



# Getting Started

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## Introduction



- Read the manual and understand all safety information and operating instructions before proceeding.
- Do not deviate from the instructions when installing E-MU PC components or when using your E-MU PC.
- Heed all product warnings and observe all precautions during installation and operation.

Thank you for choosing an **E-MU PC™**. The E-MU PC you see in front of you is the crystallization of intensive research and innovative engineering by the market leader in the multimedia industry. Leveraging years of experience, we have designed your E-MU PC to meet your personal computing needs through a powerful processor, high-quality motherboard, and superb multimedia components from Creative. You can be assured of optimal compatibility and performance in one well-integrated package.

The **Intel ATX-compatible motherboard** driving your E-MU PC is designed to meet your personal computing needs by delivering high performance and supporting a wide range of intelligent features.

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Retain your manual so that you can refer to it in future.

Your **Creative graphics card** is guaranteed to enhance your overall visual experience. Your graphics card's powerful graphics engine will give you smooth, realistic play with games and let you do real-time design work. Also, navigation in Windows will be sped up as you work on documents and spreadsheets, or use other applications.

In addition to the blistering speed at which it reads your DVDs or CDs, your **Creative DVD-ROM or CD-ROM drive** comes with a software application that transforms it into a versatile CD player. Play, stop or skip tracks on an audio CD using either the front panel button controls or through the interface on screen.



## Before You Begin




This section shows you the document conventions used in your E-MU PC leaflets and manuals. There is also a table for you to record serial and model numbers of important E-MU PC components. Read this section thoroughly.

While every effort has been made to ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information, our commitment to constantly improving and upgrading our products mean that some enhancements in the performance may not be reflected in the leaflets and manuals.

## Document Conventions

The following typographical and symbolic conventions are used throughout this document:

**Table 1: Document conventions**

This	Represents
<b>bold</b>	Text that must be entered exactly as it appears.
<i>italic</i>	Title of a book or a placeholder, which represents the information you must provide.
UPPERCASE	Directory name, file name, or acronym.
	This notepad icon indicates information that is of particular importance and should be considered before continuing.
	This alarm clock icon indicates that failure to adhere to directions may result in loss of data or damage to your system.
	The warning sign indicates that failure to adhere to directions may result in bodily harm or life-threatening situations.

## Serial and Model Numbers

We recommend that you record the serial and model numbers of your E-MU PC components in Table 2. This information will be useful in the event that you need to contact our Technical Support staff for troubleshooting or your dealer for warranty service.

**Table 2: Serial numbers and model numbers.**

Hardware Type	Hardware Codes	Numbers
Motherboard	Serial Number	
	Model Number	
Power Supply	Serial Number	
	Model Number	
Sound Blaster	Serial Number	
	Model Number	
Graphics Card	Serial Number	
	Model Number	
Video Card (if any)	Serial Number	
	Model Number	
CD-ROM Drive or DVD-ROM Drive	Serial Number	
	Model Number	

# Setting Up Your E-MU PC

## Step 1: Knowing your E-MU PC



An E-MU PC package typically consists of the following:

- E-MU PC CPU unit
- Monitor
- Mouse
- Keyboard
- E-MU PC binder containing Getting Started leaflets, User's Manuals, and E-MU PC Software Installation CD
- Windows Software Installation CD
- Windows User's Manual
- E-MU PC Warranty Card

Note that your monitor and speakers come in their own boxes.

- ❑ Step 1: Knowing your E-MU PC
- ❑ Step 2: Locating and securing your E-MU PC
- ❑ Step 3: Making the E-MU PC connections
- ❑ Step 4: Powering Up

1. Unpack the CPU unit, keyboard, mouse, assorted cables, monitor, and speakers.
2. Examine each component for physical damage. If one or more components are visibly damaged, do not proceed. Call the dealer from which you purchased your E-MU PC for instructions.
3. Retain the E-MU PC packaging for use if you need to ship or transport your E-MU PC in future.

Figure 1 below shows the components in a typical E-MU PC package. Depending on the E-MU PC package selected, your E-MU PC may have different components.

