

# MIDIBox SpeakJet K64 Modul



## Introduction

K64 Modul is separated in 2 Applications - K64 and K2 SpeakJet Application:

K64 Application is a classic keyboard-controller to play MIDI Notes from retro C64 keyboard for separate UPPER- and LOWER-Keyfield Input. You can control MIDI events for specific channels too. So you can use it as mobile input device for external synthesizer or to use it as input keys for SEQV3 application. With an additional separate SpeakJet Modul you are able to control parameters for SpeakJet and SEQV3 at same time.

If a SpeakJet-Board is installed you can use the advanced functionalities "Text To Speech" Mode. This Mode allows you to write text phrases, which are processed directly in realtime by setup variation, speed and bend for every letter of a word/sentence. Text To Speech can be controlled via incoming MIDI Notes in several modes. Every letter can be replaced by variations in Realtime. German language is pre-configured.

All Text To Speech patches can be stored up to 8 external EEPROMs on a bankstick. 2048 patches (8x32k) or 4096 patches (8x64k) are maximum possible.

## Hardware

1x Core board + PIC18F452 for K64 application v2

1x Core board + PIC18F452 for next/last release of AC's K2 (or you can use the contained 2x16

K2mod test version) [speakjet\\_application\\_software\\_v\\_0.2](#) from audiocommander

1x SpeakJet board for the [midibox\\_speakjet](#) application from audiocommander

1x C64 PSU to connected Core boards with 5V DC, e.g. here: [mbhp\\_4xsid\\_c64\\_psu\\_optimized.pdf](#)

1x midiboxkb board [midiboxkb\\_-\\_using\\_a\\_c64\\_keyboard\\_as\\_input](#) from jambonbill

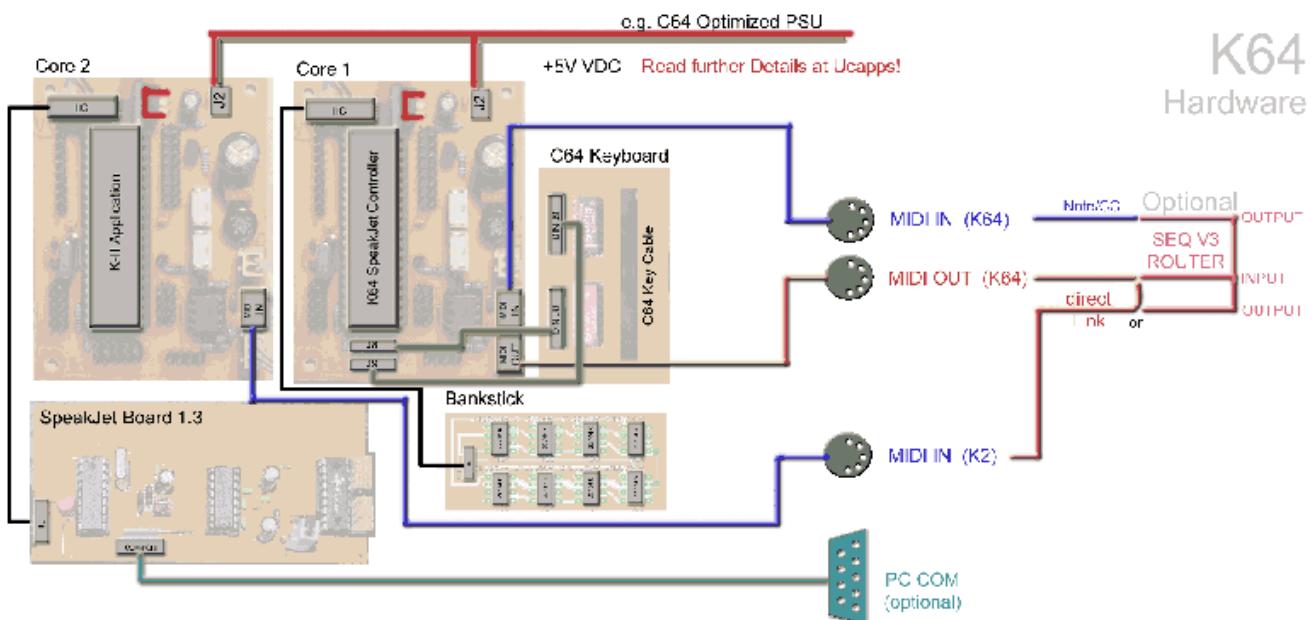
1x C64 Case + functional C64 Keyboard (older or newer case, keyboard are possible)

