

VController / VC-touch/ VC-mini user manual

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Features

VController:

- Advanced midi foot controller with 16 switches, 13 displays and 12 RGB LEDs.
- Two serial midi ports. MIDI 1 has a MIDI out port with MIDI in and power on extra pins and a separate MIDI in port. MIDI port 2 with parallel RRC2 port (for VG99)
- USB connector for MIDI and firmware updates.
- Connections for four expression pedals or dual switches. Automatically detects the type of pedal connected including if it is a normally open or normally closed external switch(es). Expression pedals and switches are hot pluggable.
- Option slot for extra hardware. Currently developed:
 - Raspberry pi board which will add four USB host ports!



VC-mini:

- Advanced midi foot controller with 3 switches, 1 display and 3 RGB LEDs.
- Two serial midi ports:
 - MIDI 1 IN and MIDI 1 OUT port: - For connecting a regular 5 pin MIDI connector or 7 pin connector. MIDI in is wired on spare pins and 9v power in is wired on extra pins of 7 pin connector.
 - MIDI 2 OUT: - For connecting a regular 5 pin MIDI connector or 7 pin connector. MIDI in is wired on spare pins and 9v power in is wired on extra pins of 7 pin connector.
- USB connector for MIDI and firmware updates.
- USB host port, which supports USB hubs!
- 3,5 mm jack connector for an expression pedal or dual switches. Automatically detects the type of pedal connected including if it is a normally open or normally closed external switch(es). Expression pedals and switches are hot pluggable.



VC-touch:

- Advanced MIDI foot controller with 15 switches and a large TFT colour display.
- Build of anodized aluminum and 3D printed sides and window.
- Protective perspex window on top of the display.
- Four serial MIDI ports:
 - Three regular MIDI ports: - For connecting a regular 5 pin MIDI connector or 7 pin connector.
 - Two 3,5 mm MIDI connectors. The polarity can be set with jumpers internally.
- USB connector for MIDI and firmware updates.
- USB host port, which supports USB hubs!
- Connections for three expression pedals or dual switches.
 - Automatically detects the type of pedal connected including if it is a normally open or normally closed external switch(es).
 - Expression pedals and switches are hot pluggable.
- Wireless connectivity for BLE MIDI and AppleMIDI devices.



VController, VC-mini and VC-touch:

The VController, VC-mini and VC-touch share the same codebase for their firmware. The differences are in the user interface and the amount of switches and connectors. But all the other features are the same for all three.

- Currently supported devices:
 - Boss GP-10
 - Roland VG-99
 - Roland GR-55
 - Zoom G3
 - Zoom MS70-cdr
 - Line6 M13
 - Line6 Helix (limited – no patchnames, parameter states, etc.)
 - AxeFX 2 – other Fractal models may work, but are not tested.
 - Boss Katana MK1 and MK2
 - Kemper Profiling Amp
 - Strymon Volante
 - Roland SY-1000
 - TC-electronics G-major2
 - NUX MG-300

- Features for all VC devices:
 - Automatic detection when connected or disconnected (not for Helix)
 - Reading of patch names from these devices (not for Helix and Volante)
 - Control of a number of parameters. For the most common parameters the names and current states are read from the devices.
 - Control and active reading of assigns (Boss/Roland only)
 - Colour coded effect types
 - Global Tap Tempo: all devices pick up the tempo from the VController. There is the option to keep this tempo on all patches on all devices.
 - Global tuner for most devices (not possible on GR-55 or Zoom G3)
 - US-20 simulation: smart muting of GP10, GR55, VG99 or SY-1000 by switching off the COSM guitar/synth/normal PU on the devices that are not active.
- All VC devices have the following switch types:
 - Patch select, bank select, Bank up/down, previous patch / next patch
 - Direct select option for patches.
 - Parameter control (momentary, toggle, three state, four state, five state, range, updown)
 - Assign control (through cc or FC300 emulation for VG99)
 - Mute/unmute
 - Open next page of device
 - Toggle expression pedal
 - Master expression pedal
 - Snapscene – for controlling snapshots on Helix or scenes on AxeFX
 - Looper – for looper control
 - Global tap tempo and set tempo
 - Global tuner
 - Page select, bank select, Bank up/down, previous page / next page
 - Select next device
 - Midi PC/CC/note on/off
- For external devices with guitar-to-midi:
 - Low string priority (or autobass mode): sends a CC message with the number of the lowest string that is being played (CC #15)
 - High string priority: send a CC message with the number of the highest string that is being played (CC #16)
 - Tempo following: the bpm follows the tempo of your playing
- An external Raspberry Pi box can be used to add USB host ports to the VController, VC-mini and VC-touch.

Making connections to the VController



- USB – Use this port to connect the VController to a PC or Mac. The VController will act as a “class compliant” MIDI device. This USB port is also used for firmware upgrades.
- EXP1-4 / CTRL 1-8 – External input jacks. These support:
 - An expression pedal (tested with Roland EV-5 and Roland DP-10)
 - A normally closed single or dual switch.
 - A normally open single or dual switch.

The type of pedal or switch is detected during power on of the VController, but is also hot-pluggable.

- MIDI 1 OUT and IN – To connect to an external MIDI device.
- MIDI 2 IN/OUT and RRC – Midi 2 has in and out wires to the same connector. Details are below. RRC2: use only to connect to a VG-99. Do not connect anything to MIDI-2 in/out when RRC2 is in use!
- DC power jack: connect a “Roland-style” power supply rated at 9 V. The basic VController draws less than 1A. But with an internal or external Raspberry Pi, you will need more power, especially when the Raspberry Pi also powers other devices over USB. To be on the safe side a 2-3A power supply is recommended.

Power can be supplied through the DC power jack, through the RRC2 connector (from the VG99) or through the MIDI 1 or MIDI 2 7-pin connectors.

Always connect both MIDI in and MIDI out as communication between the VController and the devices is bi-directional.

Making connections to the VC-mini



USB PC/USB HOST/MIDI2 OUT EXP/CTL 1/2 DC POWER 9V



EXP/CTL 1/2 DC POWER 9V



MIDI1 OUT MIDI1 IN

- USB – Use this port to connect the VC-mini to a PC or Mac. The VC-mini will act as a “class compliant” MIDI device. This USB port is also used for firmware upgrades.
- USB host port – Use this port to connect directly to a USB port of a device. Up to 8 devices can be connected through USB hubs.
- MIDI 2 OUT(+IN)– Midi 2 can be used with regular 5 pin MIDI plugs or special 7 pin MIDI plugs. Details are below.
- EXP / CTRL 1-2 – External input jacks. These support:
 - An expression pedal (tested with Roland EV-5 and Roland DP-10)
 - A normally closed single or dual switch.
 - A normally open single or dual switch.

The type of pedal or switch is detected during power on of the VC-mini, but is also hot-pluggable.

You will need a 3,5 mm stereo jack to 6,3 mm jack adapter cable or change the connector on your expression pedal or switch to make the connection.



- DC power jack: connect a “Roland-style” power supply rated at 9 V. The basic VC-mini draws less than 500mA. But when the host port also powers other devices over USB, more power is needed. To be on the safe side a 1-2A power supply is recommended
- MIDI 1 OUT(IN) – Same as MIDI 2 OUT(IN).
- MIDI 1 IN (OUT) – Same as MIDI 2 OUT(IN) with input and output pins reversed.

Power can be supplied through the DC power jack, through the MIDI 1 OUT or MIDI 2 OUT 7-pin connectors and through the USB port. You could use a regular 5V phone charger with a regular USB cable to power the VC-mini!

Making connections to the VC-touch



- EXP1-2 / CTRL 1-4 – External input jacks. These support:
 - An expression pedal (tested with Roland EV-5 and Roland DP-10)
 - A normally closed single or dual switch.
 - A normally open single or dual switch.

The type of pedal or switch is detected during power on of the VC-touch, but is also hot-pluggable.

- DC 9V power jack: connect a “Roland-style” power supply rated at 9 V. The basic VC-touch draws around 600mA. But when the host port also powers other devices over USB, more power is needed. To be on the safe side a 1-2A power supply is recommended
- USB A HOST – Use this port to connect directly to a USB port of a device. Up to 8 devices can be connected through USB hubs.
- USB B PC – Use this port to connect the VC-touch to a PC or Mac. The VC-touch will act as a “class compliant” MIDI device. This USB port is also used for firmware upgrades.
- MIDI 1 OUT/IN– Midi 1 can be used with regular 5 pin MIDI plugs or special 7 pin MIDI plugs. Details are below.
- MIDI 2 IN/OUT – Same as MIDI 1 OUT/IN but input and output pins are reversed. A device can be connected to MIDI1 OUT and MIDI2 IN.
- MIDI 3 OUT/IN – Same as MIDI 1 OUT/IN.
- EXP3 / CTL5/6 – Same as EXP1-2.

Power can be supplied through the DC power jack, through the MIDI 1 OUT or MIDI 2 OUT 7-pin connectors and through the USB port. You could use a regular 5V phone charger with a regular USB cable to power the VC-touch!

Also the VC-touch has a Bluetooth/WIFI board, that will allow connection via BLE-MIDI or AppleMIDI.

Wiring of 7-pin midi connectors:

Midi OUT(IN) or OUT/IN:

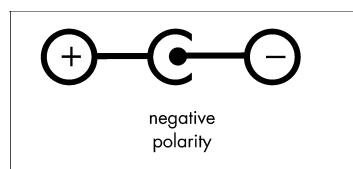
1. MIDI IN PIN +
2. Ground/Shield
3. MIDI IN PIN -
4. MIDI OUT PIN +
5. MIDI OUT PIN -
6. Power IN Positive (+9V)
7. Power IN Negative (GND)



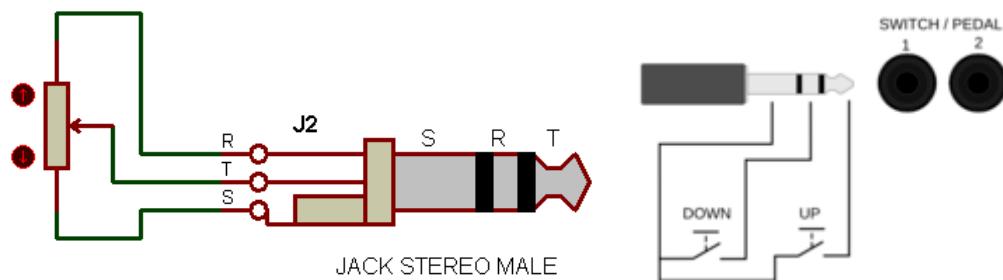
Midi 1 IN(OUT) or IN/OUT:

1. MIDI OUT PIN +
2. Ground/Shield
3. MIDI OUT PIN -
4. MIDI IN PIN +
5. MIDI IN PIN -
6. Power OUT Positive (+9V)
7. Power OUT Negative (GND)

Polarity of DC power barrel:



Wiring of EXP pedal/CTL switch jacks:



Dual switches can also be both of the normally-open and of the normally-closed type.

Raspberry Pi option

One option is to have a Raspberry Pi (RPi) in the option slot of the VController. The internal MIDI3 connection is used to connect the RPi to the VController.



It is also possible to put the RPi with the VCBridge software in a separate box. This works all VC devices, though the VC-mini and the VC-touch have a USB host ports.



The external Raspberry Pi has the following connections:

- Midi IN/OUT is mainly used for MIDI IN, but has MIDI OUT and POWER OUT on extra pins. Always use this port to connect your VC device with one wire!
- Midi OUT/IN is mainly used for MIDI OUT, but has MIDI IN and POWER IN on extra pins.
- DC POWER: use this pin to connect a Roland style power supply (9V, 1 Amps)
- Ethernet port: can be used to program the Raspberry Pi.
Do NOT use this port to connect to the RRC2 port of the VG99 or VController!
- Four USB host ports. You can connect these to GP10, GR55, GP10, G5 or MS70cdr. Also a USB to MIDI adapter can be connected here. The Raspberry Pi has not been tested with a USB host.
- 5V micro USB port. This port can also power the Raspberry Pi. It is not possible to remote power your VC device through this port. You have to use the main 9V DC Power input for that
- HDMI. You can connect a HDMI monitor here. Together with a USB keyboard the Raspberry Pi can be programmed this way as well.
- 3,5 mm headphone jack. Is not used by the VController software.

