

# KAWAI

*Digital  
Piano*

**MR120**

*Owner's Manual*

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- B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the product; or
- C. The product has been exposed to rain; or
- D. The product does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or
- E. The product has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.

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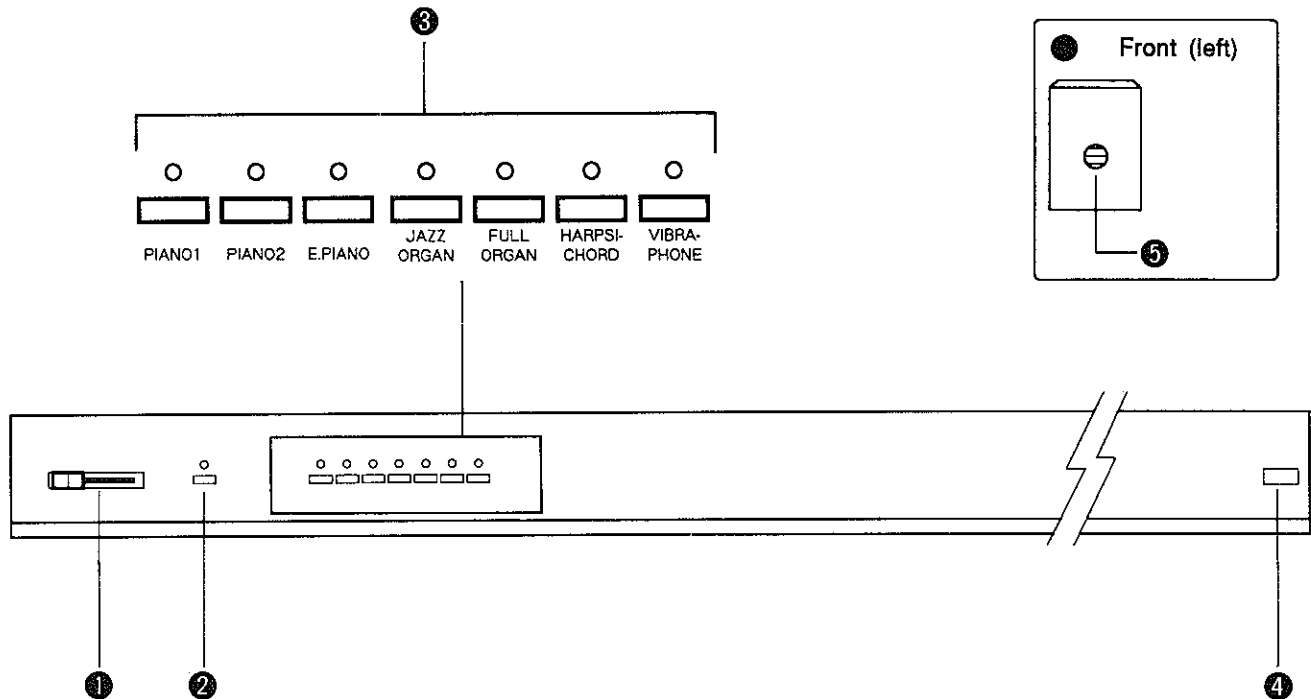
The Kawai digital piano MR120 is a revolutionary new keyboard instrument that combines the latest in electronic advances with traditional craftsmanship inherited from Kawai's many years of experience in building fine pianos. The keyboard provides the touch response and full dynamic range required for a superb performance on the piano, harpsichord, organ, and other instrument presets. Industry-Standard MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) jacks are included which allow you to play other electronic instruments at the same time - opening a whole new world of musical possibilities. This Owner's Manual contains valuable information that will help you make full use of this instrument's many capabilities. Read it carefully and keep it handy for further reference.

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# ■ Basic Controls

## ■ Front Panel



### ❶ VOLUME

Move the volume slider to the right to increase the instrument's volume.  
Move the slider to the left to decrease the volume.

### ❷ TRANSPOSE switch

This switch is used to transpose from one key to another. (See p. 5)  
That is, you can use transpose to switch from the key of C to the key of D. This is valuable when you have learned a song in one key and someone (usually a singer) asks you to play it in another key. The transpose feature lets you play the song as you learned it (in the original key), but hear it in another key.

### ❸ TONE SELECTORS

Select the desired instrument by pressing the appropriate switch.

