

Behringer Poly D Ctrlr panel documentation and instructions

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Introduction

Hi! Thanks for having purchased this Ctrlr Behringer Poly D panel!

The panel is only a patch loader/saver on computer as the Behringer Poly D does not support the load/save of programs or the manipulation of program parameters by Midi NRPN/CC messages except for Global settings that can be managed and transferred to the Poly D. It can thus also be called a "patch mapper".

It will support you in saving and retrieving Poly D patches on your PC but gives you also the possibility to exchange them with other users as they are stored as sysex files.

The look and feel has been respected but of course it would be stupid to not benefit of the computer possibilities. Therefore, you also get a display of the current parameters value, a graphic display of the envelopes, the ability to store and indicate the input/output patches, etc...

Despite careful testing it is possible that some bugs remain. Please contact sunny.synths@gmail.com if you find one so they can be corrected as soon as possible.

In the same spirit, contact sunny.synths@gmail.com as well if you would like some enhancement on the panel.

By that, please have a look on this manual to have an idea of the way of using it and its features. Enjoy making music with your Poly D and have fun!

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About this v1.0 version

This 1.0 version is the initial version of this panel.

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Installation and features

Installation of the Ctrlr panel

The panel is provided as a compressed .zip file containing:

- the Behringer Poly D panel as an .exe file on Windows PC
- the Behringer Poly D panel as an .app file on Mac OS (zip folder to be uncompressed)
- the Behringer Poly D panel as VST 32 bits and 64 bits for Windows PC
- the Behringer Poly D panel as VST and AU plugins for Mac OS
- this manual as PDF
- a folder containing programs from the Minimoog patch book and from the Minimoog user manual
- a chart with the CC mapping in order to use the panel with a controller

For the PC standalone version, decompress the zip file anywhere on your PC then copy the **Behringer Poly D v10.exe** file in some directory and launch it. The file may be scanned by your antivirus program (Avast on my computer) and should return no issue. If any, they are false and probably due to the fact that the program is not officially referenced.

For the Mac OS standalone version, decompress the zip file anywhere on your Mac then decompress the Behringer Poly Dv10.app.zip. You may have to open the **Behringer Poly D v10.app** file using Ctrl+click as it may not be recognized by the OS.

The program will directly display the Ctrlr window with the Poly D panel displaying its main tab.





It is possible that the top row buttons are not responding after the initial installation (first try the Init button for ex.). Simply close the program and restart it. The issue should be solved.

For the installation of the plugins, please refer to Installing and using the Poly D panel as plugin on page 25 further in this manual.

Features

You will find the following features in the Behringer Poly D panel:

- Behringer Poly D interface with same look as actual synthesizer
- Top row of support "screens" with old look
- Visual feedback by using "LED" ring buttons and indication of the value (on change or on click)
- Envelopes graphs handled by mouse or classical ADS rotary encoder and Decay switch
- Load / Save programs from individual .syx files
- Easy program renaming
- Display and export of program parameters as text file
- Ability to describe 9 input/output colored patch cables with different sources/destinations
- Programs have a name, author, save date and description. They can be associated to a category
- Ability to describe the usage of each program in a step by step mode (up to 15 steps)
- Browser of the files on the disk with playing of associated wav file if any
- Conversion of Sunny Synths' Model D program files into Poly D ones
- Patch sheet tab with patch sheet for Poly D and other gear (external synths/sequencer/FX)
- Program settings management with automatic/manual send to the Poly D synth
- Global settings management with automatic send to the Poly D synth (as Behringer Synthtool)
- Automatic reading of wav files associated to a patch
- Manual/Automatic reading of any wav file
- All buttons associated to a Midi CC controller number so you can adjust them from a hardware controller (still no impact on the synth of course and unfortunately).

Communication with your Poly D synth



If you don't want to manage global settings or if your Poly D is not connected by USB or Midi to your PC then you can skip this section.

Preliminary info

As mentioned in the introduction of this manual, the Behringer Poly D synthesizer does not support the load/save of programs or the manipulation of program parameters by Midi NRPN/CC messages.

It does however support the modification of global settings via sysex commands (see p40 and 41 of the Poly D manual). Unfortunately, it is also not possible to know/read the state of the global settings; only to send a message to set their value.

Connection setup

You can connect your Poly D and your computer in different ways but this is the most standard one.

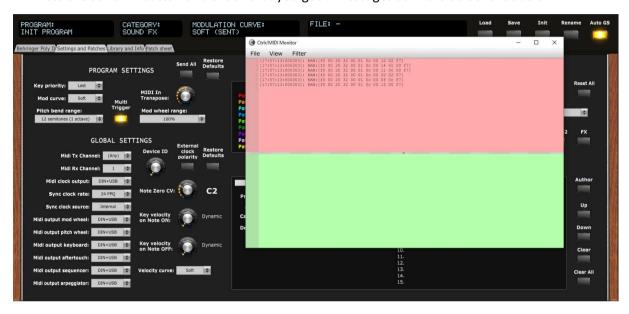


- Connect the Poly D to the computer by USB or Midi DIN
- Power the Poly D On
- Start the Poly D panel
- In the Midi menu, select Input Device Poly D
- In the Midi menu, select Input Channel 1 (set this to the Midi Tx channel of your Poly D)
- In the Midi menu, check that Controller Device is set to None
- In the Midi menu, select Output Device Poly D
- In the Midi menu, select Output Channel 1 (set this to the Midi Rx channel of your Poly D). This
 is done to send Global Settings
- Quit the panel and re-open it

Testing the Midi connection

We can now test the Midi connection:

- Press some keys on your keyboard and confirm you get some sound from the Poly D
- On the panel, press the Auto GS button so this is activating the automatic send of all changes done on global settings related to the current program to your synth
- In the Tools menu of the panel, select Midi monitor and in the new monitor popup check On Monitor input and Monitor Output in the View menu
- Press the Send All button and check that you get 6 messages as in the screenshot below



You can also:

- Play a note on your keyboard and move the pitch bend to its max. The range should be the default one at 12 semitones
- In the panel, select the second tab and change the Pitch bend range to 2 semitones (or another low amount) in the Program settings section
- Verify that the last message in the Midi Monitor output section is like f0 00 20 32 00 01 0c 00 11
 02 00 f7
 - the number before the last 00 F7 will depend on your choice of pitch bend range
- Play the keyboard and move the pitch bend to its max. The range should now be much lower.
- Change the Pitch bend range to 12 semitones in the Program settings section
- Verify that the last message in the Midi Monitor output section is like f0 00 20 32 00 01 0c 00 11
 0c 00 f7
 - Oc before the last 00 F7 means 12
- Play the keyboard and move the pitch bend to its max. The range should now be back to its default value

Way of working

As you will discover by yourself, the usage of the panel is pretty straightforward but there are anyway different specific things you should know... ©

Using the buttons and modifying parameters

You modify parameters using rotary encoders by clicking on the button then moving the mouse cursor vertically up or down.



