# FastLane™-USB

## *QuickStart Guide for Windows*

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- Relocate or reorient the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
- Plug the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected

If necessary, you can consult a dealer or experienced radio/television technician for additional assistance.

PLEASE NOTE: only equipment certified to comply with Class B (computer input/output devices, terminals, printers, etc.) should be attached to this equipment, and it must have shielded interface cables in order to comply with the Class B FCC limits on RF emissions.

WARNING: changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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# Packing List and System Requirements

## THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING MOTU

Thank you for purchasing FastLane. Please read the important information in this booklet before using it.

## PLEASE REGISTER TODAY

Please send in the registration card included with your FastLane interface. As a registered user, you will be eligible to receive on-line technical support email and announcements about product enhancements as soon as they become available. Only registered users receive these special update notices, so please, complete and mail this registration card! Thank you for taking the time to register your new Mark of the Unicorn product!

## PACKING LIST

FastLane is shipped with the items listed below. If any are not present, please immediately contact your dealer or Mark of the Unicorn.

- FastLane-USB Interface
- USB cable
- CD with software drivers
- This manual
- Product registration card

## MIDI CABLES NOT INCLUDED

To connect MIDI devices to FastLane-USB, you need MIDI cables, purchased separately.

## COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Your MOTU MIDI interface will run with any USB-equipped PC compatible running Windows 98SE, Windows Me, Windows 2000 or Windows XP.

## MIDI SOFTWARE COMPATIBILITY

Your MOTU MIDI interface will run with any MIDI-compatible software under Windows 98SE, Windows Me, Windows 2000 or Windows XP.

## GETTING STARTED

Follow the directions in this booklet to successfully install and begin using FastLane-USB.

## FAMILIARITY WITH WINDOWS

This manual assumes that your are familiar with using a Windows computer. If not, please review your Windows User's Guide before proceeding.

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Driver updates are posted on our web site as soon as they become available, so check our web site for the latest drivers: www.motu.com.

# Installing FastLane-USB

## CONNECTING A USB COMPUTER

Using the USB cable included with your MOTU MIDI interface, put the Type A plug into a Type A USB jack on the computer, a USB hub, or any other USB device connected to the computer that has an available Type A USB jack. The USB cable allows the computer to communicate with all MIDI devices connected to your MOTU MIDI interface.

If you have several FastLane-USB (or other MOTU) interfaces, see "Connecting multiple USB interfaces" on page 8.

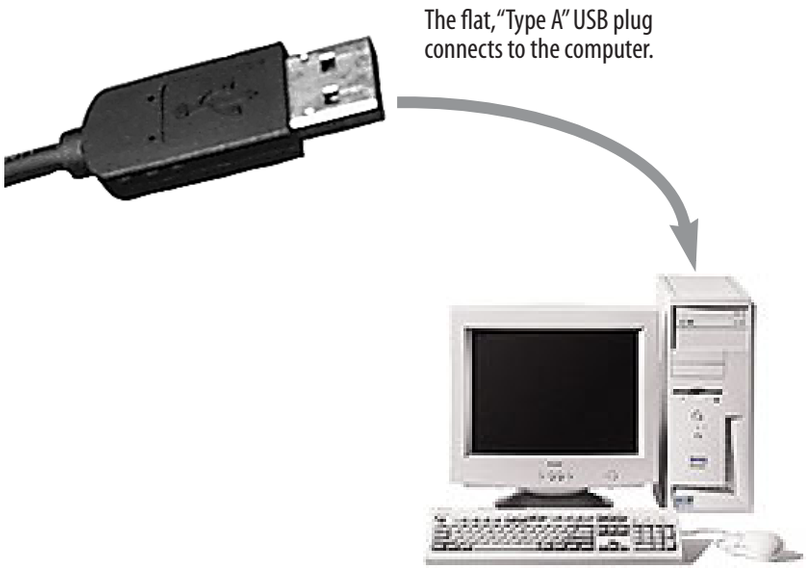



*Figure-1: You can plug the Type A connector into a Type A jack directly on the computer itself, a USB keyboard connected to the computer, or any other USB device already connected to the computer that has an available Type A USB jack.*

