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Alesis SR16

Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine User Manual

Model: SR16

Introduction

Welcome to the Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine user manual. The SR-16 is a classic drum machine designed for musicians, producers, and performers seeking high-quality drum sounds and versatile pattern creation. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your SR-16 to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

What's in the Box

Upon opening your Alesis SR-16 package, please ensure all the following items are present:

- SR16 Drum Machine
- Power Supply
- User Manual
- Safety and Warranty Information

Setup

Follow these steps to set up your Alesis SR-16 drum machine:

1. **Power Connection:** Connect the included power supply to the 9V AC input on the rear panel of the SR-16 and then to a standard AC outlet.
2. **Audio Output:** Connect the MAIN LEFT and MAIN RIGHT outputs to your mixer, amplifier, or audio interface using standard 1/4-inch TS cables. For stereo monitoring, use both outputs. For mono, use only the MAIN LEFT output.
3. **Auxiliary Outputs:** The SR-16 features AUX LEFT and AUX RIGHT outputs for routing specific drum sounds to external effects or separate mixer channels.
4. **Headphones:** For private monitoring, connect your headphones to the PHONES output using a 1/4-inch TRS connector. Adjust the volume using the dedicated VOLUME knob.
5. **Instrument Input:** An INSTRUMENT input is provided for connecting an external instrument, allowing you to play along with the SR-16's patterns.
6. **MIDI Connections:** Use the MIDI IN and OUT/THRU ports to connect the SR-16 to other MIDI devices, such as

keyboards, computers, or DAWs, for advanced control and synchronization.

7. **Footswitch Input:** Connect optional footswitches to the START/STOP and COUNT/A/B/FILL jacks for hands-free control during live performances.



Figure 1: Rear panel connections of the Alesis SR-16.



Figure 2: Top view of the Alesis SR-16 drum machine.

Operating the SR-16

The Alesis SR-16 offers intuitive controls for creating and performing drum patterns.

Pads and Sounds

The SR-16 features 12 velocity-sensitive pads, each capable of triggering different drum and percussion sounds. The exclusive Dynamic Articulation™ feature allows the drum sound's tonal content to change based on how hard the pad is struck, providing realistic performances.