When the Raspberry Pi is built inside the VController, only the Ethernet port and the USB ports are available on the outside. Power and MIDI are connected internally. The HDMI and headphone jack are not accessible.

You can hotplug devices to the USB ports or the serial MIDI ports. The RPi is actively detecting the connection of new USB devices.

Switch operation

Switching on the VController / VC-touch

The VController and VC-touch are switched on by pressing the top left switch. It is switched off by holding that switch for three seconds. Alternatively it can be switched on and off by a separate switch at the back. This is an extra hardware option.

The Raspberry Pi (RPi) is powered together with the VController when it is built in. With the RPi in a separate enclosure, the RPi is powered as soon as power is connected to it. After power is applied it will take around 20 seconds before the Linux operation system of the RPi has booted. A green LED will come on when the VCbridge software is running and the RPi is ready to pass on MIDI data to your VC device.



Switching on the VC-mini

The VC-mini does not have a power switch. Just connect the VC-mini to an active power supply and it should work.

Automatic device detection

Whenever a supported device is connected to a VC-device (VController, VC-mini or VC-touch), it will connect automatically as long as Device settings->Enabled is set to DETECT in the settings and both MIDI in and MIDI out are connected. A USB connection is always bi-directional . Your VC device automatically reads the relevant patch names and parameter states of this device.

Multiple devices can be connected at the same time. It is best to use a different port for every device. All the USB ports on the RPi or on a USB hub connected to the VC-mini are seen as separate ports!!!

Your VC device sends midi data only to the port where the device is detected or enabled. This avoids midi buffer overruns for devices on other ports. Also on a USB hub connected to the VC-mini and Raspberry Pi (internal or external) the midi data is only sent to the USB port that has a device connected. General MIDI data can be sent to all ports.

Manual device connection

Manual connection to devices is necessary for devices that cannot be detected via MIDI like the Line6 Helix/HX stomp or if for some reason bi-directional communication is not possible. Go to the menu and set Device settings -> Enabled to On or Off for this particular device.

Switches of the VController

The VController has 16 internal switches and connections for 8 external switches or four external expression pedals. Every switch can execute any number of commands on press. The configuration of all the switches is stored in a page. The VController has a number of fixed pages and a number of programmable pages.

The internal switches are numbered 1 to 16:

Switch 13	Switch 14	Switch 15	Switch 16
Switch 9	Switch 10	Switch 11	Switch 12
Switch 5	Switch 6	Switch 7	Switch 8
Switch 1	Switch 2	Switch 3	Switch 4

By default switch 13 – 16 have the following functions. This can be programmed otherwise:

Switch	Press	Long press
13	Bank down (patch/parameter select) Patch down (assign page)	Open direct select Extra long press – power down
14	Bank up (patch/parameter select) Patch up (assign page)	Open direct select
15	Select next connected device	Open select page for programmed pages or menu
16	Select next page of current device*	Open select page for programmed pages or menu

Select next page of current device: For every device four pages can be set. This switch toggles through the three pages. By default these are set to patch select, parameter select, assign select for Boss/Roland devices. For Zoom there is only one default page. In the device menu, you can change these device pages.

Switches and encoders of the VC-mini

The VC-mini has 3 internal switches, 2 encoders and a connection for 2 external switches or one external expression pedal. Every switch can execute any number of commands on press and/or turn. The configuration of all the switches is stored in a page. The VC-mini has a number of fixed pages and a number of programmable pages.

The internal switches are numbered 1 to 3. The encoders can be turned and pressed. On the VC-mini the encoders are also programmable!

By default switch 1 - 4 have the following functions. This can be programmed otherwise:

Switch	Press
1 + 2	Bank down (patch/parameter select)
2 + 3	Bank up (patch/parameter select)
Long press switch #1 or press encoder1	Select next connected device
Long press switch #3 or press encoder 2	Select next page of current device*
Press both encoders	Open SELECT USER page. From this page you can go to the user pages, the device pages or to the menu.
Long press switch #2	Save patch (Katana only)

Select next page of current device: For every device four pages can be set. This switch toggles through the three pages. By default these are set to patch select, parameter select, assign select for Boss/Roland devices. For Zoom there is only one default page. In the device menu, you can change these device pages.

Pressing switches

A VC device will detect the press and release of all its switches (also external). Some functions are triggered by long pressing a switch, holding it for 1 second. It is possible to hold switches that are programmed to control a parameter or cc. The speed of change is increasing as the switch is held down.

Switches and touch screen of the VC-touch

The VC-touch has 15 internal switches and connections for 6 external switches or 3 external expression pedals. Every switch can execute any number of commands on press. The configuration of all the switches is stored in a page. The VC-touch has a number of fixed pages and a number of programmable pages.

The internal switches are numbered 1 to 16:

Switch 11	Switch 12	Switch 13	Switch 14	Switch 15
Switch 6	Switch 7	Switch 8	Switch 9	Switch 10
Switch 1	Switch 2	Switch 3	Switch 4	Switch 5

By default switch 13 – 16 have the following functions. This can be programmed otherwise:

Switch	Press	Long press
11	Bank down (patch/parameter select) Patch down (assign page)	Open direct select Extra long press – power down
12	Bank up (patch/parameter select) Patch up (assign page)	Open direct select
13	Select next connected device	Open select page for programmed pages or menu
14	Select next page of current device*	Open select page for programmed pages or menu
15	Tap tempo	Hold for global tuner

Select next page of current device: For every device four pages can be set. This switch toggles through the three pages. By default these are set to patch select, parameter select, assign select for Boss/Roland devices. For Zoom there is only one default page. In the device menu, you can change these device pages.

Touch screen

The VC-touch has a touch screen. You can operate switch 1 – 15 also by pressing the area on the touch screen. Also for certain parameters, you can drag the label to set a value.

Basic operation

Pages

A page on a VC device is the current layout of internal and external switches. A VC device have a number of fixed pages and with a number of programmable pages.

By default a number of pages have been assigned to every device. Whenever that device is connected, the first page assigned to the device will be selected.

Navigating the device pages of the VController

By pressing switch 16 on the VController the next page assigned to the device will be selected.

When multiple devices are connected, pressing switch 15 on the will select the next device.

On a patch page switch 13 and 14 control BANK DOWN and BANK UP.

On a parameter page or assign page switch 13 and 14 will select the previous or next page of parameters/assigns.

Navigating the device pages of the VC-mini

By pressing encoder switch 2 or holding switch 3 on the VC-mini the next page assigned to the device will be selected.

When multiple devices are connected, pressing encoder switch 1 or holding switch 1 on the VC-mini will select the next device.

On a patch page pressing switch 1 + 2 or switch 2+3 simultaneously will control BANK DOWN and BANK UP. Banks can also be selected with encoder 1.

On a parameter page or assign page pressing switch 1 + 2 or switch 2+3 simultaneously will select the previous or next page of parameters/assigns. Parameter/assign pages can also be selected with encoder 1.

Navigating the device pages of the VC-touch

By pressing switch 14 on the VC-touch the next page assigned to the device will be selected.

When multiple devices are connected, pressing switch 13 on the will select the next device.

On a patch page switch 11 and 12 control BANK DOWN and BANK UP.

On a parameter page or assign page switch 11 and 12 will select the previous or next page of parameters/assigns.

Direct select mode

On the VController or VC-touch long pressing BANK UP or BANK DOWN will take you to direct select mode. Here you can type the number of the patch you want to go to. For

devices with many patches you can press bank up and down to move forward and backward 100 patches in direct select mode.

Direct select mode is not implemented on the VC-mini, as it does not have enough switches.

Controlling parameters

On a parameter page a select number of parameters are available to be changed. The memory of your VC device is insufficient to support all possible parameters of a device. More parameters can be added in future firmware updates.

Parameters can be the following types:

Type	Description
Momentary	Press activates and release deactivates parameter
Toggle	Activation and deactivation are toggled
Three state	Run through three values of the parameter
Four state	Run through four values of the parameter
Step	Run through any number of values with a programmable step size
Updown	Pressing will change direction. Holding it will change the value
Range	Used for expression pedals to change the value of the parameter between a minimum and maximum value

The switches on the fixed parameter pages are always of type toggle, step or up/down.

Controlling assigns

Your VC device can control assigns on the GP10, GR55, VG99 and SY1000. The other devices do not have any assigns.

On all devices assigns can be programmed. The VC device activates the assigns through CC messages. The cc number of the assign on the device has to match the cc number of the assign on the VC device .

Once the cc values match, the assign parameter will be read. When the parameter is known to the VC device , its name will be shown on the display. If a parameter is unknown, it can still be controlled, but its name will not be displayed. Instead the assign number is shown.

For the VG99 a lot of extra assigns can be controlled. The FC300 CTL1 – 8 assign, the FC300 EXP1, EXP2, EXP SW1 and EXP SW 2 assigns can be programmed and controlled.

From the VG99 assign page you can choose “More assigns.” Here you can see the parameters that are set to all the internal assigns of the VG99. But these assigns cannot be controlled.

On the SY1000 all Control Functions can be controlled from the VC device .

Master expression pedal

The Master Expression Pedal (MEP) can control all sorts of parameters on a VC device. The functionality of this pedal changes from device to device.

- The controlled parameter is shown in the switch display that contains the TOGGLE EXPR PEDAL command (by default switch 11).
- When “MEP_also controls” is set in the Global settings, the expression pedal can also change the value in the last selected UPDOWN or STEP parameter field.
- Lastly any value in the VC device menu can be changed using the Master expression pedal!

Snapshots and scenes

A VC device can select Snapshots on the Helix and scenes on the Fractal AxeFX. For the SY-1000 scenes have been implemented as well. See the section on the SY1000 in the manual.

Looper control

A VC device can control the looper on the M13, Helix/HX stomp , AxeFX and KPA. The looper of the GR-55 and Zoom G3 are not supported.

Navigating programmable pages on the VController

The VController also has a user page mode, where you can select pages that are programmed by the user.

On the VController long pressing switch 15 or 16 will take you to SELECT USER PAGE. Here you see the user pages and the fixed pages of the VController. Fixed pages have a number greater than 200.

Switch 12 will take you to the MENU.



By default the VController has four example user pages:

Name	Description
GP + GR	To show an example how to navigate two devices on one page. Switch 15 and 16 will do BANK DOWN and BANK UP for the currently selected device. Its name is shown in the main display.
GPVGGR	To show an example how to navigate three devices on one page. Switch 15 and 16 will do BANK DOWN and BANK UP for the currently selected device. Its name is shown in the main display.
FUNCTION TEST	Will show a number of functions that can be programmed to switches
GEN MIDI TEST	Will show the possibilities of using MIDI PC/CC and NOTE ON/OFF commands. Also some custom labels are set.

On all example user pages switch 16 is reserved to go to the next user page (using the command NEXT_PAGE). Switch 15 will take you to the patch page of the next device. (You may want to reprogram switch 15 to PREV_PAGE if you want more flexibility in navigating the user pages.)

The default user pages serve as an example. You can program your own user pages to tailor the VController for your specific setup.

Navigating programmable pages on the VC-mini

The VC-mini also has a user page mode, where you can select pages that are programmed by the user.

On the VC-mini long pressing both encoder switches will take you to SELECT USER PAGE.



Pressing switch 1 will take you to the first user page.

By default the VC-mini has three example user pages:

Name	Description
GEN MIDI TEST	Will show the possibilities of using MIDI PC/CC and NOTE ON/OFF commands. Also some custom labels are set.

GPVGGR	To show an example how to navigate three devices on one page. Switch 1+2 or 3+4 simultaneously will do BANK DOWN and BANK UP for the currently selected device
Page 3	Test of Master expression toggle and set/tap tempo

Turning encoder 1 or holding switch 3 will take you to the next user page.

The default user pages serve as an example. You can program your own user pages to tailor the VC-mini for your specific setup.

Navigating programmable pages on the VC-touch

The VC-touch also has a user page mode, where you can select pages that are programmed by the user.