1x 2x40 LCD for K64 Controller application (for Key control and TextToSpeech (32 characters in 1 Patch))

1x 2x16 or 2x8 LCD for K2 application

2x MIDI-IN (on K64-Core for trigger text; on K2-Core for receiving SpeakJet commands)

1x MIDI-OUT (on K64-Core for external use (you can link it to K2-Core, but also route it through SEQV3)



## Software

K64 Application Software version 2.0 for Core Module:

[K64 release 2.0](#)

## Warning / Notes

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For SpeakJet-Board PIC16F88 the [SpeakJet firmware 1.0](#) should be sufficient. (It works fine about a year). *AudioCommander noticed some errors with his build-up, so he have done some changes in released 1.2 firmware.*

Please read all information about PSU, PCB Boards (CORE, SpeakJet / K2, C64 Keyb etc.) at MIDIBOX WIKI and Ucapps.de. See links above.

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## Doku / Tutorial

### The main screen - the midi keyboard



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```
CC: 0  FREQUENCY  CH2: 1  TR2: 2
... 1  .... ....  >CH1: 4  TR1: 1
```

The main screen displays the adjustable midi settings to use the C64 keyboard as a splitted midikeyboard with UPPER and LOWER Keyfield. Maybe you can use it to play or control external device (SEQ, Synthesizer, K2) seperately. I'm often using the LOWER keyfield to transpose SEQ tracks and SpeakJet pitch at same time by SEQ's internal router. Maybe the UPPER keyfield can be used for playing notes or chords directly.

## Playing notes

In the middle of screen the current playing midi notes are displayed. Notice that only 3 keys are possible at the same time. That's a restriction of the keyboard matrix, because pushing a 3th key in same row/col will short-circuited some other keys in matrix. To solve that problem as good as possible, i've implemented an additional HOLD Mode (press RETURN and a "+" will be shown besides CH1). It's easier to play chords and to hold them without holding down all the keys. In HOLD Mode an additional 4th note can be played in the lower Keyfield too - so 3th chords in the upper field and e.g. a bass line in the lower field can be played and changed at same time. You can release all notes by pressing CTRL. You can switch off HOLD Mode by pressing RETURN again. The state of HOLD Mode will be stored internal.

```
CC: 0  FREQUENCY  CH2:+ 1  TR2: 2
... 1  .... ....  >CH1: 4  TR1: 1
```

If a played chord is known, it will be shown on the left side of note view:

```
CC: 0 C  FREQUENCY  CH2: 1  TR2: 2
... 1 maj C-4 D#4 G-4 >CH1: 4  TR1: 1
```

Play chords / notes in a simple way:



## Setup keyfields

On the right side of screen the adjustable channel- and transpose-values for UPPER and LOWER keyfield are shown. CH1 (for LOWER keyfield) can be changed with CRSR keys up down, CH2 (for UPPER keyfield) is variable by + and -. Pushing F1 and F7 will change the transpose value (TR1). For the UPPER Keyfield TR2 is adjustable in 2 ways: Pushing SHIFT\_R + F1 and SHIFT\_R + F7 or pushing simply the SPACE key. A short touch of the space button transposes TR2 up, a longer touch transposes TR2 down. All Parameters will be stored internal.

## CCs and Values

On the right side of screen the adjustable CC and CC Values are shown. The pointer char ">" in front of Midi-Channel presents the current Channel for a chosen CCs. SHIFT\_R + ? switches the CC pointer between the 2 keyfields. CCs are adjustable with F3 and F5. The Keys COMMODORE and SHIFT\_L presents the datawheel of K64. CC Values are sended out by moving CC Value up and down with that keys. INST/DEL Key sets values back to 0.

## Triangle LFO

There is an integrated LFO option to automate some functions of the datawheel. The LFO option changes the CC Values in a specific interval up and down. Close to CC Value area, there are 2 marker adjustable. The Startpointer ">" on the left and Endpoint "<" on the right side. The Start marker is adjustable by pushing SHIFT\_R + LIRE key - the end marker by SHIFT\_R + CLR/HOME. Changes adjust the border for triangle LFO. SHIFT\_R + "-" Key resets default marker position (0..127).

To Start the LFO press RUN/STOP. To Stop the LFO press RUN/STOP again. You can influence the flow by controlling CC Values manually, changing end- and start-position and setup Speed Value.

Start Marker:

CC: 0	0	FREEZE	EF4F	CH2: 1	TR2: 2
> 34	1	....	....	>CH1: 4	TR1: 1

End Marker:

CC: 0	0	FREEZE	EF4F	CH2: 1	TR2: 2
108<	1	....	....	>CH1: 4	TR1: 1

## Speed option

The speed value (default = 1) behind the value number presents the speed of changing CC Values, which are controlled by datawheel or by LFO. Manual changes are constantly double fast as LFO. Pushing SHIFT\_R + F3 or SHIFT\_R + F5 will change the speed value. Notice, if the speed value is 0 the LFO will be frozen.

## Union Mode

CC: 0	0	FREEZE	EF4F	* UNION MODE *
...	1	....	....	>CH1: 4 TR1: 1

The Union Mode binds the lower and upper Keyfield. All notes will be sended out to the single Midi Channel.

## SEQV3 Record

CC: 0	0	FREEZE	EF4F	* RECORD SEQ *
...	1	....	....	>CH1: 4 TR1: 1

People, which own's a MIDIBox SEQV3 are able to use this special feature to record or to modify parameters as easy as possible from K64. Every step of a track can be controlled by Cursorkeys, toggling notes (Space Key) or recording notes from Keyfield.

The Record Mode is available by pushing SHIFT\_R + RETURN in mainscreen. **Note!! Only SEQ versions higher than SEQ V3.2a will work correct.** All you have to do: Set up the same midichannel for SEQV3 midi-in and K64 (lower) keyfield.

Tracks can be copied by pushing SHIFT\_R + UPARROW (Copy) and pasted by pushing SHIFT\_R + @ (Paste). Pushing first time will activate the COPY / PASTE MODE (so you can use the rotary encoder of your SEQ to select an area); Pushing same keys a second time again - the selected area will be copied or pasted. Try it out.

For choosing another track you have to push SHIFT\_R + F1 / SHIFT\_R + F7 for step tracks up or down. If you want to choose one of the 3 layer push SHIFT\_R + F3 / SHIFT\_R + F5.

