

DJ Controllers: Juno Plus Ultimate Buyer's Guide

In this ultimate buyer's guide to DJ controllers, Juno Plus experts have tested and reviewed every major model on the market. We've given every DJ controller in the list a rating out of five; these ratings take into account versatility, ease of use, durability, creative options and price. The controllers have been divided into three price brackets and come replete with all the specifications you need, making it easier for you to find the perfect unit within your budget.

Price range: £300+

Price range: £150-299

Price range: up to £150

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Akai APC20

Akai's APC20 is a cut down version of the APC40 without the encoders and transport. It takes up less space and is more portable than its bigger brother and ships with a special Akai APC edition of Ableton Live.

Included Software: Ableton Live APC edition Recommended Software: Ableton, Traktor



£169.00

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	Price	Juno verdict	Colour	I/O	Ch.	Mic In (XLR/1/4")	JW	F	B	P	K	E	Dim. (cm)	Wg (kg)	Power	XLR Out	1/4" Out	RCA (In/Out)	3.5mm (In/Out)	HT	MIDI	TI	SR/BR (kHz/bit)
Akai APC20	£169.00	★★★★★	BK	0	8	0/0	0	9	37	40	1	0	41x14x40	2.8	DC	0	0	0/0	0/0	N/A	0	N/A	
Allen & Heath Xone K2	£198.99	★★★★★	BK	0/4	4	0/0	0	4	30	0	18	0	14x3x36	1	USB	0	0	0/2	0/0	3.5	0	48/16	
American Audio VMS2	£229.00	★★★★★	BK	4/4	2	1/1	2	5	42	0	44	0	40x30x7	5	DC	2	0	2/4	0	6.35	2	24bit	
Beamz Player C4 BSB Pro	£163.19	★★★★★	BK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74x23x39	3.6	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Denon DJ MC2000	£267.00	★★★★★	BK+SL	1/1	2	0/1	2	5	48	0	17	3	40x24x5	2.7	USB	0	0	1/1	0	6.35	0	48/24	
Denon SC2000	£169.00	★★★★★	BK	0	2	0	0	1	1	27	0	5	17x22	2	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox LV3	£218.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	8	0	0	8	29	0	5	0	18x11x7	0.35	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul DJ3	£217.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	2	0	0	3	20	0	8	4	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul DL3	£219.00	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	2	0	0	0	35	0	11	0	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul DS3	£199.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	4	0	0	0	20	12	4	2	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul DX3	£193.53	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	4	0	0	0	29	0	15	0	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul FT3	£199.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	4	0	0	0	5	20	0	8	1	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Faderfox Micromodul FX3	£192.28	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	4	0	0	0	25	0	16	0	18x11x7	0.4	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Faderfox Micromodul LX2	£159.00	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	3	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	18x11x7	0.4	3xAA/DC	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Gemini CNTRL7	£215.95	★★★★★	BK/SL	0/4	2	1/1	2	5	45	0	19	0	36x26x45	1.8	DC	2	0	4/6	0	3.5/6.35	0	44.1/16	
Gemini CTRL Six	£218.00	★★★★★	BK/SL	0/4	2	1/1	2	5	46	0	18	0	36x26x45	1.8	DC	2	0	4/6	0	3.5/6.35	0	N/A	
Hercules DJ Console 4 Mix	£263.00	★★★★★	BK/SL	4/4	4	0/2	2	5	52	0	14	0	40x25	2	USB	0	4	4/4	0	6.35	0	N/A	
Hercules DJ Console Mk2	£169.00	★★★★★	BK/SL	4/4	2	0/1	2	3	26	0	11	0	24x20x7	1.15	USB/DC	0	0	2/4	0	6.35	0	N/A	
Hercules DJ Console Mk4	£152.01	★★★★★	SL	4/4	2	0/1	2	3	37	0	11	0	10x23x36	1.8	USB	0	0	4/4	0	3.5/6.35	0	48/24	
Hercules DJ Console Rmx	£171.99	★★★★★	SL	0	2	0/1	2	6	42	0	12	0	35x25	4.7	USB	0	4	4/4	0	6.35	0	44.1/16	
