

MRM-500 Standard MIDI File Converter

The MRM-500 System is a software program that allows you to convert Standard MIDI File songs into different Roland sequencer formats and visa versa.

I. Preparing your MRM-500 Disk: Creating a Configuration File

You can save a Configuration File on your MRM-500 Disk, which determines the MIDI File Format (0 or 1) and software type (MRC-300/500 or Super MRC). *You will probably only need to do this once.*

MIDI File Format 0: All of the MIDI data is contained in a single track (this is the most reliable with all products).

MIDI File Format 1: All of the MIDI data is contained on multiple tracks (works with many computer-based sequencer programs, but not completely reliable with all products).

MRC-300/500: Used by MC-300 and MC-500.

SUPER-MRC: Used by JV-1000, MC-50, MC-50 mkII and MC-500 mkII.

IMPORTANT NOTE - All the above products should be used with Double Density Disks only.

- 1) Put MRM-500 Disk into disk drive, then turn on power. When loaded, the window will show:
 - 1 **MRC > MIDI File**
 - 2 **MIDI File > MRC**
- 2) Hold SHIFT and press MODE. Press [2] on the 10-Key Pad, then press ENTER twice.
- 3) Select a MIDI File Format (0 or 1), then press STOP.
- 4) Press [2] on the 10-Key Pad, then press ENTER.
- 5) Dial software type (MRC-300/500 or SUPER MRC) and press ENTER.
- 6) Eject disk and set protect tab to WRITE position (blocking the hole). Re-insert disk.
- 7) Press ENTER, then press SAVE.
- 8) Eject disk and set protect tab to PROTECT position (hole is clear). Re-insert disk, then press STOP. (Proceed to the next section, but ignore Step 1.)

II. Using the MRM-500 System: Converting songs

- 1) Put MRM-500 Disk into the disk drive, then turn on power. When loaded, the window will show:
 - 1 **MRC > MIDI File**
 - 2 **MIDI File > MRC**
- 2) Dial the type of conversion you want, then press ENTER.
- 3) Insert the disk to be converted, then press ENTER.
- 4) Dial the song you wish to convert, or select ALL SONGS to convert the entire disk. Then press ENTER. If you select ALL SONGS, the original disk itself will be converted. If you choose one song, the unit will convert it, then prompt you to do the following:
 - a) Insert a Standard MIDI File, MRC or SUPER-MRC - formatted disk, then press ENTER.
 - b) Confirm or change the song name, press ENTER, then SAVE.

When the above steps are completed, the song(s) will have been successfully converted.

IMPORTANT NOTE - MIDI Files are generally larger in size than the original MRC Song Files, therefore, you may encounter a situation where there is not enough room on the disk to complete the conversion. If this is the case, the window will show **ATTN! NO DISK SPACE, PRESS STOP**. You will need to first press STOP, then erase any songs on the disk that you do not need or switch to another disk and proceed to save the song data.