be minor changes. It seems to me they just don't have the resources to be developing something major in parallel.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/14 13:43

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It's a big deal for some of us, maybe not you..

Like the 64 steps, it's a big deal to some, but not to me (I just link 2 patterns together if I need them)

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Posted by - 2007/11/14 14:20

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/14 15:09

nkirchner... first of all I did not complain about the price... I have a good job...but some do not. Just because a handful of us can afford multiple elektron machines doesn't mean that every one who has bought one can. For some, just getting \$1200 together is hard. People's situations are all different. Some may have families, homes, cars, etc that come before buying another machine they may not need. Some may be in school. Some may not be able to get a good job because the unemployment rate in their area is higher than anywhere else.

Also, the number people on this site, generally speaking, is a very minute number. I'm not saying that we are not important to Elektron...but many people who buy their products do not visit this site. Also, just because someone likes the Machinedrum, doesn't mean they will like anything else Elektron makes. People who love everything from Elektron are a small group ...since the number of machines Elektron sells, I would imagine, is small anyway. MKII products are generally made with new customers in mind.

Yes, I still do have my Little Phatty (I don't list my whole gear list since this is an elektron specific site)... I sold the Voyager to buy it and a UW. Bugbrand...who gives a fuck about those lame things. I've owned and sold alot... what does that have to do with anyone else and their financial situation?

If Elektron says they are working on something new...they are working on something new. It may take years. Do you really think they are not going to do anything else after these MKII updates? An updated machine is not something new. Stop reading into everything the company does or says and you'll be better off. MKII versions of machines are not as hard to accomplish as a full new machine. I'm sure the company knows how, even with limited resources, to do more than one thing at a time.

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:-)

haha I know it's a joke you silly guy.

nope, but my elektron gear should, match-made in heaven?

I get your point but it's nicer if it's similar.

so, any more updates/info yet?

when are the new os's coming out?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Sam - 2007/11/14 15:20

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Papertiger is spot-on in her response to the above. And i'll reiterate, Elektron's motivation for updating the MD/UW and MnM line wasn't merely a "hey let's make the case 1/4'", their reasoning has been established clearly,

"There are other software upgrades below the surface. As well as thinner, new balanced i/o, lower heat producing power supplies, and additional software inhancements. These upgrades were essential for the continued life of the products - both from a hardware point of view (obsolete (!) parts), and from a marketing point of view. Elektron's supply had ran out and they found that some of the parts in the previous MD/MDUW and MnM were no longer manufactured. So they took the opportunity to 'refresh' the units and add a little more functionality. "

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Elektron is stated very clearly that they're working on new products in "parallel" as they've developed the MKII's and working out the OS:es.

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that in mind, its a real challenge to believe Statement #1?

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by xtal - 2007/11/14 15:26

i am not an employee or in any way affiliated to Elektron.

but i am an MDmk1 owner and a huge fan of this company.

and thats why my last post was meant to create a counterpoint to those expecting (and complaining about the lack of) a software upgrade model from a enthusiastic quirky niche commpany dedicated to hardware.

shift happens.

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Posted by Nils - 2007/11/14 15:30

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Check out the front page of this site, on the bottom you will find lots of music made only with Machinedrums. And yes, I'm done promoting myself for today :-D

Best
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Yes. They've just released a new machine -- it would be like buying an Apple computer the day it comes. . . you're good for at least 3 months. ;-)

It's likely that we'll only see OS updates to (both -- at least I think) the old and new machines in the near term. The only choice you have to make is whether to go classic or MKII.

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No but seriously, if we're gonna use statements and quote's as leverage, then site that shit proper!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ingrid - 2007/11/14 16:46

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I'd like to add this in closure; does anyone of you remember what you said when you discovered the SidStation? Or what was said when the original SPS-1 was released? Or the Monomachine? And the UW? Everytime Elektron releases a new product a whole bunch of people go "WTF!!! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING?!?!!" We've been through this before, and if there's one thing I'm pretty sure of it's that we'll all go through this again the next time they release something. Daniel stated in an interview in some Swedish magazine I read ages back that they never considered what "the market" wanted when designing products. He stated that he didn't consider there to be a market for the MD until they released it, but by doing that they created that very market. People said they were crazy. Cause who in their right mind would buy a blown up digital 909/808 clone? At that price!? Sounds familiar? There's nothing new under the sun... I'm sure we'll all wise up in a bit. ;-)

Enjoy your Elektrons; both new and old ones.

