Alesis CompactKit 7

Alesis CompactKit 7 Electronic Drum Set User Manual

Model: CompactKit 7

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Alesis CompactKit 7 Tabletop Electric Drum Set. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure proper function and longevity.
The Alesis CompactKit 7 is a portable electronic drum kit featuring seven velocity-sensitive drum pads, designed to deliver realistic drum sounds with authentic feel and response. It includes two pedals for hi-hat and kick drum, offering a comprehensive drumming experience. With hundreds of built-in percussion voices, a self-recording feature, pre-set drum kits, and USB-MIDI output, it provides versatile options for drummers of all levels.

What's in the Box

Upon opening the package, verify that all listed components are present:

- Alesis CompactKit 7 (7 velocity-sensitive drum pads)
- 2 Pedals (for hi-hat and kick drum)
- Drum Sticks
- AC Adapter



Image: Alesis CompactKit 7 electronic drum set, showing the main unit with seven pads, two foot pedals, and a pair of drum sticks. This image illustrates the complete package contents.

Setup Guide

Follow these steps to set up your CompactKit 7:

1. **Placement:** Place the CompactKit 7 on a stable, flat surface, such as a table. Ensure there is enough space for comfortable playing and pedal placement.
2. **Power Connection:**
    - For AC power: Connect the included AC adapter to the DC input on the rear of the CompactKit 7, then plug the adapter into a power outlet.
    - For battery power: Insert 6 C-cell batteries (not included) into the battery compartment on the underside of the unit.
3. **Pedal Connection:** Connect the two included pedals to their respective inputs on the rear of the CompactKit 7. One pedal is for the hi-hat, and the other is for the kick drum.
4. **Audio Output:**
    - To use headphones: Connect standard 1/8-inch (3.5mm) or 1/4-inch (6.35mm) headphones (adapter may be required, not included) to the headphone output jack.
    - To connect to an external amplifier or mixer: Use a standard audio cable (not included) to connect the audio output jack to your amplifier or mixer's input.
5. **USB-MIDI Connection (Optional):** To use the CompactKit 7 as a MIDI controller with a computer, connect a standard USB-B to USB-A cable (not included) from the USB-MIDI output on the unit to an available USB port on your Mac or PC.



Image: Top-down view of the Alesis CompactKit 7, highlighting the seven drum pads and the control panel. This image helps in identifying the various pads and controls during setup.

Operating Instructions

Basic Operation

- **Power On/Off:** Press the Power button to turn the unit on or off.
- **Volume Control:** Use the Volume knob to adjust the overall output volume.
- **Playing the Pads:** Strike the velocity-sensitive pads with the included drum sticks to produce sounds. The sound's volume will vary based on how hard you strike the pad.
- **Using Pedals:** Press the hi-hat pedal to open/close the hi-hat sound and the kick drum pedal to trigger the bass drum sound.

Sound Kits and Voices

- **Selecting Drum Kits:** The CompactKit 7 features 45 pre-set drum kits. Use the "Kit" buttons and the +/- buttons to cycle through different kits.
- **Custom User Kits:** There are 5 locations for user-defined drum kits. Refer to the detailed user guide (link below) for instructions on creating and saving custom kits.
- **Percussion Voices:** Access 265 percussion voices. Each pad can be assigned a different voice. Consult the full user guide for voice assignment procedures.

Practice Features

- **Play-Along Songs:** Over 100 play-along songs are included. Use the "Song" buttons to select a song and the "Start/Stop" button to play or pause.
- **Metronome:** Activate the built-in metronome to practice with a steady tempo. Adjust the tempo using the dedicated controls.
- **Self-Recording:** The CompactKit 7 allows for self-recording of your performances. Refer to the comprehensive user guide for

detailed recording instructions.

Advanced Features (USB-MIDI)

The USB-MIDI output allows the CompactKit 7 to function as a controller for Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) and software plugins on Mac or PC. This enables you to trigger sounds from your computer's software using the CompactKit 7's pads. No special drivers are typically required for basic MIDI functionality.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the CompactKit 7. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Battery Care:** If using batteries, remove them if the unit will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- **Pad Longevity:** While the pads are durable, avoid excessive force when striking them to ensure their longevity.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from unit.	Unit not powered on. Volume too low. Headphones/speakers not connected properly or faulty.	Ensure power adapter is connected or batteries are inserted and unit is turned on. Increase the Volume knob. Check headphone/speaker connections and try another pair if possible.
Pads not responding or inconsistent response.	Pads not being struck firmly enough. Sensitivity settings.	Ensure you are striking the pads with adequate force. Refer to the full user guide for instructions on adjusting pad sensitivity.
Foot pedals not working.	Pedals not connected to correct input. Faulty pedal.	Ensure pedals are securely connected to their designated inputs. Test with another compatible pedal if available.

For more detailed troubleshooting or technical support, please refer to the official Alesis support resources or the complete user guide.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	CompactKit 7
Pads	7 velocity-sensitive drum pads
Included Components	7 velocity-sensitive drum pads, 2 pedals (hi-hat and kick drum), drum sticks, AC adapter
Percussion Voices	265

Feature	Detail
Preset Drum Kits	45
User Drum Kits	5
Play-Along Songs	Over 100
Connectivity	USB-MIDI output, Audio Output (Headphone/Line Out), Pedal Inputs
Power	AC Adapter (included) or 6 C-cell batteries (not included)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	19.68 x 14.52 x 6.24 inches
Item Weight	7.28 pounds
Body Material	Plastic, Silicone

Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, technical support, or service, please visit the official Alesis website or contact their customer support directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.
A comprehensive user guide in PDF format is available for download: Alesis CompactKit 7 User Guide (PDF).

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