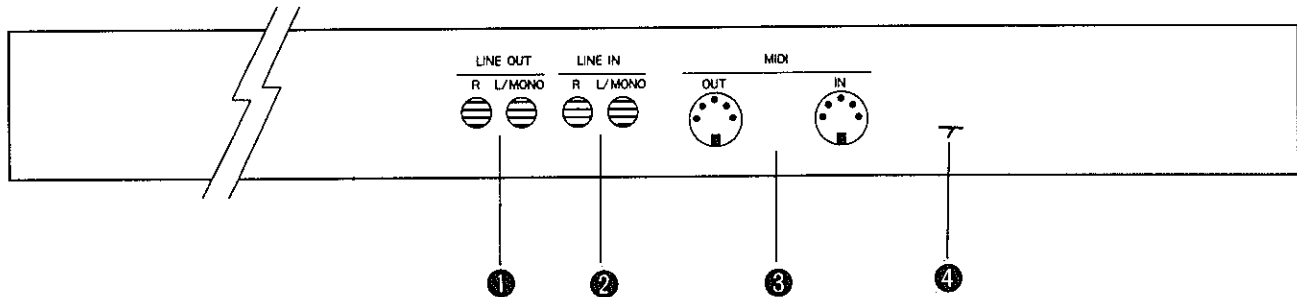
### ❹ POWER

This switch turns the instrument on and off. Be sure to turn off the instrument when you have finished playing.

### ❺ HEADPHONE jack

This jack is for headphones. (Optional headphones SH-5 or SH-2)

## ■ Rear Panel



### ① LINE OUT

These jacks provide stereo output to amplifiers, stereo systems, tape recorders, or similar equipment.

Use the L/MONO jack when using only one output.

### ② LINE IN

These jacks connect two channels of output from other electronic instruments to the piano's speaker. Use the L/MONO jack when using only one input.

**•Note:** This input bypasses the piano's VOLUME control.

To adjust the balance, you must use the output volume controls on the individual instruments.

### ③ MIDI

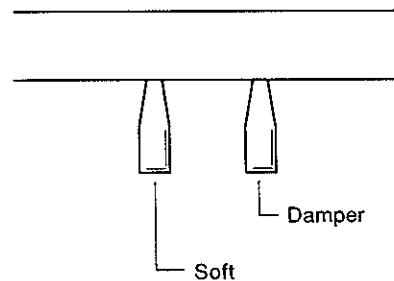
These jacks allow communication with other equipment with MIDI.

### ④ PEDAL jacks (behind this mark)

These jacks are used to connect the damper and soft pedals.

### • The pedals

From right to left, the pedals are the damper pedal and the soft pedal.



**Damper pedal:** Pressing this pedal sustains the sound even after removing the hands from the keyboard.

**Soft pedal:** Pressing this pedal softens the sound, and also reduces its volume.

# ■ Let's Play

## • Procedure

(1) Turn on the power.



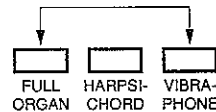
(2) Adjust the volume.



Sound a note on the keyboard and adjust the volume. (Moving the slider to the right raises the volume; moving it to the left lowers it.)

(3) To play the demonstration song:

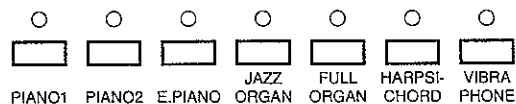
- a. Press the VIBRAPHONE and FULL ORGAN buttons simultaneously. The demonstration song will start to play repeatedly.



- b. Press both buttons simultaneously once again to stop the demonstration song.

(4) Choose the timbre.

Pressing a tone selector switch automatically changes the tone of the piano. The LED next to it lights to indicate which tone is currently in effect.



(5) Play.

Experiment with the various tone colors to acquaint yourself with the sounds that are available.

**•Note:** Sounds for up to 8 keys can be played when many keys are pressed simultaneously (8 note polyphonic).

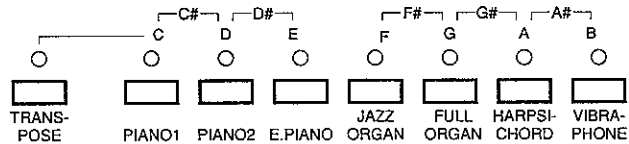


• **TRANSCOPE operation**

(1) Hold TRANSCOPE button down.

The LED above the PIANO 1 button lights to show that the MR120 is currently in the key of C.