-Ingrid

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/14 16:56

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Thats some serious talk there. I agree on everything.

Nobody has mentioned anything about the new audio demos on a product pages? I've found most Elektron-demos to do injustice for the machines (except Nils of course). But these are actually pretty good; I found myself laughing when listening them. They are a nicely done caricatures of different genres. Have to raise my hat for the programming also, pretty nice results with the plain sps-1 (does it have different samples on E12 machine? (although I would have emphasize the synthetic tones a la Nils)) and also nice use of VO on the MnM demos. Couldn't recognize the wavetable-stuff from the MnM demos though. Would be very interesting to hear new loadable wavetables only tune also.

Oh yeah.. for those looking things from the economic perspective: value of the classic units will surely drop if scream about all the time. Nobody is actually interested to evaluate things based on a practical value or usevalue? These are machines that people use after all, not stocks, right?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrocket - 2007/11/14 17:15

Allerian wrote:

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Go for it Ingrid! Then you'll be in the market for my new MD/MnM MKII 340x176x12mm Spacer Pad, which allows you to use the MKII machines together with the Classic models. No more dealing with the hassle of having thier operating surfaces at different heights.

Sweet!

I don't understand why people are thinking that it'll be a pain to use a MKI with a MKII due to 12mm in height... people use different size boxes from other brands all the time. Don't get me wrong, I like that my two boxes look slick together, but it is not that big of a deal.

Humor my friend. It just jumped into my head as the typical kind of product someone will sell.

Ah I see...you are probably right...

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I interpreted that as "The MnM Mk2 will be shipped, but you won't be able to load your own waveforms in it for a little while."

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Amanita - 2007/11/14 17:36

Yeah i agree - i was just pointing out that if anyone ordering the MKII is expecting to dig in straight away with the UW they got a big suprise comming. I wonder how long the UW update will take to become available.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Wavecircle - 2007/11/14 17:54

An extra 0.5 mb of sampling is pretty negligible. You would have thought for ?1600 you would get slightly more, maybe 8 or 16mb at least.

Hmm.

Just hoping for fresh new algorithms in the mkII, that'll be ace. Maybe an nice karplus machine, they should refine the GND machines as well. Better noise colours, make the impulses more flexible, maybe make the sine machine 4 part additive. The GND machines and a few others have empty control slots, i'm sure they could think of some extra functionality. I know I could.

I hope old sysex files work with the mkII.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/14 18:50

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Posted by Wavecircle - 2007/11/14 18:55

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I agree... it just doesn't make sense to bitch about it.

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Allerian - 2007/11/14 19:08

niall wrote:

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Amen.

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Ya know Hageir, i didn't read it as a joke either. It's been kinda tense around here lately, so your joking comment wasn't quite so transparent. I actually appreciated xtal voice of appreciation vs. "my life's over because elektron ____ (fill in the blank)"

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Daniel is missed, but this goes without saying. It's still a pang to recall his unfortunate loss, but have no doubt that Elektron's announcement's yesterday were well in the works before Daniel's passing.

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Posted by - 2007/11/14 19:24

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/14 19:34

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/14 19:42

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/14 19:52

hehe :-)

that's what I do, make jokes that slap you in your wet face a few days later..

takes a little time to settle in :-D

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Re: machinedrum & monomachine mkII !

Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/14 19:58

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+1, kinda what I was referring to earlier. His posts and clarifications always seemed to calm things down immensely. Interaction with your user base is always a good thing IMO, one reason I live Ableton and u-He products so much. They always visit their forums and let people know first hand what's going on.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/14 20:02

ELEKTRON, TALK TO US! Us! us! us. us us...
(echoes) 8-)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/14 20:28

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by megawatt - 2007/11/14 20:49

now that's service for you Think - you really had the most extreme case of burn.

