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I. ORGAN STOPS

PITCH FOOTAGE

The number appearing on each stop, along with its name, indicates the “pitch” or “register” of the particular stop. Organs can produce notes of different pitches from a single playing key. When this sound corresponds to the actual pitch of the played key, the stop is referred to as being of 8’ (eight foot) pitch; therefore, when an 8’ stop is selected and Middle C is depressed, the pitch heard is Middle C. If the sounds are an octave higher, it is called 4’ or octave pitch. If two octaves higher, it is called 2’ pitch. A stop sounding three octaves higher is at a 1’ pitch. Similarly, a 16’ stop sounds an octave lower and a 32’ stop two octaves lower.

Stops of 16’, 8’, 4’, 2’ and 1’ pitch all have octave relationships, that is, these whole numbered stops all sound at octaves of whatever key is depressed. Non-octave pitches are also used in organs. Their footage numbers contain a fraction and they are referred to as Mutations. Among these are the 2-2/3’ Nasard, 1-3/5’ Tierce, 1-1/3 Quintflöte and 2-2/3 Twelfth. Because they introduce unusual pitch relationships with respect to the 8’ tone, they are most effective when combined with other stops and used either in solo passages or in small ensembles of flutes.

TONAL FAMILIES

1. Flues
Organ tones divide into two main categories: flues and reeds. In pipe organs, flue pipes are those in which the sound is set in motion by wind striking directly on the edge of the mouth of the pipe. Flues include principal, flute and string tones. Compound stops and hybrid stops are variations within these three stop families.

The term “imitative” means that the organ stop imitates the sound of a corresponding orchestral instrument; for example, an imitative 8’ Viola stop sounds like an orchestral viola.

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<td>Principal, Diapason, Octave, Fifteenth, Quinte</td>
<td>Harmonic Flute, Koppleflöte, flute mutation stops</td>
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<td>Characteristic organ tones, not imitative of any orchestral instruments. Usually present at many pitches and in all divisions. Rich, warm and harmonically well developed.</td>
<td>Lesser harmonic development than Principals. Open flutes are somewhat imitative; stopped flutes are not. Present at all pitch levels and in all divisions.</td>
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<th>Flute Voices - Stopped:</th>
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<th>String Voices</th>
<th>Compound Voices</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gamba, Salicional, Viole Céleste</td>
<td>Mixture, Fourniture</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mildly imitative and brighter harmonic development than Principals. Usually appear at 8’ first; can be 4’ &amp; 16’ ranks.</td>
<td>Voices produced by more than one rank sounding simultaneously. Best registered with other stops.</td>
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Hybrid Voices
Erzähler, Spitzflöte | Voices that combine the tonal characteristic of two families of sound, e.g., flutes and principals, or strings and principals.

2. Reeds
In *reed* pipes, a metal tongue vibrates against an open flattened side of a metal tube called a shallot. The characteristic sounds of different reeds are produced through resonators of different shapes. The family of reeds subdivides as follows:

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<th>Chorus or Ensemble:</th>
<th>Voices of great harmonic development; some are imitative of their orchestral counterparts.</th>
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II. SPECIALIZED STOP CONTROLS

Some organ stop controls do not turn voices on/off, but instead turn on/off console functions such as outlined in this Section. **Note:** This Section includes a general listing of stop controls found on two-manual organs. Not all of these controls are included in every Allen Organ model.

**Great to Pedal**
Connects all Great stops to the Pedal.

**Swell to Pedal**
Connects all Swell stops to the Pedal.

**Swell to Great**
Intermanual coupler connecting all Swell stops to the Great manual.

**MIDI on Pedal**
Opens MIDI channel to the Pedal.

**MIDI on Swell**
Opens MIDI channel to the Swell.

**MIDI on Great**
Opens MIDI channel to Great.

**Tremulant**
This stop provides a vibrato effect, natural in the human voice and wind instruments.

**Melody Coupler**
When playing on the Great manual, the highest key played on the Great will automatically play all stops drawn on the Swell, in addition to those drawn on the Great. By choosing a Swell stop such as the Festival Trumpet, the melody played by the top note on the Great is accentuated.

**Bass Coupler**
Similar to the Melody coupler, however, in this case the lowest note played on the Great will also play all stops drawn in the Pedal Division. This allows voices normally played from the pedalboard to be heard without using the pedalboard.
Alternate Tuning On: When activated, the organ’s tuning will change to the alternate tuning selected from the Console Controller™. See the Console Controller Guide later in this Manual for more information relating to Alternate Tunings. **Note:** Some historical temperaments will make the organ sound out of tune while playing in certain musical keys. This is a normal result when using these temperaments.

GT-PD Unenclosed: This stop disables the expression for both Great and Pedal divisions. Great and Pedal stops are at full volume regardless of the expression pedal’s position.

Console Speakers OFF: Used to switch off the Console Speakers.

External Speakers OFF: Switches off all external speakers.

### III. EXPRESSION SHOES

The volume of the organ is controlled by two pedals called expression shoes:

- The left shoe controls volume of the Great and Pedal Divisions.
- The right shoe controls volume of the Swell Division.

### IV. SETTING PISTONS

The capture system lets you set seven (7) stop registration combinations (presets) in each of four memories. These pistons are located in the center of the console under the upper manual. These pistons control the stops in all three divisions of the organ: Pedal, Swell and Great. As such, they are called General pistons.

- First, select and depress the stops you wish to save.
- Press and hold the SET Piston.
- Press and release the desired piston.
- Finally, release the SET Piston.

Pistons are customarily set from soft to loud using graduated stop combinations. The pistons you have set “remember” the registration combinations that you have assigned to each of them. Each time a piston is pressed, the registration assigned to it is activated. You can change stop registration combinations at any time by repeating the above procedures.

### V. ARTISTIC REGISTRATION

(Trained organists might not need to review this section.)

Organ registrations fall into two broad categories; *solo combinations* and *ensembles*. A solo combination is one in which a melody is played on one keyboard, the accompaniment on another keyboard. The pedal often provides a light bass line. Almost any stop or combination of stops will sound good as a solo voice. A contrasting tone quality should be chosen for the accompaniment, so that the accompaniment is softer than the solo voice. The Pedal stops must provide a foundation for the solo and accompaniment without covering them.

Most 8’ reed stops make interesting solo voices. The addition of a 4’ flute or a flute mutation (e.g., Nasard or Tierce) to a reed such as the Trompette colors the sound further and increases its volume slightly. Adding an 8’ flute to a reed adds body to the sound.
Flutes can be used alone or in combinations as solo voices. One special combination of flutes that creates an appealing and historically significant solo combination is the Cornet (pronounced kor-NAY). The Cornet is created by using the following Swell stops: Gedackt 8’, Traverse Flute 4’, Nasard 2-2/3’, Piccolo 2’, and Tierce 1-3/5’. This solo combination, widely used for Baroque organ music, is just as appropriate for some modern music. Useful variations of the Cornet may be achieved by eliminating the 4’, the 2’, or both.

When choosing stops for a solo voice, it is not always necessary to include an 8’ stop; for example, since the 4’ flute has a tone quality different from that of the 8’ flute, the 4’ flute can be used as an independent solo voice. By playing a solo voice an octave lower than written, the notes sound at the correct pitch. In similar fashion, a 16’ stop can be selected and the notes played an octave higher than written. Tonal variety is gained, because each stop has its own tone color.

For accompaniment, the most desirable voices are the 8’ flutes or strings on each manual. Celestes often make effective accompaniments. The correct choice depends on the volume of the solo tone (a soft solo voice requires the softest accompaniment stop), the element of contrast, and the location of the solo stop. A bright, harmonically rich solo reed, for example, can be accompanied by either a string or flute, though the flute often contributes greater interest because of its greater contrast. Try to seek a “natural” balance of volume between solo and accompaniment.

**SUGGESTED SOLO REGISTRATIONS**

**CHIMES SOLO**

Swell: Gedackt 8’, Viola Pomposa 8’, Viola Celeste 8’
Great: Chimes
Pedal: Lieblich Gedackt 16’, Swell to Pedal

*Play solo on Great.*

**SWELL SOLO COMBINATION**

Great: Harmonic Flute 8’, Spitzflöte 4’
Pedal: Lieblich Gedackt 16’, Flûte 8’

*Play solo on Swell.*

**FLUTE SOLO COMBINATION**

Swell: Viola Pomposa 8’, Viola Celeste 8’
Great: Harmonic Flute 8’
Pedal: Lieblich Gedackt 16’, Swell to Pedal

*[Play solo on Great.]*

**TRUMPET SOLO COMBINATION**

Swell: Trompette 8’
Great: Diapason 8’, Octave 4’, Fifteenth 2’, Mixture IV
Pedal: Bourdon 16’, Octave 8’, Choral Bass 4’

*[Play solo on Swell.]*
These few combinations demonstrate basic techniques of solo registration. In creating registrations of your own, remember these three simple rules:

- Seek tonal contrast between solo and accompaniment.
- Be sure the solo is louder than the accompaniment.
- Choose a solo whose character is appropriate to the specific piece.

**ENSEMBLE REGISTRATIONS**

Volumes have been written on the subject of ensemble registration. Following is a summary of the major points.

Ensemble registrations involve groups of stops that are played together, usually, but not always, with both hands on one keyboard. They are characterized by compatibility of tone, clarity, and occasionally power. Such registrations are used in hymn singing, choir accompaniments, and much of the contrapuntal organ literature.

Two factors are always to be considered: tone quality and pitch. Ensembles begin with a few stops at the 8’ and/or 4’ pitch and expand “outward” in pitch as they build up. New pitches are usually added in preference to another 8’ stop.