(2) While still holding down the TRANSCOPE button, press one (or two) TONE SELECTOR button(s) to set your desired key.



(EXAMPLE 1) To change the key to E:

Press E.PIANO button.

(EXAMPLE 2) To change the key to F#:

Press JAZZ ORGAN and FULL ORGAN buttons simultaneously.

You can see that each of the tone selector buttons lets you select a different key. Using two tone selector buttons in combination lets you select sharp or flat keys.

\* When the digital piano is transposed to a key other than C, the LED above the TRANSCOPE button lights. When you return to the key of C, the transpose light will go off.

(3) If you forget what key is currently set on the MR120, press the TRANSCOPE button to light the LED of selected key.

(EXAMPLE) If you press the TRANSCOPE button while the MR120 is in the key of F, the LED above the JAZZ ORGAN button will light.

**Note:** When the MR120's power is first turned on, the key of C is always set.

# ■ Advanced Features

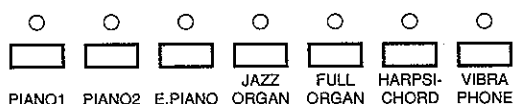
## 1) Programming Mode

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The programming mode allows you to change the keyboard's tuning, and temperament, and utilize the various MIDI capabilities. These programming functions are performed using the panel switches and keyboard, so please try them after reading and understanding the programming instructions completely.

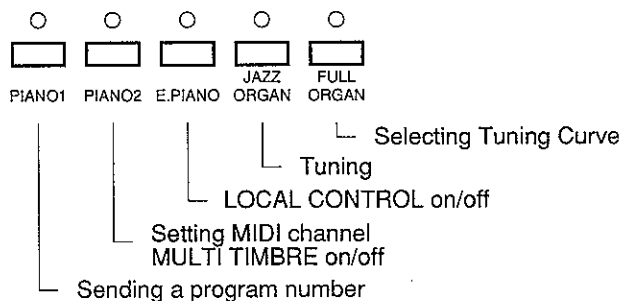
### A. Entering the programming mode

- (1) Holding down the VIBRAPHONE switch, press the first three tone selector switches (PIANO1, PIANO2 and E.PIANO).



- (2) The LEDs next to the VIBRAPHONE and PIANO1 switches should then start flashing to indicate that the piano is in the programming mode. In this mode, striking the keyboard produces no sound.
- (3) Press a TONE SELECTOR switch to select the desired programming mode.

The correspondence between switches and 6 types of programming mode is as below:



### B. Leaving the programming mode

- (1) Press the VIBRAPHONE switch.
- (2) The flashing will stop, and you will return to the timbre in effect when you entered the programming mode.

**•Note:** You can also continue into another programming mode by pressing another TONE SELECTOR without pressing the VIBRAPHONE switch.

## 2) Tuning

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- **Procedure**

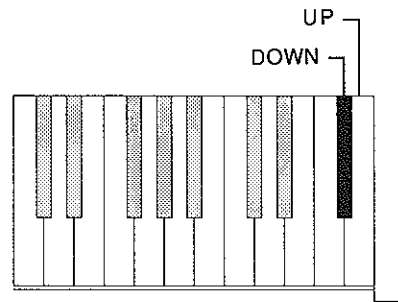
- (1) Make sure that the piano is in the programming mode.
- (2) Press the JAZZ ORGAN switch so that it flashes to indicate that the piano is ready to be tuned.



- (3) Unlike the other functions in the programming mode, this one produces sound so that you can compare the piano's pitch with another instrument.

• **Note:** Playing the keyboard when set up this way produces the timbre selected before entering the programming mode. Tuning is done using this timbre. If you want to change the timbre, leave the programming mode (see p. 6), select the new timbre, and repeat steps (1) and (2).

- (4) Press the highest black key to lower the pitch.  
Or press the highest white one to raise it.  
It may be necessary to press these keys repeatedly to achieve proper tuning.



- (5) Leave the programming mode.

• **Note:** Momentarily turning off the power restores the original pitch.

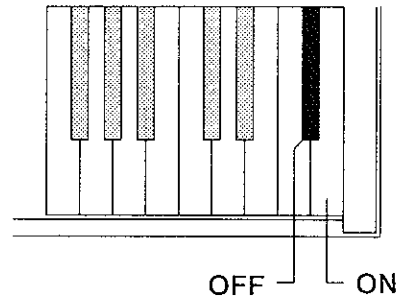
### 3) Selecting Tuning Curves

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Two tuning curves are provided on the MR120. One is Linear Equal Temperament and the other is called "S-curved" tuning which allows the MR120 to simulate the subtle nuances of an acoustic piano.

