

AKAI FORCE EXPANSION INSTALLATION GUIDE

This guide explains how to install MPC Expansions into your AKAI Force hardware.

There are 2 ways for installing MPC Expansions into FORCE hardware :

- Process using your computer and FORCE Hardware,
- Process using your computer, MPC SOFTWARE/MPC BEATS, and FORCE Hardware

I/ Installing MPC Expansions into FORCE directly with your computer.

In order to install your Expansion into your MPC hardware, please follow these steps :

1.1/ Extracting the files : once you download your Expansion on our site, you will receive a zip file on your computer. You will have to extract this zip file into a location of your choice on your computer. Use your computer's zip application to extract the files from the zip file,

The zip file contains 2 folders : a folder named « XPN FILE » and a folder named « STANDALONE FILES ».

1.2/ Transferring the content to your FORCE : as you can't access to the internal drive of your FORCE you will have 2 alternatives for installing the Expansion file :

1.2.1 Installing using an external drive : the drive could be a usb key, a smart card or any external hard drive. Hook this external drive to the computer,

- First of all create on the root of the external drive a new folder and name it « Expansions »,
- Open the computer folder where you have extracted the download zipped files,
- Open the « STANDALONE FILES » folder,
- Identify the folder named by the Expansion title,
- Drag and drop this folder to the « Expansions » folder previously created on the root of your external drive. It is important to Drag and Drop the file, do not copy/paste the folder in order to avoid any problem once you will access the expansion on your FORCE,
- once the file transfer ends, eject your external drive to your computer and hook it to your FORCE,
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1.2.2 Installing using an internal SATA drive : in case you have installed an additional internal SATA drive on your FORCE, please follow these steps :

- Connect your FORCE to your computer with the blue cable,

- Go to your FORCE menu and enter into « Computer Mode »,
- Once in computer mode, your computer file manager will show your FORCE internal SATA drive as a new drive,
- Open this new drive and create a new folder at the root of the drive and name it « Expansions »
- Open the computer folder where you have extracted the download zipped files,
- open the « STANDALONE FILES » folder
- Identify the folder named by the Expansion title,
- Drag and drop this folder to the « Expansions » folder previously created on the root of your FORCE internal SATA drive. It is important to Drag and Drop the file, do not copy/paste the folder in order to avoid any problem once you will access the expansion on your FORCE,
- once the file transfer ends, eject your FORCE internal SATA drive from your computer,
- disconnect the blue cable from your computer and the AKAI Force,
- restart your FORCE in « standalone » mode

1.3 opening the Expansion on your FORCE

Now that you have transferred your Expansion file to your external/internal Sata drive, please follow these steps :

- Hook your external drive to your FORCE (don't need if you have transferred the Expansion on your internal SATA drive),
- Go to your FORCE and click on « Menu » and then « Browser »,
- The browser Menu shows 3 tabs : Places, Content and Expansions,
- Clicking on the « Expansions » tab will open your Expansions folder and you should see your new added Expansion picture,
- The content of the Expansion appears under the « Search directory » tab on the right hand side of the screen. You may filter the content of the Expansion clicking on the different logos (project - drum kits/keygroup program, Samples, other files)

Note that using an internal SATA drive allows you to have your Expansions permanently installed and at disposal when you start your Force. **In case you use an external drive (usb key, SD Card, external hard drive), Expansions will show up as far as your external drive is hooked on your Force instrument.**

II – Installing MPC Expansions into FORCE via MPC SOFTWARE or MPC BEATS application.

This process requires that **you have previously installed** your Expansion into the MPC SOFTWARE/MPC BEATS,

Please follow these steps :

2.1 / Preparing the destination drive for your FORCE : you will have to export your Expansion to an external drive (SD Card, USB key ; any external drive), or alternatively you can choose your internal SATA drive in case you have previously installed one into your FORCE.

- If you use an external drive, connect it to your FORCE,
- Connect your FORCE to the computer with the blue usb cable,

2.2/ Enter in Computer Mode :

- Start your FORCE and click to Empty project,

- Click on the the Menu button then click on the « laptop icon » that shows on the top right of the UI. This will open a window asking if you want to enter into « Computer mode ». Confirm clicking on the tab « Computer mode ». Your FORCE is restarting now in « Computer mode »

2.3/ Create the « Expansions » folder : now that your FORCE is connected to your computer, go to the Manager File of your computer and identify the new drive corresponding to the external drive hooked to your FORCE/your FORCE internal SATA drive. Open the drive and create at the root of the drive a new folder named « Expansions »,

2.4/ Launching MPC SOFTWARE / MPC BEATS : launch your MPC SOFTWARE or MPC BEATS application on your computer,

2.5/ Exporting the Expansion :

- on the MPC SOFTWARE/MPC BEATS, navigate to Menu on the top left of the screen, then go to the « File » menu, choose « Export » and then « Expansions »,

- a new windows opens up where you are asked to choose on what drive you want to export your Expansions. Choose your external drive/internal SATA drive,

- On the list of pre-installed Expansions, choose the Expansion you want to export to your FORCE drive (you may choose one or more Expansions or even select all Expansions),

- navigate to the bottom right of the window and hit the « Export » button. Once the export process is finalised, a new window pops up confirming the « Expansion Export Success »,

- disconnect the blue cable from your computer and your AKAI FORCE,

2.6/ Enter into « Standalone mode » on your FORCE : get back on the FORCE UI and click on the « Standalone » button. The FORCE will enter into Standalone mode,

2.7/ Access to your FORCE Expansion :

- Go to « Empty projet » and then click on Menu.

- Once in the Menu screen, hit the « Browser » icon. The exported Expansion(s) shows up on the browser.