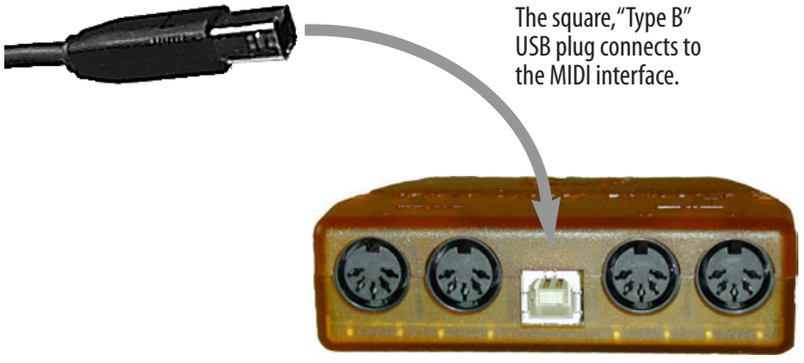



*Figure-2: The square Type B plug goes into FastLane.*

## CONNECTING MIDI GEAR

Connect each MIDI device's MIDI IN jack to one of FastLane's two MIDI OUT jacks as shown by Connection 1 below. Conversely, connect the MIDI OUT jack on the MIDI device to one of FastLane's two MIDI IN jacks as shown by Connection 2.

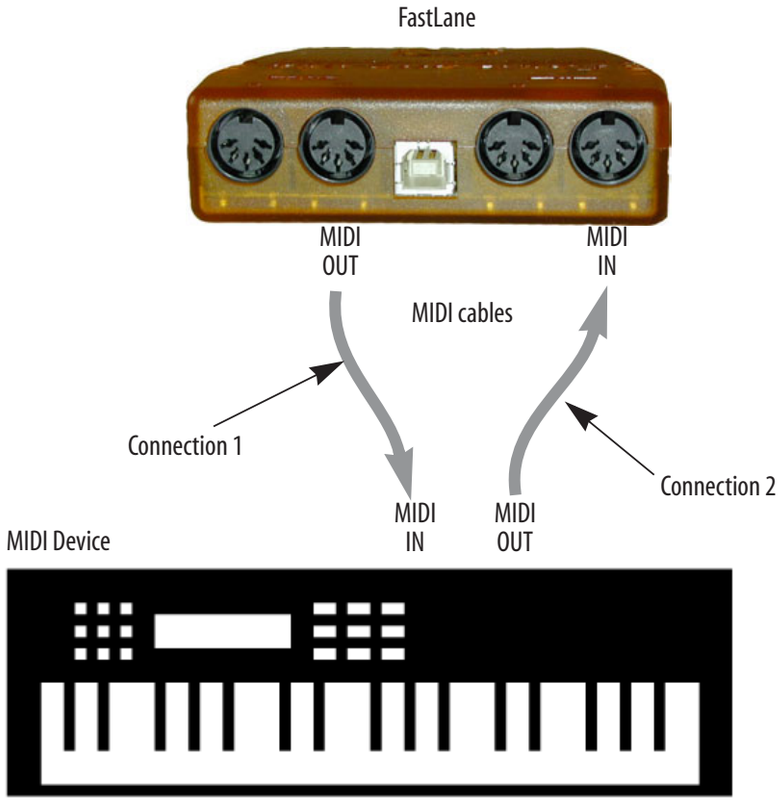



*Figure-3: Connecting a MIDI device to FastLane-USB. If you are connecting a sound module or other device that does not need to transmit MIDI data, you only need to make Connection 1 shown above. Conversely, if the device is a MIDI controller such as a drum pad or guitar controller, you only need to make Connection 2.*

### One-way MIDI connections

MIDI devices that do not receive MIDI data, such as a dedicated keyboard controller, guitar controller, or drum pad, only need Connection 2 shown in Figure-3. Similarly, devices that never send data, such as a sound module, only need Connection 1. However, if you plan to use editor/librarian software with the sound module, or if you need to get system exclusive bulk dumps from it, make both connections. In general, make both connections for any device that needs to both send and receive MIDI data.

## CONNECTING ADDITIONAL GEAR WITH MIDI THRUS

If you use up both MIDI OUTs on the FastLane, and you still have more gear to connect, run a MIDI cable from the MIDI THRU of a device already connected to the interface to the MIDI IN on the additional device as shown below in Figure-4. The two devices then share the same MIDI OUT port on FastLane. This means that they share the same set of 16 MIDI channels, so try to do this with devices that receive on only one MIDI channel (such as effects modules) so their receive channels don't conflict with one another.

