

Akai is embracing vibe-coded mods with an open-source MPC

The MPC Sample Key looks like the MPC Sample just with keys instead of pads. | Image: Akai

The MPC Sample Key isn't even formally announced yet, but Akai is already showing off what the modding community is cooking up through vibe coding. Akai has decided to embrace the explosion of hackers and custom firmware developers by giving them early access to the device, which will have open-source firmware.

It will likely run some version of the same software found on the MPC Sample, but with tweaks to accommodate the traditional keyboard, pitch, and mod wheels. Unlike the higher-end MPC Key 37, however, the Sample Key doesn't have pads. Instead, you play back samples with the keys.

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