Use the following procedure to select the curve you desire:

- (1) Make sure that the piano is in the programming mode.
- (2) Press the FULL ORGAN button so that it flashes to indicate that the piano is ready to receive your choice of tuning curve.
- (3) Press the highest black key to select the Linear Equal Temperament or press the highest white key for the S-curved tuning curve.



- (4) Leave the programming mode.

**•Note:** When the MR120's power is first turned on, S-curved tuning is automatically selected.

# ■ MIDI Interface

## 1) What's MIDI?

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Before attempting to set the MIDI function, let's take a brief look at what MIDI is.

The letters MIDI stand for Musical Instrument Digital Interface, an international standard for connecting synthesizers, drum machines, and other electronic instruments so that they can exchange performance data.

Instruments equipped with MIDI have three jacks for exchanging data: IN, OUT, and THRU. Each uses a special cable with a DIN connector for connection (see p. 10).

IN: For receiving keyboard, timbre, and other data.

OUT: For sending keyboard, timbre, and other data.

THRU: For sending received data to another instrument without processing.

Electrical and electronic musical instruments equipped with MIDI are able to transmit and receive performance data such as for keyboard and timbre.

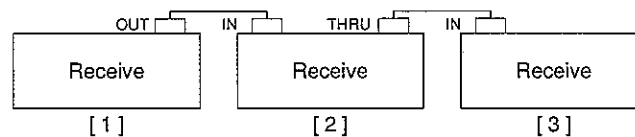
Depending on the connection method, instruments are grouped as those which receive data (producing sound according to data received from the connected instrument), those which send data (to the instruments to which they are connected), and those which both send and receive data.

The cable is connected to the MIDI IN jack of the instrument receiving data and to the OUT jack of the sending instrument. The THRU jack is used when the data received is to be sent to another instrument.

MIDI uses what are known as "channels" as a means of transmitting data for playing a specified instrument.

There are two types of channels, one for receiving and one for sending, and MIDI instruments are normally equipped with both types. Receive channels are used when an instrument receives data from another instrument, and send channels are used for transmission to another instrument.

For instance, let's say that three instruments are connected for playing in this way:

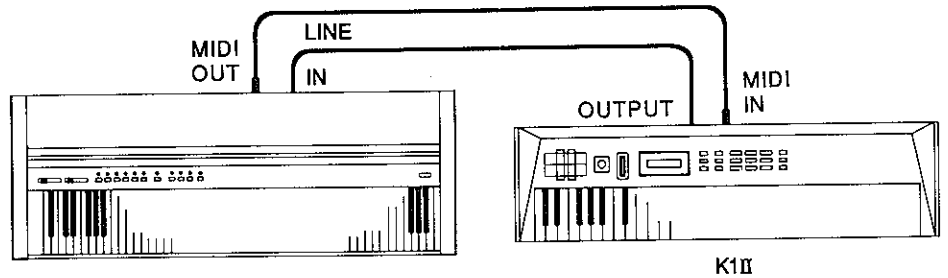


Instrument [1], which is sending, transmits the send channel along with keyboard and other data to instruments [2] and [3], which are receiving. This data is sent to instruments [2] and [3], but the data will not be received unless the receive channel for these two instruments matches the send channel used by instrument [1].

There are 16 channels each (1 through 16) available for both sending and receiving.

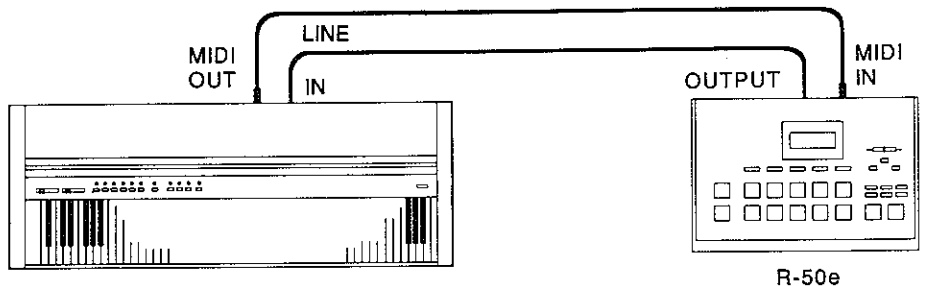
## 2) Connections

- (1) **Connection to another MIDI-compatible keyboard**  
(connection with instruments such as the Kawai digital synthesizer K1II or K5)