Keys like + or SHIFT\_R + "+" will activate the SCROLL or MOVE MODE.

CLR/HOME will clear a track; INST/DEL will undo a command.

It's possible to start and stop the sequencer with "]" and "=".

RETURN will toggle between REALTIME and STEP feature of record mode. I've used the STEP MODE for recording a note at current position, while a track is playing. So now it's possible to listen up the track.

LIRE Key toggles between the AutoStart feature of record mode.

## Available SpeakJet areas

If you've installed the K2 and SpeakJet-Board and if you want to control the SpeakJet for Text to Speech, you can change the main screen to TTS screen by pushing CTRL. If you press CTRL again, you will be back in main screen.

If you want to change SpeakJet CCs instead all CCs, press ←.

If you push SHIFT\_R + ← you will change to Synth Mode of SpeakJet. Push ← again, you will turn back to main screen.

## SpeakJet K2 Parameters

KII: OS1	PRESEN <del>T</del> E <del>FLP</del>	CH2: 1	TR2: 2
> 0 1	.... . . . .	>CH1: 4	TR1: 1

SpeakJet Parameters are: (OS1...5) pitch of OSC 1,2,3,4,5; (VO1...5) volume of OSC 1,2,3,4,5; frequency of Envelope (ENV); Distortion-Level of OSC 4 and 5 (DIS); global Speech Speed (SPD); global Speech Bend (BND); Jaw (JAW) and Tongue (TON).

Remember SpeakJet control is only available, if K64 modul is linked to K2 modul via MIDI.

## SpeakJet Configurations

The SpeakJet can be configured with following Keys:

**SHIFT\_R + E** toggle Envelope Type (saw, sin, tri, sqr)

Toggles Envelope Type will only be shown on K2 Display. Parameter E changes to several waveforms.

**SHIFT\_R + T** toggle Envelope State (0,1,2,3)

Toggles Envelope State will only be shown on K2 Display. Parameter T changes to 0,1,2,3.

Bit 1: activates Envelope for OSC 123

Bit 2: activates Envelope for OSC 45

So T = 3 will link all OSCs to the Envelope.

## **SHIFT\_R + O** toggle OSC for OSCSynthese

Toggles OSC Waveform for OSCSynthese.

If something goes wrong, or something isn't adjusted right with SJ anymore, it's possible to reset the speakjet with key combination SHIFT\_R + ←.

Some more function for configuration the SpeakJet are described on keymap.

## **Talk Mode**



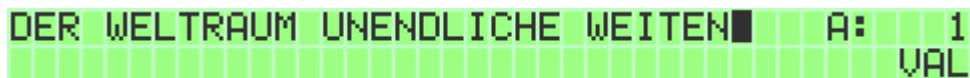
CC: 0 PRESEND CH2: 1 TR2: 2  
... 1 . . . . . >CH1: \* TR1: 1

If Talk Mode enabled (SHIFT\_R + =) then the current selected text patch will be send out by pressing keys on the lower keyfield. You can play the correct tone scale at Midi Channel 4.

## **How to create TextToSpeech Patches?**

First we changed from mainscreen to TTS Screen by pushing CTRL. Now the first patch will be shown. If nothing is stored before, only a blinking cursor will be displayed. Now you can write a word or a sentence. Notice that the application is preconfigured for german language (because german words are easier pronounceable from text as any other language. E.g. english are very different between written letters and spoken text - many algorithmics have to be implemented to meet all requirements for a TTS).

Ok, we will try to write a german sentence:



DER WELTRAUM UNENDLICHE WEITEN A: 1  
VAL

[Der Weltraum example](#)

The upper line is for writing input (max. 32 characters for patches are allowed). A space character will insert a pause. The cursor can be moved by CRSR Keys to a special position in word. On the left side you can choose the current bankstick (SHIFT\_R + F1 / SHIFT\_R + F7) and the current patchnumber (+ / -). The lower line represents different configurations for every letter.