I got my Elektron gear within year but wouldn't trade my time with it for anything... that's silly. Again- I'm just glad that they are still in business, updating existing product lines and deveopling something new (hopefully).

If I do upgrade the amount of cash lost on the transaction will be pretty close to the cost of the UW upgrade offer Elektron extended for the MD. Expensive but fair.

as stated and I agree - however small the upgrades are - the level of detail in the Elektron gear is so usefull that each (small) function provides massive amounts of musicality. I'm intrigued by being able to sample 64 steps in RAM. I don't have my box in front of me now... is it possible to sample 64steps with the classic model while chaining patterns?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Amanita - 2007/11/14 20:49

Now if Native Instruments could adopt that sort of customer service.....

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You wanker, YOU! :-x
what a deal!

ELEKTRON, DO YOU OFFER UPGRADES?

I'll upgrade mine if you do < admin edit (from ridiculous overly dramatic extra large bold font to bold) - STOP IT hageir! if you have Elektron specific questions, direct them to: info@elektron.se , support@elektron.se .

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Hi all! The time is soon 11 PM here in Sweden and winter appears to be approaching fast. So, close to 40 hours have passed since we released the MKII versions of our products and it has been interesting to read the posts here at the forum. It is as we expected, some people liked the updates and others had their doubts. However, after reading many of the posts, I feel there are certain things that need to be set straight.

The main reason why the MKII units were released was because we really didn't have any choice. Vital components of the MKI's had become obsolete and because of this the internals of both the Machinedrum and the Monomachine had to be redesigned. While we were at it, we also chose to improve certain areas of the units. Sure ? we could have kept everything just the same, but we felt a little vitamin injection would do no harm. After all, surviving in the music industry is not the easiest of things and when you get the chance to hone your knives it is unwise not to do it.

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We also want to be as caring as possible to our current customers. One question that has arisen is obviously what will happen to all of you already owning a Machinedrum or a Monomachine. The simple answer is of course that we will still support your units. New OS's will be released for both the MD and the MM. After all, MKI machines still compromise 99.9% of all Elektron units in existence. Some of the things found in the MKII units will not be possible to incorporate in the MKI's due to hardware differences, for example the user waveforms soon to be found in the Monomachine MKII, but we aim to bring the MKI units as close as possible to the MKII's in terms of features. At the moment it is hard to say exactly what will be implemented and not, but at the end of the day I hope and think you will be satisfied.

Daniel's name has popped up here and there. Please remember that he safeguarded himself by writing (regarding releasing new versions of the same model) ?I can't promise it won't ever happen?. For the record, during a meeting everyone here at Elektron, including Daniel, came to the conclusion that taking the MKII path would be the only viable solution.

As you might've noted we haven't exactly brought forward the big artillery to salute the advent of the MKII's. The reason for this is that we really don't consider them as ?new? products, but as the name alludes, updates to our current line. This inevitably brings us to the final stop of this lengthy excursion ? what about the future? All I can say is that new stuff will be released and that we have a quite clear image of what the future will bring. This future is, to cite Jony Ive when being asked by Steve Jobs what he thought about the newly released iPhone, ?not too shabby? looking.

The music machine quest continues!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/14 23:01

Thanks for setting things straight, Jon. I'm sure everyone appreciates it.

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Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/14 23:06

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Ka-ching!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Kero - 2007/11/14 23:17

cant wait for the new machines!!!!!!!!!!!! stoked!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by papertiger - 2007/11/14 23:27

Hey Jon,

Thanks for taking the time to post -- gonna echo TT and say that I hope sure everyone can step away from the ledge now.