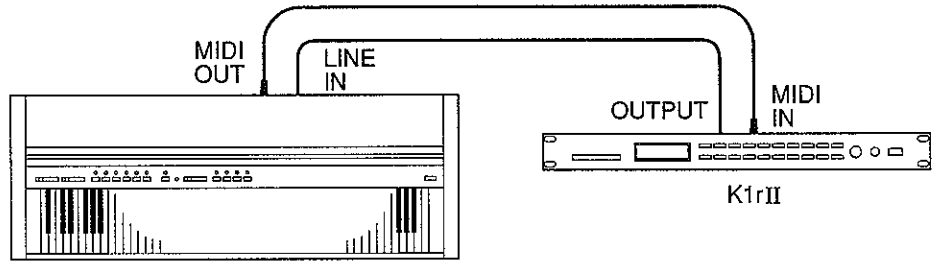
When connected as shown in the illustration, data on how the digital piano is played (what keys are struck and how hard) is sent to the synthesizer unchanged. Also, by connecting the synthesizer's OUTPUT jack and the LINE IN jack on the digital piano, the sound from the digital piano can be layered over the sound of the synthesizer. Since timbre can be set separately, you can assemble a wide variety of sound combinations, such as a PIANO tone from the digital piano layered with a STRING tone from the synthesizer for a richer sound.

- (2) **Connection to a drum machine**  
(connection with instruments such as the Kawai R-50e/R-100)



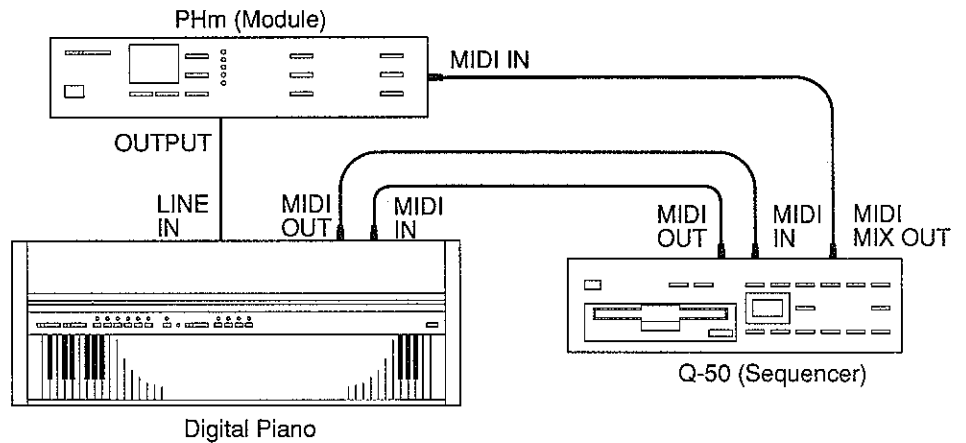
When connected as shown in the illustration, you can not only play along with the rhythm from the R-50e, you can also play the R-50e by striking the keys on the digital piano.

**(3) Connection to a sound module or expander**  
 (connection with instruments such as the Kawai K1rII/PHm)



When connected as shown in the illustration, you can layer sounds like (1) as well as playing a large number of tones.

**(4) Connection to a sequencer and sound module**  
 (connection with instruments such as the Kawai Q-50/PHm)



When connected as shown in the illustration, you can record songs played on the piano with the sequencer and play them back as many times as you like, and layer the module's tones made with the piano's MULTI TIMBRE function to assemble a complex automatic performance.

### 3) MIDI Implementation

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The MIDI interface on your Kawai Digital Piano allows you to:

1. Receive and transmit keyboard data.

You can play the digital piano to output sound on a synthesizer or other instrument, or vice versa.

2. Set channel numbers for sending and receiving.

You can set send or receive channels to any number from 1 to 16.

3. Receive and transmit program numbers (codes for changing timbres).

You can operate the digital piano to change the programmed timbre of a synthesizer or other instrument connected with the MIDI interface to the piano, or vice versa (see p. 14).

4. Receive and transmit pedal data.

You can receive and transmit ON/OFF data for the soft and damper pedals.

5. Receive volume data.

You can control the volume of the digital piano from an external sound source through the MIDI interface.

