Chapter 1 Front Panel

Front Panel Quick Reference

This section describes features common to both the rack versions of the K2500 (K2500R and K2500RS) as well as the keyboard versions of the K2500 (K2500, K2500S, K2500X, and K2500XS). The buttons and sliders that are unique to the keyboard models are described on page 1-4.



Volume Knob/ Slider

Controls mixed audio outputs and headphone jack only. Does not send MIDI Volume (MIDI 07).

Mode Buttons

Press any of these eight buttons to enter the corresponding mode.

Chan/Bank Buttons

Scroll through the layers of the current program while in the Program Editor. Scroll through the zones in the current setup while in Setup mode. Scroll through the Quick Access banks while in Quick Access mode.

Edit Button

Functional in most modes. Press Edit to modify the currently selected object or parameter. If it's not editable, pressing Edit will do nothing.

There are editors available from every mode but Disk mode. The effect of pressing Edit in each of the modes is listed below.

When in this mode—Pressing the Edit button...

Program mode—	enters the Program Editor, where you can edit the currently se- lected program. Chapter 6 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> covers the Pro- gram Editor.
Setup mode—	enters the Setup Editor, where you can edit the currently selected setup. Chapter 7 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> describes the Setup Editor.
Quick Access mode—	enters the Quick Access Editor, where you can change the pro- gram or setup assigned to the bank slot that was selected when you entered the Quick Access Editor. See Chapter 8 in the <i>Performance</i> <i>Guide</i> .
Effects mode—	enters the Effects Editor, where you can edit the currently selected effects preset. Chapter 9 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> explains the Effects Editor.
MIDI mode—	enters the Velocity Map or Pressure Map Editor if the Velocity or Pressure Map parameter is selected on either the XMIT page or the RECV page. See Chapter 17 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> . Enters the Pro- gram Editor if the Program parameter is selected on the CHANLS page. See Chapter 6 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> .
Master mode—	enters the Velocity Map, Pressure Map, or Intonation Table Editor if the VelTouch, PressTouch, or Intonation parameter is selected.
Song mode—	enters the Song Editor. The Song Editor is discussed in Chapter 12 in the <i>Performance Guide</i> . Enters the Program Editor if the Program parameter is highlighted when Edit is pressed.
Disk mode—	has no effect.

Soft Buttons

Functions change depending on current display page. Function of each button is displayed on bottom line of display.

EXIT Button

Press to leave various editors. If you've made any changes while in the editor, you will be prompted to save them.

Cursor Buttons

Press the corresponding button to move the cursor up, down, left, or right in the display. Different parameter values will be highlighted as buttons are pressed.

Alpha Wheel

For data entry. Rotate clockwise to increase value of currently selected parameter, counterclockwise to decrease.

Plus / Minus Buttons (- and +)

Under the Alpha Wheel. Press to increase or decrease the value of the currently selected parameter by the smallest possible amount.

Alphanumeric Pad

For Numeric Characters

Enter the value numerically instead of using the Alpha Wheel or Plus/Minus buttons. Press ENTER when finished. Press CANCEL to restore a parameter to its previous value. Pressing CLEAR is equivalent to pressing 0 without pressing ENTER.

For Alphabetic Characters

When naming objects, you can use the alphanumeric pad to enter letters instead of numbers. If you're renaming a program, for example, just position the cursor under the character you want to change, then press the corresponding numeric button, as labeled. Press the button as many times as necessary to enter the desired character. Pressing CLEAR will enter a space before the selected character. The "0" button will enter the numerals 0–9 when pressed repeatedly.

Here's an example. To enter the letter "C" in a blank space, press "1" three times. You can press the +/- button before or after entering the letter.

The CANCEL button is equivalent to the soft button, and ENTER is the same as OK. The CLEAR button replaces the currently selected character with a space. The "+/-" button toggles between uppercase and lowercase letters.

When you press the +/- button on the alphanumeric pad, the currently selected character (the one with the cursor under it) will switch from upper case to lower case, and vice versa. The +/- button is a toggle; that is, if you switch from lower to upper case, all further entries will be in upper case until you press the +/- button again.

There are several punctuation characters available as well, but they can be entered only with the Alpha Wheel or Plus/Minus buttons. The punctuation characters are between "z" (lower case) and "0."