You can also modify any rotary encoder based parameter by hovering the mouse on the button then using the mouse scroll wheel.

Toggle buttons are modified by simply clicking on them. There is no left/right; up/down effect; just a simple toggle between the two positions



Momentary push buttons are activated by simply clicking on them (what a surprise...). They will momentary flash.



Permanent toggle buttons are activated by simply clicking on them (what a surprise...). They will stay highlighted until the next click.



Parameters presented as pulldowns are modified by opening the pulldown and selecting one of the pull-down items.



LED's are automatically set On or Off in function of the position of their corresponding buttons.

Quick reset to default value

Most of the rotary encoders have default values set and you can quickly revert to this preset default value by double-clicking on the button. Try with the Oscillator-2/3/4 Freq Adjust encoders.

Opening and closing the panel

When closing the panel (either by using **File – Quit** or by clicking on the upper right red cross) the file of the last program loaded or saved is stored.

When opening the panel, it is checked if the last file used still exists (could have been renamed or moved or deleted). If not found, the Init program is loaded (in the same way as when loading the panel for the first time. If found, it is restored so you can continue your work where you left it.





The same is done with the root folder of the File browser (see Library and Info tab on p20).

Top panel area



In the top panel area you find 4 feedback "screens", 5 buttons and 4 tabs:

- The first screen displays the **name** of the current program
- The second screen displays the **category** of the current program
- The third one indicates the parameter currently modified and its value
- The fourth one displays the latest sysex file loaded, its author and the save date
- The **Load** button allows loading a sysex file from disk
- The **Save** button saves the current program to a sysex file on disk
- The Init button reset all parameters to an Init program
- The Rename button allows renaming the current program
- The Auto GS button enables/disables the automatic send of global settings related to the current program
- The Behringer Poly D tab displays the synth
- The Settings and Patches tab is used to manage the global settings related to each program, the global settings more generic to the synth, allows the registration of 9 different input/output patches, the identification of two external synths and FX. It also allows modifying the category, the author, the description and a step by step usage of the current program
- The Library and Info tab provides the file browser that allows the selection of sysex files or the
 ability to listen to wav files, the display and the export of the parameters of the current program
 as text file and gives About info of the panel. It is also here that you will find the manual panel
 zoom that is memorized.
- The Patch sheet tab displays automatically the Behringer Poly D patch sheet with all parameter values (as in the manual) but with the addition of author, date, external synths and FX names and 12 external input/output connections

Loading a Behringer Poly D program

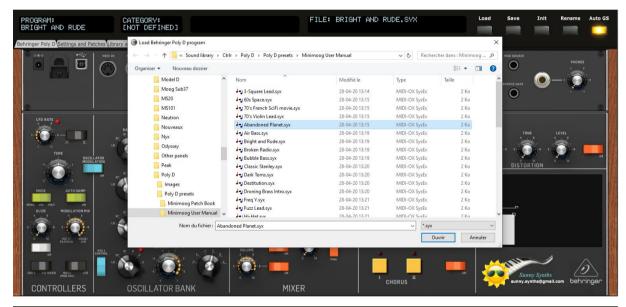
The panel loads and saves the program parameters as a 1350 bytes sysex file (.syx) from/to your computer.

Clicking the **Load** button opens a classical Open file dialog where you can select the file to load. An internal check is done to verify that the file is compatible with the Behringer Poly D panel. The parameters are loaded, the top screen is showing the name of the file, the author and the saved date and a confirmation dialog is shown.

If the **Auto GS** (Automatic send of Global Settings) button is lit, the panel will send the Global settings related to the program you are loading to your Poly D synth. Nothing will happen if your synth is not connected by Midi/USB or if your synth is on another Midi channel than the one set in the MIDI menu of the panel.



Verify the Auto GS button before loading a program. If lit, the panel will send the Global settings related to the program to your Poly D synth at load.





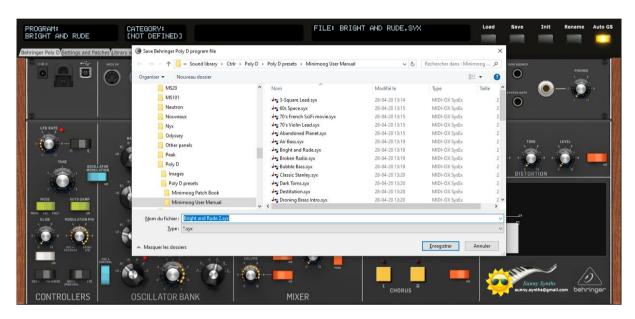
Saving a Behringer Poly D program

The panel loads and saves the program parameters as a 1350 bytes sysex file (.syx) from/to your computer.

Clicking the **Save** button opens a classical Save file dialog where you can enter the name of the file to save. At this stage it is needed to select an existing file if you want to overwrite it. In that case, you will get a confirmation message.

Once the parameters are saved, the top of the screen displays the name of the file, the author (as set in the *Settings and Patches* tab) and the saved date (thus, the current date) in ISO format *yyyy-mm-dd*. A confirmation dialog is also shown.

The panel stays on the current tab after a Save is done.





Program Init

Clicking the **Init** button loads the parameters for an Init program that has the following characteristics:

Global settings at program level at their default value (as in Poly D synth manual p40)

Key priority: LASTMod curve: SOFT

Pitch wheel range: 12 semitones

Multi trigger: ON
Midi In transpose: 0
Mod Wheel Range: 100%
All parameters at 0 or OFF





Program Rename

Clicking the **Rename** button opens a popup window where you can modify the name of the program. The name should be 20 characters long at max (will be truncated if longer).



Please note that the program name can (of course) be different than the file name the program is saved in.