6. Set MULTI TIMBRE.

When the digital piano is used as a receiving instrument, you can receive keyboard data on a number of different channels, producing different timbres for each one.

**\* For details of the MIDI function of this instrument, please refer to the MIDI Implementation Chart.**



## 4) MIDI Operation

### A. Setting the channel

In order to be able to exchange information with a connected MIDI instrument, you must first set the interconnected instruments to the same channel.

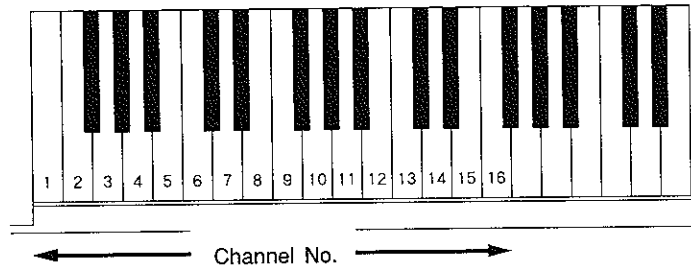
• **Procedure**

- (1) Make sure that the digital piano is in the programming mode.  
(See p. 6.)
- (2) Press the PIANO2 switch so that it flashes to indicate that the interface is waiting for a channel specification. (It is also possible to turn the MULTI TIMBRE function on and off. See following section.)



PIANO2

- (3) Select the channel by pressing the one of the first 16 white keys at the lower end of the keyboard.



• **Note:** You have 16 channels to choose from.

- (4) Pressing one of these keys automatically sets the instrument's transmitting and receiving channel to the number selected.
- (5) Leave the programming mode. (See p. 6.)

• **Note:** When the power is first applied, the interface uses Channel 1 and has the OMNI parameter on. Changing to another channel automatically turns the OMNI parameter off. In OMNI mode, information from all channels is received.

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## B. Sending a program number (timbre code)

### (a) Transmitting with the TONE SELECTORs

You can use the 7 TONE SELECTORs during normal playing to transmit program numbers 0 through 6 shown in the chart below.

Tone Selector	Program No.
PIANO1	0
PIANO2	1
E.PIANO	2
JAZZ ORGAN	3
FULL ORGAN	4
HARPSICHORD	5
VIBRAPHONE	6

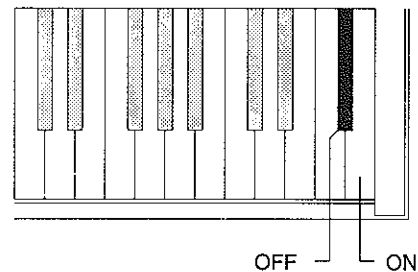
Transmission with these TONE SELECTORs can be switched on and off as described below.

(1) Enter the programming mode (see p. 6).

The LEDs for VIBRAPHONE and PIANO1 will flash. The flashing of the PIANO1 LED shows that the instrument is in the programming mode for transmitting the program number, so move on to the next step.

\* **No sound will be played if the keyboard is pressed at this time.**

(2) Press the highest black or white key.



Pressing a black key (OFF) disables transmission by the TONE SELECTORs.

Pressing a white key (ON) enables transmission.

(3) Press the VIBRAPHONE switch to leave the programming mode.  
You may then change to another programming mode.

\* The setting described above is automatically set on when the power is turned on, so you can also turn the setting simply by turning the power off and then on again, instead of using the procedure described above.

### (b) Using black keys

In addition to transmission with the TONE SELECTORS, you can also use the black keys on the instrument to send program numbers 0 through 127.

#### • Procedure

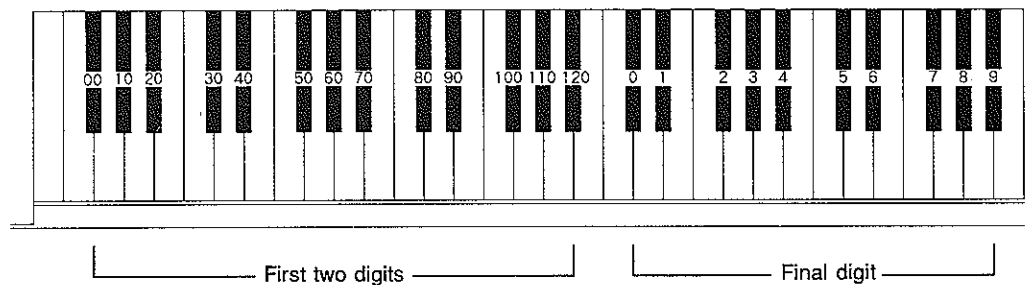
(1) Make sure that the digital piano is in the programming mode.  
(See p. 6)

The flashing LED next to the PIANO1 switch indicates that the interface is ready to transmit a program number.