## **Text modifications**

LIRE - delete

INST/DEL - backspace

SHIFT\_R + INST/DEL - insert

CLR/HOME - Pos1

SHIFT\_R + CLR/HOME - Clear

RETURN key or any MIDI-IN Notes at Channel 13 or Channel 14 (bended) will send out the phrase. Midi-IN Channels 1..12 are used to activate the text patches of bankstick.

## Speech modifications

Ok, we should fine tune pauses in sentence. Go to the space positions and write down a number or using F3 / F5 keys. Higher values will insert longer pauses. Try following:

DER WELTRAUM UNENDLICHE WEITEN■ A: 1  
2 8 1 VAL

Ok, we should fine tune variations of letters. We change the letter "E" in "WELTRAUM" and the first "E" in "WEITEN". Use F3 / F5 to change numbers below letters and listen to the result:

DER WELTRAUM UNENDLICHE WEITEN■ A: 1  
2 1 8 1 2 VAL

[Der Weltraum with pauses and variations](#)

Every letter can be changed by variations. The number of variations is different for every letter. Try to find out the best combinations for your words.

Now we want to do changes in **Speed** and **Bend**. Pushing F1 / F7 will change "VAL" to submenu "SPD" and "BND". Try to added following changes in both and listen to the results by pushing RETURN:

DER WELTRAUM UNENDLICHE WEITEN■ A: 1  
8 7 9 8 SPD

DER WELTRAUM UNENDLICHE WEITEN■ A: 1  
4445 66674 8 BND

SPD and BND settings will change global settings for SpeakJet. So next speakjet events (e.g. next spoken letter) will use the last values for Speed and Bend. The normal value for Speed is 8 and for Bend 4.

## Storing Patches

At least you are able to store the patch on current patchnumber by pushing SHIFT\_R + RETURN. A Message will be shown. Every 32K Bankstick can store 256 Patches; 64K Bankstick can store 512 Patches.

If you want to copy the text phrases to another position: Hold down SHIFT\_R and choose the new patchnumber by + / - keys. Notice, old patches will be overwritten.

## Using Textphrases

There are several modes to controll Textphrases:

1. Pushing RETURN in TTS Screen and Mainscreen plays the actual patch
2. Incoming MIDI Notes can used for playing phrase in several modes:

for 32K Bankstick you can use patches:

CHANNEL 1: C-1, C#1...	Patch 1,2...
CHANNEL 2: C-1, C#1...	Patch 51,52...
CHANNEL 3: C-1, C#1...	Patch 101,102...
CHANNEL 4: C-1, C#1...	Patch 151,152...
CHANNEL 5: C-1, C#1...	Patch 201,202...
CHANNEL 6: C-1, C#1...	Patch 251,252...256

for 64K Bankstick you can use additional patches:

CHANNEL 7: C-1, C#1...	Patch 301,302...
CHANNEL 8: C-1, C#1...	Patch 351,352...
CHANNEL 9: C-1, C#1...	Patch 401,402...
CHANNEL 10: C-1, C#1...	Patch 451,452...
CHANNEL 11: C-1, C#1...	Patch 501,502...512

Text patches will be played as in describtion above in mainscreen. So you can trigger whole sentences with incoming midinotes from a SEQ. Let him sing while sending additional notes to CHANNEL 4 of K2.

If you are in TTS screen, only the fit note will play the current patch. E.g. TTS screen displays PatchNr 3 then only D-1 will trigger the text phrase. All other notes will be ignored.

CHANNEL 13: Plays actual text patch
CHANNEL 14: Plays actual text patch with changing BEND
C-1, C#1... BEND 0,1,2,3,4,5...127

## Keys

A visualisation of several main areas:

## Mode Options



## Upper Keyfield



## Lower Keyfield



## CC and LFO



## SpeakJet Commands



## Text To Speech



SEQ V3 Remote / Record



## The whole keymap:

## Keyboard Mode

<--	select K II CC Mode
SHIFT_R + <--	Reset SpeakJet
CTRL	stop current playing notes otherwise select TTS Mode
Z..?	note Ch1