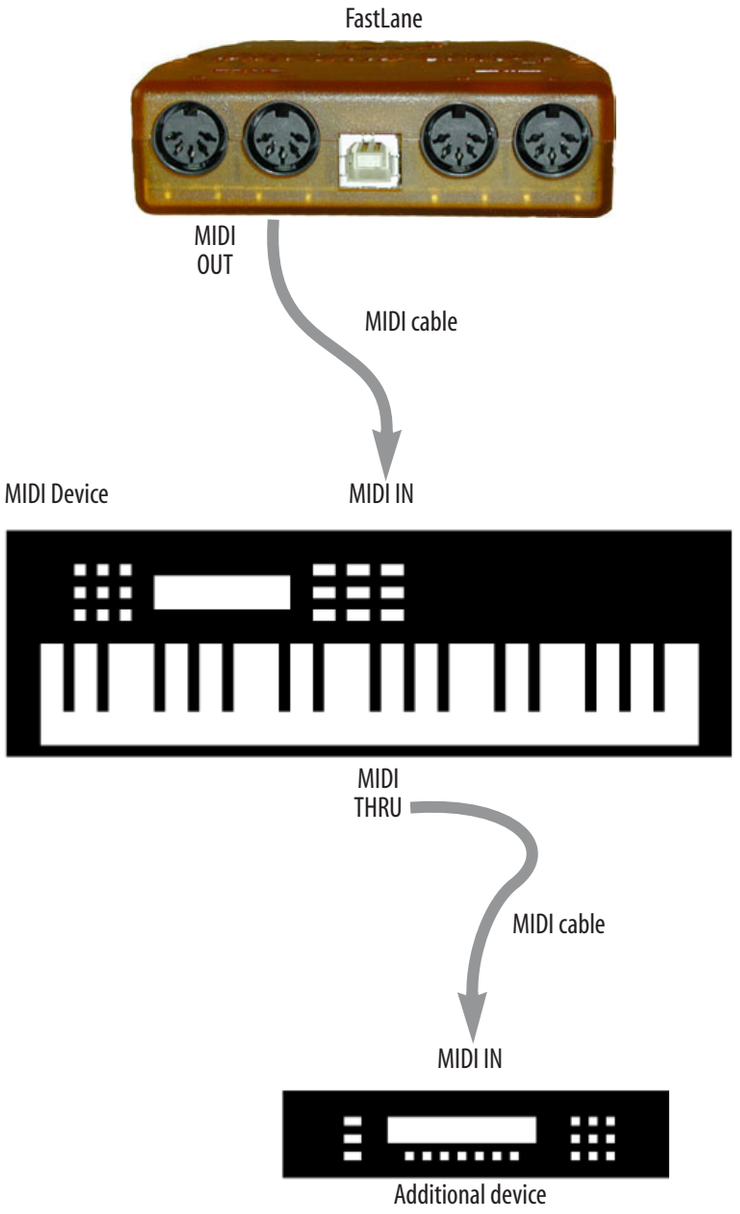



*Figure-4: Connecting additional devices with MIDI THRU ports.*

## CONNECTING MULTIPLE USB INTERFACES

The USB (*Universal Serial Bus*) specification allows you to connect multiple MOTU interfaces to a single computer. You can mix and match any combination of MOTU USB interfaces to suit your needs.

The USB (*Universal Serial Bus*) specification allows many USB devices — theoretically up to 127 — to be connected to a single computer. However, many USB devices, including all MOTU USB interfaces, reserve USB bandwidth, so the theoretical and practical limits for MOTU interfaces are considerably fewer. In theory, the maximum number of MOTU USB interfaces you can connect to one computer is around 25 interfaces. Practically speaking, regardless of how slow or fast your USB-equipped computer is, you should be able to connect upwards of 10 or more MOTU USB MIDI interfaces and still enjoy just as much performance from each one as if it were the only one connected. Just don't try to run your USB scanner or digital camera while playing back and recording MIDI!

For further details about USB, visit www.usb.org.

To connect multiple FastLanes (or other MOTU interfaces) to a computer, you'll need an inexpensive device called a *USB Hub* (purchased separately from your computer peripherals dealer). A USB Hub has multiple Type A ports on it, usually between 4 and 7 ports, to which you connect multiple USB MIDI interfaces as shown below in Figure-5. Connect them to the hub in the standard fashion, as if you were connecting them directly to the computer. If needed, you can connect multiple hubs to each other to get enough USB ports for your multiple MOTU USB interfaces.