Ensembles are generally divided into three tonal groupings called “choruses”:

- **The Principal Chorus** is the most fully developed with representation in various divisions of the organ and at every pitch from 16’ to high mixtures. The Principal Chorus is sometimes called the narrow-scale flue chorus, a reference to the relative thinness of Principal pipes in relation to their length.

- **The Flute Chorus** is also well represented with a diversity of stops at various pitches. Generally speaking, the Flute Chorus is composed of less harmonically developed tones, and is smoother and of lesser volume than the Principal Chorus. The Flute Chorus is sometimes called the wide-scale flue chorus, owing to the generally “fatter” look of Flute pipes as compared to Principals.

- **The Reed Chorus** includes those reed tones designed to be used in the ensemble buildup. Not all reed voices are ensemble tones. A Clarinet, for example, is usually a solo stop. The various Trumpets, Clairons, Bassons, etc., are usually ensemble voices that add brilliance, power, and incisiveness to the sound. If you have questions as to whether a specific reed is a solo or ensemble stop, refer to the stop list in the preceding section.

- **The Swell Reed Chorus** is a special ensemble of Basson 16’ and Trompette 8’. It represents an entity important to French organ music and the full ensemble of the organ. These stops create a “blaze” of richly harmonic sounds that tops off both flue choruses.

Another special ensemble combination important in French music is the Cornet (described in the section on Solo Registration). This combination can be used with the chorus reeds and mutations to create the “Grand Jeu.” The Cornet is also useful in Romantic ensembles, adding weight and thickness to the sound.
SUGGESTED ENSEMBLE COMBINATION REGISTRATIONS:

GREAT ENSEMBLE COMBINATIONS

1. Harmonic Flute 8’, Spitzflöte 4’
2. Harmonic Flute 8’, Spitzflöte 4’, Fifteenth 2’
3. Diapason 8’, Octave 4’
4. Diapason 8’, Octave 4’, Fifteenth 2’
5. Diapason 8’, Octave 4’, Fifteenth 2’, Mixture IV

SWELL ENSEMBLE COMBINATIONS

1. Gedackt 8’, Viola Pomposa 8’
2. Gedackt 8’, Viola Pomposa 8’ Traverse Flute 4’
3. Gedackt 8’, Viola Pomposa 8’ Traverse Flute 4’, Piccolo 2’
5. Gedackt 8’, Viola Pomposa 8’ Traverse Flute 4’, Piccolo 2’, Fourniture IV, Trompette 8’

The use of the Swell to Great coupler allows these separate ensembles to be combined on the Great manual. It is also possible to combine some of these ensembles within the same division; for example, when the #5 Great and #3 Swell registrations are coupled together and played on the Great, they combine to form a nice round hymn combination.

The Pedal ensemble is created in much the same way as the manual ensembles, starting at 16’ pitch instead of 8’. Be careful that the volume of the pedals is not greater than that of the manuals. Although the manual to pedal couplers are useful in bringing clarity to the pedal line, especially on softer registrations, avoid the temptation to rely constantly on one or two 16’ stops and a coupler. Please note that the softest stops and flute mutations are normally not used with ensembles.

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Due to the immense capabilities of the organ, every stop and coupler on the instrument could be used simultaneously without distortion, if the organ is adjusted properly. In good registration practice, however, the organist would not haphazardly put on every stop on the instrument. For best results, listen and include only those stops that really contribute to the fullness and brilliance of the ensemble. Eliminate soft stops and solo stops that make no purposeful contribution.

This short treatment barely scratches the surface of the fascinating subject of organ registration. For those interested in gaining further insight into this vital area of organ playing, we recommend the following texts:

Audsley, George Ashdown. *Organ Stops and their Artistic Registration.*

VI. TRANSPOSER

Vast computer capability makes it possible to perform the sometimes difficult task of transposing, while allowing the organist to play in the notated key. The Rotary Dial of the Console Controller™ controls operation of the Transposer. The Rotary Dial is located on the face of the Console Controller™ located at the left side of the console. For additional Console Controller™ operation information please see the Console Controller™ section located in this manual.

Transposition to any of the twelve musical keys is possible. When the organ's power is first turned ON, the Console Controller™ window displays a brief message then displays MEM - 1, indicating the first capture memory. Also displayed is the Transposer setting of neutral pitch. The Transposer is displayed as a large digit in the Console Controller™ display. (“□” is on the right side of the display.) When the organ's power is switched ON, the organ starts up in Memory 1 and in this neutral pitch position.

To shift the music to a higher key, you must first move the cursor's position in the Console Controller's™ display window so that the “□” symbol is selected. To move the cursor, repeatedly press the button on the face of the Console Controller™ labeled "CURSOR" until the “□” symbol is selected. Once the “□” symbol is selected, turn the Console Controller's Rotary Dial to select the new musical key. Turning the dial in a clockwise manner selects higher keys and causes the organ's pitch to rise. Turning the dial in a counter-clockwise manner selects a lower key and causes the organ's pitch to go lower. The pitch can be raised a maximum of five half-steps or lowered a total of seven half-steps. Be aware that the Transposer's range settings "wrap back around" from the plus five half-step setting to the minus seven half-step setting.

A red indicator light on the face of the console controller™ illuminates any time the Transposer setting is moved from the “□” neutral pitch position.

Why Transpose?

- Because a song’s range does not always suit the vocal range of a particular singer. By adjusting the Transposer, the piece can be sung more comfortably and effectively.
- Because some instruments are non-concert pitch. A trumpet in B♭, for example, can play the same music as the organist, if the Transposer knob is set two half steps lower.
- Because hymn singing can sometimes be improved by a more favorable key selection.

VII. VIRTUAL ACOUSTICS™

Virtual Acoustics™ provide spatial ambiance to enhance any acoustical environment. Your service technician or sales representative will adjust the Default Virtual Acoustics™ setting to sound best for your installation and specifically to your taste. The organist may also choose one of many other Virtual Acoustics™ settings to use or it may be turned off with the switch on the face of the Console Controller™ labeled "Virtual Acoustics™". Please refer to the Console Controller™ section in this manual regarding making changes to and selecting the various Virtual Acoustic choices.
VIII. QUAD SUITE™

QuadSuite™ provides the versatility of four separate and distinct organs in one console. Choose from American Classic, English Cathedral, French Romantic, or Neo-Baroque for the stop list that perfectly complements your music. The specifications are comprised of unique pipe samples from the world’s finest examples of each major organ-building style. The touch of a button changes the entire organ to the stop list of your choice!

This model has a dedicated Quad Suite display window located on a panel to the right of the keyboards. Additionally, there is a dedicated Change Suite “CS” piston located to the right of the General Pistons 1-2-3-4-5-6-7.

To change to a different Sound Library Voice Suite:
Hold CS (Change Suite) piston + hold a General piston for one second, then release:

- General piston #1 = American Classic [AMERICAN CLASSIC]
- General piston #2 = English Cathedral [ENGLISH]
- General piston #3 = French Romantic [FRENCH]
- General Piston #4 = Baroque [BAROQUE]

The up-coming suite name will alternate with [LOADING SUITE] several times for about three seconds in the top row of the Quad Suite™ display window.

During the loading process, the green power indicator LED will also flash. When loading is complete, flashing will cease and any stops that were on will be cancelled.

The organ is now ready to be played in the new voice suite.

The default voice suite at turn-on is American Classic. This selection is not user settable.

Voice suites can also be changed by using the Console Controller™: consult the Console Controller™ section of this manual for that procedure.

To view and/or print the complete FOUR (4) STOPLISTS visit the Allen Organ Company website: www.allenorgan.com
IX. INSTALLATION, VOICING, AND CARE OF THE ORGAN

INSTALLATION
Wherever your organ may be situated, careful installation is a prerequisite to successful results. Your Allen representative is well qualified to guide you in planning the finest possible installation. Factory assistance in planning the installation is also available and may, in fact, be sought by your Allen Organ representative.

VOICING
Your organ presents unprecedented accuracy in the scaling and voicing of each note of every stop. Should you require that these parameters be changed, your Allen Organ representative is able to help make such changes. Final adjustments in scaling and voicing involve procedures that are best left to an expert. These adjustments normally are a part of installation, and once done, should not require changes. If the organ is moved to a new location or major changes are made to the acoustical properties of the room the organ resides in, the instrument may need to be tonally finished again.

CARE OF THE ORGAN
Your Allen Organ constitutes a major advance in long-term maintenance-free operation. There are no regular maintenance procedures required and, therefore, no periodic maintenance schedules to be observed.

Reasonable care will keep the instrument looking beautiful for years to come. The wood surfaces may be cleaned using a soft cloth dampened with lukewarm water. A mild solution of lukewarm water and dish detergent may be used to remove fingerprints, etc. Polish dry with a soft cloth. Do not use wax, sprays or oils on the finish. Satin finished surfaces will take on a semi-gloss appearance when waxed and will eventually become yellowed.

Keys and stop tablets should be cleaned in the following manner: Use two clean cloths. Immerse one in clear, lukewarm water and wring it thoroughly damp dry. Loosen the dirt with this cloth, and then polish immediately with the dry cloth. Do not use soap or detergent on keys or stop tablets.

To polish the clear music rack, a furniture wax polish may be sprayed on a soft dry cloth and rubbed on the front of the music rack. Keep the wax off of the wood finishes. This will help keep the music rack clear.

You have purchased a remarkable organ that not only faithfully reproduces the organ traditions of the past but also anticipates the innovations of the future. Should you have questions that are not addressed in this manual, please do not hesitate to contact your local Allen Organ representative. Welcome to the family of satisfied Allen Organ owners!
X. SAFETY INFORMATION

USA ONLY
CAUTION

Never plug the instrument into any current source other than 110 to 120 volts, 50/60 Hertz alternating current (AC). A verified grounded outlet is essential to proper operation and protection of the instrument. Proper polarity should be checked with an AC circuit analyzer before connecting the organ.

