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Introducing NINA by Melbourne Instruments

Price and shipping date update

After the overwhelming response received at NAMM 2022, Melbourne Instruments have decided to offer Pre-orders directly from their website, rather than a Kickstarter. Pre-orders will launch via Melbourne Instruments webstore from **10am, Tuesday, 9 August, 2022 (Melbourne, Australia GMT+10)**.



Price information

The full retail price for NINA is **\$US3500.00** plus taxes. **A special first-edition run of 500 units** will be individually badged and numbered. The first 100 units ordered will receive an Early Bird Discount of \$500.00. After this, all units ordered before October 30, 2022 will have an Early Adopter Discount of \$250.00. From November 1, 2022, any remaining units will be priced at \$3500.00.

Updated NINA overview

Melbourne Instruments have pushed Nina's capabilities, picking the best technology in analog and digital domains, but staying true to the simple operation of this type of instrument.

Key Features

- 12 Voices. Multitimbral and layering possible.
- Fully analog signal path.
- Discrete analog circuitry for the VCOs and VCFs, not off-the-shelf synth chips.



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Key Features cont.

- Digital oscillators, wavetables and samples.
- Stereo output from each voice and a unique unison stereo spin effect.
- Patch morphing between 2 sounds of all settings including the mod matrix.
- A powerful modulation matrix that gets very close to the anything-to-anything ideal, with unlimited bus connections.
- Interactive mod matrix setup mode using the motorized controls.
- Large amount of overdrive possible.
- Useful and expressive haptic feedback when using the knobs.
- Hackable open source software.

Melbourne Instruments are working closely with several renowned patch designers across the world, and promise a solid set of hundreds of patches on release.

Some clips have already been put up on Soundcloud and Melbourne Instruments will be uploading more previews of the sound library in the coming weeks.

Availability

The first edition run of NINA is exclusively available direct from Melbourne Instruments. Pre-orders will commence on August 9, with delivery available to most locations. **Nina is expected to ship in December this year.**

NINA's motorized controllers

Melbourne Instruments have developed their own motorized controller* to replace the potentiometers in a traditional synth. The design is based on a brushless drone motor with a custom ultra-hires optical sensor. The brushless motor and contactless optical sensor are extremely robust with a lifetime rating in excess of 50 million cycles, which is 500 times more than conventional pots.

The result is the feel, subtlety and precision of a real analog potentiometer, while having instant recall and haptics. With haptics, the knobs can change dynamically from smooth to detented to multi-position switches. The end experience is far more useful and engaging than a standard analog pot.

*Patent Pending

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