S..[	halfnote Ch1
Q..UPARROW	note Ch2
2..0	halfnote Ch2
RETURN	activates/deactivates Upper keyfield Hold-Notes mode
(+)	SHIFT_R + RET. activates/deactivates SEQV3 Record mode
keyfield)	SHIFT_R + SPC. activates/deactivates Union mode (for non-splitted
	SHIFT_R + = activates/deactivates Talk mode for lower keyfield
(*)	
SPACE	short time - transpose up for Ch2 long time - transpose down for Ch2
COMMODORE	CC Value down
SHIFT_L	CC Value up
RUN/STOP	Start LF0 / Stop LF0
CLR/HOME	Reset CC Value (CC Value = 0)
SHIFT_R + INST/DEL	Set LF0 END mark
SHIFT_R + LIRE	Set LF0 START mark

SHIFT\_R + -      Reset LFO marks

CRSR\_LR      Ch1 up  
CRSR\_UD      Ch1 down  
SHIFT\_R + CCSR\_LR      Ch2 up  
SHIFT\_R + CCSR\_UD      Ch2 down

F1      Transpose1 up  
F7      Transpose1 down  
SHIFT\_R + F1      Transpose2 up  
SHIFT\_R + F7      Transpose2 down

F3      CC up      (KII CC up)  
F5      CC down      (KII CC down)

SHIFT\_R + F3      Increment LFO Speed  
SHIFT\_R + F5      Decrement LFO Speed (If Speed 0 - LFO will hold)

SHIFT\_R + ?      Select CC outgoing Channel

SPEAKJET CONTROL dependend from installed K2 version:

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SHIFT\_R + E      toggle Envelope Waveshape (saw, sin, tri, sqr)  
SHIFT\_R + T      toggle Envelope OSC State (0,1,2,3)  
SHIFT\_R + 0      toggle OSC Waveshape for OSCSynthese  
SHIFT\_R + P      toggle OSC Envelope Basefreq  
SHIFT\_R + M      resets Mastervolume = 127

SHIFT\_R + @      Harmonizer listen key OFF  
SHIFT\_R + \*      Harmonizer listen key ON  
SHIFT\_R + UPARROW      Harmonizer scale (0,1,2)

----- Record Mode

SHIFT\_R + RET.      deactivates SEQV3 Record mode

CRSR\_LR      SEQ      Step Right  
CRSR\_UD      SEQ      Step Left

SHIFT\_R + F1      SEQ Track up  
SHIFT\_R + F7      SEQ Track down

]      PLAY  
=      STOP

RETURN      REALTIME / STEP MODE  
SHIFT + LIRE      ASTART ON / OFF

SHIFT + UPARR.      COPY MODE ON (pushing again will COPY from selected area)  
 SHIFT + @      PASTE MODE ON (pushing again will PASTE to selected area)

SHIFT + "+"      MOVE MODE ON  
 "+"      SCROLL MODE ON

SHIFT + CLR/HOME      SEQ CLEAR Track  
 INST/DEL      SEQ UNDO

SPACE      TOGGLE NOTE ON/OFF

(all other note keys will be recorded)

----- Text to Speech Mode -----

CTRL      select Keyboard Mode  
 A..Z      Write Letters  
 SPACE      Write Pause (Space)  
 RETURN      play/send current speech text

CLR/HOME      Pos1  
 SHIFT\_R + CLR/H.      Clear Text

INST/DEL      Backspace  
 SHIFT\_R + INST/D.      Insert Space

LIRE      Delete Letter  
 +      Text Patch up  
 -      Text Patch down

up) SHIFT\_R + '+'      Copy Patch to higher patch position (at shift key up)  
 up) SHIFT\_R + '-'      Copy Patch to lower patch position (at shift key up)

F1      MODE up      (VAL, SPD, BND)  
 F7      MODE down      (VAL, SPD, BND)

SHIFT\_R + F1      BANK up  
 SHIFT\_R + F7      BANK down

F3      MODE value up      (0..9)      0 - not displayed  
 F5      MODE value down      (0..9)

VAL:  
 -----  
 0      - Standard LETTER

1..x - LETTER Variations

SPACE VAL (PAUSE)

0..9 - SHORT...LONG

SPEED:

1..9 - SLOW..FAST

0 - IGNORE

BEND:

1..9 - LOW..BRIGHT

0 - IGNORE

## additional K2 MIDI-Implementation-Chart

Please take a look at AC's K2 defination. The only last additional CC's are following:

Function	#define	default assigment	Channel Mode	Description
<b>== SYSTEM REALTIME MESSAGES ==</b>				
MSA Stop	MIDI_CC_ALL_SOUND_OFF	CC 120	-	STOP MSA / SPEECH

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