Do not change the cable plug or remove the ground pin or connect with a two-pole ground lift adapter.

If you are in doubt about your electrical connection, consult your local electrician or power company.

In facilities where circuit breakers are turned off between uses (as for example, between worship services), the circuit breaker affecting the organ console AC power should have a guard installed to prevent it from accidentally being switched off.

It is important that you read and comply with all instructions and labels that might be attached to the instrument.

INTERNATIONAL ONLY
CAUTION

Do not plug the instrument into any current source other than that stated by the selling dealer. Proper polarity should be checked with an AC circuit analyzer before connecting the organ.

Do not change the cable plug or remove the ground pin (if applicable).

If you are in doubt about your electrical connection, consult your local electrician or power company.

In facilities where circuit breakers are turned off between uses (as for example, between worship services), the circuit breaker affecting the organ console AC power should have a guard installed to prevent its being accidentally switched off.

Read and comply with all instructions and labels that may be attached to the instrument.
**Warning:** This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause interference to radio communications. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B Computing Device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. Should this equipment cause interference to radio communications, the user at his own expense will be required to take whatever measures may be necessary to correct the interference. Whether this equipment actually causes the interference to radio communications can be determined by turning the equipment off and on. The user is encouraged to attempt to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient the receiving antenna.
Relocate the organ with respect to the receiver.
Move the organ away from the receiver.
Plug the organ into a different electrical outlet, so that the organ and receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary, the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio technician for additional suggestions.

CE mark shows compliance with the EMC Directive.
XI. CONSOLE CONTROLLER™ GUIDE

Note: This Guide is designed to serve various Console Controller™ software versions. As a result, there may be variations in the way a particular Console Controller™ operates.

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INTRODUCTION
The Console Controller™ is an interface that controls many organ functions and a variety of MIDI functions. The Console Controller is pictured below and includes a window that displays functions, one at a time, as well as an integrated Rotary Dial with push buttons used to make selections. Each window function is described in detail in this booklet.

A. BASIC OPERATION

1. Start-Up Sequence
Upon turning on the organ's main power switch the Console Controller™ will display "Allen Organ Co. Copyright (©) 200x" in its display window for several seconds.

During this start-up period do not press any keys, pedals, stops or move the expression shoe(s). You may also notice that the power LED will blink momentarily as well as the stop indicators. The organ's computer is booting up during this time period and this is considered a NORMAL condition. The organ will be ready to play when the Main window function appears on the Console Controller™ and the power LED glows steadily.

The Main window function is the window that indicates the current capture memory as well as the current Transposer value. The capture memory value is on the first line at the upper left of the display. The Transposer value is located on the right side of the display. The Transposer value actually encompasses both lines.

WARNING: If a warning is displayed in the start-up sequence, contact your authorized Allen representative immediately.
2. Advancing Through the Windows

The Allen Organ operating software contains many settings that are user-programmable. Each setting can be programmed via the Console Controller's™ display. These settings are divided up into many window functions. To advance the Console Controller's™ display to the next window function, press the CURSOR button until the blinking CURSOR is over the abbreviation MEM in the display. Once the cursor is positioned, slowly turn the ROTARY DIAL clockwise, the display will advance to the next window function. When the second window function is displayed, rotate the ROTARY DIAL counter-clockwise, the window will return to the Main window display function. Turn the ROTARY DIAL counter-clockwise again and the last window function will display. The window functions “wrap around” for ease of accessing parameters quickly.

Remember: You may return to the Main Window function at any time by pressing and holding the SET piston. Then, while holding SET, press the CANCEL piston, then release both pistons. This procedure will always return the Console Controller’s display to the Main Window function.

Repeat this procedure to advance through all of the windows. The last window function will display:

![Unlock All Capture Memories](image)

3. Selecting the Capture Memories

The Main Window function must be displayed (See Section A-2). Locate the CURSOR button on the face of the Console Controller™. Press this button to move the cursor to the first number to the right of the abbreviation “MEM” on the display. Once the cursor is positioned on the memory number, turn the ROTARY DIAL clockwise to select the memories sequentially from MEM 1 to 8. Or, turn the ROTARY DIAL counter-clockwise to select the memories sequentially from MEM 1 to MEM 8 (see Note 2 below), to MEM 7.

The capture memories allow you to save different registrations on each piston/toe piston. This means General Piston 1 on MEM-1 may be totally different from General Piston 1 on MEM-2, MEM-3, etc.

Note 1: Standard model Allen Organs include a factory set of registration examples stored on each piston of the last available capture memory. You may re-program factory registrations to your own registrations. To restore the factory registrations to the original settings, please see RESTORING FACTORY SETTINGS referenced later in this manual.

Note 2: The number of available memories is dependent on the Allen Organ model you have. There may be as many as 8 memories in the organ.
4. Saving Registrations Using Pistons and Toe Studs

A registration is any combination of stop tabs and/or drawknobs. These registrations can be stored (remembered) by the organ’s capture memory system. The pistons and toe studs/toe pistons provide a way to make changes quickly from one registration to another.

General Pistons are those that affect all stops and drawknobs on the organ. These are located on the left side, underneath the keyboards on the piston rails.

Divisional Pistons (not available on all models) affect only those stops associated with the particular manual above them. They are located in the center of the piston rails below the keyboards.

Toe Pistons/Studs (not available on all models) are located just above the pedalboard. Toe Studs to the left of the expression shoes duplicate the General Pistons (GEN-10, GEN-9, GEN-8, etc.). Those to the right of the shoes are Pedal Divisional Pistons (PED-1, PED-2, PED-3, etc.).

Saving a Registration to a General Piston

The Main Window function in the Console Controller™ drawer must be displayed (See Section A-2). Select any memory number (MEM-1, MEM-2 ... MEM-8, etc.) (see section A-3 and Note 2 above regarding capture memory levels); however, for this example use MEM-1. Next, select the desired stops/drawknobs you want General Piston 1 to remember. Once the stops/drawknobs are drawn, press and hold the SET piston, the press and release General Piston 1. Finally, release the SET piston. General Piston 1 will now store in memory the stops/drawknobs you selected.

Note: General Pistons are often set gradually from soft to loud with General 1 the softest and General 10 the loudest.

Saving a Registration to a Divisional Piston

The Main Window function must be displayed, (See Section A-2). Select a memory (MEM-1, MEM-2, etc.) (see section A-3 and Note 2 above regarding capture memory levels). Select the division stops/drawknobs you want the associated Divisional piston to remember. While holding the SET piston, press and release a Divisional Piston you want to save to. Finally, release the SET piston. The Divisional Piston pressed will now store the stops and/or drawknobs selected.

Saving Intermanual Couplers/Reversibles

The intermanual coupler’s, (e.g., Swell to Great, Great to Pedal, etc.) settings can be remembered only by the General pistons, not Divisional pistons unless Divisional pistons are reconfigured. (see Section B-2).

Reversible pistons (not available on all models) may also control Intermanual couplers. These pistons reverse the condition or "toggle" the associated stop. If a stop is ON when the associated Reversible piston is pressed, that stop will turn OFF. If the stop is OFF when pressed, it will turn ON.

To Save Registrations using Toe Pistons/Toe Studs

Toe Pistons/Toe Studs can store registrations similar to General and Divisional pistons. Toe Pistons allow stored registrations to be addressed using feet instead of hands.
Note: Setting a General Toe Piston/Stud will change the registration for BOTH the toe piston and the corresponding hand piston, i.e. General Piston 10 is identical to General Toe Piston 10, while General Piston 6 is identical to General Toe Piston 6.

5. Locking Capture Memories

All memories, except Memory 1, may be locked or unlocked individually to prevent unintentional or unauthorized changes to that memory’s contents. Memory 1 remains unlocked as a convenience to visiting or substitute organists. The Console Controller must display the Main Window function in the drawer (See Section A-2). Select a capture memory to lock. After registrations are stored to pistons, (See Section A-4) choose three digits you can easily remember (e.g., 1-2-3, 0-0-7, etc.). Use General Piston 1 for the 1 digit and General Piston 10 for the zero digits. In the Console Controller™ locate the MEMORY button (The button is labeled MEM in some versions of the Console Controller™). Press and hold the MEMORY button. While holding MEMORY, press the General Pistons that correspond to your three-digit code. Release the MEMORY button and an "L" will appear next to the MEM number in the display, indicating this memory is now locked.

As long as the memory remains locked, the piston registrations on that memory cannot be changed. Other organists will still be able to use the locked registrations; however they cannot be changed. Remember; choose an easy to remember three-digit code.

6. Unlocking Capture Memories Using Your Code

The Main Window function must be displayed (See Section A-2). To unlock a memory, select the capture memory to be unlocked. Remember, locked capture memories will have an “L” behind the number. Once a capture memory is selected, press and hold the MEMORY button in the Console Controller™. While pressing MEMORY, enter the same three-digit code that was used to lock this memory (See Section A-5), using General Pistons 1 through 10 (Piston 10 = zero). Release the MEMORY button. The "L" will disappear, indicating that this memory is now unlocked.

7. Unlocking All Capture Memories

Advance to the 'UNLOCK ALL CAPTURE MEMORIES' window function (see section A-2).
Press and hold the MEMORY button on the Console Controller™ and press General Pistons 2-5-5. Release the MEMORY button. The display will automatically return to the Main Window function. All capture memories are now unlocked, including those memories other organists may have locked. Registrations remain unchanged.

8. **Stop Action and Capture Self Check**

This feature self-checks the capture system. It tests to insure each stop is functioning properly and controllable by the capture system. Advance to the ‘SELF CHECK’ window function (see Section A-2).