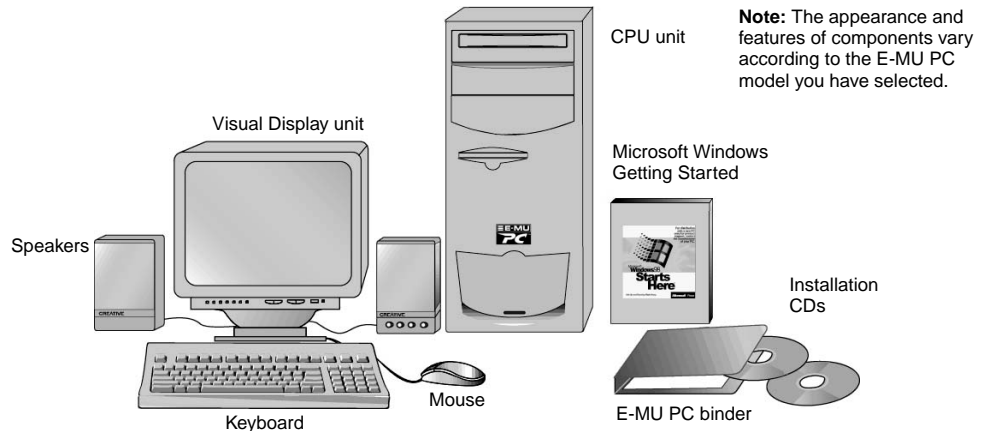


Figure 1: Components of a typical E-MU PC package.

## Step 2: Locating and Securing your E-MU PC

### Do:

- ❑ Place the E-MU PC CPU unit next to the monitor, under your desk or anywhere accessible.
- ❑ Ensure that there is adequate space in front of the E-MU PC CPU unit for the DVD-ROM or CD-ROM drive disc tray.
- ❑ Secure the E-MU PC CPU unit and monitor so that they will not shift or topple due to accidental knocks or shocks. This is to prevent personal injury, and serious damage to the E-MU PC components.

### Do Not:

- ❑ Place the E-MU PC CPU unit, monitor or any peripheral device near sources of intense heat such as fireplaces, radiators or stoves where intense heat is generated.
- ❑ Place the E-MU PC CPU unit, monitor or any peripheral device in a wet or damp environment or where there is a risk of water seeping into any component.
- ❑ Block, cover or obstruct ventilation slots in the E-MU PC CPU casing. These slots and openings are for ventilation. Adequate ventilation prevents overheating and ensures reliable operation.
- ❑ Place the E-MU PC CPU unit on shelves or racks unless there is adequate room for air to circulate and heat to dissipate.

## Step 3: Making the E-MU PC Connections



Always disconnect the E-MU PC's power cord from the wall socket before attempting to connect any peripheral devices.

- ▶ When making the connections, remember the following:
  - ❑ Back panel connectors are drive-specific. If a cable plug cannot be inserted, verify that the connector matches the plug in size, shape and orientation.
  - ❑ When inserting plugs and connectors, you must align each pin with its corresponding holes because poor alignment and excessive force can result in bent or broken pins.



## Step 4: Powering Up



- Different countries subscribe to different power supply voltages and plug types for wall socket outlets. If your power cord plug has pins that cannot be fully inserted into the outlet, do not use it. Consult your E-MU PC's dealer for more information.
- Route the power cord so that it will not be stepped on, crushed, or pressed against sharp edges. Do not stretch the cord too tightly as it may damage the cord.
- Make sure that all plugs, convenience receptacles, and the power cord itself are intact and that there are no loose connections between the cord and the E-MU PC.



- ❑ Your E-MU PC documentation package contains leaflets and manuals for individual E-MU PC components. For each component, detailed information on the relative positions and functions of all connectors is given. If you need to connect a peripheral device that you have purchased separately, refer to the documentation that comes with the device.

1. Slide the voltage selector switch to either the 230V or 115V setting, based on your country's power supply voltage.  
Make sure that the switch slides all the way to the other end such that only one voltage indicator marking is visible.
2. Verify that all device connections are secure before connecting the PC's power cord. Otherwise, the system might not recognize one or more device.
3. Connect the PC's power cord.
4. Connect your monitor's power cable.  
Refer to your monitor's documentation for details.
5. Switch on the monitor.
6. Turn the PC power switch at the back of the PC to the ON position.
7. Press the ON/OFF button at the front of the PC and wait for the operating system to start up.

