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Model: MOXF8 | Brand: Yamaha

INTRODUCTION

The Yamaha MOXF8 is a powerful 88-key music production workstation designed for musicians and producers. It combines a MOTIF XF sound engine, MIDI controller functionality, and extensive DAW integration, making it suitable for both studio and live performance environments. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your MOXF8.

Key Features:

- **Motif XF Sound Quality:** Access a vast library of high-quality sounds and effects derived from the flagship MOTIF XF.
- **Flash Memory Expandability:** Expand your sound library with optional Flash memory modules for custom samples and waveforms.
- **Performance Mode:** Create dynamic and expressive performances by combining multiple voices, arpeggios, and patterns.
- **Advanced Computer Integration:** Seamlessly integrate with your Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) via USB for audio and MIDI connectivity.
- **Portable Design:** Despite its 88-key weighted action, the MOXF8 is designed to be relatively lightweight and portable for gigging musicians.



Figure 1: The Yamaha MOXF8 Music Production Workstation, showcasing its 88-key keyboard and control panel.

SETUP

Follow these steps to set up your Yamaha MOXF8 workstation.

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the MOXF8 from its packaging. Ensure all accessories, including the power adapter and owner's manual, are present.
2. **Placement:** Place the workstation on a stable, flat surface or a dedicated keyboard stand. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
3. **Power Connection:** Connect the included AC power adapter to the DC IN jack on the rear panel of the MOXF8. Plug the adapter into a suitable power outlet. **Do not power on the unit yet.**
4. **Audio Output:** Connect the MOXF8's AUDIO OUT jacks (L/MONO, R) to your amplifier, mixer, or audio interface using appropriate audio cables. For headphone use, connect headphones to the PHONES jack.
5. **MIDI/USB Connection:** For computer integration, connect a USB cable from the MOXF8's USB TO HOST port to your computer. This enables MIDI and audio data transfer.
6. **Foot Pedals:** If using foot pedals (sustain, assignable), connect them to the FOOT SWITCH and FOOT CONTROLLER jacks on the rear panel.
7. **Power On:** Once all connections are secure, press the POWER switch to turn on the MOXF8.



Figure 2: Rear panel connections of the MOXF8, including power input, audio outputs, and USB ports for computer integration.



Figure 3: Side view of the MOXF8, highlighting the accessible slot for flash memory expansion modules. This allows for adding custom sample libraries.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This section covers basic operation of your MOXF8 workstation.

1. Basic Navigation and Sound Selection

- **Display:** The LCD screen displays current settings, voice names, and menu options. Use the cursor buttons and data dial to navigate.
- **Voice Mode:** Press the **[VOICE]** button to enter Voice Mode. Here you can select individual instrument sounds.
- **Category Search:** Use the **[CATEGORY SEARCH]** button to quickly find desired instrument types (e.g., Piano, Guitar, Synth).
- **Performance Mode:** Press the **[PERFORMANCE]** button to enter Performance Mode. This mode allows you to layer and split multiple voices, assign arpeggios, and control effects in real-time.



Figure 4: A detailed view of the MOXF8's control panel, showing the LCD screen, navigation buttons, and various knobs and sliders for sound manipulation.

2. Computer Integration

The MOXF8 can function as an audio interface and MIDI controller for your computer-based music production setup.

- **Driver Installation:** Before connecting to a computer, install the latest Yamaha Steinberg USB Driver from the official Yamaha website.
- **DAW Setup:** Configure your Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) to recognize the MOXF8 as its MIDI input/output and audio interface.
- **Remote Mode:** Use the **[REMOTE]** button to control DAW transport functions and parameters directly from the MOXF8.

3. Flash Memory Expansion

The MOXF8 supports optional Flash memory expansion modules to load custom sample libraries and expand its sonic capabilities.

- **Installation:** Refer to the Flash Memory Expansion Module's specific instructions for proper installation into the dedicated slot (see Figure 3).

- **Loading Samples:** Use the MOXF8's utility functions to load new waveforms and voices from the Flash memory module.

Official Product Video:

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Video 1: An overview of the Yamaha MOXF Music Production Workstation, highlighting its sound quality, expandability, and integration features. This video provides a visual demonstration of the product's capabilities.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your MOXF8.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the surface of the instrument. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and then wipe dry. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Key Care:** Keep the keys clean and free from dust. Avoid spilling liquids on the keyboard.
- **Software Updates:** Periodically check the official Yamaha website for firmware updates. Keeping your MOXF8's firmware up-to-date can improve performance and add new features.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the MOXF8 in a dust-free environment, preferably covered with a dust cover.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your MOXF8.

- **No Sound:**
 - Check if the volume knob is turned up.
 - Ensure audio cables are securely connected to the correct output jacks and to your amplifier/mixer.
 - Verify that your amplifier/mixer is powered on and its volume is adjusted.
 - If using headphones, ensure they are fully plugged into the PHONES jack.
 - Check the selected voice; some voices might have very low default volume or be muted.
- **No MIDI/USB Communication with Computer:**
 - Ensure the Yamaha Steinberg USB Driver is correctly installed on your computer.
 - Verify the USB cable is securely connected to both the MOXF8 and your computer.
 - Check your DAW's preferences to ensure the MOXF8 is selected as the MIDI input/output device.
 - Restart both the MOXF8 and your computer.
- **Keys Feel Stiff or Make Noise:**
 - The MOXF8 features a Graded Hammer Standard (GHS) keyboard, which naturally has a heavier feel than unweighted keyboards. This is normal operation.
 - If keys are making unusual mechanical noises, ensure the instrument is on a stable surface. If the issue persists, contact Yamaha support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	44.8 pounds
Product Dimensions	60.04 x 20.2 x 10.98 inches
Item Model Number	MOXF8
Number of Keyboard Keys	88
Color Name	Black
Compatible Devices	FLASH RAM
Connector Type	USB
Hardware Interface	USB
Musical Style	Electronic
Proficiency Level	Advanced
Power Source	Corded Electric
Standing Screen Display Size	6 inches

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Yamaha website. For technical support, product registration, or service inquiries, please contact Yamaha customer support directly through their official channels.

Official Yamaha Website: www.yamaha.com