To start the self-check, press the CURSOR button on the Console Controller to position the flashing cursor on the word “OFF”. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to start the Self Check function. The display will indicate that the Self Check function is now “ON”. The stop tablets will illuminate on and off consecutively (drawknobs out and in). *If a stop does not illuminate or move, notify your Allen service technician.* During the testing process you can interrupt and return to the Main Window function at any time by turning the ROTARY DIAL until “OFF” appears in the display or by using the SET and CANCEL pistons to return to the Main Window function (see Section A-2).

9. **Quad Suite™ (Protégé organs) and Stoplist Library™ (Quantum organs)**

QuadSuite™ and Stoplist Library™ provide the versatility of multiple distinct organs in one console. Allen Protégé organs with Quad Suite™ allow you to choose from American Classic, English, French, or Baroque stop lists. Allen Quantum organs with Stoplist Library™ provide a choice of American Classic, English Cathedral, Orchestral, Cavaillé-Coll, Schlicker and Arp Schnitger specifications. The specifications are comprised of unique pipe samples from the world’s finest examples of each major organ-building style. The touch of a button changes the entire organ to the stop list of your choice!

**Quad Suite™ LCD Display Window (Protégé L-4 & L-9 organs ONLY)**

The Quad Suite™ LCD Display Window is located on the panel to the right of the manuals. The voice suite currently in use is displayed in the window.
Quad Suite™ Display Window (Protégé organs EXCEPT L-4 & L-9)

The Quad Suite™ Display Window is located on the left hand panel above the Console Controller™ near the power switch.

![Quad Suite™ Display Window](image)

Stoplist Library™ Display Window (Quantum organs)

The Stoplist Library™ Display Window is located on the left hand panel above the Console Controller™ near the power switch.

![Stoplist Library™ Display Window](image)

Selecting Voice Suites with the Console Controller™

While holding the SET piston, press the CANCEL piston. This will return the Console Controller to the Main Window. The cursor will flash at the current capture memory level. Press the CURSOR button. The cursor will now flash under the first “M” of [MEM].

Rotate the ROTARY DIAL clockwise until [SOUND LIBRARY] appears on the top line.

![Rotary Dial](image)

Press the CURSOR button. The cursor will move to left end of the bottom row. The bottom row indicates the currently selected voice set.
Rotate the **ROTARY DIAL** until the suite name you want appears.

While holding the **SET** piston, press the **MEMORY** button (The button is labeled **MEM** in some versions of the Console Controller™).

The top row of the CONSOLE CONTROLLER LCD will indicate that the suite is loading. The Quad Suite™/Stoplist Library™ Display Window (if installed) will also flash the new name of the loading suite.

When loaded (in about three seconds) flashing will cease and any stops that were ON will be cancelled.

The organ is now ready to be played in the new voice suite.

The default voice suite at turn-on is American Classic. This selection is not user settable.

To view and/or print the complete stop lists, visit the Allen Organ Company website: [www.allenorgan.com](http://www.allenorgan.com)

### 10. Acoustic Portrait™ Settings (Quantum, Chapel and Protégé organs EXCEPT L-9)

There are 10 available Acoustic Portrait™ pallets to select from. The rocker switch labeled ACOUSTIC PORTRAIT™ in the Console Controller™ drawer must be ON to hear the Acoustic Portrait™ selection. The Acoustic Portrait™ gain (volume) can be adjusted. The gain is indicated in dB (decibels). The Acoustic Portrait™ gain range is adjustable from +6dB to minus 35dB. Minus 35dB is the least amount of gain while +6dB is the most available.

To change the active Acoustic Portrait™ or adjust the Acoustic Portrait™ gain, advance to the ‘ACOUSTIC PORTRAIT’ window function (see Section A-2). The window will display the name of the currently selected Acoustic Portrait™ pallet on line 1 with the Gain setting on line 2.

To change the Acoustic Portrait pallet, press the **CURSOR** button on the Console Controller until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Acoustic Portrait pallet name. Turn the **ROTARY DIAL** on the Console Controller to select a different pallet name.
Note: The change will not be immediate. You must wait 3 seconds for the newly selected Acoustic Portrait pallet to load. The display will indicate that the newly selected pallet is loading:

![Acoustic Portrait Gain (Volume) Adjustment](image)

If the organ is equipped with a Quad Suite™/Stoplist Library™ Display Window, it will also flash while the new pallet is loading. Once the newly selected pallet is loaded the display will change back to the Acoustic Portrait™ pallet name and the Quad Suite™/Stoplist Library™ Display Window will stop flashing.

Acoustic Portrait Gain (Volume) Adjustment:

To change the Acoustic Portrait Gain setting, press the CURSOR button on the Console Controller until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Acoustic Portrait gain setting. Turn the ROTARY DIAL on the Console Controller to change the gain setting. Gain adjustment range is from -35dB to +6 db. -35db is the least amount of gain while +6 dB is the maximum amount of gain.

11. Virtual Acoustics™ Settings (Protégé L-9 ONLY)

There are 20 Virtual Acoustic reverb pallets to select from. The rocker switch labeled VIRTUAL ACOUSTICS™ on the Console Controller™ must be ON to hear the Virtual Acoustics™ selection. The Virtual Acoustics™ gain (volume) can be adjusted. The gain is shown in dB (decibels). The range of control is from 0 dB to -30 dB. -30 dB is the least amount of gain while 0 dB is the maximum amount of gain.

To change the Virtual Acoustics™ reverb pallet or adjust the Virtual Acoustics™ gain, advance to the ‘ACOUSTICS’ window function (See Section A-2). The window will display the name of the currently selected reverb pallet on line 2 with the Gain setting on the right side of line 1.

![Virtual Acoustics™ Settings](image)
To change the Virtual Acoustics™ to a different reverb type press the CURSOR button on the Console Controller™ until the cursor is on the second line of the display and on the reverb type. Once the cursor is positioned, turn the ROTARY DIAL to select another reverb type.

To change the amount of reverberation applied to the selected reverb type, press the CURSOR button until the cursor is on the reverb amount (the decibel number). Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the amount of reverberation. The amount of reverb is shown in dB (decibels). The range of control is from 0 dB to -30 dB. -30 dB is the least amount of reverb and 0 dB is the most reverb available.

12. Transposer

The organ can perform the difficult task of transposing, while allowing the organist to play in the noted key. Operation of the Transposer is controlled by the Transposer function, found in the Main Window of the Console Controller. Neutral (no transposition) position is indicated by the number “0” in the Console Controller’s display.

To shift the music to a different key, press the CURSOR button until a box appears around the transposer value.

The key can now be raised a maximum of five half steps or lowered a total of seven half steps by turning the ROTARY DIAL in either direction.

A RED INDICATOR LIGHT COMES ON WHENEVER THE TRANSPOSER IS OUT OF NEUTRAL (“0”) POSITION. This is to warn the organist that the instrument is not ready to play in the same key as when in the Neutral position. It is a good habit to operate the organ with the Console Controller drawer open (if applicable).
B. ADVANCED OPERATION

1. Selecting an Alternate Tuning

Advance to the ‘ALTERNATE TUNING’ window function (see section A-2).

(The current Alternate Tuning will appear on line 2 of the display)

Allen Organs offer seven Alternate Tunings, plus one standard tuning. These tunings are accessible from the Console Controller™. To select an Alternate Tuning, press the CURSOR button on the Console Controller until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Alternate Tuning name (line 2). Turn the ROTARY DIAL to select one of the seven available tunings. The organ’s overall tuning will be changed to the selected Alternate Tuning, by actuating the drawknob, or stop tablet engraved ALTERNATE TUNING.

The selected tuning will remain the Alternate Tuning until:

- Either another Alternate Tuning in the Console Controller is selected,
- Or, the stop/drawknob is turned off.

Any time the ALTERNATE TUNING stop is off, the organ is tuned to a standard general purpose tuning. Note: The remaining tunings are of historical interest, but are limited in application to modern music. When selected, it is normal for some intervals to sound out of tune.

2. Configuring Divisional Pistons and General Pistons

This procedure enables pistons to control stops/drawknobs that are normally not controlled by those pistons.

Note: The Piston Configuration is common to all capture memories.

For example:

1. Divisional Pistons can be configured to respond like General Pistons.
2. Divisional Pistons normally will not remember the settings (on/off) of the Intermanual Couplers, (i.e., Swell to Great, Great to Pedal). Divisional Pistons can be configured such that the Divisional Pistons will control the Intermanual Couplers’ settings.
3. A Divisional Piston can be configured so that it will only affect the Tremulant stops in all divisions.
4. A General Piston can be configured to respond like a Divisional Piston.

Note 1: Changing the configuration of a piston will not affect the registrations previously remembered by that piston prior to its reconfiguration.

Note 2: Reconfiguring a piston does not change its MIDI channel assignment.

Note 3: This feature is not applicable to the Allen Protégé L-9.
Configuring Divisional Pistons to become General Pistons:

Advance to the ‘CONFIGURE PISTONS’ window function (see section A-2).

Select all of the stops and drawknobs. Any stops/drawknobs not engaged, will not be able to be registered later. While holding in the SET piston, press the Divisional piston that you want to respond like a General Piston. Return to the Main Window to store General registrations to the Divisional pistons you pressed (See Section A-4).

To add the SWELL TO GREAT Intermanual Coupler to the Great Divisional Pistons:

Advance to the ‘CONFIGURE PISTONS’ window function (see section A-2).

Select all of the Great Division stops/drawknobs and the SWELL TO GREAT intermanual coupler. Press and hold the SET piston. While holding SET, press the Divisional Piston(s) you wish to have the Swell to Great coupler register on. Return to the Main Window and save registrations to these Divisional Pistons, using combinations of stops/drawknobs and the SWELL TO GREAT coupler.

To reconfigure a Divisional Piston so it controls only the Tremulant stops/drawknobs:

Advance to the ‘CONFIGURE PISTONS’ window function (see section A-2).