Behringer Poly D tab

In the **Behringer Poly D** tab, you have access to the same parameters as on the actual synthesizer including the ones close to the keyboard but have also the possibility to visualize the filter and loudness envelopes and to adjust them by moving the anchors of the graphs.

Please refer to the Behringer Poly D user manual

(https://www.behringer.com/Categories/Behringer/Keyboards/Synthesizers-and-Samplers/POLY-D/p/POD9J) for the explanations of each encoder/button.



The third top screen is showing the name and the value of the parameter you are modifying.

Doing a single click on any rotary encoder is displaying its name and current value without that you need to modify it.

LED's are automatically adapted as follows:

- LFO Rate LED is Off when the LFO Rate is at 0, otherwise On. It doesn't blink at the set rate and stays steady
- OSC's LEDs are On or Off according to the position of the respective oscillator's On/Off toggle buttons. Thus, not according to the key presses as n the actual synth.
- Chorus' LEDs are On or Off according to the status of respective choruses. LED's are staying in their state whatever the position of the Chorus On/Off switch is. This is as on the actual synth.

Envelope shapes

You can modify the envelope shapes by either turning the ADS encoders and/or pressing the DecayOn button or by using the mouse and moving the anchors on the graphs either vertically or horizontally.





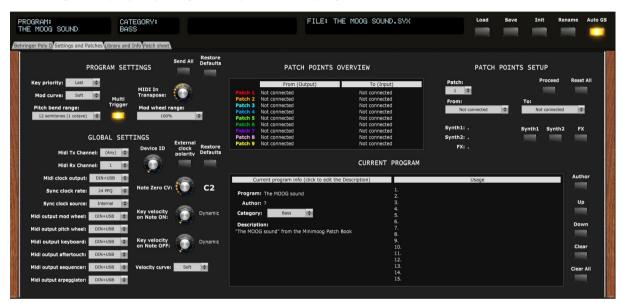
When moving the anchors, the corresponding ADS encoders will also turn and the parameter name and value be displayed in the screen of the top panel area.

The **DecayOn** toggles between No release stage (DecayOn=Off) and a Release stage equal to the Decay stage (DecayOn=On). This button is setting identical release time as the decay for both envelopes and is adapting the envelopes graphs accordingly.

Settings and Patches tab

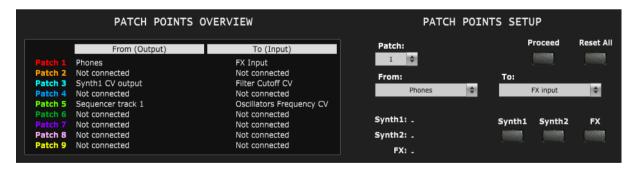
In the **Settings and Patches** tab, you can:

- manage 6 Global settings related to the current program
- manually send or restore defaults Global settings related to the current program
- manage and directly send to the synth 17 others Global settings. Those are not stored
- set/indicate up to 9 from/to patches
- adapt the name of the external synths and FX that could be connected to your Poly D
- adapt the current program category, author and description (click on the current description to edit it)
- manage a step by step usage description of the program



Patch points

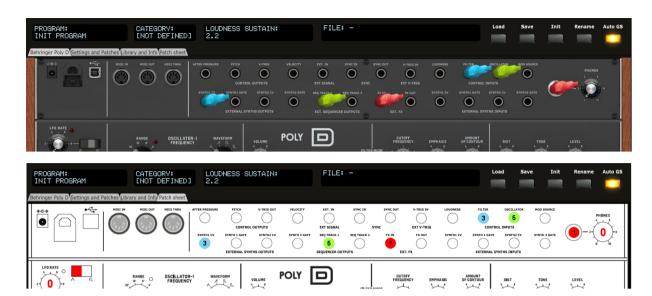
You modify the from/to patches as follows:



Clicking anywhere on a patch line (label, input, output, blank space) will select the patch to be modified and display its values in the pull-downs. You modify the "From" source and/or "To" destination and press the Proceed button to make the change.

You can also directly select a patch in the Patch pull-down then modify the From/To and press Proceed.

Patches are numbered 1 to 9 and have a color assigned to them. When a from/to patch is set in the **Settings and Patches** tab, corresponding patch cables are displayed on the main Poly D tab and corresponding colored numbered circles are displayed on the patch sheet.



Numbered circles are used to help colorblind people.

Available "From" sources are the output patch points of the synthesizer plus a few additional external ones: "Not connected", "After Pressure", "Pitch", "V-Trig Out", "Velocity", "Sync Out", "Phones", "Synth1 CV output", "Synth2 CV output", "Synth1 Gate output", "Synth2 Gate output", "Sequencer track 1", "Sequencer track 2", "FX output"

Available "To" destinations are the input patch points of the synthesizer plus a few additional external ones: "Not connected", "Ext. input", "Sync In", "V-Trig In", "Loudness Contour CV", "Filter Cutoff CV", "Oscillators Frequency CV", "MOD source", "Synth1 CV input", "Synth2 CV input", "Synth1 Gate input", "Synth2 Gate input", "FX Input"

Clicking the **Author** button opens a popup window where you can modify the name of the author of the patch. The name should be 15 characters long at max (will be truncated if longer). If you leave the Author name empty then a "?" is displayed.

Clicking the **Synth1** button opens a popup window where you can modify the name of a synth connected to your Poly D. The name should be 11 characters long at max (will be truncated if longer). If you leave the Synth1 name empty then a "-" is displayed.



Clicking the **Synth2** button opens a popup window where you can modify the name of a second synth connected to your Poly D. The name should be 11 characters long at max (will be truncated if longer). If you leave the Synth2 name empty then a "-" is displayed.

Clicking the **FX** button opens a popup window where you can modify the name of a FX chain connected to your Poly D. The name should be 15 characters long at max (will be truncated if longer). If you leave the FX name empty then a "-" is displayed.

Global settings (related to current program)

You can manage six Poly D global settings related to the current program:

- Key priority
- Modulation curve
- Midi In Transpose
- Pitch Bend range
- Mod Wheel range
- Multi Trigger

Those settings are saved in each program sysex file and thus loaded with them.

The **Auto GS** button on top of the panel allows you to automatically send to the Poly D synth the global settings at program load or when each individual global setting is modified.