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We really do appreciate you taking the time to stop by and make an announcement.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/14 23:35

See, problem solved. :)

Thanks Jon.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/14 23:52

Thanks Jon.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by djsun1 - 2007/11/15 00:07

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/15 00:49

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but thanks a ton jon and sorry for any harsh words from the vicious flock of carnivorous users (if any) :-)
it's just been a tough couple of days..

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/15 01:06

Everything you say makes perfect sense.
Cheers Jon, thanks for taking the time to respond to the fan base.

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Posted by dgothard - 2007/11/15 03:19

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Posted by actuel - 2007/11/15 03:24

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Good luck.

New site motto: All technical and Elektron specific sales questions should be directed to: support@elektron.se :-D

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Jon said mine would be shipped direct at the end of this week or beginning of next week. Who knows when they will be shipped to dealers? I can't imagine it will take too long though.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by neonleg - 2007/11/15 05:46

i cant recall any illogical decision elektron have ever made.
best just to trust :)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by zoot - 2007/11/15 06:57

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still a new os is great.

thanks

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Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/15 07:14

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Posted by - 2007/11/15 08:11

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That will suffice, thanks. That's a welcome addition, indeed.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by xmit - 2007/11/15 14:32

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Nils - 2007/11/15 15:16

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Please do! That's why we're here you know :-)

Congratulations, and welcome :-)

Best

Nils

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hah

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the 2nd generation elektron-users are here!

pff, feel free to ask any questions.. but search first because most of them have been answered before ;-)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by rudebop - 2007/11/15 17:19

Elektrons actual move is lowering the second hand prices of the units..

and i am a bit pissed of about that because the md never convinced me yet and i still think its rather musician friendly from the general handling...

I however was able to wait and keep it without losing more money than selling it immediately...so i waited for the update that finally might convince me...waited...waited... waited a long.. :-(

this move cost me 400 euros and the md is not fixed or in a convincing state yet... so...wrong investment...the new jomox would have been the way to go as it looks.

there is however a risk for elektron in pissed of users that sell their gear now and even more lowering the secondhand value of the machines..

So second hand elektron gear might affect the sales of the new units badly..

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by rudebop - 2007/11/15 17:31

ThinkTanx wrote:

BUT what of my MD that is in Sweden right now? I must say that is the one thing that really kinda disappoints me. I am assuming that it will come back to me as a MD-UW Classic. I would think that before I plunked down \$500 (plus another \$200 for shipping!), Elektron would let me know that there was about to be an MkII version coming out. I could have spent that money on an MkII after selling my SPS-1 Classic.

true

thats a kind of rip off... they extra announced that they found some "extra" boards...after already having stopped doing the upgrade... so they actually lured some users in to sell their reststock for a high price...thats pretty bad

you should ask for a reduction...

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/15 17:37

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by rudebop - 2007/11/15 17:38

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/15 17:47

xmit wrote:

Hi guys ! Newbie here !

Just wanted to say hello....Guess I'm 'one of the gang' now ! - Elektron did the trick with me ! :-D

Had just sold some of my other hardware & have been thinking about getting a MnM for well over a year now...so then I get an email announcing the MkII & also 10% off.....Well - who could resist ??!! :lol:

Hopefully I wont plague you 'old-hands' with too many dumb-ass questions when my MnM arrives.... :-)

Congrats xmit! Welcome to the Elektron-User family, albeit dysfunctional, but a family nonetheless. :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/15 17:49

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Posted by rudebop - 2007/11/15 18:01

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Thats good to hear..because it defenetly wasnt wise to offer the upgrades so short of the internaly known arival of the new models, even when ther was no basd intention...

So its good tzo know that they fixed it.

elektron should have offerd such mk1 uw updates at a later point after the release of the mk2 versions... There might be still interst of some die hard mk1 owners..they are bigger..and bigger is better as we all know. ;-)

and about replying..its impossible to read all posts in this monster thread... and be cause everythiong is said here at least 4 times i choosed the right to show my opinion regardless...