Select all of the organ’s Tremulant Stops/Drawknobs. Press and hold the SET piston. While holding SET, press a Divisional piston. Return to the Main Window. You can use this reconfigured divisional piston to control just the Tremulant Stops without affecting any other stops.

The use of the CONFIGURE PISTONS function is only limited by one’s creative imagination.

Remember: The above examples only determine which stops/drawknobs will become accessible by the reconfigured pistons; they will not change previously saved registrations.

To Restore Original Factory Piston Configuration Settings:

See Section B-4 for the window function that displays:
3. Modifying the Crescendo and Tuttis

The original factory settings include a second set of Tuttis and a second set of Crescendo settings that can be altered to suit the organist’s needs.

Advance to the ‘CRESC/TUTTI B’ window function (see section A-2). There are two modes available in this window function, "SET" and "SHOW".

**SET** Mode: Set mode allows the organist to create or edit a Crescendo B sequence.

**SHOW** Mode: Show mode allows the organist to view the Crescendo B sequence using the ROTARY DIAL on the Console Controller or by using the Crescendo Shoe.

To toggle between modes press the CURSOR button on the Console Controller until the flashing cursor is positioned on the mode name (Set or Show). Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change modes. The display will indicate which mode is activated.

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To view the stops/drawknobs registered on the second (B) TUTTI I or TUTTI II, press either TUTTI. This will cause all associated stops/drawknobs programmed on the TUTTI selected to turn on.

**Setting a Crescendo B Sequence:**

The Crescendo includes 22 positions evenly dispersed along the Crescendo shoe’s range of travel. To set a Crescendo B sequence, advance to the ‘CRESC/TUTTI B’ window function (see Section A-2). Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the word “step” on line two. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the step positions.

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The word "step xx" indicates that you are now editing or viewing (dependant if SET or SHOW mode is active) the Crescendo B sequence. The "step xx" indicator will display either "step --" to indicate position 0 (Crescendo shoe off) or any step between 1 and 22. As in previous software versions, any stops/controls associated with a particular Crescendo step will move to indicate their status when using the Crescendo Shoe only. While in 'SET' mode, turning the ROTARY DIAL will not cause the stops/controls to indicate their status.

To set a Crescendo B sequence, turn the ROTARY DIAL to select step 1. Adjust the stops to a suitable registration for step 1. (Note: You can play the organ at any time to hear your selected registration) Press and hold the SET piston, then while holding SET press the MEMORY button in the Console Controller. "DONE!!" will briefly flash on the first line of the display to indicate the step has been programmed. Release both the SET piston and MEMORY button. Step 1 is now programmed. Repeat the above procedure to set all available crescendo step positions.
Important! DO NOT USE THE CRESCENDO SHOE TO MOVE BETWEEN STEPS WHILE PROGRAMMING CRESCENDO B STEP POSITIONS. Crescendo B data in other step positions will cause the current stop registration on the stopboard to change, i.e. a blank step position would turn all stops off or another subsequent step position with data (not yet re-programmed) will change the current stop registration on the stopboard. When programming Crescendo steps always use the ROTARY DIAL to move between steps.

To copy the current Crescendo step's stop registration to another step, use the ROTARY DIAL on the Console Controller to select a different step. Press and hold the SET piston, then while holding SET press the MEMORY button on the Console Controller. The display will briefly flash the word "DONE!!" on the first line. Release both the SET piston and MEMORY button. The previous step has now been copied to the step position indicated in the display.

Editing a Crescendo B Sequence

Advance to the ‘CRESC/TUTTI B’ window function (see section A-2). To enter the "SHOW" mode, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the mode name in the Console Controller. Turn the ROTARY DIAL until the word “SHOW” appears in the display. Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the word “step” in the display. As before, the display will indicate which step is currently activated. Use the ROTARY DIAL to move through the step positions one by one while observing the stops/controls. The stops/controls will change accordingly as to which step position is currently active.

To make a change to a step position you must re-enter the "SET" mode by pressing the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the mode name “SHOW”. Turn the ROTARY DIAL until the word “SET” appears in the display.

Note: The step position indicator will remain at the current step position that was selected in "SHOW" mode. Adjust the stop registration for that step.

Important: DO NOT MOVE THE CRESCENDO SHOE AT THIS TIME.

Once changes to the registration are complete, save the step by pressing and holding the SET piston. Then, while holding SET press the MEMORY button in the Console Controller. The display will briefly flash the word "DONE!!" on the first line. Release both the SET piston and MEMORY button. The step is now saved to the step position indicated in the display. To continue viewing steps you must return to "SHOW" mode by pressing the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the word “step” in the display. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to view additional crescendo steps.

Shortcut: While in "SET" mode you can view the Crescendo B sequence without having to enter the "SHOW" mode by using the Crescendo shoe. However, it is important that all Crescendo step positions be programmed before doing this. By depressing the Crescendo shoe, the stops/controls will move accordingly as to the step displayed. You may play the organ while moving the crescendo shoe to hear the Crescendo sequence.
Manually disabling Celestes and Tremulants:

To manually disable the celestes and/or tremulants at any of the available Crescendo B steps positions, advance to the ‘CRES B CUTOUT’ window function (see section A-2).

Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the ‘LEVEL’ setting located on line two of the display. If the LEVEL setting is set to DISABLED, turn the ROTARY DIAL counter-clockwise to select a specific step position on which the cutout is to occur. Otherwise, turning the ROTARY DIAL either direction will raise or lower the step position number. To disable the Crescendo B cutout, turn the ROTARY DIAL clockwise until the word “DISABLED” appears.

Note: Registrations and/or the memory settings for the PISTONS are not affected by resetting the Crescendo B.

Play Organ Using Secondary Crescendo B

The Main Window function must be displayed (see Section A-2). Press the CRES. B piston. On the bar-graph display, the green CRESC-B indicator will illuminate. Push open the Crescendo shoe and play.

Editing Tutti B Registrations

Advance to the ‘CRESC/TUTTI B’ window function (see Section A-2). The display will automatically revert to "SET" mode when pressing either Tutti piston if in the "SHOW" mode.

To view a Tutti registration, press either Tutti piston. The display will indicate which Tutti was selected.

You may now view/edit the Tutti registration. To save any changes press and hold the SET piston. Then, while holding SET, press the MEMORY button in the Console Controller. The display will briefly flash the word "DONE!!" on the first line. Release both the SET piston and MEMORY button. The new Tutti registration is now stored as the Tutti number indicated in the display.

Playing the organ Using Secondary Tuttis

The Main Window function must be displayed (see Section A-2). Press the CRES. B piston. On the bar-graph display, the green CRESC-B indicator will illuminate. Press the Tutti piston of your choice. The bar-graph's red Tutti indicators will light to indicate which Tutti is active. The Tutti pistons function like General Pistons and customarily have large registrations. However, the registered stops/drawknobs will not move to their ON positions when a Tutti piston is selected.
4. Restoring Original Factory Settings

Advance to the ‘RE-INITIALIZE’ window function (see Section A-2). The window will display...

Certain functions can be restored to the original factory settings. They are:

- RE-INITIALIZE Piston Config.
- RE-INITIALIZE MIDI Settings
- RE-INITIALIZE Capture Mem. XX
- RE-INITIALIZE Crescendo B
- RE-INITIALIZE Tutti/Ventil B

The Piston Configuration re-initialization includes all the Configure Piston settings. The MIDI Settings re-initialization includes all MIDI program change mapping. The Capture Memory re-initialization will reset the last available capture memory to factory default registrations. The Crescendo B and Tutti/Ventil B re-initialization will reset those functions back to factory default settings.

Each of these functions can be restored individually. To select the factory settings you wish to restore press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the command function which is location on the 2nd line of the display. Press and hold the MEMORY button on the Console Controller. Then, while holding the MEMORY button, press General Pistons 2-5-5 in sequence. The display will briefly flash the word "WORKING" on the first line of the display to indicate that the current command function is being re-initialized.

Notice the term VENTIL B on the TUTTI/VENTIL B initialize window. This is a function that is used on an Allen custom organ. On most Allen Organs you can disregard the term VENTIL B as it does not apply. If you are playing a custom model, the RE-INITIALIZE procedure described above will return the secondary TUTTI B as well as the VENTIL B settings to the original factory settings.

Note: The Crescendo B functions are applicable only to organs with a Crescendo Pedal.

5. Sostenuto

Sostenuto is an Italian word meaning “sustained.” Unlike the sustain switch, which sustains any notes played as long as the sustain switch is held on, the Sostenuto switch sustains only the notes being held at the very moment it is pressed. Sostenuto is actuated by the organ’s Sustain switch (which is optional on some organs) located to the left of the Great/Pedal expression shoe. The Sostenuto function must first be enabled before using it.
Advance to the ‘SOSTENUTO’ window function (see Section A-2).

The LCD will indicate what keyboard Sostenuto is assigned to and show the current on/off status. The keyboard that Sostenuto is assigned to cannot be changed, but the on/off status can. To turn the Sostenuto function on or off, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the status value (on/off). Turn the ROTARY DIAL to enable or disable the Sostenuto feature. Sostenuto will affect the internal voices of the organ as well as an external MIDI sound device connected to the organ’s MIDI output. Keep in mind that the Sustain function will operate in tandem with the Sostenuto function.

**Note 1:** Check your specific MIDI instrument’s owner’s manual to verify that it will receive and/or respond to MIDI Sostenuto messages.

**Note 2:** This function is not applicable to the Allen Protégé L-9.

### 6. Global Tuning

Global Tuning allows the organist to adjust the pitch of the entire organ. This tuning adjustment allows the organ to be tuned to another instrument more easily. Tuning can be adjusted either ± 100 cents from A-440 pitch. To adjust Global Tuning, advance to the ‘GLOBAL TUNING’ window function (see Section A-2).

Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the current tuning value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL in either direction to raise or lower the pitch of the organ. The Global Tuning adjustment will be retained in memory when the organ is powered off.

### 7. Hymn Player™ (Chapel and Protégé organs EXCEPT L-4, L-9, CF-2a & CF-7)

The Allen Hymn Player™ automatically plays over 150 traditional hymns. Advance to the ‘HYMN PLAYER’ window function (see section A-2): Press <CURSOR> for Hymnplayer

Press the CURSOR button. Scroll to the desired hymn title using the ROTARY DIAL. (Hymns are arranged in alphabetical order.)
Prior to playing the hymn, the following four parameters may be adjusted:

- **Tempo:** Increase or decrease the tempo, if desired. Press CURSOR to move the cursor to T and scroll up or down by increments of 10 using the ROTARY DIAL.
- **Verses:** Selects the number of verses. Press CURSOR to move the cursor to V and scrolling up or down using the ROTARY DIAL.
- **Introduction:** An introduction can be played at the beginning of the hymn. Press CURSOR to move the cursor to I and select (+) for yes, or (-) for no introduction using the ROTARY DIAL.
- **Pitch:** Raise or lower the pitch, if desired. Press CURSOR to move the cursor to P and scrolling up or down by half-steps using the ROTARY DIAL.

Press the MEMORY button to start playback of the hymn.
Press the CANCEL piston on the organ console to stop the hymn at any time.
To exit the Hymn Player™ and return to the Main Window of the Console Controller™, press and hold the SET piston while pressing the CANCEL piston.

**Note:** You can change the organ’s registration at anytime during playback, either manually or by using pistons. However, the registration will return to the hymn player default at the beginning of each verse.
C. MIDI FUNCTIONS

This section explains the MIDI capabilities of your Allen Organ. Knowledge of this section is not required for everyday use of the organ, normal service playing, or use of Allen SmartMIDI™ devices. This information’s usefulness will ultimately be determined by your needs, along with the type and capabilities of any external MIDI devices you choose to use—e.g., sequencers, voice/sound modules and external MIDI keyboards. The MIDI topics covered by this manual are limited in scope. You need to understand the terms MIDI IN, OUT and THRU and their basic functions. To increase your understanding of MIDI you will need to read books that describe how to use MIDI.

Note: You must also consult the owner’s manual that covers the external MIDI device(s) you are using for more details of their operation.

1. Standard MIDI Channel Assignments

These are the Allen Organs’ standard MIDI channels settings:

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<th>Classical Organs</th>
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<td>Channel</td>
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<td>1 = Swell</td>
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<td>2 = Great</td>
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<td>3 = Pedal</td>
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<td>4 = Choir</td>
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Note: The Base Channel always resets to Channel 1 whenever the organ is turned on (see section C-5).

2. Selecting Program Change Modes, Viewing Program Numbers or General Midi Sound Names

Program change modes establish how MIDI program changes will be sent from the organ when a piston is pressed and what the resulting display will be in the Console Controller window. Once a particular program change mode is selected, the organ will retain this same program change mode (even when the organ is turned off) until a new program change mode is selected. These three mode options determine how the organ sends program change information to MIDI devices.

Selecting a Program Change Mode

Advance to the 'PROG CHG' window function (see Section A-2). It will display:

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 PROG CHG: USER
 DISPLAY: NUMBERS
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Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Program Change mode value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change and select either "Preset", "User" or "No" modes. Note: You must understand how to operate and when to use each of these modes before you change them!

“P” is for PRESET MODE: This mode causes the organ to send a program change number equal to the piston number that is pressed. The General Pistons will send program changes 1-10 on MIDI Channel 8, the organ’s General Piston control the channel. The Divisional Pistons (1-6) for each division will send program changes 1-6 on the channels as shown on the previous page. For example, Swell Piston 1 will send Program Change 1 on Channel 1. Great Piston 2 will send Program Change 2 on Channel 2, etc., (See Section C-6).

“U” is for USER MODE: In this mode the organ is capable of sending any program change number on any piston that will select voices, change banks, or change program “patch” numbers on another MIDI device. Any MIDI program change number from 1 through 128 can be assigned to any General or Divisional Piston (blank or no digit may also be selected). Any MIDI bank switch number between 0 and 127 can be assigned to any Divisional Piston. As in PRESET mode, General Pistons will send program change information on MIDI Channel 8. Divisional Pistons will send information on their respective MIDI channels. (See Section C-6)

“N” is for NO MODE: With this mode selected, NO information is transmitted or received. This mode cancels transmission and reception of all program change information.

3. General MIDI Sound Names or Program Numbers

The Console Controller™ window can display MIDI program changes as either MIDI program numbers or as General MIDI sound names. Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Display mode value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change and select one of the two modes.

General MIDI Sound Names

With General MIDI mode selected, the 'PROG CHG' window will display:

PROG CHG: USER
DISPLAY: GEN MIDI

Make sure the word USER is selected as the mode and that GEN MIDI has been selected following the word DISPLAY. You must advance to the next window function then press a piston to view the sound names for any General MIDI device. The next window will display:

MIDI PROG CHANGE
As you press a General or Divisional Piston, the Console Controller™ window will now display the General MIDI sound name that corresponds to the MIDI program change selected. For example, press General Piston 1. The Console Controller™ will display the MIDI program change names.

**Note:** In some cases, the General MIDI sound name will be abbreviated in the Console Controller window.

![GEN 1 BANK 0
P:Ac Grand Piano](image)

**Program Numbers:**

With NUMBERS selected as the display mode, the 'MIDI PROG CHANGE' window function will display:

![GEN 1 BANK 0
P: 1](image)

With PRESET selected as the program change mode, press a General or Divisional Piston. The Console Controller™ window will display the same MIDI program change number as the associated piston pressed. For example, pressing General Piston 1 will display:

![GEN 1 BANK 0
P:XXX](image)

The MIDI program change number will be displayed in PRESET mode, no matter if NUMBERS or GEN MIDI is displayed. You must select USER mode to view the GENERAL MIDI sound names. You must also select USER mode to assign MIDI program change numbers larger than 10 (the largest number of any piston).

With USER selected as the program change mode, along with NUMBERS as the display mode, you will be able to assign “- - -” (OFF) or any program change number from 1 through 128 to any General or Divisional Piston.

There may be a number or “- - -” following the “P:”. This “P:” represents the Program Change Number and does not stand for PRESET in this window. If there is “- - -” following “P:” this means that the “ZERO” Program Change Number will be sent from the associated piston.

To change the program change numbers, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the program change number value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the program number value.

**Note:** The Allen Organ uses MIDI Program Change Zero as a message for "MIDI OFF."

**Important!** MIDI Program Change 1 corresponds to the General MIDI sound "Acoustic Grand Piano." Some MIDI devices do not use Program Change zero for MIDI OFF. Consequently, Program Change Zero, (“- - -“ in the window) when sent from the organ,
will correspond to Program Change 1 on those MIDI devices. Program Change 1 sent from the Allen will correspond to Program Change 2 on those MIDI devices etc.

4. Assigning MIDI Program Changes to Organ Pistons

This function allows the organist to select any voice from an external MIDI device by pressing any General or Divisional piston on the organ. The "USER" program change mode must be selected (See Section C-2). Advance to the 'MIDI PROG CHANGE' window function (see Section A-2).

For this example press the Swell Division Piston 1. The display will change to:

The LCD will display the last piston pressed and the MIDI program number being sent by that piston. Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the program change number value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the program number value.

A program number of (1-128) will be transmitted on the channel assigned to the division from which you selected the piston; in this case, the Swell Division on Channel 1. (See Section C1).

Note: Reconfiguring a Divisional Piston to become a General Piston will NOT change the MIDI channel it transmits on. Also, refer to the program number chart in the owner’s manual of the external MIDI device you are using. Once you have assigned a MIDI program change number to a piston, that number will remain assigned to that piston even if the organ has been turned off.

Important! Once MIDI program change programming is complete the user must exit the piston programming window function, by using the SET and CANCEL pistons (see Section A-2), for any changes to take effect.

5. MIDI Bank Selecting

Many MIDI devices permit access to a variety of sounds in addition to the General MIDI sounds. Normally these additional sounds are stored in groups called BANKS. A BANK in MIDI terminology means a group of voices or sounds. There are two levels of banks. One level offers two choices, High Bank and Low Bank. Each of these, High Bank and Low Bank, has as sub-groups other level of banks, BANK Numbers.

MIDI devices can have as many as 128 sounds/voices per BANK Number. There are also 128 BANK Numbers (Ø through 127). Therefore it is possible that a MIDI device that is...
only High Bank or Low Bank compatible. With 128 BANK Numbers, each could contain up to 128 voices/sounds, for a total of 16,384 sounds. Think of these BANK Numbers as floors or stories in a tall building. Each floor would contain 128 rooms and each room could then contain 128 voices.

There are MIDI devices that are High Bank and Low Bank compatible. It would be possible for these MIDI devices to have as many as (128 X 128 X 2 = 32,768 voices/sounds) 128 voices/sounds in each of the 128 BANK Numbers, in each of the High and Low Banks. Most MIDI devices do not use all of the locations available. It would be very expensive as well as difficult to remember the address for each sound location. There are also MIDI devices that offer only General MIDI sounds/voices. These General MIDI devices may operate using High Bank or Low Bank, but only the sub-group Ø Bank Number is used to store the 128 General MIDI sound settings. Allen Organs are able to access any of the Banks and therefore can communicate with all MIDI devices.

**Note:** You MUST know the capabilities of, and understand how to operate, the MIDI device you intend to use with any organ!

**Selecting High Bank or Low Bank:**

Advance to the 'MIDI BASE CHANNEL' window function (see Section A-2).