If you don't want this automatic send at load/change, keep the **Auto GS** button unlit and use the **Send All** button to send all global settings when you need it.

The parameter display will show (sent) or (unsent) to indicate what is happening.



You can change each individual global setting related to the current program or reset all of them to their default values by pressing the **Restore Defaults** button.

Global settings (not specific to current program)

You can also manage all the other Poly D global settings:

- Device ID
- Midi Tx and Rx channels
- Velocity Info
- Note Zero CV

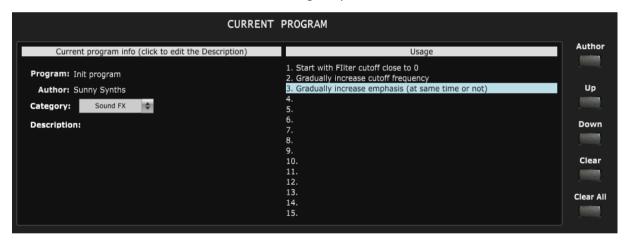
- Midi Clock Output
- External Clock Polarity
- Sync Clock Rate
- Sync Clock Source
- Midi Output Modulation Wheel
- Midi Output Pitch Wheel
- Midi Output Keyboard
- Midi Output Aftertouch
- Midi Output Sequencer
- Midi Output Arpeggiator

Those settings are **not** saved in each program sysex file and are simply directly send to the synth (whatever the status of the Auto GS button is).

You can change each individual global setting or reset all of them to their default values by pressing the **Restore Defaults** button.

Step by step usage of the current program

You can manage the description of the usage of the current program by using up to 15 usage steps. For example: gradually increase resonance; increase echo time; increase amp release; decrease cutoff... The idea is to be able to illustrate the usage of your sound in a more live environment.



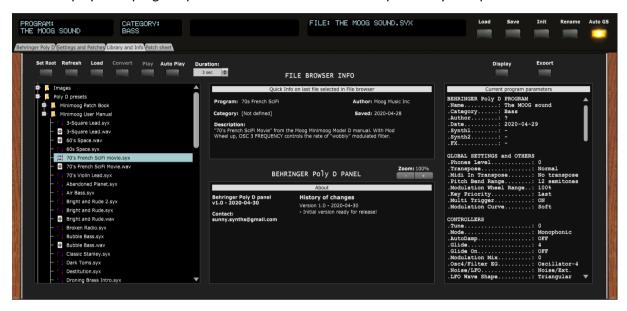
The actions to use the usage steps are:

- double-click on a step line to input or modify a step (max 50 characters by line)
- Use Up and Down buttons to move a step around
- Use Clear or the Delete key to erase a step
- Use Clear all to erase all steps

Library and Info tab

In the **Library and Info** tab, you have access to:

- a file browser that gives you directly information about the clicked file without having to load it
- the settings when playing a wav file
- an About screen giving you information about the panel version and the history of changes
- the Panel zoom buttons keeping the zoom factor in memory till next usage of the panel
- the display of all program parameters as a text file with the possibility to export it



File browser

The **File browser** allows you to navigate on your disk and browse through presets. It works as follows:

- Click on any file to display some info (name, category, author, saved date, description) about it in
 the Quick info window. If you click on a non-Poly D or .wav file then it will be indicated. When
 Auto Play is activated, clicking on a .wav file will play it automatically for the chosen duration and
 clicking on an Poly D .syx file will make the corresponding .wav file play automatically as well (if a
 wav file with the same name as the Poly D.syx file is found)
- Double-click on a file to load it (Poly D .syx file) or play it (.wav file) directly. A popup will be displayed if you do this on a not recognized file type
- Use the **Set Root** button to select the folder where your presets are (at this stage, the patch saver doesn't remember the location after you quit it). Note that you must at least have one file in the selected directory in order to have **Set root** functioning.



Sometimes the Set Root doesn't work (displays nothing or stays on the currently selected root directory). I have still not found the reason (thought it was due to no file being present in the folder; only subfolders but seems not to be always the case).

Temporary workaround: just select one level higher. Sorry...

- Use the Refresh button to refresh the list after having saved several files or added files outside the patch save
- Use the Load button to load the selected file and display its parameters

- The Convert button becomes active when a Sunny Synths' Model D file is recognized. Convert
 allows you to transform a Model D program (your own ones or some received from other users)
 into a Poly D one
- Use the Play button to manually start playing a .wav file

Way file play settings



Wav files will be played for the duration set in the Duration pulldown (3s, 5s, 10s or Full).

Activating **Auto Play** will automatically trigger the play of the .wav files OR trigger playing the .wav file corresponding to the clicked Poly D .syx file (if found). If there is no corresponding .wav file then nothing happens.



If some wav files are playing but not others, check that you are not using special characters in the filename. The panel can handle single quotes but maybe not other characters.

Panel zoom

The panel can be zoomed by using the Ctrl + or Ctrl – keys combinations. This is also available from the **View** menu.



Using that method is incrementing/decrementing the zoom factor by 10% steps but the main issue (for some users) is that the zoom factor is not memorized and thus at next usage the zoom is back at 100%.

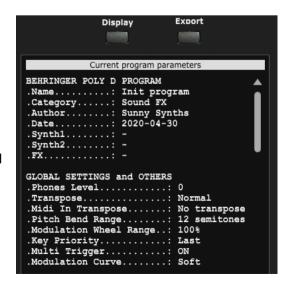
This is the reason of the implementation of this "manual" zoom. Modifying the zoom factor using those buttons is changing the zoom by 5% steps and will make it keep the zoom factor for next usage.

If you are still modifying the zoom using the View menu or the Ctrlr + / Ctrlr – keys, no worries! The "manual" zoom is reading the current zoom factor on the panel each time one of the main top panel button is used (Load, Save, Init, Rename).

Display and Export info

On the right side of the panel, you have access to Program parameters:

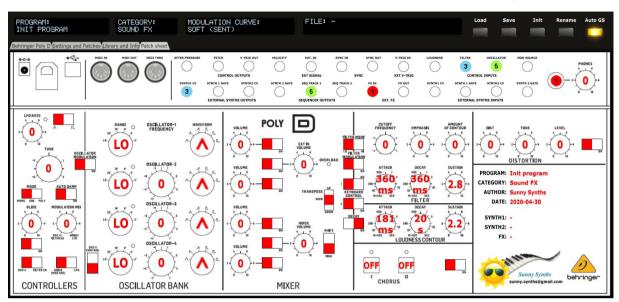
- Use the **Display** button to list the parameters of the current program
- Use the Export button to export as a .txt file the parameters of the current program (it is not needed to first display them before exporting)



Patch sheet tab

In the **Patch sheet** tab, you have access to:

- A one shot view of the values of all parameters, patch cable connections and program info



The content of this tab is adapted automatically. Directly ready for a screenshot!

