

# DJ Controllers

## Picking your Hardware



It's important to note that not all DJ Controllers (hardware) work with all software in the world of DJing. It's good to start by knowing what devices/computers your students will use. This will determine the software available to you. The main software options are [Rekordbox](#), [Traktor](#) and [Serato](#) – most decks come with suitable software included. Once you know what software you are going to use, choose your hardware accordingly.

If you are implementing [Trackformers](#) with the MusicEDU Suite, we'd be happy to assist with your choice of Hardware and Software!

Our suggestions for each software are:

### Rekordbox

#### Pioneer DDJ200

- Smallest and most affordable
- Compact and portable design
- Some buttons/features are missing that are useful for beginner DJs

#### Pioneer DDJ400

- Next model up - more expensive, but more features
- Excellent build quality
- Comes with extra features that will suit a beginner to intermediate DJ

### Traktor

#### Native Instruments Traktor Kontrol S2 Mk3

- Stylish and well-built deck
- Very similar to the DDJ400 but uses different software.

### Serato

#### Numark Mixtrack Platinum FX

- Lots of extra features at a cheaper price
- 4-track deck instead of 2
- Only comes with Serato Lite
- Due to extra features may confuse a beginner