PIANO1

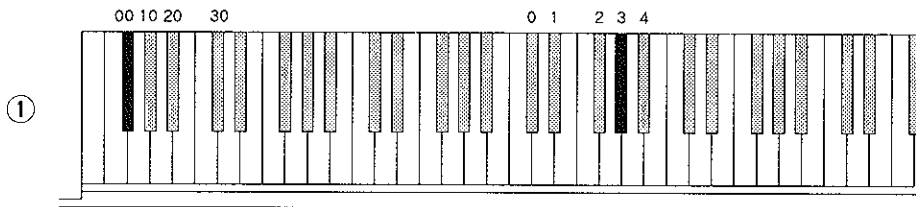
(2) Select the program number by pressing the corresponding pair of black keys at the lower end of the keyboard. There are a total of 128 numbers possible: the first thirteen black keys give the first and second digits ("00" – "12") of this three-digit numbers; the next ten, the final digit ("0" – "9").



**Note:** You must press the two keys in order from left to right.

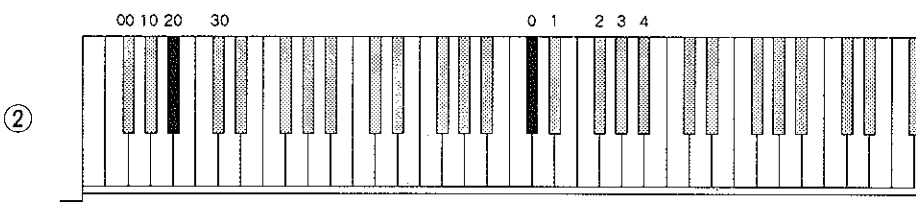
• **Example:**

• **Program No. 3**



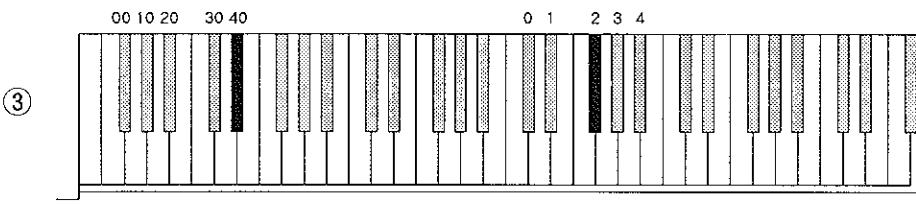
- Press the "00" key and then the "3" key.

• **Program No. 20**



- Press the "20" key and then the "0" key.

• **Program No. 42**



- Press the "40" key and then the "2" key.

**Note:** •When transmitting a program number that has the same tens digit as the number being sent (such as, for instance, transmitting 33 after sending 31), you don't need to press the tens digit. The number can be transmitted simply by pressing the ones digit.

- The tens digit is set at "00" when the programming mode is entered.

(3) Leave the programming mode. (See p. 6.)

## C. Turning MULTI TIMBRE on and off

Normally, the procedure described above is used to transmit or receive data on a set MIDI channel (any one of 1 through 16), but by turning the MULTI TIMBRE function on you can receive more than one MIDI channel and simultaneously play a different type of timbre on each one. With this feature, you can use a sequencer such as the Kawai Q-80/ Q-50 to assemble performances with a number of timbres (MULTI TIMBRE) on the digital piano.

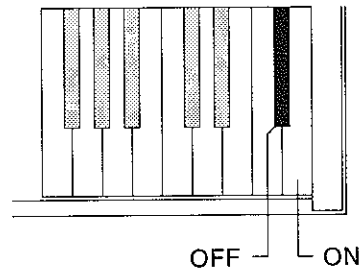
### • Procedure

- (1) Make sure that the digital piano is in the programming mode.  
(See p. 6.)
- (2) Press the PIANO2 switch to set the LED next to the PIANO2 switch flashing.



PIANO2

- (3) Press the highest black key to turn the function "off".  
Or press the highest white one to turn it "on".