Special Alphanumeric Pad Functions

When you're in Quick Access mode, the Alphanumeric pad can be used to select the entries in the current Quick Access bank. The layout of the alphanumeric pad corresponds to the layout of Quick Access bank entries as seen on the Quick Access mode page.

There's also a shortcut for selecting different QA banks while in QA mode. Just press the +/- or CLEAR button on the alphanumeric pad, and you'll be prompted to enter a bank number. Type the desired number on the alphanumeric pad, then press ENTER. The bank will be selected, and you'll return to the Quick Access page.

You can also use the alphanumeric pad to select strings to search for in the currently selected list of objects, and to enter new strings to search for. The search function is described fully in Chapter 3 in the *Performance Guide*.



Lastly, rack users can play notes from the numeric keypad by holding down the Cancel button while pressing alphanumeric buttons. This, too, is described fully in Chapter 3 in the *Performance Guide*.

The Display

You may want to adjust the contrast of the display for different lighting conditions. The Contrast parameter in Master mode lets you set the contrast to your liking.

MIDI LED

Lights when the K2500 is receiving MIDI information at its MIDI In port.

Special Keyboard Functions

This section describes the buttons and sliders that are unique to the keyboard models of the K2500. Features common to both rack and keyboard models are described starting on page 1-1.



Solo button

Mutes all zones in Setup except the current one. The button of the zone being soloed glows red.

Mixdown button

Brings up the Mixdown screen, as shown below. From this screen you can choose how the K2500's physical sliders will function during MIDI mixdown. In the example below, the physical sliders A-H will control the volume level of MIDI channels 1-8. By pressing the **Pan** soft button, you would change the function of the physical sliders to control panning for channels 1-8; or, you could press the **9-16** soft button to have the physical sliders affect channels 9-16.

You can also use the cursor buttons to highlight the pan or volume control for a channel and use the alpha wheel or increment/decrement buttons to change the pan or volume level. In the screen below, for example, you could use the alpha wheel to control panning on channel 9 at the same time that you are using the physical sliders to control volume on channels 1-8.

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MIDI Faders button

When you press the MIDI Faders button, the K2500's physical sliders will take on the functions assigned on the current MIDI Faders page. From the MIDI Faders display you can define four different "pages" that define how the K2500's physical sliders will work. In the display shown below, for example, the eight sliders are each defined to send controller 6 (data) on the channels 9 through 16. Press one of the page soft buttons to use (or create) a different page of MIDI fader assignments. Use the **Send** soft button to transmit values without moving the faders.

The MIDI Faders pages will be saved with the Master table object.

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Assignable Controllers (buttons 1-8 and sliders A-H)

The function of these controllers will depend on how they've been defined within a setup.

SW1, SW2

The function of these controllers will depend on how they've been defined within a setup.

Record, Play/Pause, Stop

These buttons duplicate their namesake soft buttons in Song mode, allowing you to conveniently record, play, pause, and stop the current song.

Special Button Functions

The mode buttons, as well as few of the other buttons, have additional functions, as described below. When you're in the Program or Setup Editor, they have special functions, as indicated by the green labeling under each button, and they also work as track mutes on the Mixer page of Song Mode.

