

Software Update (CA501)

This document contains instructions for updating the system software of the Kawai CA501 digital piano. Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting to perform the software update.



This software update should not affect user data stored in the instrument's memory, however it is still recommended to use the 'Save xxx' functions in the USB Menu before updating, in order to prevent accidental data loss.

■ Checking the current software version

While the instrument is turned off:

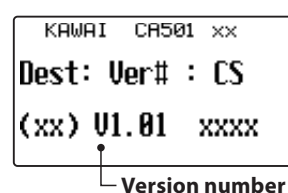
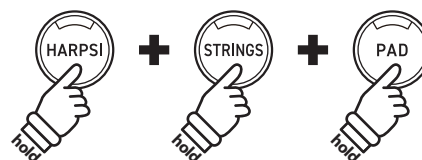
Press and hold the [HARPSI], [STRINGS], and [PAD] buttons simultaneously, then turn the instrument on.

The current software version will be shown in the LCD display.

If the version number is **greater than** or equal to the update version, no further action is necessary.

* Turn the instrument off and on to return to normal operation.

If the version number is **lower than** the update version, please continue to follow the instructions below.



1. Prepare the USB memory device

Extract the software update ZIP file and copy the included .SYS file(s) to the root folder of a USB memory device.

* The USB memory device must use the 'FAT' or 'FAT32' filesystem. The 'exFAT' filesystem is not supported.



2. Connect the USB memory device

While the instrument is turned off:

Connect the prepared USB memory device to the USB port.

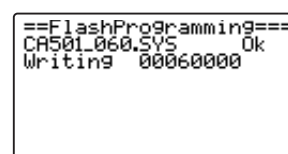
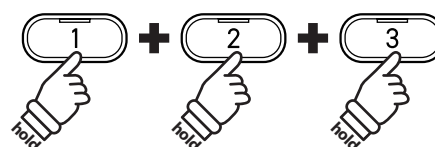


3. Start the update

Press and hold the [1], [2], and [3] buttons simultaneously, then turn the instrument on.

The update process will start automatically after a few seconds, and status messages will be shown in the LCD display.

* Do not remove the USB memory device while the software update is in progress.



4. Finish the update, disconnect the USB memory device

After approximately 60 seconds, a "Boot End" message will be shown in the LCD display, indicating that the software update has been successful.

Disconnect the USB memory device, then press the [POWER] button to turn the instrument off. When the instrument is turned on, the updated software will be used automatically.

* If the software update is unsuccessful, restart the process from step 1.



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■ CA501 System software changelog

V1.05 (July 2025)

- Changed: Improved speaker EQ.

V1.04 (March 2025)

- Changed: In accordance with RE regulations, the default setting for Bluetooth MIDI/Audio is now set to Off.

V1.03 (February 2025)

- Changed: In accordance with ErP regulations, a message will be displayed when the Auto Power Off setting is changed to a non-default value. (For European destinations only)

V1.02 (January 2024)

- Fixed: In extremely rare cases, the panel could become inoperable when playing a demo song.
- Fixed: Performing a Factory Reset while playing the keyboard could cause the volume to increase momentarily.

V1.01 (March 2023)

- Fixed: The “beep” confirmation sound would not play when storing a Registration memory.

V1.00 (December 2022)

- First production version.