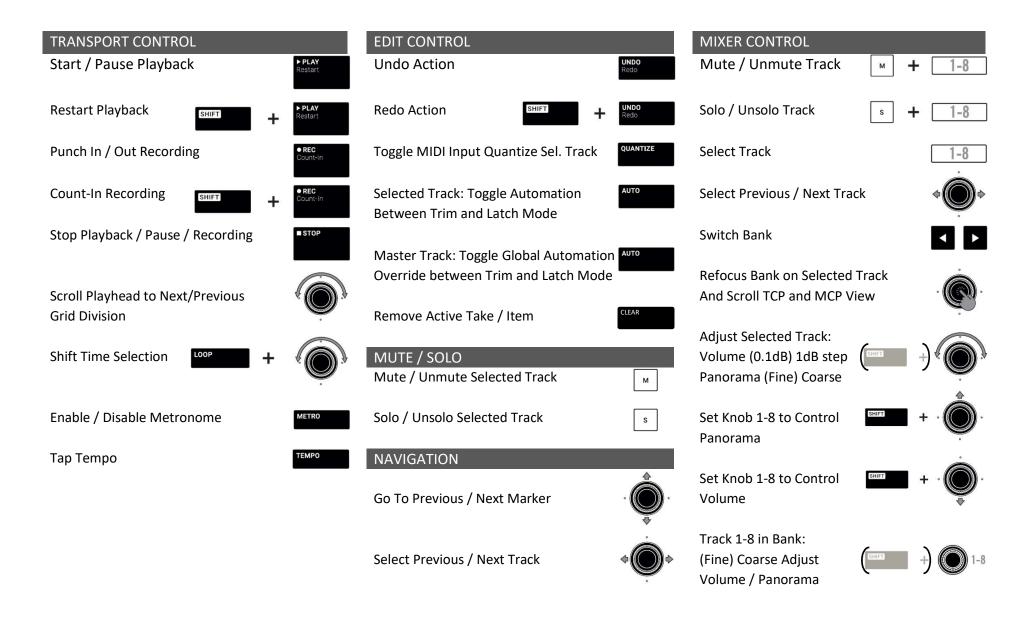
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Compatibility:

ReaKontrol supports Komplete Kontrol S-series Mk2 keyboards on PCs running Windows. A-series and M-series are supported with less functionality.

Installation/Uninstall:

Place "reaper_kontrol.dll" in Reaper's Userplugins folder. The folder is typically located at: C:\Users\<username>\AppData\Roaming\REAPER\UserPlugins That's it.

To uninstall/deactivate: Remove "reaper_kontrol.dll" from the folder.

Recommended Reaper Settings:

- Options>Preferences>Audio>MIDI Devices: The Device "Komplete Kontrol DAW 1" should be disabled. Note: Do <u>not</u> assign a different alias name to the device or ReaKontrol will not detect the keyboard. The alias must also be exactly "Komplete Kontrol DAW 1".
- Use "Automatic record-arm when track selected" to automatically and exclusively play the instrument on the currently selected track. If the selected track contains a Komplete Kontrol VST instance the keyboard will automatically focus on that instance.
- If you like to not only have the currently focused KK instance on your keyboard's screens (in PLUG-IN mode) but also let your PC's display follow the currently focused plugin check the following:

 Options>Preferences>Plug-Ins: "Only allow one FX chain window open at a time" and "Open track FX window on track selection change". See also notes on automation below.

Using Komplete Kontrol VSTi plugins and other virtual instruments in your project:

- Upon navigating to a track containing a Komplete Kontrol VSTi instance the keyboard will automatically focus on that instance.
- Upon navigating to a track containing a third party plugin the keyboard automatically switches into MIDI mode.

Using Maschine Controller and Maschine VST plugins in your project:

- To focus the KK keyboard on a Maschine VST instance press the INSTANCE button on the keyboard and select the Maschine instance you want to control. The keyboard will now focus on Maschine incl the transport control. To refocus on Reaper simply press the INSTANCE or MIDI button on the keyboard or select a track with the PC's mouse.
- "Automatic record-arm when track selected" is <u>not</u> recommended on the track that contains Maschine. That track should be record armed all the time to avoid a lag between pressing pads on the Maschine controller and the output of sound. To take full advantage of the keyboard's keys also being able to play sounds in Maschine it is recommended to have one dedicated track to record the keyboard's MIDI and route that track to the track containing Maschine. The Maschine track does not need to record any input the Maschine hardware controller is still recognized by the plugin. In this way the Maschine track can always be record armed and played without lag from the Maschine controller without playing back sounds triggered by the keyboard when the latter is actually focused on another track.
- Unlike Maschine the KK keyboard transport control buttons cannot be split with Controller Editor to still keep focus on Reaper's transport when the keyboard focuses on a Maschine instance: The NIHostIntegrationAgent simply switches off any form of MIDI communication (both MCU as well as





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NI's proprietary MIDI protocol) from the DAW control port when the keyboard focuses on a Maschine instance.

If you still want transport control of Reaper while the keyboard is focused on a Maschine instance you can achieve that by splitting the Maschine Controller with the Controller Editor to have host transport control via the Mackie protocol from there. Note that NI has implemented Mackie host transport control in a fashion that the transport button lights on the Maschine Controller will not follow Reaper's transport state while the Maschine Controller is focused on Maschine instance: the Maschine controller can only send but not receive MCU when focused on a Maschine instance (to receive MCU it has to be focused on Controller Editor via instance button or in MIDI mode).

Notes on Automation:

- If you want to automate Komplete Kontrol VST parameters: Make sure that the Fx window showing the Komplete Kontrol Instance GUI that you want to automate is <u>open</u>. By design, Reaper needs the GUI open for plugins that do not use ordinary MIDI CC to write automation properly (remember, Komplete Kontrol VST communicates with the keyboard via its own proprietary protocol).

 If you followed the recommended Reaper settings above and you open one Fx window this will also work automatically whenever you change a track, i.e. there is no need to manually open any Fx windows.
- For extra convenience you can allow Reaper to automatically add envelopes when tweaking parameters in automation write modes (this is under Options>Preferences>EditingBehaviour>Automation): Whenever you switch on automation via the keyboards AUTO button, everything that you tweak (both KK internal parameters like macros etc) as well as other parameters like volume, pan etc will be added automatically to the automation envelope lanes. This applies to external effects outside of KK VST too. Note that KK VST currently does not support automation of effects inside of the plugin.

Troubleshooting if your keyboard does not get detected after launching Reaper:

- The keyboard must be switched on before starting Reaper.
- The NIHostIntegrationAgent Service must be running. If in doubt check it in Windows Task Manager and restart the service.
- The MIDI Device name must be exactly "Komplete Kontrol DAW 1".