## Using Creative Software

The following Creative applications have been pre-installed on your E-MU PC:

- Creative Launcher
- Creative PlayCenter
- Creative FM Radio (Available in certain E-MU PC models only)



### Creative Launcher

Accompanying the PlayCenter is the **Creative Launcher**, a shortcut bar that allows you to start Creative applications, Control Panel applets, other applications for your hardware settings, control for your computer's volume output, and shortcuts to any Help files.

### Creative PlayCenter



In order to play DVDs, you need to have a DVD decoder and a DVD-ROM drive.

**Creative PlayCenter** allows you to play most types of media — multimedia files (MIDI, Wave etc.), audio CDs, Video CDs, and DVDs — using just this one application! Just load and select the media you are playing and leave the rest to PlayCenter. You can also easily organize and arrange your favorite multimedia files and tracks into albums.

### Creative FM Radio

The Creative FM Radio is only available with some models of E-MU PC.

Creative FM Radio lets you tune in to your favorite radio station while you work and play at your computer. You can pre-set up to 30 of your favorite radio stations. Change stations, adjust the volume and perform other functions using either your keyboard, mouse or a Remote Control unit.



### To start any Creative application

1. If Creative Launcher has been started already, proceed to step 2. Otherwise, click Start -> Programs -> Creative -> Creative Launcher.
2. Bring your pointer to the top of the screen to display Creative Launcher.
3. Click the Sound Blaster Live! tab, followed by the icon of the application that you want to start.



# Taking Care of Your E-MU PC

Read this section thoroughly. Heed all warnings and take all necessary precautions to enjoy years of trouble-free usage.

## + Safety

### Lithium Battery Notice



**(This notice applies to the lithium batteries in the motherboard and the infrared remote control.)**

#### **CAUTION:**

- There is a danger of explosion if the battery is inserted incorrectly.
- Do not attempt to recharge the battery, disassemble it, immerse it in water or dispose of it in fire.

### Laser Compliance Notice



**(This notice applies to the DVD-ROM drive or CD-ROM drive in your E-MU PC.)**

The drive is a Class 1 laser product, which complies with CDRH regulations under Rule 21, CFR 21 Chapter 1, sub-chapter J. The drive is also certified to conform to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 825 and CENELEC EN 60825. When the drive is installed, note the following:

#### **CAUTION:**

- Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.
- Invisible Laser Radiation when open. **DO NOT** stare into beam or view directly with optical instruments.



## Safety Precautions

### ❑ **Overloading**

Do not overload electrical outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles because this may result in electrical faults or fire.

### ❑ **Object and Liquid Entry**

Never insert any objects into the E-MU PC through ventilation slots or openings because they may damage sensitive electronic components or cause electrical faults that could result in a fire. Never spill liquid of any kind on the E-MU PC.

## Care and Maintenance

### ❑ **Cleaning**

Unplug the E-MU PC from the wall outlet before cleaning. Wipe the exterior of the E-MU PC with a damp cloth. Use only water and a mild detergent. Do not use harsh solvents or aerosol cleaners not designed for use with computers.

## Servicing Your E-MU PC

### ❑ **Servicing/Repairs**

Your E-MU PC does not contain any user-serviceable parts. Do not attempt to repair or service the E-MU PC yourself because you will be exposed to the risk of electric shocks and other hazards once the casing is opened. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

If any of the following occurs, you should switch off the computer, disconnect the power supply (by removing the plug from the electrical outlet) and call a qualified technician immediately:

- When the power supply cord, extension cord, or plug is damaged.
- If the E-MU PC has been exposed to rain or water.
- If liquid has been spilled on the computer, or if foreign objects have dropped into the casing.
- If the E-MU PC has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- If your E-MU PC is functioning in an erratic manner even though you have observed all prescribed operating instructions.



- ❑ **Replacements Parts**

Make sure that only components specified by the manufacturer are used to replace damaged or faulty E-MU PC components. The use of non-original, unspecified replacement parts may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.

- ❑ **Safety Test**

Upon completion of any service or repairs to the E-MU PC, ask the service technician to perform safety tests to verify that the E-MU PC is operating properly.



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- Increase the distance between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult your dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician.

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- Directive 89/336/EEC, 92/31/EEC (EMC), 73/23/EEC (LVD)



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