On the VC-touch long pressing switch 13 or 14 will take you to SELECT USER PAGE. Here you see the user pages and the fixed pages of the VC-touch. Fixed pages have a number greater than 200.

Switch 15 will take you to the MENU.

By default the VC-touch has four example user pages:

Name	Description
GP + GR	To show an example how to navigate two devices on one page. Switch 15 and 16 will do BANK DOWN and BANK UP for the currently selected device. Its name is shown in the main display.
GPVGGR	To show an example how to navigate three devices on one page. Switch 15 and 16 will do BANK DOWN and BANK UP for the currently selected device. Its name is shown in the main display.
FUNCTION TEST	Will show a number of functions that can be programmed to switches
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The default user pages serve as an example. You can program your own user pages to tailor the VC-touch for your specific setup.

Global tempo/tuner

Global tempo will update the tempo on all connected devices. When Glob. Tempo on PC is enabled in the settings, all patches will inherit this tempo.

Long pressing global tempo will enable global tuner. Here all connected devices that support tuner mode will go in tuner mode. Press any switch to exit global tuner mode.

Supported devices

The functionality for the supported devices can differ from device to device. All devices have limitations in the functionality that is available through MIDI.

Boss GP-10

Making the connection.

The GP-10 can be connected in the following ways:

- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- Serial midi via a Primova MIDX-10/20. Switch off the GP-10 bridge on the MIDX to have full functionality.

MIDI settings on the GP-10

On the GP-10 the MIDI channel should be set at channel 1. Other MIDI channels do not work. This is a bug in the GP-10.

Supported commands

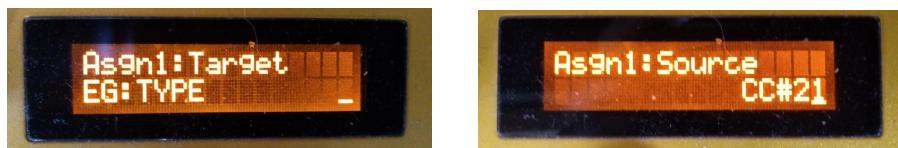
The GP-10 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Assign
- Mute
- Master expression pedal

For the GP-10 a selected number of parameters are available from a VC device .

Using assigns

The GP-10 has 8 user assigns that can be controlled by a VC device . We use a cc MIDI message to control the assigns. By default a VC device picks CC#21 for assign 1, CC #22 for assign 22, etc. Set the same CC number as source for the assign.



If the target is in the aforementioned parameter list, it will show on the displays. If the source of the assign is not the corresponding cc number, the display on your VC device will just show the cc number.



Roland GR-55

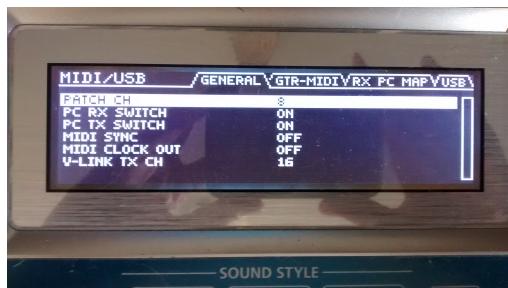
Making the connection.

The GR-55 can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the GR-55

Here are my MIDI settings on the GR-55:



Supported commands

The GR-55 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Assign
- Mute
- Master expression pedal

Parameters and assigns work the same as with the Boss GP-10.

Roland VG-99

Making the connection.

The VG-99 can be connected in the following ways:

- RRC2 cable on a VController or via a custom made RRC2 to 7-pin MIDI cable to a MIDI OUT/IN port on any VC device (see appendix 2 at the back of this manual)
- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to Raspberry Pi / VC-mini / VC-touch*

* Note: Connecting the VG99 with a single USB cable to the Raspberry Pi or USB host port has the limitation that the FC300 assigns do not work! For these assigns your VC device mimics the FC300. The VG99 does not expect an FC300 to be connected to the USB port, and therefore it does not work. As a work-around you can connect the VG99 via a MIDI-to-USB adapter to the Raspberry Pi or USB host port. Then the FC300 assigns work fine.



MIDI settings on the VG-99

Here are the MIDI settings I use on the VG99:



Supported commands

The VG-99 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Assign*
- Mute
- Master expression pedal

*Only FC300 CTL and Expression pedal assigns and CC assigns can be controlled. The other assigns can only be read, but not controlled.

Boss KATANA (MK1 and MK2)

Since firmware 3.6.1 the Boss Katana MK2 is supported.
For the MK1 version all firmware versions 2, 3 and 4 are supported.

Making the connection.

The KATANA can be connected in the following ways:

- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- Serial midi via a Primova MIDX-10/20. Switch off the KATANA bridge on the MIDX to have full functionality.

MIDI settings on the KATANA

On the KATANA the MIDI channel is always set at channel 1, so no settings are necessary.

Settings on your VC device:

If you have the 50W version of the Katana, make sure you go to GLOBAL SETTINGS – Katana type and set it to Katana50 (4CH). For all other Katanas, this setting should be Katana100 (8CH).

Supported commands

The KATANA supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Master expression pedal

Editing and storing patches on your VC device

Almost all parameters of a patch can be edited from your VC device. To change a parameter on your VC device press switch 10 to open the KATANA EDIT page.



Now select the proper category to make further edits.



Parameters can be changed by pressing switches. The parameters with the arrow signs are UPDOWN switches. Pressing them will change the direction, Holding them will change the value. When you connect an expression pedal to EXP1, parameters can also be changed with the expression pedal.

Press switch 16 to go back to the category screen. Here you can press switch 11 to save the patch to the memory of your VC device.



Press switch 9 to set the location of the patch on your VC device. Press switch 10 to write the patch. The patch name can also be changed by pressing switch 12.

Editing and storing patches on the VC-mini

Hold switch 3 or press encoder switch 2 to open the Katana FX page.



Now turn encoder 1 to select any parameter of the Katana and then turn encoder 2 to change the value of this parameter.



To save the patch to the internal memory of the VC-mini hold switch 2.

Now turn encoder 2 to select the location where the patch will be stored.

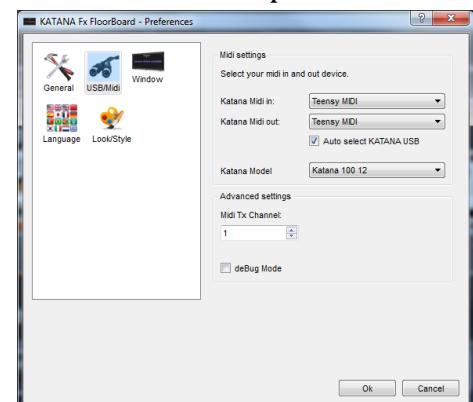
If you want to change the patch name, turn encoder 1 until it reads RENAME. Now edit the name (encoder 1 turn to select the character, turn encoder 2 to change it. Press encoder 2 to jump to 'A', 'a', '0' or space. Press encoder 1 to save the name).

After that turn encoder 1 to select Write. Press or turn encoder 2 to save the patch.

Using Katana FxFloorBoard editor

You can also use Gumtown's Katana FxFloorBoard editor to load patches on the VController VC-mini or VC-touch. Connect a Mac or computer to the USB port of your VC device VC-mini or VC-touch, which in turn is connected to the Katana.

In the preferences of the editor set the Midi In and Out port to VC MIDI:



The Floorboard editor will now restart. Press the connect button to make the connection. The editor does not always read patches well and does give some error messages, but you are able to make changes in the editor or load patches to the Katana and save them on your VC device.

Boss Tone Studio for the Katana MK2 will also allow you to connect to the VC-MIDI ports and edit from there.

Line6 Helix / HX stomp

Making the connection.

The Helix can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Single midi cable to any MIDI OUT/IN with modification of Helix/HX stomp**
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

** The Helix and HX stomp can be connected with a single MIDI cable. To get bi-directional communication, you can make the following modification in the Helix (left pic) or HX stomp (right pic): Connect MIDI out pin 4/5 to Midi in pin 2/3 with two wires. This may void your warranty.



Now you can use a single MIDI cable to connect MIDI in Helix to MIDI out of the VController of VC-mini. Do make sure the MIDI cable has all pins connected. This usually is the case with MIDI cables, but not always!

MIDI settings on the Helix

By default this is set at channel 1, but it can be changed. Make sure the MIDI settings on your VC device match those of the Helix.

Device settings on the VC device

The Helix cannot automatically be detected by your VC device. So a manual connection must be setup. Go into the menu of the VC device , select Device menu, select the Line6 Helix, set Enabled to ON and make sure the MIDI port is set to the correct port.



Supported commands

The Helix supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Snapscene
- Looper
- Master expression pedal
- Pattern sequencer – can be controlled by sending CC #3 and 4 using Instant Access commands. See the advanced function section for more info on the pattern sequencer.

Line6 M13

Making the connection.

The M13 can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the M13

By default this is set at channel 1, but it can be changed. Make sure the MIDI settings on your VC device match those of the Helix.

After the M13 is connected to the VController VC-mini or VC-touch the scenes of the M13 are read (scene is the word for patch on the M13). This reading is quite slow, but this is a limitation of the M13.

Supported commands

The M13 supports the following commands:

- Patch (scene)
- Parameter
- Looper
- Master expression pedal

Fractal devices (AxeFX 2)

Support for the Fractal Axe-FX 2 has been done remotely, as I do not own one myself. A lot of features have not been tested properly. In theory other Fractal devices may work as well, but none of this has been tested. The code of other projects for AxeFX standard, ultra, AX8 and FX8 has been implemented but not tested. The AXEAFX III will definitely not work properly with your VC device.

The Axe-FX 2 has not been tested with the VC-mini.

Making the connection.

Fractal devices can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi (not tested)

MIDI settings on the Axe-FX

In the Axe-Fx's I/O / MIDI settings page, make sure that "Send Realtime Sysex" is set to ALL.

Supported commands

The AxeFX 2 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Snapscene
- Looper
- Master expression pedal

Kemper Profiler

Support for the Kemper Profiling amp has been done remotely, as I do not own one myself. A lot of features have not been tested properly. No VC device has ever been tested with the Kemper Stage.

The KPA has not been tested with the VC-mini and VC-touch.

Making the connection.

The KPA can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the KPA

In the Axe-Fx's I/O / MIDI settings page, make sure that "Send Realtime Sysex" is set to ALL.

Supported commands

The KPA supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Looper
- Master expression pedal

The KPA has two modes: browse and perform. Patch change works different depending on the mode the KPA is in:

- In performance mode, the slot can be selected on your VC device. Other performances are selected through the bank switches.
- In browse mode, the first five patches will select the first five rigs that are currently selected in browse mode. Any patch with a number greater than five will select rigs. To enable selecting rigs, you need to assign PC numbers to these rigs on the KPA.

ZOOM G3 / MS70-cdr

Making the connection.

The ZOOM devices can be connected in the following ways:

- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the ZOOM devices

ZOOM Midi channel can not be changed. They are always set at channel 1.

Supported commands

The ZOOM devices supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter – only the on/off state of the effects in the 6 slots can be changed.

Strymon Volante

Making the connection.

The Volante can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the Volante

Set to channel 1.

Supported commands

The Volante supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Master expression pedal

Patch names are not read from the Volante. It is possible to program the patch names to the VController VC-mini or VC-touch, by making custom pages that select a patch per button and adding custom switch labels to these.

Boss SY-1000

The SY-1000 is supported in both guitar mode and bass mode.

Making the connection.

The SY-1000 can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

As the USB-midi protocol is faster than the serial midi protocol, you will get the best response for harmony mode and low/high note priority when you connect through USB-midi when using the VC-mini.

MIDI settings on the SY-1000

- Set the MIDI channel to 7.
- Make sure receiving and sending of PC messages is enabled.
- NUM1 CC#: CC #1
- NUM2 CC#: CC #2
- NUM3 CC#: CC #3
- NUM4 CC#: CC #4
- BANKDOWN CC# CC#: CC #5
- BANKUP CC#: CC #6
- CTL1 CC#: CC #7
- CTL2 CC#: CC #8

This is what it looks like on the SY1000 under System – MIDI – MIDI SETTING:



Note: if you change from guitar mode to bass mode on the SY-1000, you may have to make these settings again. Once these settings are made in both modes, the SY-1000 will remember them.