Like often with small companys there is no publicrelations department with electron and so there are little mistakes happening...

like offering mk1 uw upgrades so short before day zero...

dont hqave a little bugfix update for the mk1 units before day zero..

dont have an ofical word about the future of mk1 units at day zero...

little things that help to keep the users trusty and help to prevent panic sales that get to much units on the second hand market just before christmas...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by rudebop - 2007/11/15 18:34

ok..i see.. i should have read everything... there is an official statement that makes things feel better... would have been worthy to be in an own thread and not hidden in this monster thread...

regarding the bigger is better thing... its a bit problematik that the new machines are slimmer.. i actually like the form factor of the old ones..its the wright high for being next to a 909 or 808.. ;-)

slimmer looks a bit cheaper..but less wight is allway a good thing..and the md mk1 is heavy...

would be nice if there are more technical data and details published..

However.. elektron maybe should ship the new units with atachable feet so that they reach the same high as the mk1 units..

for peple that want to combine them with mk1 units or in general like to have more distance from dirty gig tables... wouldnt be too bad... cable can be put underneath a mk2 machine than.. even a spare sport cigarette woul find place within 12 mm

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/15 19:28

jsrockit wrote:

ThinkTanx wrote:

zoot wrote:

little disappointing that the mk1 MnM cannot be fully upgraded. particularly the user waveform. which was the most popular wishlist request.

To be fair, Elektron (Daniel) always said that was never gonna be possible.

To be fair, I think he meant there would never be UWs like the MD... this is a different type of Userwaves isn't it? More like a traditional synth loads userwaves ie waveforms...not samples.

Yeah, it is totally different. But they obviously had to change the internal hardware and DSP to be able to implement it. I was just thinking that it is a bit unfair to call them to task over that being 'the most popular wishlist request' when they continually stated a UW upgrade couldn't be done to the MnM Classic.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by dgothard - 2007/11/15 20:11

papertiger wrote:

I took delivery of a brand new Machinedrum SPS-1UW from one of your distributors here in the US last week.

Err. . . I don't want to come across as a smart-ass/jerk, but if you took delivery last week, does the place you bought from not have a 30 day return policy? Returning it from whence it came would probably be your best bet. . . then you can get an MKII instead if you wanted to -- although I'm not sure when Elektron is going to actually be delivering them...

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I'm sure I could return if desired, I was just wondering what the options were If I decided to go down that path. I am quite pleased with my MD SPS-1UW mkl and will just stick with the one I have at this point. No harm done and no more waiting.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/16 17:15

So, I'm thinking about "upgrading" and selling my md uw..
because I want to buy the monomachine mkII and I thought, why the hell not buy them both at the same time.
AND have them matching in height :-)
Ridiculous I know, but hey, that's me, I'm ridiculous :-D

so what are the prices now for the Classic gear?
have they dropped a lot since the announcement?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Nils - 2007/11/16 17:43

I think they're around 50 Euros now, sell quickly, by next week they'll be around 20 I guess :-P

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Wavecircle - 2007/11/16 17:56

The prices shouldn't reduce that much if at all.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by hageir - 2007/11/16 18:14

Nils wrote:

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bwahahahahaha :-P
I can't wait to sell mine for 15.. maybe 16 with the turbomidi+rack ears?

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yeah, makes sense..
so \$1450 / ?1300 is still on? :-)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/16 18:36

I think I'm gonna try and sell my SPS-1 Classic for around \$900-\$950.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by brettweldele - 2007/11/16 20:10

UW's and Mono's are down to "low stock" already. they might not make it to the end of the friend discount. yikes!

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/16 20:21

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Nils - 2007/11/16 20:33

jsrockit wrote:

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jngpng - 2007/11/16 20:43

jsrockit wrote:

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Nope. I got my MDUW (well, it was a plain MD then) back in 2001 as a beta unit. I'm far too attached to it to let it go now! Similar thing with my SFX-6. Even though I might bitch about how much space it takes up, the keyboard is still an awesome thing to have.