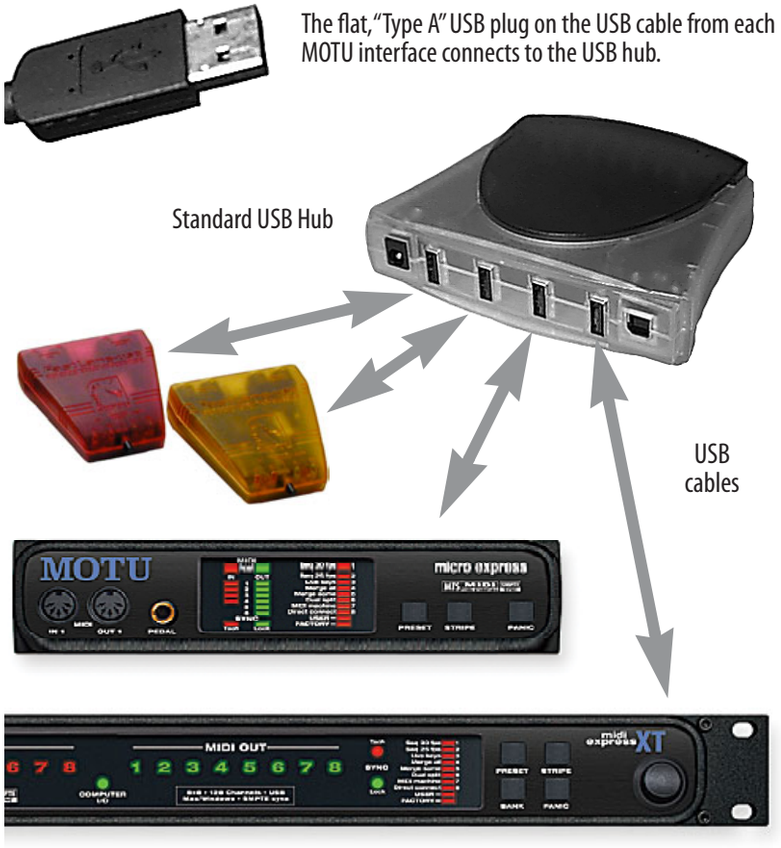



*Figure-5: An inexpensive, standard USB hub allows you to connect multiple MOTU USB MIDI interfaces. You can even mix and match different models of MOTU interfaces, using the combination that best suites your needs for synchronization, number of MIDI ports, etc.*

# Installing the MOTU USB Windows Driver

To install the MOTU USB MIDI driver:

**1** If the FastLane-USB is currently connected to the computer, unplug it.

**2** Turn on your computer.

**3** If you have previously installed MOTU USB MIDI drivers, use the Windows *Add/Remove Programs* control panel to remove the old MOTU USB MIDI drivers before proceeding.

**4** If the Windows *Add Hardware Wizard* appears during startup, do not proceed and exit from the Wizard.

Instead of installing the FastLane-USB drivers manually via the Wizard, you will run the FastLane-USB software installer.

**5** Insert the MOTU USB software installer CD in the computer's CD drive (if you haven't already).

**6** If the MOTU USB software installer program does not automatically begin running, double-click SETUP.EXE on the installer CD to launch it.

**7** Follow the directions the installer gives you.

# Using MOTU USB MIDI ports

## MIDI PORTS

Once you have installed the MOTU FastLane-USB MIDI driver, you'll notice that two MIDI inputs and outputs are available to your MIDI programs. The port names appear as shown in Figure-6.