Installing and using the Poly D panel as plugin

First of all, thanks to all people that have made some tests and provided feedback from using the plugin with their DAW.

The following paragraphs will provide info on how to install the plugin version of the panel but also describe the way to use it and the known limitations for each DAW.



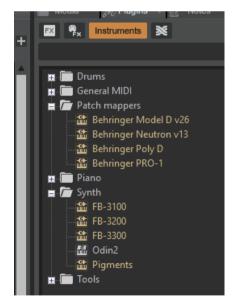
If your DAW is not listed, please perform some tests as described and send me the equivalent of text and screenshots. I'll add those in the next version of the manual.

Installation

On Windows PC, depending on your DAW version and after unzipping the main file, either copy the **Behringer Poly D.dll** file from the Windows VST 64 bits directory to your 64 bits plugins directory and/or the **Behringer Poly D.dll** file from the Windows VST 32 bits directory to your 32 bits plugins directory (Steinberg hosts often use C:\Program Files\Steinberg\VSTplugins as the default plugin path).

On Mac OS, unzip then copy the **Behringer Poly D.vst** file from the MacOS VST directory to your VST plugin directory (/Library/Audio/Plug-ins/VST) and copy **Behringer Poly D.component** file from the MacOS AU directory to your plugin directory (/Library/Audio/Plug-ins/Component). You will most probably need administrator rights to perform those copies.

Start your DAW and check that the plugin directory is rescanned and that the **Behringer Poly D** panel is visible in your list of plugins. Here is an example in Cakewalk (a light blue scanning popup is displayed as soon as a file is added or modified in the identified 64 bits VST plugins folder):



Tests and identified limitations

Different DAWs have been tested and some way of working presented here.



Don't hesitate to send a mail to sunny.synths@gmail.com if you see errors or identify ways of doing things in your DAWs. They will be mentioned in the next version of the manual.

The following actions are checked:

- Creating a track using the plugin
- Displaying the instrument and checking all controls are working fine including Load/Save...
- Playing a wav file from the file browser. The DAW is often using ASIO while the wav files are played with the Windows or MacOs native player
- Saving and opening a project in the DAW. This is checking that the last patch saved is restored correctly. As in standalone mode, the last patch used is restored (not the last position of the knobs!)
- Creating a second track with the plugin
- Saving and opening a project in the DAW. This is checking that there can be different tracks using the plugin with each of their last patch saved restored correctly.
- Creating a preset in the DAW. Each DAW has different ways to do this. At this stage it is not
 possible to load .fxp presets without issues. Creating preset can also be done by saving full
 channel strips that are including the VST instrument setup (Cakewalk, Reaper, Logic)
- Creating a track by selecting a DAW preset instead of selecting the plugin. Checks if the correct patch is restored. When working, this is done by loading a saved channel strip.
- Replacing a DAW preset by another DAW preset



Replacing the DAW preset in a track by another DAW preset: **this should not be done** except for Reaper/Logic when presets are saved as FX chains / channel strips and can be replaced.

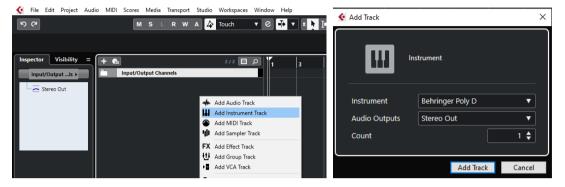
The workaround is to always use the LOAD and SAVE buttons from the Poly D panel itself.

	Cubase	Cakewalk	Reaper	Ableton	Studio 1	Logic
Create track	V	\forall	\forall	\forall	\forall	\forall
Using the plugin	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	V	V
Play wav	\checkmark	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	V
Save and restore project in DAW	V	V	V	V	V	V
Save and restore project with 2 tracks	\checkmark	\checkmark	V	\checkmark	V	V
Create DAW preset	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Create track based on DAW preset (saved channel strip)	V	\checkmark	\forall	X	✓	V
Replace DAW preset by another DAW preset	X	X	\checkmark	X	X	>

Cubase

Creating a new track

Add an Instrument track by using the Add track menu displayed when right clicking in the middle of the workspace then select the Behringer Poly D VST. Click on the Instrument button to display the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version.



...or by dragging and dropping from the VSTi panel (easier).



Listening to wav files associated a patch is also working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Cubase while the wav file player is Windows.

When saving the Cubase project, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

You can associate the panel to several tracks in order to keep track of the different patches used for them



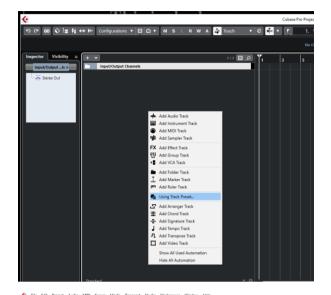
Saving a patch as a Cubase preset

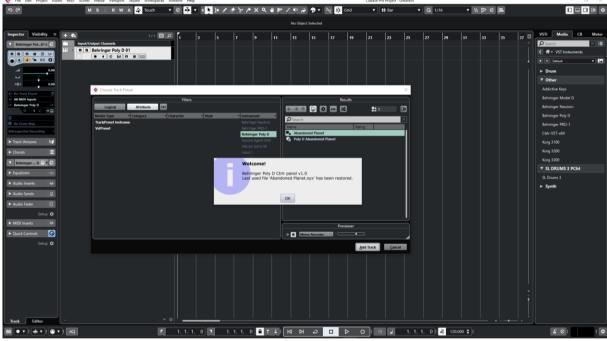
You should save your patches using the Save button **inside** the panel but in addition to that you can also save them as Cubase preset by selecting **Save track preset**. Later on, the content of the panel as is can be restored directly in a new track without the need of a Load from the panel



Creating a new track from a Cubase preset

When creating a new track you can directly pick **Using track preset** from the menu. The patch will appear in the panel on a new track without the need of a using Load from the panel





Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

This should not be done as it will open a series of popup windows that you will have to close one by one.

