



### The CDJ Deck

Although CDJ decks were heavily criticised when first introduced to the DJ market, in recent years they have come of age. Earlier decks were basic playback devices, with rudimentary cueing facilities; however the latest CDJ players (such as the Pioneer CDJ 1000 MK3 below) allow almost the same levels of scratch sound manipulation through the jog wheel as a traditional turntable. The digital format also allows lots of additional functionality including push button instant cue points, adjustment of speed without changing pitch, auto looping and playback of mp3 files straight from CD.

**Cue Points**  
Cue points mark the beginning of a segment of the audio contained on the CD. By assigned the cue points to one of the hot cue buttons, the DJ can instantly jump to them or trigger them repeatedly.

**Direction**  
Instantly switches direction of playback from forwards to backwards.

**Track Skip**  
Allows the DJ to skip forwards or backwards to the beginning of each of the tracks on the CD.

**Track Search**  
When pressed, the track search buttons scan through the audio on the CD at high speed with audio for quick location of specific sections of sound.

**Cue**  
Enables use of the Jog Wheel for track searching.



**Display**  
Displays operational and playback information e.g. track number, track duration, BPM, pitch setting, play mode etc.

**Loop Control**  
Loop points are used to continuously repeat sections of audio from the CD. These are set by pressing the 'In' button to begin the loop and the 'Out' button to finish it.

**Master Tempo**  
In conjunction with the pitch control allows the speed of the track to be adjusted without changing the pitch of the sound.

**Pitch Control**  
Allows fine adjustment of the playback speed of the CD, usually up to +/- 100%.

**Play/Pause**  
Starts and pauses playback of the CD.

**Jog Wheel/Platter**  
Depending upon the CDJ device, the jog wheel allows cueing, track search, subtle pitch adjustments and scratching by movement backwards and forwards.