Supported commands

The SY-1000 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Assign
- Scene
- Mute
- Master expression pedal

Patch selection and parameters

You can select patches from a VC device . On the VController and VC-touch this is the default page when you connect the SY1000. On the VC-mini, you have to press the right encoder or hold the right switch to get to the patch selection page.

By default there is no page where you can control parameters on a VC device , though it is possible to change this in the DEVICE SETTINGS menu and select PAR BANK for SY1000 Page #1, #2, #3 or #4.

Control functions / assigns

You can select the ASSIGN BANK SEL page by pressing switch 16 on the VController or by pressing the right encoder or holding the right switch on the VC-mini.

The SY-1000 implementation for control functions and assigns on the VC device is currently the most extensive of all the devices that are supported. CTL1 – 6, BANK UP/DOWN, NUM 1-4 and MANUAL 1-4 and EXP1/2 can all be controlled from the VC device . The setting and state of each control function is read, so the LEDs on the VC device will show the correct state and the display on your VC device will show the correct function.

A few things to know:

- 1) Not all assign targets can be controlled through MIDI. When the Control function is set to a function that cannot be controlled, the display will show: “Cannot control”
- 2) The VC device will always control the PATCH setting of the Control function – even if the control function has been set to SYSTEM.
- 3) Also assigns that have one of the Control buttons or expression pedals as source can be controlled with the VC device . This is done by changing the assign target temporarily to CC#95 while an assign switch is pressed on the VC device or while an expression pedal connected to the VC device is being operated. The assign settings will automatically be restored when the switch or pedal is released.

Switch modes (VC-mini)

When you connect the VC-mini to the SY-1000, you will be able to select a mode for the switches of the SY-1000.

The bottom line on the VC-mini will read PATCH|SCENE|MANU. You can now select on the VC-mini what the switches on the SY-1000 will do.

PATCH: Will allow you to change patches on the SY-1000 using the number and bank switches. After you selected a patch, the mode will automatically switch back to SCENE or MANUAL. If you press PATCH twice on the VC-mini, it will stay in PATCH mode.

SCENE: Will allow you to change scenes on the SY-1000. The selected scene is light blue. Active scenes are dark blue. When you press SCENE again on the VC-mini, you can toggle the scene assigns on the SY-1000. Scenes and scene assigns will be explained later.

MANU: Will change the switches of the SY1000 to manual mode. When you press MANU again, the switches will change to NUM mode. This will allow you to use all the manual, num and bank switches for control functions and assigns. Do note that if you set a control function for BANK UP/DOWN, CTL 1/2 and NUM1/2/3/4 you have to set the preference to PATCH and not SYSTEM on the SY1000.

So how is it possible to change scenes on the SY-1000, when Boss never implemented that function in the SY-1000? Well, there is some clever stuff going on. We already set all the switches to send CC messages when we set up the SY-1000. Whenever you select SCENE mode, the VC-mini will set the function of all switches to OFF. To see what is happening, press CTL – Control function on the SY-1000, switch mode on the VC-mini and see what is happening. As for the LEDs on the SY-1000. Press CTL – LED color on the SY-1000, switch modes on the SY-1000 and see what is happening.

When you disconnect the VC-mini from the SY-1000 while it is in SCENE mode, you will find that the switches on the SY-1000 are “dead”. Whenever you reconnect the VC-mini, the switches will work again.

If you want to use the SY-1000 without the VC-mini, make sure you press MANU until the display shows SW MODE:NUM. This is the default setting for the SY1000.

Alternative mode select

There is another layout possible for the switches of the SY1000. To select this switch layout, go into the menu and select DEVICE SETTINGS – select the SY1000 – go to SY1000 Page #1 and change the page to MODE SEL2 SY1000. Save the settings and select SCENE mode.

MODE SEL2 SY1000 has the following layout on the SY1000:

Patch down	Patch up	CTL 1	CTL 2
1 Scene 1 or 5	2 Scene 2 or 6	3 Scene 3 or 7	4 Scene 4 or 8

In this mode you can select patch down and up with the bank switches. CTL 1 and 2 will control CTL1 and 2 as usual and with the NUM switches you can select scenes. Pressing 1 will select SCENE 1 and the switch will light up blue. When you press the switch again, it will select SCENE 5 and the switch will light up white.

When you select MANU on the VC-mini, the SCENE switches will change from the bottom row to the top row. On the bottom row you will get the manual switches.

I really like the alternative SCENE mode. I can change patches, use CTL 1 and 2 for switching individual instruments (like a bass using low string priority) and tap tempo and still have access to all the scenes.

But enough talking about modes. Now we need to get into scenes!

Scenes

All VC devices will add scenes to the SY-1000. Scenes (or snapshots) allow you to make variations of a patch where multiple blocks can be switched. The big advantage of scenes is that there will be no gap when changing scenes – like you have when you change patch – and in most cases delay and reverb trails will spill over into another scene. I find scenes useful, as it will allow me to use one patch per song and quickly change effects between the different sections of the song.

Let me explain through an example:

SCENE 1: has delay and reverb on

SCENE 2: has delay, but no reverb and adds FX1 and FX2 both set to CHORUS

SCENE 3: has no delay and no reverb and adds FX1 set to TREMOLO and FX2 set to FLANGER.

Whenever you select SCENE 1, 2 or 3, you will get these blocks in the states you programmed them. This will save a lot of tap dancing compared to using control functions and assigns.

In practice I often make scenes for intro, verse, chorus, bridge, solo. I can just jump from any state to another.

What parameters can be saved in a scene?

The full list can be found in Appendix 1. But in short it is these:

- The on/off state of any block.
- For INST 1 - 3: The type of instrument, pickup settings, amp solo/bright/gain sw, SEQ, TURBO switches and any block on/off states with in the instrument (ns/amp/eq/etc.)
- FX1-3: The effects type – settings of each effect type are stored on the SY1000 in a unique memory location, so when you change settings to FX1 as Chorus and to FX1 as Flanger, these settings will be recalled perfectly when you change the FX1 type from Chorus to Flanger.
- Amp/dist block solo/bright/amp gain switches

Usually parameters that have a lot of values cannot be stored in scenes. But there is a way around it by using Scene Assigns.

Making a new scene

It is best to first optimize our patch as much as possible before making scenes. If you like the current sound of your patch, first make a scene of these settings.

You can use BTS (Boss Tone Studio) or the SY1000 Floorboard editor of Gumtown when editing scenes, but editing on the SY1000 is preferred, as scene changes are not picked up by BTS properly.

To make a scene, you need to get into the SCENE MENU.
 On the VController, press switch 16 until you get to the Scenes SY1000 page. Then press switch 10 labelled <SCENE MENU>.
 On the VC-mini press and hold switch 2 (the middle switch).

This menu has the following options. Check out the chapter on VC device menu's to learn how to navigate the menu's on your device:

Select scene: SCENE 1	Select the scene you want to read.
Read scene	Press to read the selected scene.
Change to all scenes	Will make the changes you made to the current scene and save these to all scenes. This is handy when you decide to change a parameter that is in appendix 1 and you want this changed in all active scenes
Rename	To change the name of the selected scene
Exchange scene	Will exchange the current scene with the scene that is selected in the menu.
Clear scene	Will clear the selected scene and make it inactive
Clear all scenes	Will clear all scenes and make them inactive
Add bass assigns	Has nothing to do with scenes, but will create the assigns you need for low string priority.

To make the scene, check that the proper scene number is selected and then select read scene. On the VC-mini, you can press the left encoder to save the scene from Select scene.

Recalling scenes

On the scene page, you can select scenes. Once a scene is active, it will get a blue colour. This way you can see which scenes are active and which are not. The selected scene is either light blue or white (when you use one switch to select two scenes – see MODES).

Saving a scene and patch

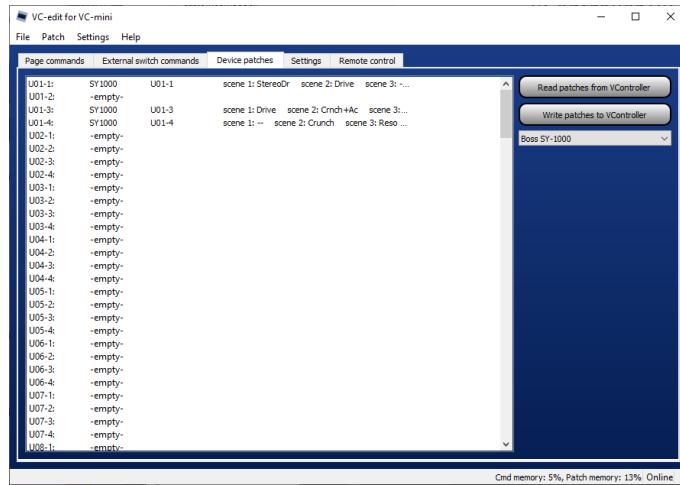
You save a scene by saving the patch. Do check if your VC device VC-mini or VC-touch reads "Patch saved." If it does not display the message, change the mode to PATCH on the VC-mini and save the patch again.

It is very important that the scene data on the VC device and the patch data on the SY-1000 are in sync, otherwise strange things can happen.

On the SY-1000 you can also exchange, initialize and insert patches. Make sure the VC device is connected when doing these operations and that it is in patch mode. You can now do the operations on the SY-1000 and the VC device will follow the operations and give a short message whenever you initialize, insert or initialize a patch on the SY-1000.

In VC-edit you can also see which patches are there on the VC-mini. Here you can copy, move, import and export patches. Also the scene names can be edited here. And you can backup all settings and patches of your VC device here.

So if you want to save a patch with active scenes to your PC or Mac, you have to save the SY1000 patch data using BTS or Floorboard editor and you have to export the VC device patch data using VC-edit.



To reload a patch from your PC, load the SY1000 patch data using BTS or Floorboard manager and import the patch using VC-edit. Make sure the selection box below the button “Write patches to VController” is set to SY-1000 or SY1000 bass mode, otherwise import will not be available. You can select import by right clicking on a patch slot, by selecting Patch – Import, or by pressing Control or CMD + I.

Scene Assigns

It is possible to control almost all parameters of the SY-1000 by using assigns. The VC device calls these scene assigns. On the SY-1000 they are just assigns controlled by a specific CC number. And one CC number can control several parameters. Make sure you have a good understanding of assigns on the SY-1000, before setting the scene assigns.

There are eight scene assigns. These are controlled by the following CC numbers:

Scene assign 5 CC #25	Scene assign 6 CC #26	Scene assign 7 CC #27	Scene assign 8 CC #28
Scene assign 1 CC #21	Scene assign 2 CC #22	Scene assign 3 CC #23	Scene assign 4 CC #24

How to set a scene assign on the SY1000:

- Select the parameter you want to control with a scene assign
- Press and hold the knob of this parameter. Now the ASSIGN MATRIX screen will appear on the SY1000 and the TARGET will be set on the first available assign slot.
- Press encoder 1 to enable the assign.
- Set the min and max value.
- Select the CC number of the scene assign by scrolling knob 5.
- Set mode to MOMENT

Here is an example of scene assign 1 controlling INST1 Level between 50 and 100:



Now you can control this parameter on the VC device using scene assign 1.

On the VController and VC-touch: go to the assign page and use the bank up/down switches to scroll to the scene assigns. Press scene assign 1 and the level of INST1 should change.

On the VC-mini: in Switch Mode press the middle switch once or twice until you read SW_MODE:SC_ASSGN on the screen. Now press switch 1 on the SY-1000 and the level of INST1 should change.

Once the scene assigns have been set, you can set them to the desired state and then read the scene as we did before. The state of the scene assigns is recalled in each scene.

There are 8 scene assigns, but you can control several parameters with one scene assigns. So the maximum number of values that can be controlled through scene assigns is 16, as there are 16 assigns on the SY-1000.

Harmony mode

When I switched from the Roland VG-99 to the SY-1000, I missed a couple of functions. One of them is harmony function in the alt tuning section of the VG-99. I made a lot of patches on the VG-99 using this function.