Hercules DJ Control Steel	£166.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	2	0	2	6	46	0	13	0	35x25x7	4.7	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Hercules DJ4 Set	£183.99	★★★★★	BK	0/4	4	0/1	2	3	35	0	10	0	35x25	2	USB	0	0	0/4	0	6.35	0	N/A	
Kam Digi One	£163.99	★★★★★	BK	1/4	2	0/1	2	5	23	0	19	0	32x21x5	0.5	USB	0	0	0/2	0	6.35	0	44.1	
MIDI Fighter DJ Controller	£199.99	★★★★★	BK/SL	0	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	15x4x4	0.45	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Native Instruments Kontrol F1	£195.00	★★★★★	BK	0	4	0	0	4	28	0	5	0	12x5x29	0.73	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Native Instruments Kontrol X1	£155.00	★★★★★	BK	0	2	0	0	0	30	0	12	0	12x5x29	0.691	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Novation Twitch	£299.00	★★★★★	BK	2/4	2	0/1	0	3	54	0	21	0	35x28x7	1.8	N/A	0	2	2/2	0	3.5/6.35	0	48kHz	
Numark Mixtrack Pro	£159.00	★★★★★	BK	0/4	2	0/1	2	6	29	0	12	3	48 x 28 x 4	2.3	USB	0	0	0/4	0	6.35	0	N/A	
Numark Mixtrack Pro + Traktor Pro	£159.00	★★★★★	BK	0/4	2	0/1	2	6	29	0	12	3	48 x 28 x 4	2.3	USB	0	0	0/4	0	6.35	0	N/A	
Numark NUVJ VJ Software & Controller	£299.00	★★★★★	BK	0	2	0	2	3	29	0	9	0	29 x 6 x 27	1.8	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Numark Omni	£169.00	★★★★★	SL	1/4	2	0/1	2	5	31	0	20	0	30x48x41	4.9	USB/DC	0	0	0/4	0	6.35	0	88.2/24	
Numark Stealth Control Professional	£219.00	★★★★★	BK	0	2	0	2	5	23	0	19	1	31x28x6	3.1	USB/DC	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Numark Total Control	£219.00	★★★★★	BK/G	0	2	0	2	5	31	0	20	0	17x40x46	2	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Numark iDJ3	£179.00	★★★★★	BK	0/4	2	0/1	2	6	24	0	8	1	40x8x33	2.95	USB/AC	0	0	0/2	0	6.35	0	44.1kHz	
Pioneer DDJ-WeGo	£249.00	★★★★★	BK	1/1	2	0/1	2	5	32	0	10	2	38x21x7	1.6	USB	0	0	0/1	0/1	3.5/6.35	0	48/24	
Reloop Contour Controller Edition	£247.99	★★★★★	BK	0	4	0	1	4	32	1	8	1	16x6x38	2	USB	0	0	0	0	3.5/6.35	0	N/A	
Reloop Digital Jockey 2 Controller	£199.99	★★★★★	BK/G	0	2	0	2	5	42	0	14	6	37x4x30	2.65	USB/AC	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Reloop Digital Jockey 2 Interface	£218.00	★★★★★	BK	4/4	2	0	2	5	42	0	14	6	37x4x30	2.65	USB/AC	0	0	2/2	0	6.35	0	48/16	
Reloop Digital Jockey 2 Interface	£259.99	★★★★★	W	4/4	2	0	2	5	42	0	14	6	37x4x30	2.65	USB/AC	0	0	2/2	0	6.35	0	48/16	
Reloop Mixage Interface Edition M	£199.99	★★★★★	BK	1/4	4	0/1	2	5	30	0	16	1	37x4x26	1.9	USB	0	0	0/2	0	6.35	0	48/16	
Stanton SCS 3 Series Pack DJ Controller	£249.00	★★★★★	BK/G	0	2	0	0	0	8	47	0	0	22x36x4	3.1	USB	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Vestax Typhoon USB/MIDI/Audio Interface	£193.00	★★★★★	BK/R	2/2	2	0/1	2	13	25	0	3	0	36x24x4	1.5	USB/DC	0	0	0/2	0	6.35	0	44.1/16	
Zomo MC1000	£238.00	★★★★★	BK	0/8	4	0	0	0	16	2	10	5	32x7x13	1.8	USB	0	0	0/8	0	N/A	0	N/A	

Prices correct at time of publishing.

Abbreviations

B = Buttons
Ch. = Channels
Dim. = Dimensions
E = Encoders
F = Faders
HT = Headphone Type

I/O = Inputs/Outputs
iP = iPhone / iPad / iPod
JW = Jog Wheels
K = Knobs
MIDI = MIDI Input/Output
P = Pads

SR/BR = Sample Rate/Bit Rate
TI = Trigger Inputs
Wg = Weight

Colours

BK = Black
G = Grey
GRP = Graphite
R = Red
SL = Silver
W = White

Glossary

System Requirements:

Before making a computer software or hardware purchase, it's necessary to know their minimum system requirements. If your Mac or PC doesn't meet these requirements, your item may not work well or may not work at all. It's always a good idea to check your computer's operating system, processor speed, RAM and available hard disk space. Most modern DJ software/hardware requires a PC or Mac with at least 1.5GHz processor, 2GB RAM, USB2.0 and the latest Windows or Mac OS operating system.