

Sony launches motion-sensing music effects controller, Motion Sonic

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Indiegogo Motion Sonic Description. Credit: Indiegogo via Sony

A long time in the making, Sony has just announced the upcoming release of Motion Sonic, a new technology that allows music lovers to track their own movements as they play music. Whether you are strumming a guitar or waving your hands to a beat, Motion Sonic ensures your movements remain in sync with the melody at hand.

This Motion Sonic device is about the size of a Fitbit, including a small capsule that fits into a space on a band you wear around your wrist. For activities such as playing guitar, the band straps to the wrist, while for

purposes of playing piano, the strap can also be secured to the back of your hand. In fact, connecting the device to Bluetooth can even help you change the sound of your favorite instruments to help you play better.

By enabling users to connect hand motion to musical sounds, the device can even be set to delay or pause when you move your fingers from side to side, or to alter pitch as you turn your wrist. For now the app is only compatible with iOS, and can sync with your iPhone by connecting the phone to your instrument using an audio interface.

Sony attributes the original idea for this technology to an engineer named Heesoon Kim back in 2017. While Sony funds many projects using their First Flight site in Japan, Motion Sonic's presence on Indiegogo has helped the company plan distribution in US markets. Sony will sell the initial shipment of 400 units for 23,900 yen or \$218, with a retail price of 27,200 yen or \$248. The company plans to send the first product shipment of Motion Sonic in March 2022.

More information: www.indiegogo.com/projects/motion-sonic#/

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