When MIDI data is received while the MULTI TIMBRE function is off, it will be played according to the TONE SELECTOR currently selected. When the MULTI TIMBRE mode is on, the received MIDI data will be played in the timbre corresponding to the MIDI channel shown in the chart below, regardless of the TONE SELECTOR currently in effect.

Channel	Timbre	Channel	Timbre
1	PIANO1	9	—
2	PIANO2	10	—
3	E.PIANO	11	—
4	JAZZ ORGAN	12	—
5	FULL ORGAN	13	—
6	HARPSICHORD	14	—
7	VIBRAPHONE	15	—
8	—	16	—

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The timbres on the panel are allotted to Channels 1 through 7.

**\* The MULTI TIMBRE mode is off when the power is turned on.**

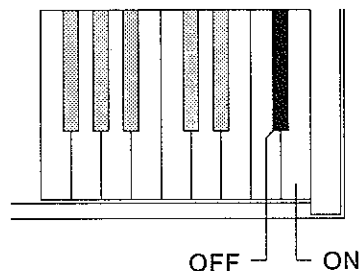
(4) Leave the programming mode. (See p. 6)

## D. LOCAL CONTROL

(1) Make sure that the piano is in the programming mode. After turning off the MULTI TIMBRE mode, press the E. PIANO switch. The flashing LED will change from PIANO2 to E. PIANO.

This mode is used to set whether the sound from the piano's keyboard will be played or not, and is called the LOCAL CONTROL ON/OFF mode. When set like this, no sound will be played when the keys are struck.

(2) Press the highest white or black key to run LOCAL CONTROL on or off.



White key (ON): The piano will output sound when the keys are struck.  
Black key (OFF): Sound will be output only when MIDI data is received, and not when the keyboard is played.

(3) Press the VIBRAPHONE switch to leave the programming mode.

**\* You can also turn this on by turning the power off and then on again, instead of using the highest key as described above.**

# ■ Specifications

<b>Keyboard</b>	76 keys
<b>Tone Colors</b>	Piano 1, 2, E. Piano, Jazz Organ, Full Organ, Harpsichord, Vibraphone
<b>Controls</b>	Volume, Transpose, Tune, Selecting Tuning Curves
<b>Other Fittings</b>	Headphone Jack, Line In Jacks (L [Mono]/R), Line Out Jacks (L [Mono]/R), MIDI Jacks (IN, OUT), PEDAL Jacks (Damper/Soft)
<b>Output Power</b>	10W x 2
<b>Speakers</b>	16 cm x 2
<b>Power Consumption</b>	50W
<b>Finish</b>	Cosmo black
<b>Dimensions (including stand)</b>	1219 (W) x 439 (D) x 771 (H) mm
<b>Weight (including stand)</b>	36.3 kg

# MIDI Implementation Chart

[KAWAI DIGITAL PIANO]  
MODEL MR120

MIDI Implementation Chart

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Version: 1.0

Function ...	Transmitted	Recognized	Remarks
<b>Basic Channel</b> : Default Changed	1 1—16	1 1—16	
<b>Mode</b> : Default Messages Altered	3 X *****	1 1,3 ** X	**The default for the OMNI mode is ON. Specifying MIDI channels automatically turns it OFF.
<b>Note Number</b> : True voice	28-103 * *****	0-127 15-113	
<b>Velocity</b> : Note ON Note OFF	O 9nH V = 1-127 X 9nH V = 0, 8nH	O X	V = 1-127
<b>After Touch</b> : Key's Ch's	X X	X X	
<b>Pitch Bender</b>	X	X	
<b>Control Change</b>	7 X 64 O (Right pedal) 67 O (Left pedal)	O O O	Volume Damper pedal Soft pedal
<b>Prog Change</b> : True #	O (0-127) *****	O (0-127) (0-7)	8-127 = 0
<b>System Exclusive</b>	O	O	
<b>System Common</b> : Song Pos : Song Sel : Tune	X X X	X X X	
<b>System Real Time</b> : Clock : Commands	X X	X X	
<b>Aux Messages</b> : Local ON/OFF : All Notes OFF : Active Sense : Reset	X O O X	O O O X	
<b>Notes</b>	* 22-108 The value depends on the TRANSPOSE setting.		

Mode 1 : OMNI ON, POLY  
Mode 3 : OMNI OFF, POLY

Mode 2 : OMNI ON, MONO  
Mode 4 : OMNI OFF, MONO

O : Y  
X : N









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