

# *Bechstein Vario HDS Digital Mute System*

*Designed by Bechstein and Made in Germany  
Exclusively for all Bechstein Brands and Models*





## *The Unique Advantages of the Bechstein Vario HDS Digital Mute System*

The Bechstein Vario HDS digital mute system will exceed your highest expectations: optimum dynamics, elegant and unobtrusive design, perfectly simple use.

The Bechstein Vario HDS optimally reproduces your playing dynamics, making your interpretation a captivating digital experience.

Most other mute systems make grave compromises in converting your playing dynamics — the exact force of your fingers on the keys — into digital acoustic signals. Not the Bechstein Vario HDS!

Simply connect the Bechstein Vario HDS to the USB port of your computer, or even your iPad®, to use it with MIDI applications for recording, composing, notation and much more.

Now you don't need to be a seasoned musician to write your own compositions, arrange your

personal orchestra, or play solo with orchestral accompaniment. Such versatility makes the Bechstein Vario HDS a true digital audio workstation: you'll discover its limitless technical possibilities as you play — and enjoy composing and experimenting with others.

Easy connection to any computer (PC or Mac) with USB, including the iPad®'s USB adapter cable.

Unobtrusive design, black or white case.

Add to the pleasure of making music with the new Bechstein Vario HDS, an innovative digital mute system with tremendous versatility and a built-in fun factor.

Order the Bechstein Vario HDS as an accessory with any new C. Bechstein, Bechstein Academy or W.Hoffmann upright or grand piano.

**VARIO-SYSTEM**



### 1. Normal mode (no other devices connected)

- Sound options available (string and keyboard instruments)
- Definition of string sounds with accompanying keyboard instruments
- Sounds configurable using equalizer and Dynamics menu
- Recording
- Transposing, tuning
- Metronome

### 2. Audio out (monitor or stereo system)

- Mute mode (Vario sounds only)
- Acoustic piano with Vario sounds (strings, etc.)

### 3. Audio in (Mute mode)

- Multimedia accompaniment (CD, MP3, etc.)
- Music Minus One mode

### 4. Audio in and out (monitor speaker box or stereo system)

- Acoustic piano with signals via audio input

### 5. MIDI applications via USB

- Simple notation of the music fed to the Vario system
- Complex composition with multiple instruments and/or voice, possibility to listen to the individual instruments/voices separately
- Recording
- Multitrack recording (also with several instruments)
- Various sampled sounds (grand piano, acoustic piano, other instruments)
- Definition of custom tracks (also with several instruments)

## Technical Data

### Dynamics

Unique dynamics with an infinite range of possibilities from pianissimo to fortissimo through high definition recording of the key movement (HDS means “high definition sensor technology”), easily adjustable via graphics on a display screen.

### Sensor technology

Freely configurable optical key and pedal sensors, high definition hardware and software.

### Display

Large touch screen, all functions conveniently accessible via clear icon menus, simple menu structures, no multifunction buttons, no complicated control keys, comprehensive range of functions.

### Control unit

Elegant and unobtrusive design, large touch screen, no superfluous details.

### Front

LED, headphones jacks.

### Back

USB, Line In/Out, power.

### Control

Easily operated from above, self-explanatory menus, reset button, metronome and bell samples.

### Favourites

Four favourite sounds can be freely edited and recorded.

### Sounds

6 pianos, 3 organs, 1 harpsichord, 3 digital pianos, 2 strings (in the background).

### Main menu

Sounds, volume, sub menus, metronome, sound memory.

### Sub menu

Recording, mixing table, dynamics, pitch (tuning, transposing), metronome, configuration, demo.

### Energy saving

Automatic switch off (no standby).

### International

Graphic menus easily understandable the world over, voltage transformer with several plugs.

### Headphones

High-quality device (branded product), comfortable to wear (light-weight), delivers an optimal sound, headphones support on the piano.

### Hammer bars

Heavy-duty, do not impair the function of the moderator pedal, easily and accurately adjustable using a hand lever and Bowden cable with special interior coating.