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Model: CC10 - 10-inch Tom

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead is a single-ply, medium-weight drumhead designed to produce a wide-open, full sound with ample attack and sustain. It is suitable for use on both the top (batter) and bottom (resonant) sides of tom drums.



Image: A clear, circular Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead with the brand logo visible. This drumhead is designed for 10-inch tom drums.

Key Features:

- Classic Clear transparent finish.
- Constructed from a single 10mil thick ply.
- Delivers an open sound with significant sustain.
- Manufactured in Mexico.

2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of your Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead is crucial for optimal sound and longevity. Follow these steps for a successful setup:

1. **Remove Old Drumhead:** Loosen all tension rods evenly and remove the old drumhead and hoop. Clean the bearing edge of the drum shell with a soft cloth to remove any dust or debris.
2. **Place New Drumhead:** Carefully place the new Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead onto the drum shell, ensuring it sits flat on the bearing edge. The Aquarian logo should be positioned as desired.
3. **Place Hoop and Tension Rods:** Place the drum hoop over the drumhead. Insert all tension rods

through the hoop and into the lugs. Finger-tighten each rod until it makes contact with the hoop.

4. **Initial Tensioning:** Using a drum key, tighten each tension rod in a star pattern (opposite sides) by a quarter turn at a time. Continue this process until the drumhead is snug and wrinkle-free.
5. **Seating the Head:** Apply firm, even pressure to the center of the drumhead with your palm. You may hear a slight crackling sound as the head seats itself. This helps the head stretch and settle.
6. **Fine Tuning:** Begin tuning the drumhead by tapping near each tension rod and adjusting the rod until the pitch is consistent around the entire drum. Gradually increase tension in small increments (e.g., quarter turns) in a star pattern until the desired pitch and resonance are achieved.

3. OPERATING AND TUNING TIPS

The Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead is highly versatile. Here are some tips for operating and tuning:

- **Resonant Head:** When used as a resonant (bottom) head, the Classic Clear provides an open, sustained tone. Experiment with different tensions to achieve varying levels of sustain and pitch.
- **Batter Head:** As a batter (top) head, it offers a clear attack and full body. For a more controlled sound, consider pairing it with a dampening ring or external dampening.
- **Even Tension:** Always strive for even tension across the drumhead. This ensures optimal tone and prevents premature wear. Use a drum key and listen carefully to the pitch at each lug.
- **Pitch Matching:** For a full, resonant sound, try to tune the resonant head to the same pitch or a slightly higher pitch than the batter head.

4. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and performance of your Aquarian Classic Clear drumhead, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Wipe the drumhead surface with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust, stick marks, and grime. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- **Check Tension:** Periodically check the tension of your drumhead, especially before playing. Temperature and humidity changes can affect tension.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Regularly inspect the drumhead for any signs of wear, tears, or dents. Replace the head if significant damage is present to maintain sound quality and prevent further issues.
- **Storage:** If removing the drumhead for storage, keep it flat and protected from extreme temperatures or direct sunlight to prevent warping.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Problem:** Uneven tone or buzzing sound.
Solution: Re-check tension rods for evenness. Ensure the drumhead is properly seated on the bearing edge.
- **Problem:** Lack of sustain or dead sound.
Solution: The drumhead may be too tight or too loose. Adjust tension gradually. Ensure no external dampening is inadvertently applied.
- **Problem:** Head will not hold tune.
Solution: The drumhead may not be fully seated. Re-seat the head by applying firm pressure to the center. Check for any damage to the drumhead or bearing edge.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	CC10
Size	10-inch
Color	Clear
Ply	Single-ply (10mil)
Product Dimensions	11 x 11 x 1 inches
Item Weight	6.4 ounces
Country of Origin	Mexico