Program / Mute 1	When you're in the Program Editor, this button will mute Layer 1 of the current program or the currently displayed layer for drum programs. While in the Setup Editor, it will mute Zone 1 of the current setup, if the setup has three or fewer zones; mutes current zone in setups with more than three zones. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 1 or 9.
Setup / Mute 2	When you're in the Program Editor, this button will mute Layer 2 of the current program, if any. For drum programs, solos currently displayed layer. While in the Setup Editor, it will mute Zone 2 of the current setup, if the setup has three or fewer zones; solos current zone in setups with more than three zones. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 2 or 10.
<i>Q Access</i> / Mute 3	When you're in the Program Editor, this button will mute Layer 3 of the current program, if any. For drum programs, solos currently displayed layer. While in the Setup Editor, it will mute Zone 3 of the current setup, if the setup has three or fewer zones; solos current zone in setups with more than three zones. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 3 or 11.
<i>Effects</i> / FX Bypass	When you're in the Program Editor, pressing this button will bypass (mute) the preset effect assigned to the current program, letting you hear just the sound of the layer(s) you want to hear. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 4 or 12.
<i>MIDI</i> / Prev pg	In the Program Editor, pressing this button will take you to the previously selected editing page. The K2500 remembers the four most recently selected pages, so you can press this button up to four times to backtrack through the pages you've viewed. Pressing it a fifth time will take you back to the ALG page. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 5 or 13.
<i>Master</i> / Mark	This is handy for marking Program Editor pages that you use frequently. Pressing this button will mark the currently selected page. You can mark as many pages as you like. Then you can use the Jump button to select the marked pages in the order you marked them. Marked pages will show an asterisk in the top line of the display, just before the name of the page. A marked page can be unmarked by pressing the Mark button while the page is visible. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 6 or 14.
<i>Song</i> / Jump	Use this button to jump to pages in the Program Editor that you've marked with the Mark button. This will cycle through all the currently marked pages in the order they were marked. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 7 or 15.
<i>Disk</i> / Compare	This button works in most editors, and lets you compare your edits with the original version of the object you're editing. When you press the Compare button, the display changes to remind you that you're listening to the original version. Press any button to return to the currently selected page of whatever editor you're in. On MIXER page of Song mode, mutes either track 8 or 16.
<i>Chan/Bank</i> / Layer/Zone	In the Program Editor, these buttons let you scroll through the layers in the currently selected program. In the Setup Editor, you can scroll through the zones. In the Effects Editor, you can scroll through the effect configurations. In the Quick Access Editor, they scroll through the entries in the currently selected Quick Access bank. In the Keymap Editor, they scroll through the velocity levels of multi-velocity keymaps. In Song mode, switches record track.
Edit	Whenever the selected parameter's value is an editable object or a programmable parameter, pressing the EDIT button will take you to that object's editor, or to the parameter's programming page.

Special Button Functions: Double Button Presses

Pressing two or more related buttons simultaneously executes a number of special functions depending on the currently selected mode. Make sure to press them at exactly the same time.

In This Mode:	<i>These Buttons:</i> (Pressed simultaneously)	Will Do This:		
PROGRAM MODE	Octav-, Octav+	Reset MIDI transposition to 0 semitones. Double press again to go to previous transposition.		
	Chan-, Chan+	Set current MIDI channel to 1.		
	Plus/Minus	Step to next Program bank (100, 200, etc.)		
MASTER MODE	CHAN/BANK	Enables Guitar/Wind Controller Mode.		
SONG MODE	left/right cursor buttons	Toggle between Play and Stop.		
	up/down cursor buttons	Toggle between Play and Pause.		
	Plus/Minus	Select Quantize Grid values on MISC page and Edit Song:TRACK Quantize page. Select duration for a step on Edit Song:STEP page. Increment Ga- teTime by 20% intervals on Edit Song: STEP page		
	CHAN/BANK	Select all tracks on any Edit Song:TRACK page.		
DISK MODE	2 leftmost soft buttons	Issue SCSI Eject command to currently selected SCSI device.		
	CHAN/BANK	Hard format SCSI device. List selected objects when saving objects.		
	left/right cursor buttons	Select all items in a list. Move cursor to end of name in naming dialog.		
	up/down cursor buttons	Clear all selections in a list. Move cursor to begin- ning of name in naming dialog.		
PROGRAM EDITOR	CHAN/BANK	Select Layer 1.		
KEYMAP EDITOR	Plus/Minus	With cursor on the Coarse Tune parameter, tog- gles between default Coarse Tune of sample root and transposition of sample root.		
SAMPLE EDITOR	2 leftmost soft buttons	Toggle between default zoom setting and current zoom setting.		
	Plus/Minus	Set the value of the currently selected parameter at the next <i>zero crossing</i> .		

Special Button Functions: Double Button Presses

In This Mode:	These Buttons: (Pressed simultaneously)	Will Do This:
ANY EDITOR	Plus/Minus	Scroll through the currently selected parameter's list of values in regular or logical increments (varies with each parameter).
	2 leftmost soft buttons	Reset MIDI transposition to 0 semitones. Double- press again to go to previous transposition.
	Center soft buttons	Select Utilities menu (MIDIScope, Stealer, etc.).
	2 rightmost soft buttons	Sends all notes/controllers off message on all 16 channels (same as Panic soft button).
	left/right cursor buttons	Toggle between Play and Stop of current song.
	up/down cursor buttons	Toggle between Play and Pause of current song.
SAVE DIALOG	Plus/Minus	Toggle between next free ID and original ID.