

VistaCNC M1 CNC Control Pendant for Mach4



PREFACE

Any machine tool, including computer controlled machine tool, is potentially dangerous. VistaCNC LLC accepts no responsibility for any damage or injury caused by its use. It is your responsibility to insure that you understand the machine you are using and the procedures for safety operations.

If you are in any doubt you must seek guidance from a professionally qualified expert rather than risk injury to yourself or to others.

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WARNING

E-STOP button in iMach^{III} M1 CNC Control Pendant only provides Emergency STOP signal to Mach4 application.

For further protection in CNC operation, other emergency protection methods may be needed.

FEATURES

- Plug n' Play USB connection and controls.
- 100 steps high precision MPG.
- Step, Velocity and Continuous mode jogging through MPG.
- Feed rate, Spindle speed, and Slow Jog rate change through MPG.
- Program Cycle Start and Stop control buttons.
- 3 Axis selections.



PLUGIN and FW

Download the latest Mach4 M1 Plugin package from www.vistacnc.com download page and unzip the package.

The package includes following files:

- This manual
- **M1pendant.m4pw** --- M1 pendant Mach4 PlugIn file 1
- **M1pendant.sig** --- M1 pendant Mach4 PlugIn file 2
- Pendant FW update procedure --- pendant firmware upgrade procedure
- Pendant FW Loader --- tools for FW upgrade
- M1_Mach4_FW_v1_1.hex --- FW for Mach4

Move 2 PlugIn files to Mach4 Plugins directory.

Refer to “VistaCNC Pendant FW update procedure” to upgrade the pendant firmware (FW) to Mach4 if the pendant was preinstalled or used with other CNC application, or a newer FW version is available.

CONNECTION and START

- Directly plug the USB cable into any USB port on the PC.
- Start Mach4 application.
- Click Config from menu, select Config Plugins, and enable M1 Pendant.
- Close Mach4 application and restart Mach4 application.

FUNCTIONS and OPERATIONS

1. Axis selection



Press X, Y or Z axis selection button to select an axis to jog.

2. MPG (Manual Pulse Generator) mode selection

2.1 STEP mode

In STEP mode, the selected axis moves 1 step at each MPG click (detent) with the step size and feed rate currently in the system.

2.2 VELOCITY mode

In VELOCITY mode, axis moves at 0 to 100% of maximum axis speed based on how fast the MPG wheel is turned.

2.3 CONTINUOUS

In CONTINUOUS mode, axis moves at constant speed at maximum axis speed overridden by feed rate overridden rate.

2.4 CONTINUOUS RATE

In C% mode, turning MPG changes current feed overridden (FO) rate. It has the function of 

2.5 FEED OVERRATE


In F% mode, turning MPG changes current feed overridden (FO) rate.

2.6 SPINDLE OVERRATE

In S% mode, turning MPG changes current spindle speed overridden (SO) rate

3. Function Buttons

3.1 Step size selection button


While pressing and holding the Enable Button , press and release the Step size button to cyclically select the step size. Selected step size displays on Mach4 Screen.

3.2 ZERO

While pressing and holding the Enable Button , press and release the Zero Button to zero the currently selected axis.

4. Operation Controls


4.1 START / HOLD button

- While pressing and holding the Enable Button , press and release START/HOLD button to RUN a program or RESUME the program if the program is in IDLE or is in PAUSE, or PAUSE the program if the program is RUNNING.
- When the program is in RUNNING state, 3 axis selection LEDs flash one by one.
- When the program is in PAUSE state, all 3 axis selection LEDs flash twice in the first half second and stop flashing in the next half second.



4.2 STOP / REW button




- While pressing and holding the Enable Button , press and release STOP/REW button to stop the program if the program is running.

5. E-Stop switch button



5.1 E-Stop switch button

- Press E-STOP switch button to send out E-Stop signal to Mach4 application and activate Emergency Mode in Mach4.
- While pressing and holding the Enable Button , press the E-STOP button to exit Emergency mode.
- When in Emergency Mode, all MPG mode selection LEDs and Axis selection LED flash at ½ second rate.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 100 steps (clicks) per Rev MPG.
- MPG MTBF > 10000 hour.
- Shipped with 10' High Speed USB cable. Extendable to 15' with extension cable, or to 45' with USB hub cables.
- Size (overall) 7"(L) x 2.6"(W) X 2.5"(H)