

LDK-1

FOR MPC · INSTALL GUIDE

My free drum plugin, right on your MPC. No laptop. 32 pads, Shuffle, Lock, Soft and Drive, with the free Starter Kit inside. Own any of my drum kits? They play in it too, and you don't buy them again (page 4).



MPC Live · Live II · Live III · One / One+ · X / X SE · XL · Key 37 / Key 61 · Force

Needs MPC OS 3.10.1 or newer. Questions: info@prodbyldre.com

Always up to date: the newest version of this guide, with any fixes, is at **ldk1.prodbyldre.com/mpc-help**

INSTALL (5 MINUTES)

Do these once. After that, LDK-1 is in your MPC's plugin list like any other instrument.

1. **Update to MPC OS 3.10.1 or newer.**
   Use the **inMusic Software Center** on your computer, or update over Wi-Fi from the MPC itself. Older versions can't load plugins.

2. **Turn on plugins.**
   Menu › Preferences › Enhancements, then switch on **Enable Enhancements** and **External Plugin Support**. While you're there, **Unlimited Plugin Instances** is worth turning on too.

3. **Unzip the download** on your computer. Inside is a folder called `L.Dre – VST – LDK–1` and this guide.

4. **Copy that folder to the MPC**, into a folder called exactly `VST2 Plugins` at the top of a drive.

   > **The `VST2 Plugins` folder isn't there yet: you make it.** Open the MPC's drive on your computer, make a new folder right at the top (not inside another folder) and name it exactly `VST2 Plugins`.

   - **Internal drive** (best): connect the MPC to your computer with its USB cable and choose **Computer Mode** on the MPC (it asks when you plug in, or find it in the Menu). **Not Controller Mode**: that one is for the MPC software and doesn't show the drive. In Computer Mode the MPC's drive shows up on your computer like a USB stick.
   - **SD card**: put the card in your computer, copy, put it back in the MPC.

   ```
   Your MPC's drive
   └─ VST2 Plugins
      └─ L.Dre – VST – LDK–1 ✓ the whole folder, right here
         ├─ Content
         ├─ Plugin Skins
         ├─ VST
         └─ plugin.json
   ```

   > **Not one folder deeper.** `VST2 Plugins › LDK–1 for MPC › L.Dre – VST – LDK–1` won't show up: the MPC only looks one level inside `VST2 Plugins`. And copy the folder itself, not just what's in it.

5. **Restart the MPC.** It looks for new plugins when it starts.

6. **Load it.** Make a new track and choose **Plugin**, then in **Sounds › Instruments** pick **LDK-1** and hit **Edit Instrument**. You'll see the KIT page with the character.

> **USB sticks:** some MPCs won't run plugins from a USB stick. If LDK-1 doesn't show up from one, put it on the internal drive or an SD card. (Your drum kits are fine on a USB stick: see page 4.)

PLAYING IT

THE PAGES

- **KIT**: SHUFFLE KIT gives every pad that isn't locked a new sound from the same kind (kicks stay kicks, open hats stay open). UNDO / REDO step back and forth. **DRIVE** warms the whole kit, **MASTER** is the volume, **VELOCITY** on means softer hits play quieter.
- **SOFT** (Off / Light / Medium / Heavy): rounder, darker drums at the same level. Shuffle then picks from the mellower sounds.
- **PACKS**: your kits. Tap one to play it.
- **A01-04 … B13-16**: one row per pad. Its **SOUND**, **LEVEL**, **MUTE**, **LOCK** and SHUFFLE. A locked pad keeps its sound when you shuffle the kit.

The Q-Link knobs next to the screen control the controls next to them. Turn a pad's SOUND knob to go through the whole kit.



The KIT page.

WHICH PAD PLAYS WHAT

- **Bank A**, pads 01–16: kicks, snares, hats and open hats, in four rows.
- **Bank B**, pads 03–16: percussion and foley. On the MPC's normal pad layout, bank B pads 01 and 02 play the same notes as bank A pads 15 and 16, so they play those two sounds.
- Set the track's **Notes** to **Chromatic**, or play from a keyboard? LDK-1 notices by itself (**Pad Layout: Auto** on the KIT page).
- Pads start on the wrong sound (a keyboard, another layout)? On the KIT page tap LEARN, then hit the pad or key you want as the first pad.

Your kit is saved with your project and comes back when you open it.

ON A FORCE

The Force shows plugin tracks in **Note Mode** (the keygroup-style 8x8 grid), not as drum pads. Set it up once:

1. In Note Mode set **Type: Chromatic** and **Pad Rows: Continuous**, so each pad goes up one note.
2. On LDK-1's KIT page tap LEARN, then hit the **bottom-left pad**.
3. Your 32 sounds sit on the **bottom 4 rows**, 8 per row: A01-A16 on the bottom two rows, B01-B16 on the next two.

YOUR L.DRE DRUM KITS

Own any L.Dre Drum Kit (Vol. 1 to 8)? It plays in LDK-1 on your MPC, and **you don't buy it again**.

> **Your regular kit folder won't load on the MPC**, not from your computer and not from an SSD. LDK-1 for MPC needs each kit's **MPC pack**: a zip ending in `– LDK–1 MPC`. It's free if you bought the kit.

1. **Get your MPC packs.** Bought before Nov 13, 2026: go to **ldk1.prodbyldre.com/#packs**, enter the email you bought with, and I'll email you a link to the MPC packs for every kit you own. Bought after: the MPC pack is in your order's download, next to the kit. Deluxe owners get the Deluxe pack.
2. **Copy the pack's folder** into a folder called exactly `LDK–1 Packs` at the top of any MPC drive: internal, SD card or USB stick.

```
Your MPC's drive
└─ LDK–1 Packs
   ├─ L.Dre – Drum Kit Vol. 8 – LDK–1 MPC
   └─ L.Dre – Drum Kit Vol. 4 – LDK–1 MPC
```

3. **Open PACKS** in LDK-1 and tap the kit. It shows up within a few seconds, no restart needed. Each kit starts on my own favourite kit; `SHUFFLE KIT` does the rest.

Kits you don't have yet show as **LOCKED** with a QR code: scan it with your phone to get that kit.

IF SOMETHING'S OFF

WHAT YOU SEE	WHAT TO DO
LDK-1 isn't in the plugin list	Check **External Plugin Support** is on (step 2) and you're on MPC OS 3.10.1 or newer. Check the folder is directly inside `VST2 Plugins` and still called `L.Dre – VST – LDK–1`. On a USB stick? Move it to the internal drive or an SD card. Then restart the MPC.
My kit says LOCKED but I bought it	LDK-1 needs the kit's MPC pack, not the regular kit folder. Get it free at **ldk1.prodbyldre.com/#packs** with the email you bought with, then step 2 above.
A kit isn't on PACKS	The pack's folder goes directly inside `LDK–1 Packs` at the top of a drive, not one folder deeper. Wait a few seconds, or open LDK-1 again.
Pads play the wrong sounds	KIT page: **Pad Layout** on Auto, or tap `LEARN` and hit your first pad.
No sound	Check the pad isn't muted and its LEVEL and MASTER are up. Velocity on? Hit harder.
The MPC freezes or won't start	Take the `L.Dre – VST – LDK–1` folder out of `VST2 Plugins` (Computer Mode) and restart. Then email me what happened.
Remove LDK-1	Delete the `L.Dre – VST – LDK–1` folder (and `LDK–1 Packs` if you like).

Akai doesn't test or support plugins from other makers, so save your projects as you go. LDK-1 never goes online and only reads its own sounds and your `LDK–1 Packs` folder.

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