
Novation K Station

Posted by - 2006/01/12 15:06

I was looking at cheap virtual synths with vocoders. That basically gives me three options the Korg MicroKorg, The Alesis Micron, and the Novation K Station. The Korg was ok when I owned it...but not enough knobs...same with the Micron. The Novation has knobs and is relatively cheap used these days. Despite the fact that it is virtual analog...is there any reason not to buy this synth?

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by divi - 2006/01/12 16:28

if you liked the microkorg, why not get a used MS2000? is the same with more knobs. i've been looking for an MS2000BR to replace my micro for a long time, just can't find a "B" around here :-?

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by - 2006/01/12 16:35

Well, I don't like big synths...should have metioned that as well... I don't have the room for it. Anyone have any thoughts on the K Station?

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by ggoodwin - 2006/01/12 19:16

Keep your eyes peeled for a second-hand Nord Modular Classic Rack version...18 knobs, and incredible, unlimited sounds (including a nice vocoder). I've seen em drop for around \$450.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by - 2006/01/12 19:25

So, does this mean the K-Station sucks? Also, I want the keyboard to use as a controller.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by jsrocket - 2006/01/13 02:06

I think I will just buy it and find out for myself.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/01/13 03:22

the K station is the biggest heap of garbage you can get. Every one I know who has a Novation keyboard hates it - and has either sold it or uses it knowing its absolutely shameful.

first of all, they are built terribly - within the first week or two you will hear screws falling out of the thing and rattling around on the inside - thats not good! Its just a matter of time before that little screw takes out the power supply or some other part of the electronics.

then there is the nasty grounding problem that they have. They will never be quiet - every one I have heard emits this high pitched squeal.

lastly, and most importantly - there is the horrid sound that they make! Its like the fakest digital crap synth failure since Red Sound. Good lord its a joke - do yourself a favor and save up for a real VA synth!

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by jsrockit - 2006/01/13 11:47

milkmansnd wrote:

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Ok, please give me some examples.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by zorb - 2006/01/13 15:06

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Posted by - 2006/01/13 15:29

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Keep being a jerk-off!

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/01/13 17:35

examples? Just get anything but the K station and you are already in better shape.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by ggoodwin - 2006/01/13 17:42

LOL, so how do you REALLY feel about Novation synths, milk? :P

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by - 2006/01/13 20:41

I have read alot of reviews on the Novation and all of the user reviews on Harmony central and sonicstate... rarely does anyone say anything bad about this synth. However, I trust you guys so I'll have to think it over. The other thing is that you have to learn the hard way sometimes. Basically, I can buy it used cheap on ebay and then resell it if I hate it. The other thing is that I can put in a few extra hundred and get a virus or nord without the keyboard. Also, I have the sid and

the evolver I just got and I really should just learn these for now. Ok, so I'm not exactly sane.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by glaive - 2006/01/13 20:48

Between the SID and the Evo, that's plenty of synth for a while. Especially when you start processing the SID thru the Evo for creating loops and stuff.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by swfinger - 2006/01/13 20:54

remember folks this is Milks' opinion not gospel by any means.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/01/13 21:24

yeah, you do not have to listen to me as the supreme being of all things Novation. Just know that in my time as a mix engineer, I have seen a lot of Novation synths played by different people on stage - I always ask people about their gear, and I have not met one person that is happy with anything novation made, except maybe the remote midi interface they have which looks nice, but probably suffers from the same build quality.

in my opinion, and the opinions of several people who own and work with the novation synths, you might want to steer clear. Its my recomendation to you - but of course you do not have to listen to me! Just note what I advised to you, and be prepared for a ginormous public "I told you so" in 2 months :-D

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by papertiger - 2006/01/13 22:03

i have the novation remote midi controller and i love it. granted i'm not thorwing it across the stage, but it feels solid to me and i would stand by it (not on it, though).

but of course, i also thought the novation sounded cool when i played with it for a little bit, so what do i know. =P

to the og poster, jsrockit?, as someone who has suffered from gear lust for a while -- learn what you have. the new synth will only distract you from getting the most out of the devices you have, even though we all know that laying our hands on a new piece of gear is a great feeling. but getting badass sounds that you love out of the gear that you have now is an even better feeling. learn the evo and the sid, and by that time, even better things will be out (if you think you still need it).

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I hear ya. Doesn't mean it infiltrated my brain but I hear ya. I was thinking the Novation would make a cool midi controller since I like a short keyboard and it is the same price as something like the X-Station. That is why I want it.

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Re: Novation K Station

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/01/14 18:20

just out of curiosity - why do you like a short keyboard if you are using it as your primary controller? The 37 note and under controllers are so small, its really hard to do anything with both hands on them without running them into eachother.

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probably doesn't play the keyboard. i only use keys for triggering things...

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I only use one hand. I'm not that talented...as you guys know from my MP3s on this site. Basically...I play simple basslines and melodies...and sample them with my computer or MPC.
