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**MIDI IN Jack:** Connect MIDI Controller/ keyboard MIDI **CLOCK Jack:** The device will begin outputting clock pulses when it reads a Start/ Continue message.

OUT to the MidiVolts Desktop MIDI IN (**Channel 1**).

**CV Jack:** 3.5 mm jack used to output 1 V/Oct Control Voltages. Due to the outputs low output impedance ( $5\Omega$ ), multiple oscillators may be connected to any CV and retain precise voltages.

**GATE Jack:** 3.5 mm jack used to output a 5V Gate Signal when a note has been pressed. ( $1k\Omega$  Output Impedance)

**MONO:** Monophonic Mode

**Voice 0 (V0)** is Pitch CV for the key pressed.

**Voice 1 (V1)** is Velocity of key pressed.

**Voice 2 (V2)** is Aftertouch of key pressed.

**Voice 3 (V3)** is CCI. Default: Mod Wheel.

**DUO:** Duophonic Mode

**Voice 0 (V0)** is Pitch CV for first key pressed.

**Voice 1 (V1)** is Pitch CV for second key pressed.

**Voice 2 (V2)** is Velocity of first key pressed.

**Voice 3 (V3)** is Velocity of second key pressed.

**UNISON:** Unison Mode

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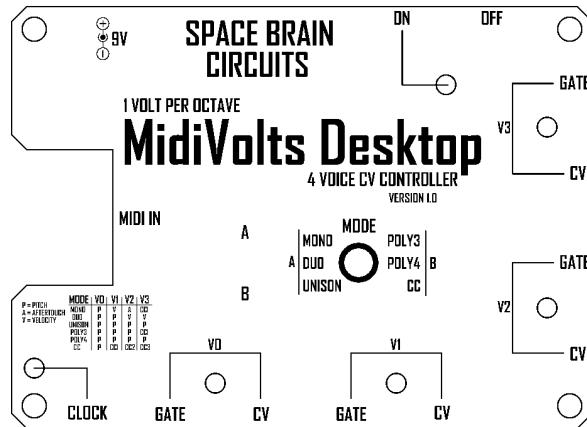
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**POLY3:** 3 Voice Polyphonic Mode

**Voice 0 (V0)** is Pitch CV for the first key pressed.

**Voice 1 (V1)** is Pitch CV for the second key pressed.

**Voice 2 (V2)** is Pitch CV for the third key pressed.

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**POLY4:** 4 Voice Polyphonic Mode

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**Voice 2 (V2)** is Pitch CV for the third key pressed.

**Voice 3 (V3)** is Pitch CV for the fourth key pressed.

**CC:** Continuous Control Mode

**Voice 0 (V0)** is Pitch CV for the key pressed or CCO if assigned by SysEx.

**Voice 1 (V1)** is CCI. Default: Mod Wheel.

**Voice 2 (V2)** is CC2. Default: 74.

**Voice 3 (V3)** is CC3. Default: 71.

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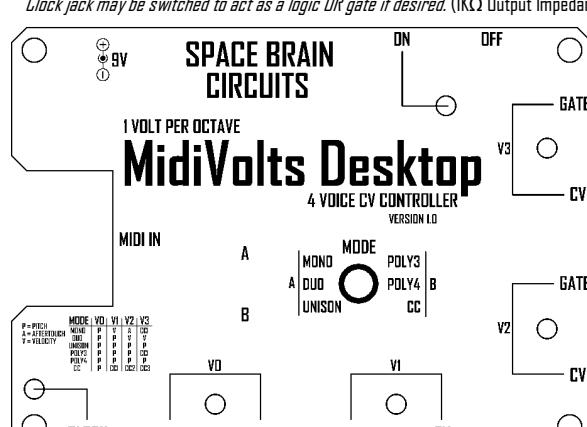
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2.1 mm barrel plug (**Center Positive**)

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