Goblin-SPST in UAFX Astra, Starlight, Golden Installation, Configuration and Usage

The Goblin-SPST is able to control bypass/preset and tap tempo of the UAFX Astra, Starlight and Golden and make them accessible via MIDI.

This manual is for installation in Astra, Starlight and Golden. For other UAFX pedals refer to the respective user manual.

Installation

Make sure you ordered the Goblin-SPST with the UAFX mounting bracket for easy installation, like the picture on the right.

- Remove the black bottom plate by unscrewing the four screws and carefully removing the plate. There are two main PCBs inside the pedal. One is screwed to the bottom plate and one is screwed to the housing. They are connected with a flat ribbon cable. Be very careful to not damage it.
- 2. Remove the flat ribbon cable from the PCB on the bottom plate because the connector is more sturdy and easy to open on this side.
- 3. Remove the foot switches, so it looks like in the picture on the top right.
- 4. Drilling of the MIDI input socket: A small MINI TRS sockets fits between the power and the USB socket, like in the picture.

 Better to remove the PCB and the DC socket for that.
- 5. Wiring of power: Attach the power cables directly to the DC socket. Be very careful to not reverse polarity.
- 6. Wiring of the switches: Desolder the wire from the active side of the switch. That means, the side that is +3.3V. With this particular pedal it was the black wires, but better not to trust wire colors. Solder this wire to RLY1 und RLY2 of the Goblin. (RLY1 for bypass, RLY2 for Tap)
- 7. Solder a wire to SW1 and SW2 of the Goblin and connect the other side to the now free pin of the switch.
- 8. Solder a wire to LED1 and solder the other side to R900 like in the picture below.
- 9. Wiring of MIDI: For wiring according to MIDI TRS Type A, connect Tip to ISIG, Ring to IREF, Sleeve is unconnected.









Configuration

If you ordered a Goblin-SPST in UAFX Astra, Starlight, Golden configuration, you won't need any configuration. If not, here are the configuration commands to set a Goblin-SPST up for use with a UAFX Starlight, Astra, or Golden. This is only possible with version 1.0.4 or higher.

Not that these commands have to be sent in groups of four, without sending anything else in between.

We use port 1 and port 2 with role switch.

CC 27 02, CC 09 18, CC 09 52, CC 09 01

CC 47 02, CC 09 18, CC 09 52, CC 09 02

The LEDs measure with 3.1V when on and 3.5V when off. That's a threshold of 3.3V

CC 29 66, CC 09 18, CC 09 52, CC 09 04

That also means that the LED polarity is inverted, so we have to configure "low active"

CC 28 00, CC 09 18, CC 09 52, CC 09 01

Finally, there is a special command to activate the UAFX functionality

CC 04 01, CC 09 18, CC 09 52, CC 09 11

Usage

Off/On (Live and Preset Mode)

CC	#	Function				
10	00	Turn off				
	01	Turn on (Live Mode)				
	02	Turn on (Preset Mode)				
	03	Turn off fast				

Tap Tempo

CC	#	Function
30	02	Tap Tempo manually

Tap Tempo synced to MIDI Clock continuous

СС	#	Function	#	Function
30	10	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/4 notes	18	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 2nd whole note
	11	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/8 notes	19	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 3rd whole note
	12	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in triplet notes	20	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 4th whole note
	13	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/16 notes	21	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 5th whole note
30	14	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in dotted 1/8 notes	22	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 6th whole note
	15	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/32 notes	23	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 7th whole note
	16	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/2 notes	24	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every 8th whole note
	17	Toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in whole notes		

Sometimes Tap Tempo being sent constantly, leads to strange behaviour. In this case there is the possibility to only give a limited number of impulses. Enough for the effect to take over the beat. With these commands, an automatic MIDI clock detection is carried out. If the MIDI clock changes by more than approx. 1%, the pulses are sent again.

сс	#	Function	#	Function
	0-19	1-20 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/4 notes	100-104	1-5 times toggle to the beat of MIDI clock 1/2 notes
	20-39	1-20 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/8 notes	105-109	1-5 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock every whole n.
31	40-59	1-20 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in triplet notes	110-114	1-5 times toggle to the beat of MIDI clock every 2nd whole n.
	60-79	1-20 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in 1/16 notes	115-119	1-5 times toggle to the beat of MIDI clock every 4th whole n.
	80-99	1-20 times toggle to the beat of the MIDI clock in dot. 1/8th n.	120-124	1-5 times toggle to the beat of MIDI clock every 8th whole n.

MIDI Channel

The Goblin's MIDI channel is selectable. To change the MIDI channel, proceed as follows

- 1. Disconnect the device from the power supply
- 2. Press the ON button of the Astra, Starlight or Golden and restore the power supply while it is pressed. The device starts to flash its LED after the startup delay has elapsed.
- 3. Press the button according to the number of the desired channel (e.g. twice for channel 2). The *Goblin* acknowledges this by emitting short flashing impulses according to the number of the channel.
- 4. Once the desired channel is set, press the button and hold it down until the Goblin switches off completely.
- 5. Disconnect supply voltage. The next time the Goblin is started, it reacts to the selected MIDI channel.

To put the *Goblin* in omni mode (i.e. it responds to every channel) skip step 3.