New features in KRONOS software version 1.5

KRONOS software version 1.5 adds a number of new features, including the ability to load more sounds and samples at once, support for installing additional RAM, and support for Korg USB pad controllers such as the nanoPAD2.

Version 1.5 also supports the KRONOS Editor and Plug-in Editor software, providing editor/librarian capabilities for Mac OSX and Windows and compatibility with popular DAW software.

In addition to these new features, the update includes various improvements and resolutions to specific operational issues.

If you're using an older version, you can download the latest software free of charge from the Korg website (http://www.korg.com/kronos).

7 additional User Banks

KRONOS version 1.5 adds 7 more User Banks each of Programs, Wave Sequences and Drum Kits, numbered USER-AA through USER-GG. These banks are initialized by default, free for storing either your own sounds or libraries from Korg and third party sound developers.

Program Banks are easily accessed from the front-panel hardware by pressing both the INT and USER buttons simultaneously. For instance, to select USER-DD, press both INT-D and USER-D.

Support for additional RAM

Installation of an additional 1GB of RAM is now supported, and can be performed at any authorized Korg service center. This approximately doubles the maximum available sample RAM, up to about 2 GB. Of course, when loading EX*s* using Virtual Memory, the total size of the loaded sample data can be much greater.

The KRONOS uses widely available, off-the-shelf DIMMs. Installation by an authorized Korg service center is required; user installation is not supported and may void your warranty. For more information on how to purchase and arrange for installation of RAM, please contact your country's Korg Distributor:

http://www.korg.co.jp/English/Distributors/index.html

For compatibility with the KRONOS, RAM must comply with the following specification:

240-Pin PC2-6400 CL-5 (or CL-6) DDR2-800 non-ECC Unbuffered DIMM 1GB

4x increase to RAM Multisamples, Samples and Multisample Indexes

The maximum number of RAM Multisamples has been increased from 1,000 to 4,000, and the maximum numbers of RAM Samples and Multisample Indexes have each been increased from 4,000 to 16,000. These 4x increases will be especially helpful when loading libraries with large numbers of relatively short samples, such as drums.

Note that EX*s* sample data does not count towards these maximums; they apply to the RAM banks only.

Support for USB MIDI and Korg USB pad controllers

Version 1.5 adds support for connecting USB MIDI class-compliant controllers directly to the KRONOS. For instance, you can use a Korg microKEY as an auxiliary synth-action keyboard for a KRONOS 73 or 88.

Even better, Korg USB MIDI controllers with pads–including the nanoPAD, nanoPAD2, padKONTROL, microKONTROL, and KONTROL49–are automatically mapped to the KRONOS chord pads, for playing and programming drums, triggering chords, and selecting and assigning chords for Chord Mode.

For more details, see "USB MIDI controllers" on page 1126 of the Parameter Guide.

KRONOS Editor and Plug-In Editor

Version 1.5 adds support for the KRONOS Editor and Plug-In Editor, which let you edit and organize sounds from your Mac OS X or Windows computer. Plug-in operation allows you to save settings as part of your project with any VST-compatible Windows software, or any VST- or AU-compatible software on Mac OS X. The KRONOS Editor and Plug-In Editor will be available for free download at www.korg.com/kronos.