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Posted by OrsanKart - 2007/11/16 20:47

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/16 21:05

jngpng wrote:

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yeah, i use to play with Glaive's SFX-6, they're so nice. big but worth it imo.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/16 21:14

Nils wrote:

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I can't make that kind of commitment...but I can at least say until MKIII.. :lol:

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by megawatt - 2007/11/16 22:18

Nah - I'm keeping my classics - still have so much to learn from them.

It's nice to know that I'll be able to get new ones when they wear out though.

Even if I was to get the new machines I think I'd still keep the older versions.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/11/17 03:37

jsrockit wrote:

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I don't think I'll get rid of my UW for the new one, unless there's some amazing shit in the OS updates that the classics can't do.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/17 03:44

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by mememamo - 2007/11/17 03:54

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I'm finally getting a SFX-60 (mark 2)... my sps-1 classic is getting an upgrade 2 UW now... think i'll keep that setup for quite awhile, don't have a big urge to upgrade my MD.

so yeah classic and mkII together... the mismatch of heights will be interesting, i always imagined a perfectly matched pair when i finally got my monomachine.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by anadeji - 2007/11/17 08:18

The prospect of owning both Mk's is something I am sure many old school owners are considering.

I know I'll never let go of my MD! It was hard enough waiting for it to get upgraded before :)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by OrsanKart - 2007/11/17 13:04

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/17 13:57

OrsanKart wrote:

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The same, I believe, just 12mm less in height?

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by jsrockit - 2007/11/17 13:58

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Oh course...I'd buy new ones too if I didn't already have them...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by tjebbe - 2007/11/17 16:54

Ok I 've been calmed down after theys few days
and Im glad that jon talked to all of us and sweet deal thinktanx!

but still 2 remain un answered

1.When does The new O.S. comes for the Classic sps-1?
2 -3 months I really hope as christmas gift.

2.and does the Classic sps-1 have the option hardware like ,to have parameter locking master FX ?
anyone ?

this would be so sweet
I would not even be tempted to buy the mkII

one thing you guys made me do is that I run to my drummachine I sat down and say dont worry baby I wont leave you behind.
:-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Vibes - 2007/11/18 15:48

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by enapa - 2007/11/18 22:28

Yieha!

Saw a used mk1 for 7salmons (7k swedish crowns) think i?ll grab it if its not sold... think it and 7salmons of crowns will do just fine!!! 7salmons to invest in a used monoOLDIE!!

:)

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Allerian - 2007/11/19 02:04

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by konkrete - 2007/11/19 09:41

Anyone actually received notification that their MkII has been shipped yet?

I ordered my MnM within minutes of receiving the announcement last Tuesday, and now they are out of stock, but still no news ...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ittna - 2007/11/19 11:42

I've been wondering the same thing....
I Purchased MonoMachine MKII on the same day too...

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by konkrete - 2007/11/19 12:16

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Posted by - 2007/11/19 12:30

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Tarekith - 2007/11/19 18:41

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Ditto. Still that issue with saving RAM to ROM causing crackling sometimes as well.

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by ThinkTanx - 2007/11/19 19:03

konkrete wrote:

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Jon told me they would ship either at the end of last week or the beginning of this week. That being said, I also know Owland told Papertiger that they were majorly swamped, so... I was hopeful of getting a shipping notice today, but not really surprised that I haven't.

Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by - 2007/11/19 20:02

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<http://syncretism.net/img/mdWMV.wmv>

I have an existing ticket with them, but it's like half a year old now. I guess it's time for my semi-annual feature request and bug list.

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otherwise, you'll record, play the recording, and then record the played recording :-D

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by Vibes - 2007/11/20 20:58

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Same bug happened to me yesterday, I had to reset my MD and I lost all my work stored in memories.

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Re: Machinedrum & Monomachine mkII !

Posted by actuel - 2007/11/20 21:14

Hey guys & gals, let's stay on topic or start new topics address your issues/bugs.

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Fwiw, I set the Record machine to the inputs, not the output of the machine. :)

The problem is that; Samples degrade heavily if kept in ram for any amount of time - and - using R1 trigs on the same step as P1 trips causes all manner of problems. This is known stuff, not worth rehashing here.

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