The workaround is just to create a new track with the wished preset or to use the Load button or the File Browser inside the panel to change patch.

Cakewalk by Bandlab

Creating a new track

Drag the Poly D plugin from the Instruments plugin window (Synths) and drop it on the main window to create a new track.

Click on the instrument icon near the track name to display the panel.



Load a preset from inside the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version.

Listening to wav files associated a patch is also working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Cakewalk while the wav file player is Windows or MacOs.

When saving the Cakewalk project, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

Works fine. To keep several plugin windows opened at once you need to pin them first (pin icon on top right of a plugin window). Patches and windows are restored when re-opening the project.

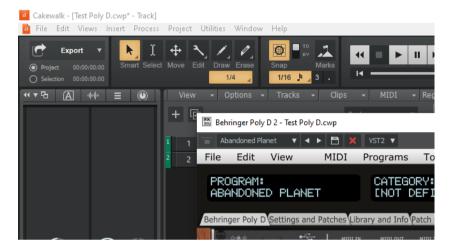


Saving a patch as a Cakewalk preset



While it is possible to save a preset, it is not possible to load/change a preset from the panel without having a series of popup windows opening one after each other (just click Cancel). The workaround is thus to always use the LOAD and SAVE buttons from the Poly D panel itself.

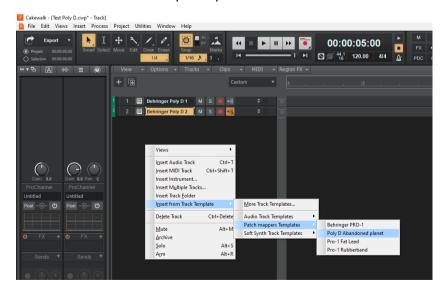
It is possible to save the current patch as a Cakewalk preset by changing the name at the top of the plugin window (here "Destitution") then clicking on the Save button. However – see last paragraph – it is not possible to load a preset in a nice way



Creating a new track from a Cakewalk preset

Not found... It seems it is always needed to first create a track with the instrument plugin and then to select a preset (but this doesn't work – see next paragraph).

Another possibility would be to save each preset as a separate track template then to create the track from those track template "presets".



Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

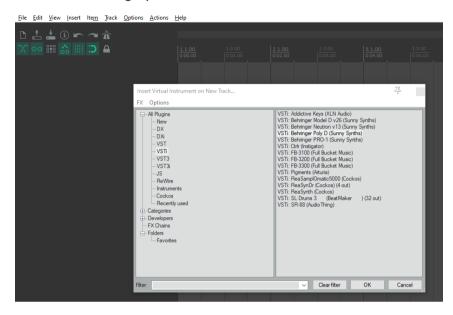
This is not working and should not be done. Changing preset is triggering the opening of several popup windows (just click Cancel for each window).

Reaper

Reaper is available on Windows and MacOS. On MacOS, Reaper is supporting both VST and AU plugin versions.

Creating a new track

Select Insert virtual instrument on new track in the Track menu then select the Behringer Poly D VST from the VSTi category



Click on the FX button to display the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version (right-clicking instead of direct click gives only the plugin window without the blank side area)



Listening to wav files associated a patch is also working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Reaper while the wav file player is Windows or MacOs.

When saving the Reaper project, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

Works fine:



Saving a patch as a Reaper preset

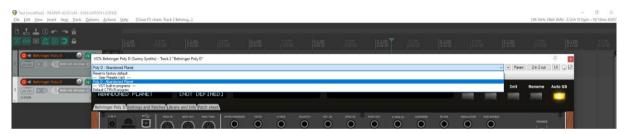
Two different methods are possible:

- Save FX chain Right click on VST name in white area of plugin window then select FX chain
- Save preset Click on the + button in the plugin window then name the preset



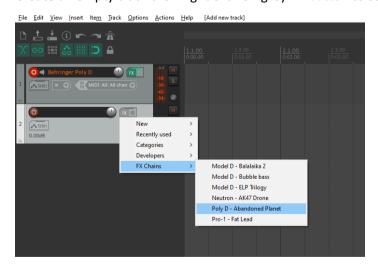


Presets are appearing under User presets



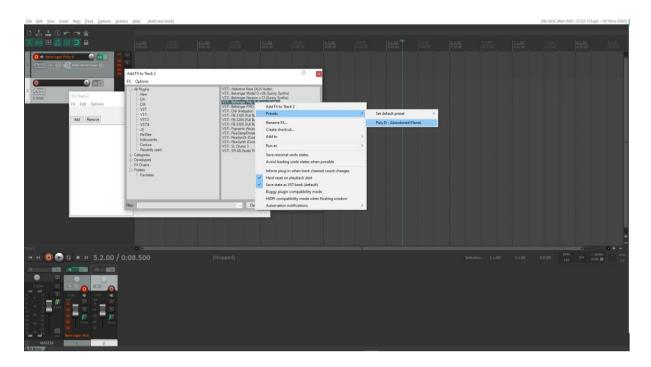
Creating a new track from a Reaper FX chain preset

Create an empty track then right click on grey FX button to select a saved FX chain



Creating a new track from a Reaper preset

This is not possible directly but well in two steps. First, create an empty track then click on grey FX button to display the Track FX window with the VST plugins list. Then, right click on the Poly D plugin and select a saved preset under Presets



Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

Click on the green FX button then in the FX track window, select the FX and press the Remove button.

Add the new one as described above.

Ableton

Status: This has been tested in Ableton Live Lite 10 and it is thus expected to work fine in the full versions. Loading Ableton .fxp saved presets is not working fine.

Creating a new track

Drag the Poly D plugin from the plugin browser and drop it on the main window to create a new track.

The panel should open automatically. If not, click on the small wrench icon in the small window at the bottom



Load a preset from inside the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version.

Listening to wav files associated a patch is also working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Ableton while the wav file player is Windows or MacOs.

When saving the Ableton project, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

Works fine. To keep several plugin windows opened at once you need to change the masking of plugin setup in Preferences. Patches and windows are restored when re-opening the project.



