
Subject: OT MIDI HELL or MOTU IS USELESS
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This is after over a week of Midi Hell. I am fairly well versed with midi as a whole. This has been far less pleasant than my first day with multi-timberal synths, controllers, editors, computers, midi merging, SMPTE to Midi Song Pointer and=20 no information to start with.

Problem #1:

After not being able to transmit sysex from my Amiga to my TX7s without it 'taking out' the Motu 8x8 patch bay and crashing Windows into an auto restart from black screen I loaded FM Alive. This allows the PC (instead of Amiga) to send this sysex data. Well the problems didn't go away, they just changed. FM Alive was getting long sysex messages that made=20 no sense. It would work at editing the synths but irrelevant data=20 was constantly being seen to the program. I disconnected all midi=20 connections from the Motu 8x8 and STILL USB-MIDI data was being seen. =20 Cubase wasn't open. I have not been beaten.

I decided to try my original concept of using this Motu 8x8 as a stand alone and program a few presets, disconnect the USB, reinstall my Fastlane 2x2 and hook it up the=20 old fashioned way. Midi in/out of Cubase through Fastlane to one input/output of Motu 8x8 then routed to all ins/outs of hardware synths. Piece of cake so I thought.=20

Now to dig up the drivers for the FastLane again... I loaded what=20 I thought were the right ones but they weren't. They were for the com = port.

Okay, so I download the newest ones from Motu's site. I bring them into the computer to realize minus Clockworks they are the exact same drivers that were already in there for the 8x8. Well the 8x8 wasn't working flawlessly so I thought I'd 'remove' then 'reinstall' them just to be safe. After the reinstall, the directions are to plug in the device (USB cable) and Windows should=20 recognize the new hardware. The only thing that was recognized was the=20 smell of burning components. I quickly shut down two computers to find out that the green FastLane smoked!

This is the final straw. =20

Drivers from Motu are flakey as hell.

I swear they sent a higher than normal voltage down the USB=20
line somehow. =20

I now need a new small in/out box (2x2) and a stand alone 8x8=20
that works and merges without Fn drivers.

What is there?

The "sick of it all" guy,
Tom

PS Midi is still cool. Motu is not.

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