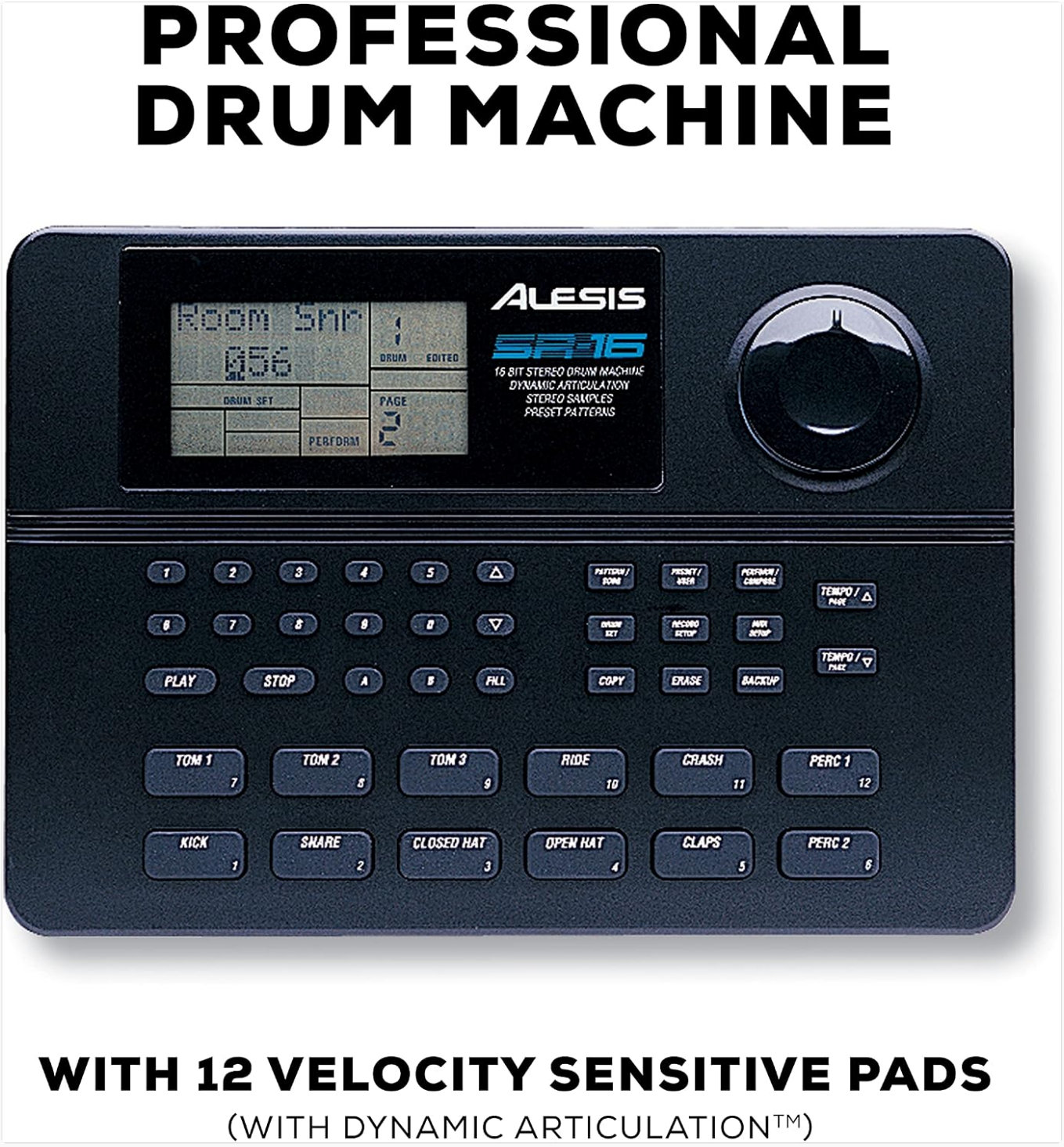

Figure 3: The 12 velocity-sensitive pads for triggering sounds.

The unit comes with 233 professional drum and percussion sounds, including both dry and reverbed samples. These sounds can be assigned to any pad, allowing for custom drum kit configurations.

Patterns and Songs

The SR-16 includes 50 preset patterns, professionally played by studio drummers, not just programmed and quantized. These patterns offer built-in rhythmic variations with A, B, and two Fill sections, enabling the composition of complete arrangements.

You can create and save your own customized patterns and songs, with space for 200 unique user patterns. This allows for extensive personalization of your rhythmic creations.