![MIDI BASE CH: 1 BANK: LOW](image)

Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the BANK select value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to select either HIGH or LOW Bank priority.

**Selecting MIDI Bank Numbers:**

Bank Numbers are assignable in the same way that MIDI Program Numbers are (See Section C-3); except that you must only use Bank numbers on the Divisional Pistons. You MUST have USER mode selected before assigning Bank numbers! Advance to the 'MIDI PROG CHANGE' window function (see Section A-2).

![MIDI PROG CHANGE](image)

For this example press the Great Division Piston 1. The display will change to:

![GT 1 BANK 0 P: 1](image)

The window displays the last piston pressed, the MIDI BANK Number, and the program number being sent by that piston. Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the MIDI Bank number value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to select or change the MIDI BANK number value. The BANK number (Ø-127) will be transmitted on the channel assigned to the division from which you selected the piston, in this case, the Great Division on Channel 2 (See Section C-1). Also, refer to the Bank selection/program number chart in the owner’s manual for the external MIDI device you are using.
Once you have assigned a MIDI BANK Number to a piston, that number will remain assigned to that piston even if the organ has been turned off.

Important! Once MIDI Bank change programming is complete the user must exit the piston programming window function, by using the SET and CANCEL pistons (see Section A-2), for any changes to take effect.

6. Changing the MIDI Base Channel

This function allows you to change the setting of the MIDI Base Channel. The Base Channel is a reference point to establish the positioning of the other 15 MIDI channels. On Allen Organs, the Base Channel equals the Swell Division's channel of transmission (i.e., if the Base Channel = 1, then the Swell Channel = 1, if the Base Channel = 2, then the Swell Channel = 2, etc.). Moving the Base Channel allows you to shift the organ’s range of MIDI channels, this is helpful when reassigning an external MIDI device from one organ division to another.

Important! The Base Channel always resets to Channel 1 whenever the organ is turned on.

Advance to the 'MIDI BASE CH' window function (see Section A-2).

![MIDI BASE CH: 1
BANK: Low]

Press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the MIDI Base Channel value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the MIDI Base Channel value. All functions associated with a particular division will transmit and receive on its assigned channel. For example, MIDI Channel 1 is normally assigned to the Swell Division and the Swell Manual. Therefore, keying velocity or on/off messages, and program changes (Swell Divisional Pistons) will be transmitted and received on Channel 1 (See Section C-I for Allen MIDI Channel Assignments).

If the Base Channel is reset to 2, in the display all of the channels will shift higher by one. Now, Swell = 2, Great = 3, Pedal = 4, Choir = 5, and the General Pistons = 9. Note: MIDI Channel numbers will wrap, i.e. channel numbers go only to 16 and will then repeat to 1. FOR NORMAL USE, DO NOT USE A BASE CHANNEL LARGER THAN 9.

7. MIDI Expression Settings

Advance to the 'MIDI EXPRESSION' window function (see Section A-2).

![MIDI EXPRESSION
POLY-VOLUME]

There are four modes for transmitting expression data via MIDI. To select an expression mode, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the expression setting value (line 2) of the display. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to select one of the four different expression modes.
Note: The default expression mode setting is always POLY-VOLUME.

**POLY-VOLUME** — This is the normal expression mode setting where the expression data is distributed among the appropriate MIDI channels. This is the proper mode to use when recording to, or playing back from, a sequencer.

**POLY-VELOCITY** — This setting should be selected if you are using a percussion-type voice from a sound module or an external MIDI keyboard. For example, if a digital piano sound were played from the organ keyboard through MIDI Channel 1, the piano could be made to sound more realistic. By opening the Swell expression shoe, the piano strings would appear to be struck harder than when the Swell pedal was in the closed position.

Note: This mode setting should only be used if your Allen Organ does not contain velocity sensitive keying (OST).

Note: In POLY-VELOCITY mode, all expression information is sent in key velocity form. Changes in velocity will occur only when a new key is struck. Consequently, if you change the position of the Swell pedal after a key is struck there will be no change in velocity until a new key is struck. Use this mode only when a velocity-sensitive external MIDI device is connected. If this mode is selected when recording to a sequencer, the expression on the organ will not function when playing back from the sequencer.

**SWELL-VOLUME** — This setting causes MIDI expression data to be sent only on the Swell MIDI channel. Some early sequencers can only interpret one volume message.

**NO EXPRESSION** — No MIDI expression (volume) data sent.

### 8. MIDI Sustain Kick Switch

A lever located to the left of the Great/Pedal expression shoe (optional in many organs) and controlled by the organist’s foot, operates MIDI sustain. This function can be assigned to any one of or all of the instrument’s manuals. Advance to the 'MIDI SUSTAIN' window function (see Section A-2).

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MIDI SUSTAIN
GT = OFF
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To select an organ keyboard (manual), press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the manual abbreviation. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to select an organ keyboard. Then, to turn the MIDI Sustain function on/off on the selected manual, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the MIDI Sustain value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to turn the selected manual ON/OFF. OFF will not allow MIDI Sustain messages to be transmitted, ON will allow MIDI sustain messages to be transmitted on a given keyboard (manual) or MIDI channel. For example, when a PIANO voice in an external MIDI device (voice module) is selected and the MIDI sustain for that given MIDI channel (division) is turned ON, and the foot controlled sustain lever is actuated, the piano sound will slowly decay.
9. Organ Local Off (Quantum, Chapel and Protégé organs EXCEPT L-9)

Organ Local Off is a function that allows the user to “virtually” disconnect the organ’s keyboards, pedalboard and pistons from the organ’s tone generation and capture system. In essence, the organ is transformed into a sophisticated multi-manual MIDI controller. To enable/disable the Organ Local Off function, advance to the ‘ORGAN LOCAL OFF’ window function (see Section A-2).

To enable/disable the Organ Local Off function, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the Local Off control value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to change the enable/disable value.

Note: When Organ Local Off is enabled, the MIDI stops do not need to be on to play the external MIDI device(s).

10. Transferring and Saving Capture Memory Data to a Sequencer

CAPTURE MEMORY refers to all of the piston registrations on all available memories, plus all positional secondary Crescendo “B” settings and the secondary Tutti “B” settings. With this operation, the organist can copy and save all of this stored information to a digital MIDI sequencer. Advance to the ‘CAPTURE MEMORY SAVE’ window function (see Section A-2).

Set your sequencer to the record mode and begin recording as you normally would. Press and hold the MEMORY button in the Console Controller™. While holding MEMORY, press General Pistons 2-5-5 in sequence. The Capture Memory information will be transmitted to the sequencer. During the memory data transfer process the window will display:

The 'dot' behind the word 'SENDING' on line one of the display will move as the data is transmitted.

Note: Depending on the number of capture memories this procedure can take an extended period of time, please be patient. Once completed, a copy of the Capture Memory
information will exist in the sequencer and the original information will be retained in the Console Controller™ memory.

11. Return Capture Memory Data from a Sequencer to the Organ

To replace previously recorded Capture Memory information into the organ from your sequencer, simply press "Play" on the sequencer and the recorded capture data will automatically be transmitted to the organ. You must have a MIDI cable connected from the OUT port of the sequencer to the IN port of the Allen Organ. It does not matter what window function the Console Controller displays.

Note: The Capture Memories must be unlocked (see section A-6) before you press “Play” on the sequencer, allowing the organ’s available memories to receive capture information. It is a good idea to first save whatever is stored in the organ’s memory because, it will be erased by this procedure.

Note: The 'dot' on line two of the display will move as data is received.

12. Transmission/Reception of Individual Stop Data

This function allows the organist to turn on/off the transmission and reception of individual stop data, known in MIDI terminology as "Non-Registered Parameters". In some cases individual stop data (on/off) from the organ may conflict with data from an external MIDI device. When this occurs, select the "OFF" position.

Note: Piston changes will still be transmitted and received, because they are classified as program changes.

Advance to the 'TRANSMIT / RECEIVE STOPS' window function:

To change the on/off status of the Transmit/Receive Stops function, press the CURSOR button until the flashing cursor is positioned on the status control value. Turn the ROTARY DIAL to turn the transmit/receive status on/off.
D. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

1. Basic Operations Review

   a. Advancing Through the Windows:
      Use the **ROTARY DIAL** in the Console Controller.

   b. Return to the Main Window function:
      Hold **SET**, press **CANCEL**, release both or use the **ROTARY DIAL** in the Console Controller.

   c. Setting Pistons:
      *Main Window.* Select desired registration. Hold **SET** and press piston to remember registration.

   d. Select Memory and Lock It:
      *Main Window.* Select desired memory using **CURSOR** button and **ROTARY DIAL**. Press and hold **MEMORY** button, enter three-digit code on general pistons, release **MEMORY**, "L" will appear next to capture memory number in display.

   e. Unlock a Memory:
      Repeat d. above. "L" will disappear.

   f. Unlock All Memories Without Code:
      Advance to display "Unlock All Capture Memories". Press and hold **MEMORY**, press General Pistons 2-5-5, release **MEMORY**. Display returns to *Main Window* function.

   g. Self-Check Capture and Stop Action:
      Advance to display: "Self-Check". Turn **ROTARY DIAL** to activate/de-activate Self-Check or to de-activate, press and hold **SET**, press **CANCEL**, and then release both.

