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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new drumhead, ensuring optimal performance and longevity. Please read these instructions carefully before installation and retain them for future reference.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head is designed to deliver a rich, warm, and open sound. Its unique construction features a rough Mylar layer, which contributes to a decent attack and long sustain, making it suitable for various musical styles.

- **Size:** 22 inches (approximately 55 cm)
- **Coating:** White coated finish
- **Material:** Rough Mylar layer for enhanced sound characteristics
- **Sound Profile:** Warm, open sound with decent attack and long sustain



Image 1: The XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head. This image shows the white coated surface of the drumhead, designed for bass drums.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for achieving the best sound from your drumhead. Follow these steps carefully:

1. **Remove Old Drumhead:** Loosen all tension rods on your kick drum using a drum key. Once loose, remove the old drumhead and the hoop.
2. **Clean Drum Rim:** Wipe down the bearing edge (the top rim) of your kick drum shell with a clean, dry cloth to remove any dust or debris. A smooth bearing edge ensures proper seating of the new drumhead.
3. **Place New Drumhead:** Carefully place the new XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head onto the drum shell, ensuring it sits evenly on the bearing edge.
4. **Position Hoop and Tension Rods:** Place the drum hoop over the new drumhead. Insert all tension rods through the hoop's holes and into the lugs on the drum shell. Hand-tighten each rod until it makes contact with the hoop.
5. **Initial Tensioning:** Using a drum key, apply tension to the rods in a star pattern (opposite rods) to gradually bring the drumhead up to tension. Turn each rod a quarter to half turn at a time. This

ensures even tension across the head.

6. **Seating the Head:** Once the head is lightly tensioned, apply gentle pressure to the center of the drumhead with your palm. You may hear a slight crackling sound as the head seats itself. This helps to stretch the Mylar evenly.
7. **Fine Tuning:** Continue to tension the rods in a star pattern, listening to the pitch at each rod. Aim for an even pitch around the entire circumference of the drumhead. Adjust as needed to achieve your desired sound. For a kick drum, a lower, punchier sound is often preferred, so avoid over-tightening.

OPERATING (PLAYING)

The XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head is designed for optimal performance on bass drums. Its rough Mylar surface provides a balanced response for both beater impact and resonance.

- **Beater Selection:** Experiment with different kick drum beaters (felt, plastic, wood) to find the sound that best suits your playing style and musical genre. Felt beaters generally produce a softer attack, while plastic or wood beaters offer more punch and definition.
- **Tuning for Sound:** The tension of the drumhead significantly impacts its sound.
 - *Lower Tension:* Produces a deeper, fatter sound with more sustain.
 - *Higher Tension:* Results in a tighter, more controlled sound with less sustain and more attack.
- **Dampening:** For a more controlled or "thuddy" kick drum sound, consider using internal or external dampening. This can include pillows, blankets, or specialized dampening rings placed inside the drum or on the drumhead surface.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will help preserve the sound quality and extend the life of your drumhead.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the drumhead surface with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and stick marks. For stubborn marks, a slightly damp cloth can be used, but avoid excessive moisture. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Check Tension:** Periodically check the tension of your drumhead. Over time, drumheads can lose tension, affecting their sound. Re-tune as necessary.
- **Inspect for Wear:** Regularly inspect the drumhead for signs of wear, such as dents, tears, or excessive stretching, especially in the beater impact area. Replace the drumhead if significant wear is observed to maintain sound quality and prevent unexpected failure.
- **Storage:** If removing the drumhead for storage, keep it flat and protected from extreme temperature changes and direct sunlight.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Uneven or poor sound	Uneven tension, improperly seated head, damaged bearing edge.	Re-tune the drumhead following the star pattern. Ensure the head is properly seated. Inspect the bearing edge for damage.
Buzzing or rattling sound	Loose tension rod, hardware rattling, foreign object inside the drum, loose snare wires (if applicable to resonant head).	Check all tension rods for tightness. Inspect drum hardware. Remove any objects from inside the drum.
Drumhead tears prematurely	Excessive tension, sharp edges on beater, manufacturing defect, improper installation.	Avoid over-tightening. Ensure beater is smooth. Contact support if defect is suspected. Ensure proper installation.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** XDrum
- **Model Number:** 00024963
- **Item Weight:** 399 g
- **Color:** White
- **Material Type:** Mylar (Coated)
- **Finish Type:** Textured
- **Package Dimensions:** 65.5 x 56 x 21.5 cm
- **International Article Code (EAN):** 04260222942908
- **Country of Origin:** China

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support regarding your XDrum 22-inch Coated Kick Drum Head, please contact XDrum customer service directly. Information regarding spare parts availability is currently unavailable.

You can typically find contact details on the official XDrum website or through your retailer.