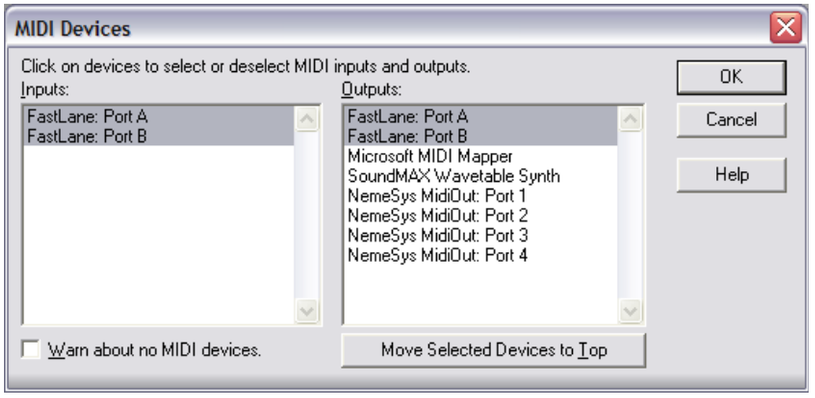



*Figure-6: MOTU FastLane-USB ports in Cakewalk SONAR™.*

## TROUBLESHOOTING

***My MOTU USB interface ports don't show up in my Windows MIDI software, no matter what I do.***

Have you unplugged the USB cable and then plugged it back in lately? Under certain circumstances, doing so will cause the interface's drivers to lose communication with the hardware. If this is happening to you, make sure the USB cable is plugged in (both to the computer and the interface, of course). Then, quit all MIDI applications. When you relaunch them, the interface should now be available to them again. If this is still not the case, shut down the computer, check the USB cable connections to the interface, make sure that its THRU button is NOT pushed in (disengaged), and power up the computer again.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Registered users who are unable, with their dealer's help, to solve problems they encounter with the their MOTU interface may contact our technical support department in one of the following ways:

- Tech support phone (9 am to 6 pm EST): (617) 576-3066
- Tech support fax: (617) 354-3068
- Tech support email: techsupport@motu.com
- On-line tech support database: www.motu.com

We are happy to provide customer support to our registered users. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to complete the registration card in the front of the manual and send it in to us. When we receive your card, you'll be placed on our mailing list for free software updates and other information.

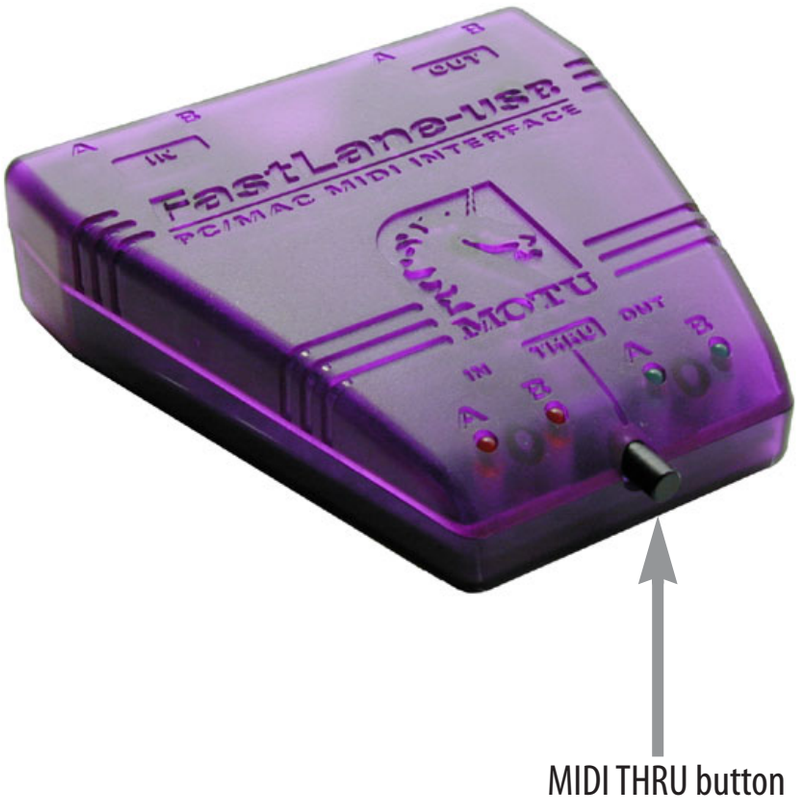
## REPLACING DISKS

If your MOTU USB software CD becomes damaged or lost, our Customer Support Department will be glad to replace it. Or you can download the latest version of the drivers and consoles from www.motu.com.

## THE MIDI THRU BUTTON

The MIDI THRU button on the front of the FastLane-USB, when pushed in, creates a direct connection from each MIDI IN connector to its corresponding MIDI OUT connector. For example, data received on MIDI IN A is routed directly to MIDI OUT A. Similarly, data received on MIDI IN B is routed directly to MIDI OUT B. This provides a direct connection from the MIDI device connected to the input to a different device connected to the output. For example, you could use your MIDI controller connected to MIDI IN A to play a MIDI sound module connected to MIDI OUT A, without the need to run any MIDI software on the computer.

When MIDI THRU is engaged, MIDI communication to and from the computer is temporarily disabled. The USB cable connection to the computer is still required, however, as it supplies power to the FastLane-USB. Therefore, MIDI THRU mode still requires the USB cable to be connected to the computer, and the computer must be turned on.

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