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Korg Volca Keys MIDI channel and global settings

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Change the MIDI channel of your Volca Keys, this great little analog synth? You did it a few months ago, but you don't remember where it is, and the manual is not really clear. Well, you're in luck, here you'll quickly find the main parameters hidden in your Volca Keys :)

How to set the MIDI channel?

By default it listens on MIDI channel 1, so you really need **change the MIDI channel of your Volca Keys** if you have more than one synth in your synth setup. Note that this trick works with Volca Bass, Volca Drum, Volca Samples etc.

Let's go:

1. While holding down the **MEMORY button**, turn your Volca on
2. Keyboard keys 1 to 16 correspond to the **MIDI channels 1 to 16**. Press the **one of keys** to set the desired channel, and the LED below the keyboard will light up.

How to change global parameters of your Volca Keys?

In the global Volca keys parameters, you'll find a few useful settings related to MIDI clock sync, tempo range,

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and MIDI ShortMessage, which allow you to tweak the sound engine via MIDI CC messages.

To access global settings:

1. Turn On your Volca Keys, **while** holding down **FUNC button**,

2. Use the keyboard **keys 1 to 7**, to set your preferences for any or all of the global parameters. (Refer to the table below)

3. When you have finished, press the ●(REC) button. Your settings will be saved, and the volca keys will restart. To cancel any changes, press the ▶(PLAY) button.

Button	Parameter	LED lit up	LED unlit
1	Auto power-off function	*Enabled	Disabled
2	Battery type selection	Nickel-metal	*Alkaline
3	Sync Out polarity	Fall SyncOut Lo	*Rise SyncOut HI
4	Sync In polarity	Fall SyncIn Lo	*Rise SyncIn HI
5	Tempo range	Full (10-600)	*Narrow (56-240)
6	MIDI Clock Source	*Auto	Internal clock
7	MIDI RX ShortMessage	*On	Off

*: Factory default setting

How to check the firmware version on your Volca Keys?

If you want to **check the firmware version**, turn the Power ON while pressing the **REC button**.

How to reset your Volca Keys?

To restore all Volca Keys sound programs and sequence data:

1. While holding down the **FUNC and MEMORY buttons**, turn the VolcaKeys on

2. The (REC) and (PLAY) buttons will blink

3. Press the (REC) button to restore the factory defaults

4. Or Press the (PLAY) button to cancel the reset operation and simply start Volca Keys

If you've found more MIDI tricks for your Korg Volca Keys, please comment below 😉

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