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# Akai MPD218 USB Pad Controller



The MPD218 is a MIDI-over-USB pad controller perfect for producers, programmers, musicians and DJs alike. Its intuitive blend of MPC controls and technologies mesh with easy USB connectivity to bring the feel of classic beat making into the world of computer music production.

First, we stepped up our game by adding new, ultra sensitive Thick Fat MPC pads, creating an amazingly responsive user experience. The MPD218 also has an expanded control set of six knobs in three banks versus one control on the previous MPD18 model. This will enable you to maximize your sound and give you increased control over effects.

MIDI information is sent over its plug-and-play USB interface for use on Mac or PC, eliminating the need to install any drivers. The USB connection powers the MPD218 so the included USB cable is all you need.

Along with the improved functionality we've added iOS compatibility using the Camera Connection Kit (sold separately) and included over \$400 of free software. Titles include: Akai Pro MPC Essentials, Big Bang Drums and Big Bang Cinematic Percussion from Sonivox, Ableton Live Lite, and Software Preset Editor.

Our MPD2 Series marks an important evolution of the pad controller. Many years of research and customer feedback has led directly to some of the most capable pad controllers we've ever developed. These MPDs are the perfect bridge between your creativity and your computer-based studio.

#### Requirements:

Macintosh: 1.25 GHz G4/G5 or faster (Intel Mac recommended), 1 GB RAM (2 GB recommended), Mac OS X 10.4.11 (10.5 or later recommended)

PC: 1.5 GHz Pentium 4 Celeron-compatible CPU or faster (multicore CPU recommended); 1 GB RAM (2GB recommended); Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, or Windows XP; Windows-compatible sound card (ASIO driver support recommended); QuickTime recommended

Available USB port

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**Price:** \$140.00

**SKU:** 5298

**Categories:** [Drum Pad Controllers](#), [Electronic Instruments](#), [Recording Equipment](#)

**Product Short Description :**

Akai MPD218 USB/MIDI Pad.

16 Thick Fat backlit MPC pads

48 assignable pads accessible via 3 banks

18 assignable 360-degree potentiometers accessible via 3 banks

MPC Note Repeat and Full Level

iOS compatible using the Camera Connection Kit (sold separately)

16 configurable presets

USB powered, no AC adapter required

Includes Ableton Live Lite, Akai Pro MPC Essentials, Sonivox

Big Bang Cinematic Percussion and Big Bang Universal Drums

**Product Gallery:**



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