I have made it possible to have harmony intervals on the SY-1000, using guitar to midi and the USER tuning type.

To set a harmony interval on INST2 we have to make the following settings:

- SYSTEM – MIDI – GUITAR TO MIDI has to be switched on and the basic channel should be Ch.1.
- Make sure CTL – GUITAR TO MIDI should have the following settings:
MODE: MONO
ALT TUNE: OFF
CHROMATIC: TYPE2
DYNAMICS: 10
PLAY FEEL: FEEL3
LOW VELOCUT: OFF
- Press INST and then EDIT on INST2 (pressing encoder 4) and scroll to ALT TUNE. Make sure ON/OFF is set to ON and TUNING TYPE is set to USER.

- Now go to CTL – PATCH MIDI and press the PAGE > button. Set CC1# to 12 and with CC1VALUE you can select the alt tuning type for INST2.

Value	Harmony mode
0	Off
1	Normal (like VG99)
2	Push maj7 and min7 notes of key to the octave
3	An experimental alt tuning that I made up. Set interval to +5 th to get Sixights special harmony
4	Sixights special harmony. Interval is always +5 th . Maybe more custom harmonies can be added here.

Set CC2# to 13 and with CC2VALUE you can select the interval:

Value	Interval	Value	Interval	Value	Interval	Value	Interval
0	-2 oct	7	-1 oct	14	TONIC	21	+1 oct
1	-14 th	8	-7 th	15	+2 nd	22	+9 th
2	-13 th	9	-6 th	16	+3 rd	23	+10 th
3	-12 th	10	-5 th	17	+4 th	24	+11 th
4	-11 th	11	-4 th	18	+5 th	25	+12 th
5	-10 th	12	-3 rd	19	+6 th	26	+13 th
6	-9 th	13	-2nd	20	+7th	27/28	+14 th /+2oct

- You can select the key by changing the MASTER KEY on the SY-1000. This is encoder 3 on the main screen of the SY1000, or you can find this parameter in the MST block – the last block in edit mode.
- This should be all to get the harmony mode working. The PATCH MIDI settings are saved in each patch.
- You can enable different settings and intervals for each instrument under PATCH MIDI. Here are the CC numbers for each instrument:

INST 1 HARMONY MODE	CC# 10
INST 1 INTERVAL	CC# 11
INST 2 HARMONY MODE	CC# 12
INST 2 INTERVAL	CC# 13
INST 3 HARMONY MODE	CC# 14
INST 3 INTERVAL	CC# 15

A few notes on harmony mode:

- Harmony mode uses guitar to midi to calculate the intervals. If your guitar is not setup correctly or if your GK levels are too low, guitar to midi will trigger false notes and the harmony interval will be wrong. Guitar to midi can be a bit tricky on the SY1000.
- So far user tunings are not possible on the VC-mini. If you use a specific user tuning a lot, I can hard code it into your VC device. Or if there is a real need for user intervals, you can always make the request.

TC-electronics G-major 2

Making the connection.

The G-major 2 can be connected in the following ways:

- Two serial midi cables to MIDI in and out
- Midi splitter cable to any MIDI OUT/IN port
- Serial midi to USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

MIDI settings on the G-Major 2

Here are the settings as displayed on the Global page in Vysor, the editor for th G-major:

MIDI	
Channel:	1
Program Change:	On
Program Bank:	External
SysEx ID:	0
MIDI Clock:	Off

Also you need to set the CC's to control the tuner mute and for modifier 1 and 2 (controlled from global expression pedal)

MODS	Get	Sync
MOD 1:	CC 51	
MOD 2:	CC 52	
MOD 3:	Off	
MOD 4:	Off	
Tap Tempo:	Off	
Bypass All:	Off	
Tuner Mute:	CC 50	

Supported commands

The G-Major 2 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter
- Master expression pedal

Reading patch pages is a bit slow, due to the large amounts of data that has to be read from the G-Major 2.

NUX MG-300

Making the connection.

The MG-300 can be connected in the following way:

- USB cable to USB host port on VC-mini / VC-touch / Raspberry Pi

Note: Your VC device VC-mini or VC-touch will freeze when an MG-300 is connected through a USB hub!

MIDI settings on the MG-300

MIDI channel should be set to channel 1.

Supported commands

The MG-300 supports the following commands:

- Patch
- Parameter – the on/off state of all effects can be changed. You can save an effect in an off-state by pressing save on the MG-300 with your VC device VC-mini or VC-touch connected. Part of the data is stored on the VC-mini.
- Tap tempo

Advanced functions

CURNUM action

CURNUM is activated by pressing the switch of the currently selected patch. Here several functions can be activated. This function can be set in the GLOBAL SETTINGS.

CURNUM action:

- OFF: Nothing happens when you select the current patch.
- PREVIOUS PATCH: The previously selected patch is selected. Great for toggling between patches on different banks
- TAP TEMPO: Great for the VC-mini.
- TUNER: the global tuner is engaged.
- US20 EMULATION: see next paragraph
- DIRECT SELECT: Go into direct select mode and type the patch number.

Send/receive MIDI clock

A VC device are now able to send and/or receive a MIDI clock signal. The global tempo will be adjusted accordingly.

Both can be enabled in the MIDI ADVCND MENU.

READ MIDI CLOCK and SEND MIDI CLOCK can be set to OFF, individual MIDI ports or all midi ports.

Whenever TAP TEMPO is controlled by an external MIDI clock, the LED will flash blue. It is still possible to tap a different tempo now, but unless the clock source is updated from your VC device VC-mini or VC-touch, the tempo will return to the previous tempo after 5 seconds.

US20 emulation

This feature works for GP10, GR55, VG99, Helix and SY1000. I have these devices connected through a passive GK splitter. US20 emulation allows me to select a patch on one device and have the sound on the other devices switch off. Here the GP+GR and GPVGGR example pages come in handy. Any patch on any device can be selected.

Pressing the switch of the active patch will display “GP10 can be mute” or “GP10 always on.” When a device is “always on”, it will not be switched off by US20 emulation. This will allow several devices to sound at the same time.

US20 emulation is enabled by setting CURNUM action to US20 EMULATION in the GLOBAL SETTINGS.

Low/high string priority (Bass mode)

With bass mode, you can allow the GP10, GR55, VG99 or SY-1000 to play only the lowest played string of your guitar. You need a patch with a number of specific assigns on these devices to trigger bass mode. Bass mode is always enabled on your VC device. It will just send a few cc messages to the device. In the patch you can determine through assigns if you want to act on those cc's or not.

Bass mode will keep track of the lowest string that is played and send the number of that string as a CC number to a device. By default CC 15 is used for low string priority and CC16 is used for high string priority. Guitar to midi has to be switched on on the device for bass mode to work. Guitar to midi has to be in mono mode, not poly! Also chromatic should be switched on.

Here are my settings on each of the devices that support guitar-to-midi:

GP-10	MIDI On/Off: ON Mode: MONO Chromatic: ON Pedal bend: OFF Data thin: OFF String Ch: 1 Dynamics: 10 Play Feel: FEEL 2 LowVeloCut: 4
GR-55	Switch: ON Mode: MONO Chromatic: ON String ch: 1 Data thin: OFF The rest does not matter...
VG-99	Gtr to midi: ON Patch/Mode: MONO Patch/Play feel: STRUM or FEEL4 Patch/Chromatic: TYPE2 System: Bend thin: OFF System: Basic Ch: OFF System: PC mask: OFF
SY-1000	MIDI On/Off: ON Mode: MONO Alt tune: OFF Chromatic: TYPE2 Dynamics: 10 Play Feel: FEEL 3 LowVeloCut: OFF

The VC device will use the device MIDI channel as has been set in MENU – DEVICE SETTNGS – MIDI channel

If you make the following assigns on the device, bass mode will switch the strings on and off, so that only the lowest string is heard.

Make five assigns that all have the following settings

Assign target	Assign source	Target min	Target max	Source mode	Act range low	Act range hi
String level 5	CC #15	100	0	MOMENT	5	6
String level 4	CC #15	100	0	MOMENT	4	5
String level 3	CC #15	100	0	MOMENT	3	4
String level 2	CC #15	100	0	MOMENT	2	3
String level 1	CC #15	100	0	MOMENT	1	2

Use these assigns to control the sound of a bass guitar and the bass note will be automatically added to the chord you are playing

If you only want to control three strings, only make the first two assigns and set the level of the top three switches to 0 in the patch.

You can download some example bass mode patches for GP10 / GR55 and VG99 from here:

https://github.com/sixeight7/VController_v3/tree/master/bass%20mode%20patches

To download right button mouse click and choose Save as...

In the MIDI ADVNCD MENU you can make specific settings for Bass mode.

I have had the best experience with the GP-10 with velocity setting of 50 and the GR-55, with a velocity setting of 100 on your VC device. Also it often helps to disable the assigns for the highest two or three strings (B-E or G-B-E) as they are not really bass notes. This helps to avoid false triggers.

Tempo following

Tempo following only works with devices that support guitar2midi. When tempo following is enabled, your VC device will listen to the note on/off messages you are playing and try to adjust the tempo to your playing.

It can be enabled and disabled by a single press of the tap tempo button. It can also be fully disabled in the menu. Whenever you tap a new tempo, it is temporary disabled so the new tempo can settle.

Pattern sequencer (Helix only)

With the pattern sequencer, you can send MIDI cc patterns, with which you can change a parameter on the Helix. So far the pattern sequencer has only been implemented for the Line6 Helix.

There are 41 patterns that can be selected by sending CC #4 from the Helix.

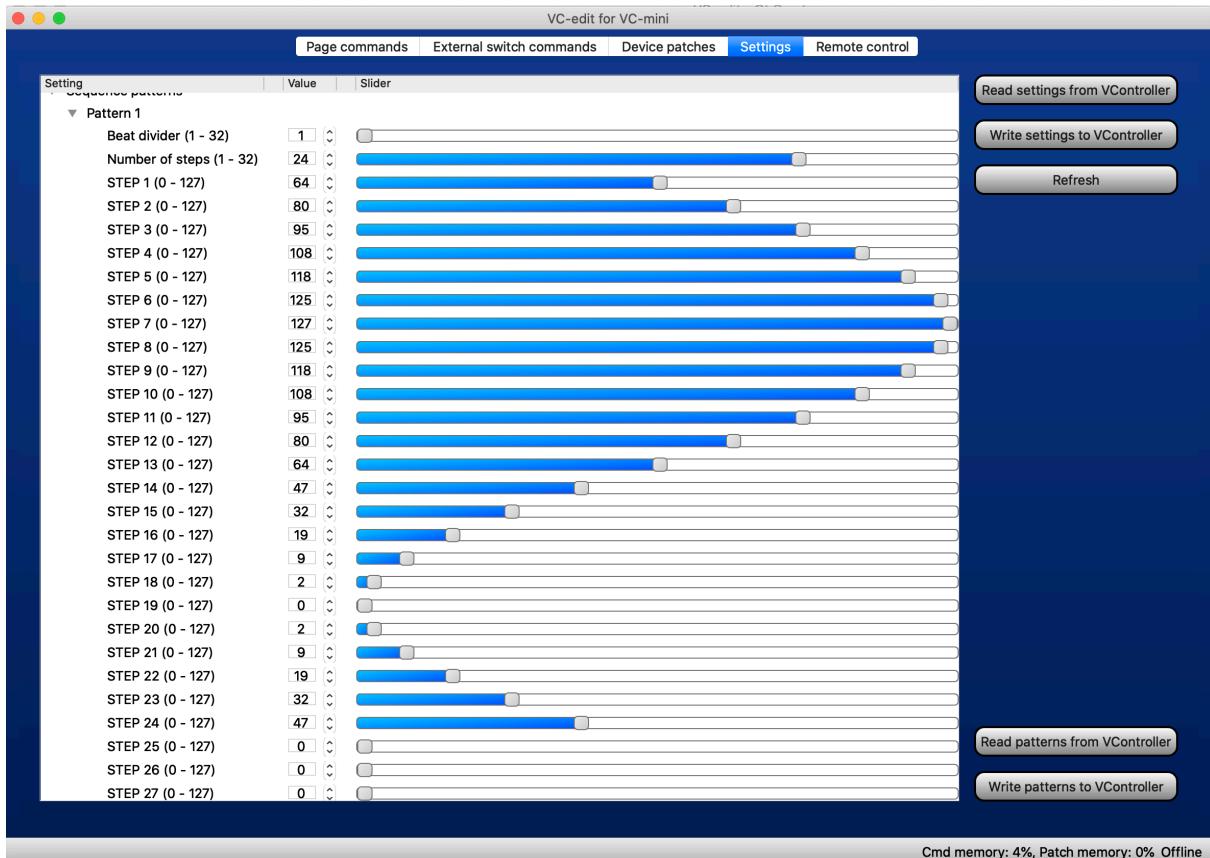
Pattern	Description
0	Pattern sequencer off
1 - 32	User patterns that can be programmed in VC-edit.
33	Sine wave
34	Block wave
35	Triangle wave
36	Saw tooth
37	Single 8 th beat
38	Beat 1
39	Beat 2
40	Beat 3
41	Random pattern

The speed of the sequencer is set by three things.