Saving a patch as an Ableton preset



At this stage, while it is possible to save a preset, it seems not possible to load/change a preset from the panel without having a series of popup windows opening one after each other (just click Cancel). The workaround is thus to always use the LOAD and SAVE buttons from the Poly D panel itself.

It is possible to save the current patch as an Ableton **.fxp** preset by clicking on the Save button in the small instrument window at the bottom. However – see last paragraph – it is not possible to load a preset in a nice way



Creating a new track from an Ableton preset

Not found... It seems it is always needed to first create a track with the instrument plugin and then to select a preset (but this doesn't work – see next paragraph).

Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

This is not working. Changing preset is triggering the opening of several popup windows for an unknown reason (just click Cancel for each window).

The workaround is just to use the Load button or the File Browser inside the panel to change patch.

Studio One

Status: This has been tested in Studio One 3.5 32 bits and 4.6 64 bits version.

Playing the wav file associated to a patch seems not working. Replacing a preset on a track by another one is also not working well.

Creating a new track

Drag the Poly D plugin from the plugin browser and drop it on the main window to create a new track.

The panel should open automatically. If not, click on the small Instrument editor icon on the right side of the track name.



Load a preset from inside the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version.

Listening to wav files associated a patch is not working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Studio One while the wav file player is Windows or MacOs.

When saving the Studio One song, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

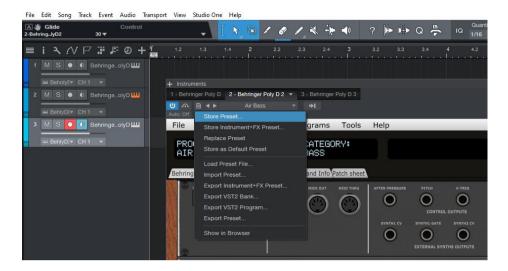
Works fine. The instrument editor is showing one tab by track:



Saving a patch as a Poly D Studio One preset

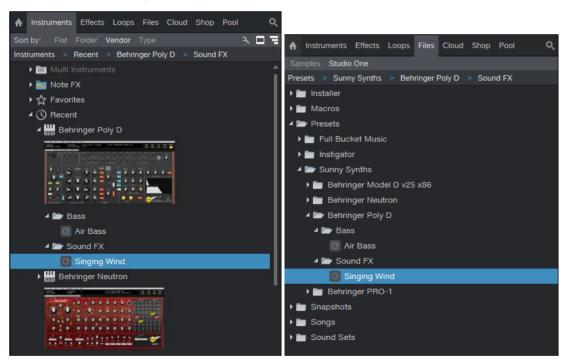
You can save the last patch saved in the panel as a preset in Studio One by selecting Store preset in the plugin window preset menu.

In the popup menu, input the name of a Subfolder corresponding for example to the sound category.



Creating a new track from a Studio One preset

The presets and their subfolders created with the above method are appearing directly in the browser under the Poly D VST name in the Instruments tab or in the Files tab



Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

This is not working well.

The workaround is just to create a new track with the wished preset or to use the Load button or the File Browser inside the panel to change patch.

Logic Pro X

Logic Pro X is only available on MacOS and handles only the AU plugin version so you must secure to have the Behringer Poly D.component plugin file in your AU plugin directory.

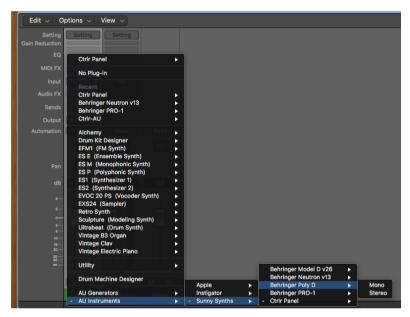


At the moment, in order to work with several tracks using the same Poly D plugin, you must save a Channel Strip Setting containing the Init patch (this is done only once, the first time you use the plugin) and create the new model D tracks based on that channel strip.

Afterwards, it is just a matter to change preset within the plugin using the Load button.

Creating a new first track

Create a new instrument track and select the Behringer Poly D plugin for it (under AU instruments) by clicking on the small Instrument editor icon on the right side of the track Input.



Click in the middle of the track Input to open the panel.



Load a preset from inside the panel and use it as you would do for the standalone version.

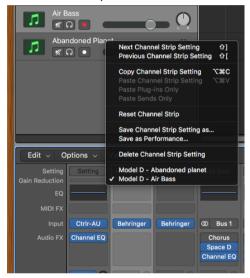
Listening to wav files associated a patch is also working even if ASIO is used as audio driver for Logic while the wav file player is MacOs.

When saving the Logic project, the panel is saved as well. It will be restored with the last patch used and saved.

Using several Poly D tracks at once

Works fine but needs a work around.

- Secure that you have a project with the Poly D plugin present on only one track. Press the Init button to load the Init patch
- Save the Init patch as a channel strip preset in Logic by clicking on the Setting button at the top of the channel strip in the mixer and selecting Save Channel Strip Setting as...



 New tracks can be created based on that Init channel strip (see after) and can then be changed afterwards to other patches with the Load button



Saving a patch as a Poly D Logic channel strip preset

You can save the last patch saved in the panel as a channel strip preset in Logic by clicking on the **Setting** button at the top of the channel strip in the mixer and selecting **Save Channel Strip Setting as....** Note that this is different than saving a plugin preset.

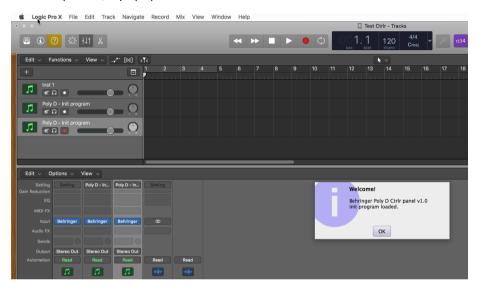
Creating a new track from a Logic channel strip setting

This is not possible directly but well in two steps. First, create a new Software Instrument track with an *Empty track channel* then click on the **Setting** button at the top of the channel strip in the mixer and select a previously saved channel strip setting.

Replacing the preset on an existing track by another preset

This is working well with **Channel Strips Settings**.

When replaced, a popup indicates that the Last file used "xxx" has been restored.