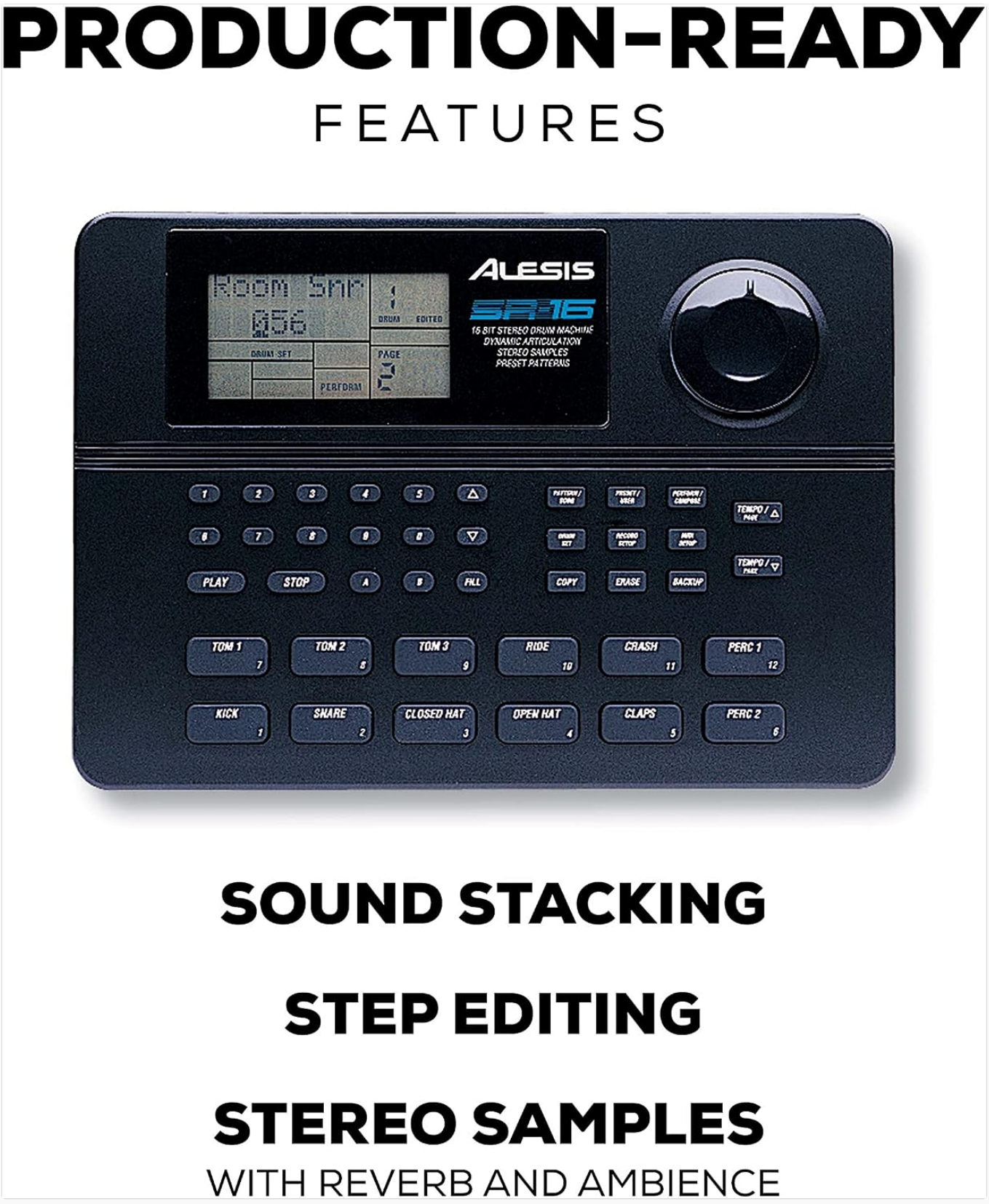

Figure 4: The SR-16's display and control interface for pattern and song creation.

Effects

The SR-16 features on-board digital effects for added realism, including reverb and ambience. These effects can be applied to individual sounds or entire kits to enhance the overall sound quality.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and proper functioning of your Alesis SR-16, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the unit. Avoid abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes, as they may damage the finish.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the SR-16 in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Handle the unit with care. Avoid dropping it or subjecting it to strong impacts.
- **Power:** Always disconnect the power supply when the unit is not in use for extended periods.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Alesis SR-16, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **No Power:** Ensure the power supply is securely connected to both the SR-16 and a working power outlet. Verify the power adapter is the correct voltage and current type for the unit.
- **No Sound:** Check all audio cable connections. Ensure the volume knob on the SR-16 is turned up and that your mixer/amplifier's input levels are correctly set. Confirm that the drum kit or pattern selected has sounds assigned to the pads.
- **Pads Not Responding:** Ensure the unit is in the correct mode for playing pads (e.g., not in a menu or editing screen). If a specific pad is unresponsive, try resetting the unit (refer to the full user guide for reset procedures).
- **MIDI Issues:** Verify MIDI cables are correctly connected (OUT to IN, IN to OUT). Check MIDI channel settings on both the SR-16 and the external device.
- **Distorted Sound:** Reduce the volume level on the SR-16 or the input gain on your mixer/amplifier to prevent clipping.

For more detailed troubleshooting, please consult the comprehensive User Guide available via the support links.

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Item Weight	2.5 Pounds
Product Dimensions	9.25 x 6.5 x 1.5 inches
Body Material	Plastic
Connector Type	MIDI USB
Sounds Included	233
Preset Patterns	50
User Patterns	200
Pads	12 Velocity-Sensitive
Manufacturer	Alesis

Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the 'Safety and Warranty Information' document included in your product packaging. For additional support, including a comprehensive user guide and FAQs, please visit the official Alesis website or use the links below:

- Official User Manual (PDF): Download Here
- Official User Guide (PDF): Download Here
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