- 1) The current global tempo.
- 2) The number of beats in the pattern.
- 3) By the beat divider of the pattern. This is set in the pattern itself or can be overridden by sending CC #3.

$$BPM \text{ of each step of the sequencer} = \frac{\text{global tempo} \times \text{number of beats}}{\text{beat divider}}$$

Here we see the first pattern in VC-edit:



This is the sine wave. It has 24 steps and the beat divider is set to 1.

This means that the entire sine wave is sent out every beat of the current tempo. If we send a new beat divider with value 2 (using CC #3), the sine wave will be stretched over two beats. So a higher beat divider makes the pattern go slower.

The patterns can be edited in VC-edit only, not on your VC device itself. That would be too much data for such a small display.

VController / VC-mini menu's

Navigating the menu on the VController

Long pressing switch 15 or 16 will take you to SELECT USER PAGE. Here you can select MENU (switch 12.) Navigating the menu is pretty self-explanatory on the VController.

Values can be changed by pressing switches. The menu values with the arrow signs are UPDOWN switches. Pressing them will change the direction, Holding them will change the value. When you connect an expression pedal to any expression pedal jack the menu values can also be changed with the expression pedal.

Navigating the menu on the VC-mini

Pressing both encoders will take you to the SELECT USER PAGE. Here you can select MENU (switch 3)



On the VC-mini you can navigate the menu with the encoders or with the switches. Look at the menu structure chart below to help you find your way.

Navigating with the encoders:

Turning encoder one will select the next item in the menu.

Pressing encoder one will save and exit the current menu.

Turning or pressing encoder two will select a menu or change the value of the selected menu item.

Navigating with the switches

Pressing switch 1 or 2 will select the previous or next menu item.

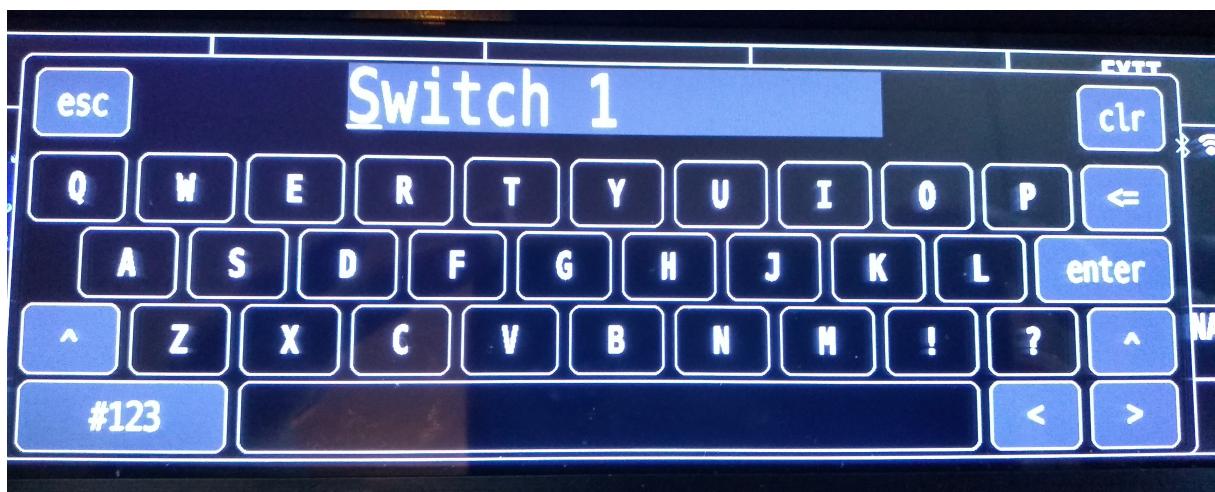
Pressing switch 3 will select a menu or change the value of the selected menu item. The menu values with the arrow signs are UPDOWN switches. Pressing them will change the direction, Holding them will change the value. When you connect an expression pedal to any expression pedal jack the menu values can also be changed with the expression pedal

Navigating the menu on the VC-touch

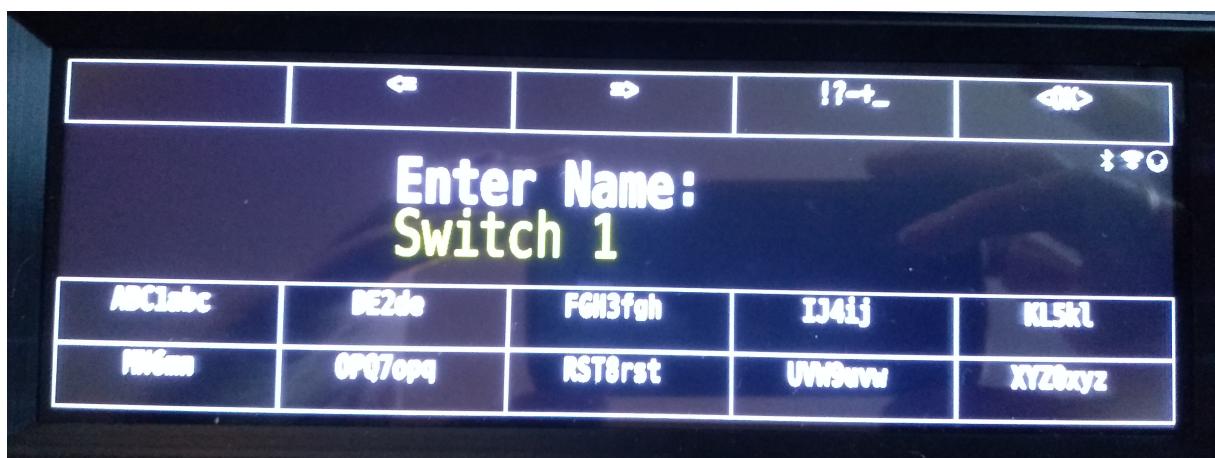
Long pressing switch 13 or 14 will take you to SELECT USER PAGE. Here you can select MENU (switch 15.) Navigating the menu is pretty self-explanatory on the VC-touch

Values can be changed by pressing switches or by tapping or dragging the labels on the touch screen . The menu values with the arrow signs are UPDOWN switches. Pressing them will change the direction, Holding them will change the value. But dragging them on the touch screen is much easier. When you connect an expression pedal to any expression pedal jack the menu values can also be changed with the expression pedal.

The VC-touch has an on screen keyboard for editing page names, switch labels, patch and scene names. Whenever you tap a label for editing names, the on screen keyboard will come up:



There is also a legacy VController keyboard, that you can operate standing up. This keyboard will show up when you press the footswitch instead of tapping the label:



Menu structure

GLOBAL SETTINGS	
Main display mode	Can be set to PAGE NAME, PATCH NAME, PATCHES COMBINED or VCMINI LABELS. This is what the main display will show on the second line.
Main display shows	Can be set to CURRENT DEVICE, CURRENT TEMPO or SCENE NAME. This is what the main display will show in the top right corner.
CURNUM action	See CURNUM action.
MEP also controls	Will set extra control for the Master Expression Pedal. Can be set to UP/DOWN and UP/DN + STEP. After selecting an UPDOWN or STEP parameter control button, the Master Expression Pedal will change the value of this parameter.
Glob. Tempo on PC	When enabled the global tempo will be written to all connected devices when a patch change is made. This way all patches will keep the same tempo even if you go from one patch to another.
Hide tempo LED	Will stop the flashing of the TAP TEMPO LED.
Backlight Type	Will adjust the colours for the ADAFRUIT or BUYDISPLAY RGB display backlights.
Katana type	Can be set to Katana100 (8 ch) or Katana50 (4 ch). This changes the numbering of the Katana patches. Most Katanas have 8 channels, but the 50W version only has 4 channels.
SAVE & EXIT	Save changes and exit
Cancel	Do not save changes and exit

DEVICE SETTINGS	
Select device	Will select a device.
Enabled	OFF – device is not detected – always off ON- device is set on manually DETECT – device is actively detected (does not work for all devices)
Midi channel	Set the midi channel of the selected device. Note that GP10, G3 and MS70-cdr have to be on channel 1, otherwise patch change will not work.
Midi port	Your VC device MIDI port the device is connected to.
Device page #1 Device page #2 Device page #3 Device page #4	Pressing NEXT DEVICE PAGE (switch 16 on the VController) will toggle on default between patch/parameter and assign pages. Here you can set other pages (also user pages!) that will be selected by pressing NEXT DEVICE PAGE.
Colour	Set the colour of patch select LEDs (or backlights) for this device
Is always on	Part of US20 mode.
SAVE & EXIT	Save changes and exit
Cancel	Do not save changes and exit

MIDI SWITCH MENU	
To make the switches of your VC device controllable by an external midi device.	
Select switch	Select the switch.
SW type	OFF: no midi control CC momentary: controlled by a momentary CC command. CC toggle CC range PC
MIDI port	The port the external midi controller is connected to
MIDI channel	The channel of the external MIDI controller
CC	The CC or PC number attached to the selected switch
MIDI learn	The VC device will detect the next PC or CC message it will receive on any port and set it for this MIDI switch
SAVE & EXIT	Save changes and exit
Cancel	Do not save changes and exit

PROGRAM SWITCHES	
See chapter Programming the VC device for details	

LED SETTINGS	
LED brightness	Will set the brightness of the neopixel LEDs. Usually set low as these can be very bright! 255 really hurts my eyes.
Backlight Bright	Brightness of RGB backlights (only works for RGB model)
Virtual LEDs	Show LED state in displays! This only works on the VController.
FX off is dimmed	When enabled an FX LEDs will dim when it is switched off. This way you can see the colour of the effect type. When disabled an FX LEDs will switch off when it is switched off.
Global colour	Colour used for page and menu selection
MIDI PC colour	Colour of a MIDI PC LED
MIDI CC colour	Colour of a MIDI CC LED
MIDI note colour	Colour of a Midi note LED
MORE...	Opens more led settings
SAVE & EXIT	Save changes and exit
Cancel	Do not save changes and exit

MORE LED SETTINGS	
BPM colour	Colour of the tap tempo and set tempo LED
BPM sync colour	Colour of the tap tempo LED when tempo is controlled by an external MIDI clock
BPM follow colour	Colour of the tap tempo LED when tempo following is active
Return	Return to the previous menu

FX colours menu	
Has the Helix FX colour system by default	
GTR/COSM colour	Default: white
PITCH FX colour	Default: cyan
FILTER FX colour	Default: purple
DIST FX colour	Default: pink
AMP FX colour	Default: red
MOD FX colour	Default: blue
DELAY FX colour	Default: green
REVERB FX colour	Default: orange
LOOPER colour	Default: white

WAH colour	Default: cyan
Dynamics colour	Default: yellow
SAVE & EXIT	Save changes and exit

MIDI ADVNCD MENU	
Read MIDI clock	Will allow receiving a MIDI clock from a specific MIDI port or all MIDI ports
Send MIDI clock	Will allow sending a MIDI clock to a specific MIDI port or all MIDI ports
Bass mode G2M channel	The Guitar to midi channel (default: 1)
Bass mode device	The device that is used for bass mode
Bass mode CC	The cc number that is used to control bass mode on through assigns on the device (default CC #15)
Bass mode vl	The minimum velocity that is needed to activate a string. Set this value lower if Bass mode does not respond. Set this value higher if higher payed strings are not blocked through bass mode.
HighNotePriotyCC	The cc number that is used to control high note priority through assigns on the device (default CC #16)
Follow tempo G2M	Can be DISABLED, OFF or ON. When DISABLED, it will not switch on by single pressing the tap tempo switch.