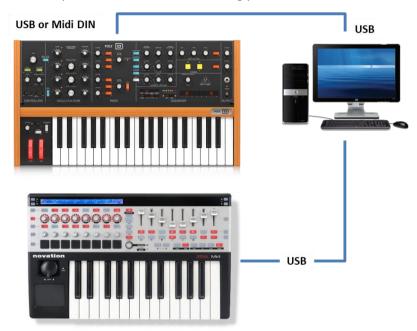
Using a controller to move the buttons

If you connected a controller like the Novation SL MkII then you can benefit from moving all knobs of the panel from your controller.

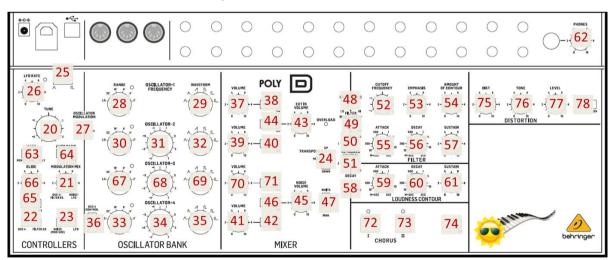
This has been achieved by assigning Midi CC controller numbers to all the knobs.

Of course, as nothing is changed in the hardware, moving the knobs from your controller will not affect the sound as such.

Connect your controller as on following picture:



Controller numbers are the following:



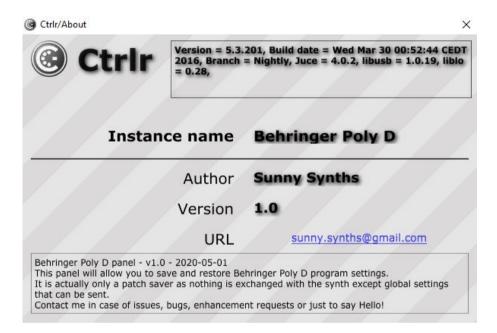
The main Ctrlr menus



Actually, not so much is used from the Ctrlr menus...

What you can use is:

- File menu: Quit is the only option
- View menu: allows zooming the panel in and out by 10% steps
- Midi menu: to select your Poly D as Output Midi device and to set its Midi channel; to set the Midi Thru (Input->Output)...
- Tools menu: use the Midi monitor popup to verify the messages between the panel and the synth
- Help menu: displays the About info of the panel



Appendix

Version history

Date	Version	Description	Ву
2020-05-01	1.0	First version of this manual	Sunny Synths

Poly D information

The Behringer Poly D product page:

https://www.behringer.com/Categories/Behringer/Keyboards/Synthesizers-and-Samplers/POLY-D/p/P0D9J

The Moog Minimoog Poly D product page:

https://www.moogmusic.com/products/minimoog/minimoog-model-d%C2%AE

Sysex file documentation

Here is the documentation of the sysex file used to store the parameters. It is 420 bytes long.

//	// Behringer Poly D - Sound data sysex structure - Size=1350 bytes v1.0 //					
Of	Offset is what is displayed with HxD Hexadecimal analyser					
ge	etByte() is also u	sing the	Offset to retrie	eve Bytes from sysex dump		
Th	This is just a structure used to save the data on the computer					
No	othing official or	unoffic	ial from Behrin	ger, just a decision made by me ;-)		
Th	nis data is not tra	ansferre	d by Midi			
10	00 = 64					
14	10 = 4C					
	Offset	Byte	content			
	+					
	0000	- 1	F0	Sysex start		
	0001-3	- 1	00 20 32	Behringer ID		
	0004-6		00 01 0C	Poly D		
	0007	-	01	Sound data		
	8000	-	00-64	Tune (32=0)		
	0009		00-02	Mode		
	0010		00-01	Autodamp On/Off		
	0011		00-64	Glide		
	0012		00-01	Glide On/Off		
	0013		00-64	Mod Mix		
	0014		00-01	Osc4 / Filter EG		
	0015		00-01	Noise / LFO		

 0016	00-01	LFO Wave Shape
 0017	00-64	LFO Rate
 0018	00-01	Osc Modulation
 0019-22	00-05	Osc Frequency Range
 0023-26	00-05	Osc Wave
 0027-29	00-8C	Osc Frequency Adjust (Osc 2,3 and 4) (46=0)
 0030	00-01	Osc4 Control
 0031-36	00-64	Volume (Osc1-4, ExtIn, Noise)
 0037-42	00-01	On/Off (Osc1-4, ExtIn, Noise)
 0043	00-01	Noise Color
 0044	00-01	Filter Mode
 0045	00-01	Filter Modulation On/Off
 0046-47	00-01	Kbd Control On/Off
 0048	00-64	Filter Cutoff (32=0)
 0049	00-64	Filter Resonance
 0050	00-64	Filter Amount
 0051	00-64	Filter Attack
 0052	00-64	Filter Decay
 0053	00-64	Filter Sustain
 0054	00-01	Decay On/Off
 0055	00-64	Loudness Attack
 0056	00-64	Loudness Decay
 0057	00-64	Loudness Sustain
 0058	00-64	Distortion
 0059	00-64	Distortion Tone
 0060	00-64	Distortion Level
 0061	00-01	Distortion On/Off
 0062	00-01	Chorus I
 0063	00-01	Chorus II
 0064	00-01	Chorus On/Off
 0065	00-64	Phones Level
 0066-74	00-0C	Patch source (1-9)
 0075-83	00-0B	Patch destination (1-9)
 0084-103	İ	Name (20 characters)
 00104	00-10	Category
 0105-400		Description (296 characters)
 0401-415		Author (15 characters)
 0416-425		Date (10 characters for ISO date yyyy-mm-dd)
 0426-436		Synth1 (11 characters)
 0437-447		Synth2 (11 characters)
 0448-458		FX (11 characters)
 0459		Not used
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 0960-1109			Usage line 11
 1110-1159			Usage line 12
 1160-1209			Usage line 13
 1210-1259			Usage line 14
 1260-1309			Usage line 15
 1310		00-18	Midi In Transpose (-12 to 12) (0C=0)
 1311			Not used
 1312		00-18	Pitch Bend range (0-24)
 1313		00-02	Key Priority
 1314		00-01	Multi Trigger On/Off
 1315		00-02	Modulation Curve
 1316			Not used
 1317		00-04	Modulation Wheel range
 1318		00-64	Phones Level
 1319		00-02	Transpose
 1320-1348			Not used
 1349	-	F7	End of sysex