2. Advanced Operations Review

   a. Reconfiguring Pistons:
      Advance to display: "Configure Pistons". Select the desired stops. Press and hold **SET**, and then press the desired piston. To return to the *Main Window*, (press and hold **SET**, press **CANCEL** and then release both). Set new registrations (see section E-1, c.).

   b. Set Secondary Crescendo “B”:
      Advance to display: "Set Cresc B and Tutti B". Maneuver/Set step positions using the Console Controller™ controls, **SET** piston.

   c. Set Secondary Tuttis:
      Advance to display: "Set Cresc B and Tutti B". Press Tutti piston you want to program. Select/Adjust Stops. Use **MEMORY** button in conjunction with the **SET** piston to set the Tutti pistons.

   d. Restore Factory Settings:
      Advance to display: "Re-Initialize Piston Configuration". Use **CURSOR** button and **ROTARY DIAL** to re-select the settings you want to restore. Press and hold **MEMORY**, press General Pistons 2-5-5.
E. MIDI GUIDE

1. MIDI for Organists

The term MIDI is an acronym for Musical Instrument Digital Interface. MIDI has been adopted by the music industry as a standard means of communication between digital musical devices enabling devices of different types and manufacturers to communicate. MIDI by itself will not make a sound. It is not necessary to understand all of the technical aspects of MIDI in order to take advantage of the benefits it offers. It is important to explore the potential MIDI holds for musicians, as well as the various MIDI applications available today.

Types of MIDI Devices

MIDI devices fall into two categories.

1. The first category consists of musical instruments such as organs and synthesizers that transmit and receive MIDI data.

2. The second category includes controllers and processors that, as their name implies, can transmit, receive or manipulate MIDI data, but do not necessarily produce sound themselves. Sequencers, which are MIDI recording devices, fall into this category. Although the technical nature of their recording and editing processes differs from those of a tape recorder, many operate in similar fashion. Most are equipped with record, playback, fast forward and reverse controls that function in the same way as their tape recorder counterparts.

Types of MIDI Data

There are several types of MIDI messages that can be sent from one device to another. The most common is keying information, allowing one device to sense which keys have been played on another device. This means an organ equipped with MIDI can send information to other MIDI devices, e.g., synthesizers or sequencers, and can play those devices simultaneously or record information to be played back later.

Allen Organs incorporate an advanced MIDI system allowing the transmission and reception of all types of MIDI information (velocity keying, volume change, sustain, registrations, Crescendo settings and more). It is even possible to control several devices from one manual simultaneously, or control a different device from each manual of the console.
MIDI as a Practice Tool

For the organist/choir director, the MIDI organ console and sequencer are valuable rehearsal tools for both choral and organ works. Anthem accompaniments may be recorded in advance and played back by the sequencer during choir rehearsal. The director, freed from the role of accompanist, can focus entirely on directing the choir. The sequencer can play the music back at a slower tempo without affecting pitch, or at a lower pitch without affecting tempo, features that are useful in rehearsing difficult choral passages.

If the sequencer allows multi-tracking, each vocal section’s part may be recorded on a different track, and then played back individually, or in any combination, for more flexibility. Multi-tracking can also be used in teaching and learning new organ works. The teacher may record each hand or pedal part on a different track, allowing the student to "mute" or turn off any part being practiced while still being able to hear the sequencer play the rest of the composition. The student’s ability to hear the piece in its entirety from the earliest stage of learning a composition, and to become aware of the interrelationship of its voices, is especially valuable in learning contrapuntal works.

MIDI as a Registration Tool

In some churches and auditoriums it is difficult to judge the effectiveness of a registration from the organ console. Due to the acoustics of the room, or positioning of the console, the sound of the instrument may be different when listened to from the congregation’s or audience’s vantage point. MIDI allows the organist to evaluate registrations by recording the music using a sequencer, and then listening from different locations in the room during the music’s playback.

Other MIDI Uses

MIDI has created new possibilities for the organist. The ability of the organ console to control external keyboards or sound modules puts an ever-increasing array of non-traditional sounds at the organist’s fingertips. A superior degree of control is made possible by the flexibility of an organ console. The ability to record MIDI data using a sequencer opens a variety of new possibilities during practice and performance situations.

Computer software programs are also available that allow musicians to play MIDI devices connected to a computer, and have their performance printed as conventional five-line musical notation. Because MIDI is an industry-wide standard, today’s MIDI instruments will be compatible with tomorrow’s MIDI innovations.

2. Connecting Allen Organs to Other MIDI Devices

Allen Organs can be connected to a variety of MIDI devices. A connecting diagram for a variety of MIDI devices can be found at the end of this section. Although the diagram is not meant to be an exhaustive list of possibilities, it illustrates the most commonly used connections of MIDI devices. If more specific information is required, please consult the owners’ manuals of the external devices being connected to the organ.
3. Allen’s Exclusive MIDI System

Allen Organs feature an advanced MIDI system with increased flexibility. This system provides a comprehensive interface between MIDI sound modules, such as the Allen Ensemble™, and digital sequencers such as the Allen MIDI Assistant™. Two MIDI Out ports, one switched and one unswitched, allow unprecedented control over external MIDI devices attached to the organ.

Under normal circumstances, MIDI sound modules should be connected to the switched MIDI port labeled MIDI OUT 2. Doing so allows the organist to disable the sending of MIDI data from the organ to the sound module. Devices such as MIDI sequencers should be connected to the unswitched MIDI port labeled MIDI OUT 1, eliminating the necessity of having to draw the MIDI stop controls before recording a digital sequence. The drawing below illustrates the proper procedure for connecting the Allen Ensemble™ and Allen Smart Recorder™ to an Allen Organ.

4. MIDI Transmission Channels

MIDI information may be transmitted on several different channels simultaneously. This allows many channels of information to be sent through one cable and used independently from one another, similar to the way many television broadcasts can be sent through one cable. In order to receive the intended information, a MIDI device must be tuned to the same channel as the device that is sending the information.

Your Allen Organ transmits MIDI information on several channels. When external MIDI devices are connected to the organ, it is important to make sure that the devices’ channels of transmission and reception match the MIDI channels of the Allen Organ divisions to which they are assigned.

MIDI Program Change Messages are transmitted from the organ’s General Pistons on MIDI Channel 8. These program change messages can be used to change the settings of MIDI sound modules or synthesizers that are connected to the organ. Please consult the owner’s manual of your MIDI device(s) for more information on how MIDI Program Change Messages are handled by that particular device.
In addition to keying and divisional registration information, MIDI Volume Messages are sent on the individual MIDI channels for each division of the organ. These volume messages are controlled by the division’s expression shoe. In this manner, the volume of connected MIDI devices may be controlled.

Please consult the owner’s manual of your MIDI device(s) for more information on how MIDI Volume information is handled by that device. If any external MIDI device is used to transmit information to the Allen organ, the same assignment of MIDI channels must be used as described elsewhere in this manual.
5. General MIDI Sound Set

1. Acoustic Grand Piano  44. Contrabass
2. Bright Acoustic Piano  45. Tremolo Strings
3. Electric Grand Piano  46. Pizzicato Strings
4. Honky-tonk Piano  47. Orchestral Harp
5. Rhodes Piano  48. Timpani
6. Chorused Piano  49. String Ensemble 1
7. Harpsichord  50. String Ensemble 2
8. Clavinet  51. SynthStrings 1
9. Celesta  52. SynthStrings 2
10. Glockenspiel  53. Choir Aahs
11. Music Box  54. Voice Oohs
12. Vibraphone  55. Synth Voice
13. Marimba  56. Orchestra Hit
14. Xylophone  57. Trumpet
15. Tubular Bells  58. Trombone
16. Dulcimer  59. Tuba
17. Hammond Organ  60. Muted Trumpet
18. Percussive Organ  61. French Horn
20. Church Organ  63. Synth Brass 1
21. Reed Organ  64. Synth Brass 2
22. Accordion  65. Soprano Sax
23. Harmonica  66. Alto Sax
24. Tango Accordion  67. Tenor Sax
25. Acoustic Guitar (nylon)  68. Baritone Sax
26. Acoustic Guitar (steel)  69. Oboe
27. Electric Guitar (jazz)  70. English Horn
28. Electric Guitar (clean)  71. Bassoon
29. Electric Guitar (muted)  72. Clarinet
30. Overdriven Guitar  73. Piccolo
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48. String Ensemble 1  91. Pad 3 (polysynth)
49. String Ensemble 2  92. Pad 4 (choir)
50. SynthStrings 1  93. Pad 5 (bowed)
51. SynthStrings 2  94. Pad 6 (metallic)
52. Choir Aahs  95. Pad 7 (halo)
53. Voice Oohs  96. Pad 8 (sweep)
54. Synth Voice  97. FX 1 (rain)
55. Orchestra Hit  98. FX 2 (soundtrack)
56. Trumpet  99. FX 3 (crystal)
57. Trombone  100. FX 4 (atmosphere)
58. Tuba  101. FX 5 (brightness)
59. Muted Trumpet  102. FX 6 (goblins)
60. French Horn  103. FX 7 (echoes)
61. Brass Section  104. FX 8 (sci-fi)
62. Synth Brass 1  105. Sitar
63. Synth Brass 2  106. Banjo
64. Tenor Sax  107. Shamisen
65. Soprano Sax  108. Koto
67. Tenor Sax  110. Bagpipe
68. Baritone Sax  111. Fiddle
69. Oboe  112. Shanai
70. English Horn  113. Tinkle Bell
71. Bassoon  114. Agogo
72. Clarinet  115. Steel Drums
73. Piccolo  116. Woodblock
74. Flute  117. Taiko Drum
75. Recorder  118. Melodic Tom
76. Pan Flute  119. Synth Drum
77. Bottle Blow  120. Reverse Cymbal
78. Shakuhachi  121. Guitar Fret Noise
79. Whistle  122. Breath Noise
80. Ocarina  123. Seashore
81. Lead 1 (square)  124. Bird Tweet
82. Lead 2 (sawtooth)  125. Telephone Ring
83. Lead 3 (caliope lead)  126. Helicopter
84. Lead 4 (chiff lead)  127. Applause
85. Lead 5 (charang)  128. Gunshot