MIDI FORWRD MENU	
1: Source port	Set the source port for MIDI rule 1
1: Dest port	Set the destination port for MIDI rule 1
1: MIDI filter	Set the filter of MIDI rule 1. Can be set to the following settings: BLOCK ALL MIDI: No midi is forwarded FORWARD ALL MIDI: All messages are forwarded ALL BUT SYSEX: all MIDI messages apart from system exclusive MIDI messages are forwarded FWD PC ONLY: Only MIDI program change messages are forwarded FWD CC ONLY: Only MIDI continuous controller messages are forwarded FWD NOTES ONLY: Only MIDI note on/off messages and pitch wheel messages are forwarded FWD SYSEX ONLY: only system exclusive messages are forwarded
2: Source port	Set the source port for MIDI rule 2
2: Dest port	Set the destination port for MIDI rule 2
2: MIDI filter	Set the filter of MIDI rule 2
3: Source port	Set the source port for MIDI rule 3
3: Dest port	Set the destination port for MIDI rule 3
3: MIDI filter	Set the filter of MIDI rule 3
Bi-directional	Set which of the MIDI rules above will forward their data in both directions. Can be NONE, Only rule 1, Only rule 2, Rule one and 2, Only rule 3, Rule 1 and 3, Rule 2 and 3, ALL RULES

CALIBRATION MENU	
Select exp pedal	Will show the expression pedal that is being calibrated. This value is updated automatically by rocking the connected expression pedal
Set Max (Toe)	Set the expression pedal to toe position and then press this button
Set Min (Heel)	Set the expression pedal to heel position and then press this button
Auto Calibrate	Will delete the current Min and Max setting and allow the expression pedal to auto calibrate on first use.

FIRMWARE MENU	
Init settings	Will initialize all menu settings to their default values
Init commands	Will initialize all programmed commands to the four example pages that were on your VC device when you first got it.
Init ALL patches	Will initialize all device patches stored on your VC device to the default patch settings.
Program mode	Will put your VC device in firmware upgrade mode. See Firmware upgrade for details.
Reboot	Will reboot your VC device
EXIT	Will exit this menu

Programming the VC device internally

On a VC device you can program 1737 commands on 200 user pages. Any switch can execute up to 50 commands. Both internal and external switches, expression pedals and encoders can be programmed

When you press a switch on your VC device it will check if there are any commands programmed on the current page for this switch. If no commands are found, your VC device will check if there is a command on the default page and execute that one.

I usually program the external switches on the default page. This way these switches will perform the same action on any page. But you do have the option to “override” default behavior on certain pages by programming a command for these switches on these pages. This allows for a very flexible setup.

PROGRAM SWITCHES	
PAGE	Select a page you want to edit. You can also choose the default page or a new page here.
SWITCH	Select the switch on the page. You can choose internal switches, external switches or “on page select” here.
COMMAND	The command you want to edit
EDIT PAGE NAME	Here you can edit the name of the selected page
EDIT SWITCH NAME	Here you can edit the label of the selected switch
EDIT COMMAND	Press this switch to edit the command
MORE...	To clear pages, switches, labels or commands
DECREASE VALUE	Will decrease the value of the last selected parameter (page, switch or command)
EXIT	Will exit this menu

Pressing EDIT COMMAND will take you to the following menu:

PROGRAM SWITCHES	
DEVICE	Common Functions, GP10, GR55, VG990, G3, MS70cdr or Current device. Use current device to make one page suitable for several devices.
COMMAND	Select a command
Parameters...	Depends on the command

DECREASE VALUE	Will decrease the value of the last selected parameter (device, command or parameter)
SAVE CMD	To save the command
EXIT	Will exit this menu

Common commands

Your VC device has the following common functions:

Command	Parameters	Description
NO COMMAND	-	
PAGE	Type: SELECT, BANK SELECT, BANK UP/DOWN, NEXT, PREVIOUS	Will open the specified page
TAP TEMPO	-	Global tap tempo
SET TEMPO	BPM	Set global tempo to specified value
GLOBAL TUNER	-	Enable global tuner
MIDI PC	Program, channel, port	Send a MIDI program change message to the specified channel and port. Set port to ALL PORTS when port is unknown.
MIDI CC	Number, toggle type, max, min, channel, port	<p>Send a MIDI continuous controller message to the specified channel and port. Set port to ALL PORTS when port is unknown.</p> <p>Toggle types: ONE SHOT: send max value on press, nothing on release MOMENTARY: Send max value on press and min value on release TOGGLE: Send max and min value on subsequent presses TOGGLE_ON: Same, but default LED state is on. RANGE: use this for expression pedals STEP: first press sends min value. Every subsequent press increases value by one until max value is reached. UPDOWN: change parameter between min and max value by holding the switch</p>
MIDI note	Note, velocity, channel, port	Send a MIDI note message to the specified channel and port. Press sends note on message. Release sends note off message
NEXT DEVICE	-	Select the next connected device

Device commands

Command	Parameters	Description
PATCH	Type: SELECT, BANK SELECT, BANK UP/DOWN, NEXT, PREVIOUS	To select a patch.
PARAMETER	Parameter, Toggle type, Value(s)	<p>Control a fixed parameter on the device.</p> <p>Toggle types: MOMENTARY: Send max value on press and min value on release TOGGLE: Send max and min value on subsequent presses</p>

		TRISTATE: Select one of three values to the device. FOURSTATE: Select one of four values to the device. STEP: first press sends min value. Every subsequent press increases value by the value entered under step until max value is reached. RANGE: use this for expression pedals UPDOWN: change parameter between min and max value by holding the switch
ASSIGN	Type: SELECT, BANK SELECT, BANK UP/DOWN,	To control an assign on a device. When selecting an assign a default trigger is given. You can choose other cc-numbers if you prefer, but for FC300 controls on the VG99 the default triggers have to be used.
SNAPSHOT/SCENE	Number	Used for selecting snapshots on Helix and scenes on the AxeFX
LOOPER	FUNCTION	Looper control. The following commands can be set: LOOPER_SHOW_HIDE – Hide or show looper on target device LOOPER_PLAY_STOP LOOPER_REC_OVERDUB LOOPER_UNDO_REDO LOOPER_HALF_SPEED LOOPER_REVERSE LOOPER_PLAY_ONCE LOOPER_PRE_POST – works for M13 only LOOPER_REC_PLAY_OVERDUB 9 - KPA looper option LOOPER_STOP_ERASE 10 - KPA looper option
MUTE	-	Mute the device (US20 mode)
SEL DEVICE PAGE	Page	Selects a page and sets the current device.
SEL NEXT PAGE	-	Go to DEVICE PAGE #1 - 4 (see Device settings). Pressing this button again will open the next page of this device.
TOGGLE MASTER EXP	-	Will give a button where the funcgtion of the Master Expression Pedal is set.
MASTER EXP PEDAL		Control the master expression pedal. Use this command for expression pedals only.

Using VC-edit

Installing VC-edit

Find the latest version here:

https://github.com/sixeight7/VController_v3/tree/master/Firmware/VC-edit%20compiled

Note: if the compiled file is corrupt, download the entire zip file of the repository and use the zip file in the repository.

For Windows select the latest version of VC-edit.zip. Unzip the folder and run VC-edit.

For Mac download the latest version of the VC-edit.dmg file from the same location. Open the dmg by clicking on it and drag VC-edit to your Applications folder on your Mac.

Setting up VC-edit

There is now one version of VC-edit that can control all VC devices. Before you can use it, you must go to Settings – preferences and set the Device Mode to match your VC device. Also you can set the MIDI ports here.

Using VC-edit

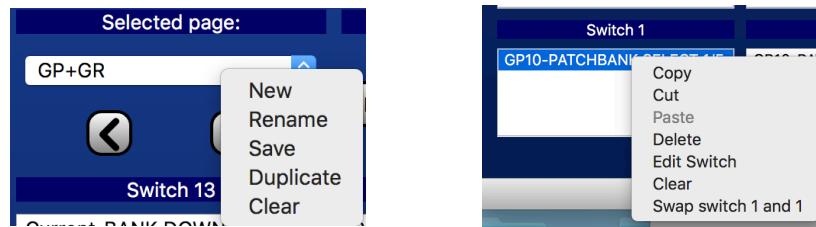
Whenever you open VC-edit it will download all commands, Katana patches and settings from the VController VC-mini or VC-touch. If no device is connected, or VC-edit is set to the wrong VC device or if the version number of your VC device does not match the version number of VC-edit, a default configuration will be shown. This will allow new users to explore the possibilities of your VC device from VC-edit.

To manually read the configuration of your VC device, press the following buttons:

Read pages from VController on the Page commands tab or on the External switch commands tab. Both buttons do exactly the same. Only one has to be pressed.
Read settings from VController on the Settings tab of your VC device.

Or you can open a .vcd file, by going to File – Open or pressing control – O on PC or command-O on a Mac.

Now you can change the configuration of your VC device. You can find the VC-edit commands in the top menu where also the keyboard shotcuts are given. Also right clicking on the selected page combobox or on the switch command lists will give you context menus.



The order of the commands can be changed by dragging them in the switch command lists. Also commands can be copied by dragging them from one command list to another.

With the arrow left and right keys you can navigate between the Command fields.

You can open the command editor by double clicking a command field or by pressing enter on your keyboard.

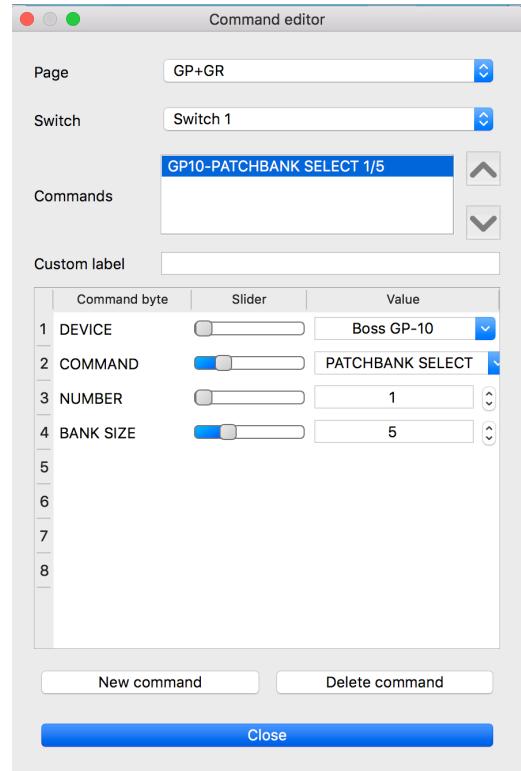
In the command editor you can use the sliders and combo boxes to change values of the commands.

The order of the commands can be changed by pressing the up and down button on the right of the Commands list.

With the buttons at the bottom of the command editor you can create new commands or delete them.

The command editor must be closed before the main VC-edit window becomes responsive again.

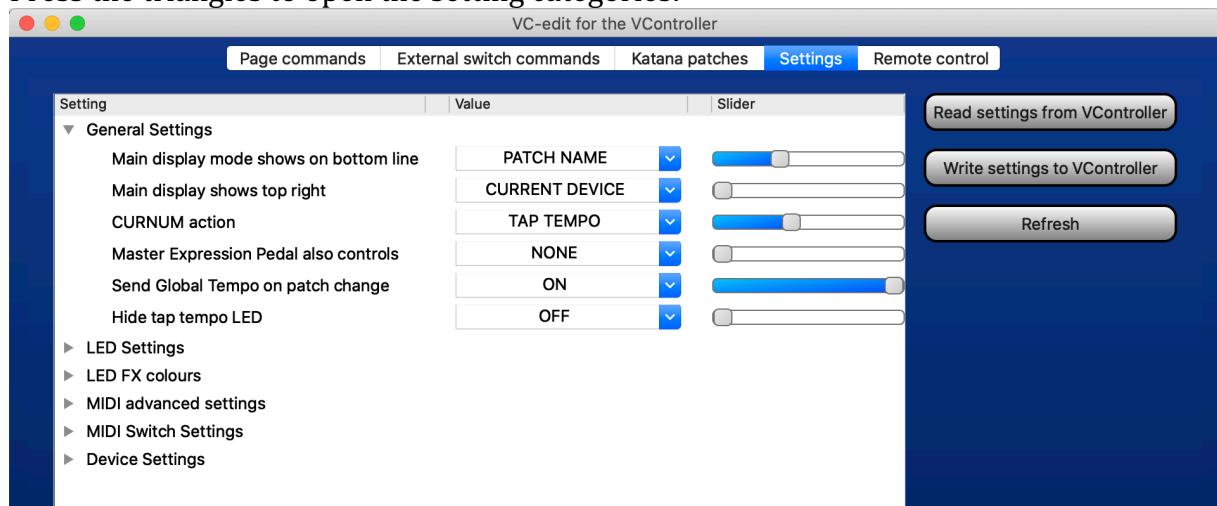
When the programming of commands is done, press **Write pages to VController** to upload the full configuration to your VC device.



Changing settings

On the Settings tab you can find the settings of your VC device. Always press **Read settings from VController** before making changes, so you do not accidentally change settings on the VC device to the default settings of VC-edit.

Press the triangles to open the setting categories:



After changing settings, press **Write settings to VController** to upload them to the VController, VC-mini or VC-touch.

Backing up Katana and SY1000 patches

It is possible to make a backup of device patches through VC-edit. This can be done on the Device patches tab page of VC-edit. Individual patches can be imported or exported. Also the patch or scene names can be changed by double clicking on a patch in the list.

Do note that VC-edit does not import Boss Tone Studio patches. It uses a proprietary format to store these patches.

To load/store patched in BTS format use either Boss Tone Studio or FXfloorboard manager. With the Katana MK2 these can be connected via the VC device . For MK1 you will need to swap the USB cable from the Katana between your PC/Mac and the VC device .

Adding external MIDI controllers

It is possible to control existing switches or MIDI switches (on the VC-mini) from an external MIDI controller.

Why would you want to do this?

- To add extra switches to the VC-mini
- To control functions on the VC device from the S1/S2 buttons of a GK pickup. I like to control tap/tempo and tuner. This allows me to quietly tap the tempo when playing in church before a song starts.

Making the connection:

Connect the MIDI output of the foot controller to a MIDI input on the VController, VC-mini or VC-touch. You can use both regular MIDI ports or USB MIDI ports for this.

Now we need to set this up:

Step 1: First you need to know what MIDI messages are being sent from the external MIDI controller. Your VC device can respond to PC and CC messages. And there is a difference whether the CC message is coming from a switch or from an expression pedal.

Say you have a MIDI controller that sends the following messages:

PC messages from 0 – 100 on MIDI channel 1

Extra switch that sends CC #10. Value 127 when pressed and zero when released.

Left expression pedal: CC #7

Right expression pedal CC #14

A quick way to make these settings is to use the MIDI learn function on your VC device. You will find MIDI learn in the MIDI switch menu.

Step 2: Set these messages to control a physical, external or MIDI switch.

Say we have a VC-mini. We want to use the PC-messages to select patches on the current device, the extra switch should select the next device, the left switch should control whatever the function is of the expression pedal of the VC-mini and the right switch should always control volume on the Katana. The MIDI controller is connected to the MIDI 1 port.

We want to map the PC messages to MIDI switch 1

CC #10 will be mapped to MIDI switch 2

Left expression pedal will be mapped to the expression pedal of the VC-mini

Right expression pedal will be mapped to MIDI switch 3

Start VC-edit and go to the settings tab. Now expand MIDI switch settings:

Here are the settings for MIDI switch 1:

▼ MIDI Switch 1 / SW4

Type

Midi port

Midi channel (1 - 16)

CC (0 - 127)

PC	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MIDI 1	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The value of CC does not matter when setting a PC Type message.

Here are the settings for MIDI switch 2:

▼ MIDI Switch 2 / SW5

Type

Midi port

Midi channel (1 - 16)

CC (0 - 127)

CC MOMENTARY	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MIDI 1	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Here are the settings for the expression pedal of the VC-mini:

▼ Ext 1 / Exp1

Type

Midi port

Midi channel (1 - 16)

CC (0 - 127)

CC RANGE	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
USB MIDI	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

And finally the settings for MIDI switch 3:

▼ MIDI Switch 3 / SW6 (CC MOMENTARY #26 - ch:9)

Type

Midi port

Midi channel (1 - 16)

CC (0 - 127)

CC RANGE	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MIDI 1	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Now we need to set a function for MIDI switch 1 – 3, so the switches will actually do something. The easiest way is to set the functions on the default page. That way all pages will execute these functions. You can also set it in specific pages and have different functionality for the switches on each page, but that is more work.

Once all settings have been made, we need to upload them to the VC-mini by pressing:

Write settings to VController

Go to the External switch commands tab and double click MIDI Switch 1/SW 4:



A new window will open. Here you can make the following settings:

	1	2	3
1	SWITCH TRIGGER	ON PRESS	▼
2	DEVICE	Current Device	▼
3	COMMAND	PATCH	▼
4	SELECT TYPE	SELECT	▼
5	PATCH NUMBER	0	▼
6	PATCH BANK (1...	0 - 99	▼

These will select the PATCH on the Current Device.

Press Close to save.

Now go to MIDI switch 2 and make the following settings:

	1	2	3
1	SWITCH TRIGGER	ON PRESS	▼
2	DEVICE	Common Functions	▼
3	COMMAND	NEXT DEVICE	▼

And on MIDI switch 3 make the following settings:

	1	2	3
1	SWITCH TRIGGER	ON PRESS	▼
2	DEVICE	Boss KATANA	▼
3	COMMAND	PARAMETER	▼
4	PARAMETER	FOOT VOL	▼
5	TOGGLE TYPE	RANGE	▼
6	MIN VALUE	0	▼
7	MAX VALUE	100	▼

You should now see all the settings in the main screen:



Now press **Write pages to VController** to upload the command pages to the VC-mini.

You are now ready to test the external MIDI controller.

Firmware updates.

Updating your VC device

Find the latest firmware for your VC device on Github:

https://github.com/sixeight7/VController_v3/tree/master/Firmware/Compiled

In this folder you can download a hex file. Right click on the hex file and select Save as...

To install the firmware on your VC device you need the following tool:

<https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/loader.html>

Follow the instructions on the PJRC website to install the tool for your operating system.

To install the firmware, take the following steps:

1. Connect the VController VC-mini or VC-touch to your computer using a USB cable
2. On your VC device go to the MENU and choose FIRMWARE MENU – Program Mode. Your VC device is now ready to receive the firmware.
3. Start the Teensy loader. You should see the following three buttons:



4. Press the first button to open the hex file. You may get an error here saying hex file too large. You need to play around a bit with the loader and the VC-mini. The loader needs to detect the type of Teensy, and it sometimes struggles to do this the first time you try. Try restarting the Teensy loader and try restarting the VC-mini - do go back to Program Mode (see step 2.)
5. Press the second button to upload it to your VC device
6. Press the third button to reboot your VC device. This should reboot the VC device with the new firmware.

The procedure above describes how to upload already compiled firmware to your VC device. There will be a guide soon, that will show you how to install the full Arduino IDE and the procedure to compile and upload the firmware yourself.

Updating the Raspberry Pi

You can contact me to download a newer version of the RPi configuration. I am still developing a good way to offer these images online.

The default password for Debian Jessie is on the RPi (user: pi, password: raspberry). Proceed at your own risk.

Appendix 1: SY1000 scene parameter list

The following parameters are controlled through SY-1000 scenes.

Common parameters:

<u>Inst 1, 2, 3</u>	Amp and effects		
On/Off	Normal sw	Ns sw	FX1 sw
Inst type	Comp sw	EQ1 sw	FX1 type
Nor mix sw	Dist sw	EQ2 sw	FX2 sw
Alt tune sw	Dist Solo sw	Delay 1 sw	FX2 type
12 string sw	Amp sw	Delay 2 sw	FX3 sw
Bend	Amp Solo	Master Delay sw	FX3 type
	Gain sw	Chorus sw	Div ch sw
	Amp bright sw	Reverb sw	S/R loop sw

Instruments guitar mode:

Dynasynth	OSC synth	GR300	E.GTR	E.Bass	Acoustic	VioGtr	PolyFX
Waveform	Mode	MODE	Type	Type	Type	Type	Type
Filter sw	Wav1	COMP	PU select	PU select	PU sel	PU sel	Filter
LFO1 sw	Wav2	ENC	Amp sw	Rear on	Amp	Tone type	polarity
LFO2 sw	Mono/Poly	PITCH sw	Gain sw	Bass on	Gain sw	Eq sw	Tone type
SEQ1 sw	Porta	DUET	Solo sw	Rhythm/solo	Bright sw	Ns sw	Comp sw
SEQ2 sw	LFO1 sw	SWEEP	Eq sw	Tone type	Solo sw		Ns sw
TURBO1 sw	LFO2 sw	VIBRATO	Ns sw	amp sw	Eq sw		
TURBO2 sw	SYNC sw		Bright sw	gain sw	Ns sw		
	HOLD MODE			Solo sw			
	Filter sw			Ns sw			

Instruments bass mode:

Dynasynth	OSC synth	GR300	E.Bass	Ac.Bass	E.Gtr	PolyFX
Waveform	Mode	MODE	Type	Gain sw	Type	Type
Filter sw	Wav1	COMP	PU select	Solo sw	PU sel	Filter
LFO1 sw	Wav2	ENC	Treble on	Bright sw	Amp	polarity
LFO2 sw	Mono/Poly	PITCH sw	Bass on	Ns sw	Gain sw	Tone type
SEQ1 sw	Porta	DUET	Rhythm/solo	Eq sw	Bright sw	Comp sw
SEQ2 sw	LFO1 sw	SWEEP	Tone type	Amp sw	Solo sw	Ns sw
TURBO1 sw	LFO2 sw	VIBRATO	Amp sw		Eq sw	
TURBO2 sw	SYNC sw		Gain sw		Ns sw	
	HOLD MODE		Solo sw			
	Filter sw		Eq sw			

Appendix 2: Making an RRC2 to DIN-7 cable (for VG-99)

To make an RRC2 to DIN-7 cable, take an existing CAT 5 or CAT6 cable and replace one of the RJ45 connectors with a DIN-7 plug.

First check if the existing cable has been wired according to T-568A or T-568B standard, by checking if the colours match the correct diagram below. Then use the correct diagram for the DIN-7 side.

The view of the DIN-7 pin is the solder side of the plug.

RJ45 side – T-568A	DIN-7 side
RJ45 Pinout T-568A	7-pin Male DIN Solder side

RJ45 side – T568B	DIN-7 side
 568B	7-pin Male DIN Solder side

Specifications

VController

Weight	3.350 grams
Dimensions:	343 x 232 x 70 mm
(depending on bends and switches)	
DC power:	9V at 500mA (1A with internal RPi)
Measured current:	240 mA (basic model with Buydisplay displays)

RPi enclosure

Weight:	175 grams
Dimensions:	114 x 85 x 33 mm
DC power:	9V at 500mA (1A with VController powered as well) 5V at 1A though the micro USB is also possible, but the VController cannot be powered this way.
Measured current:	150 mA (with no external devices connected)

VC-mini

Weight:	305 grams
Dimensions:	129 x 80 x 48 mm
DC power:	9V at 500mA (1A with USB devices as well)
Measured current:	135 mA (with no external devices connected)

VC-touch

Weight:	1.450 grams
Dimensions:	315 x 218 x 70 mm
DC power:	9V at 1A (2A with USB devices as well)
Measured current:	600 mA (with no external devices connected)