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Alesis CompactKit 4

Alesis CompactKit 4 Tabletop Electric Drum Set

User Manual

Introduction

The Alesis CompactKit 4 is a portable tabletop electronic drum set designed for aspiring drummers of all ages. It features four velocity-sensitive drum pads that provide a realistic playing experience. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your CompactKit 4, ensuring you get the most out of your instrument.

With 70 percussion voices, 10 effect voices, and 50 built-in play-along songs, the CompactKit 4 offers a wide range of sounds and learning tools. Its music coach feature and game function make learning engaging and effective. The unit can be powered via the included AC adapter or 6 C-cell batteries for portability.



Image: The Alesis CompactKit 4, a compact electronic drum set with four pads and included drumsticks.

Safety Information

Please read and understand all safety instructions before using the Alesis CompactKit 4. Keep this manual for future reference.

- **Power Source:** Use only the included AC adapter or 6 C-cell batteries. Ensure the voltage matches the requirements specified on the unit.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose the unit to water or excessive moisture. Do not operate with wet hands.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block any ventilation openings. Ensure adequate airflow around the unit.
- **Heat:** Keep the unit away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- **Cleaning:** Clean only with a dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service the unit yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Children:** This product is not a toy. Adult supervision is recommended for young users.

Box Contents

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Alesis CompactKit 4 Unit
- (2) Drum Sticks
- Power Adapter
- User Guide (this document)
- Safety & Warranty Manual



Image: The Alesis CompactKit 4 shown with its included drumsticks and power adapter, highlighting the complete package.

Setup

Powering the Unit

1. **AC Power:** Connect the included power adapter to the DC IN port on the back of the CompactKit 4. Plug the other end into a standard wall outlet.
2. **Battery Power:** For portable use, the CompactKit 4 can be powered by 6 C-cell batteries (not included). Open the battery compartment on the underside of the unit, insert the batteries, and close the compartment securely.

Connecting Headphones

To practice silently, connect a pair of headphones to the 1/4" headphone jack on the unit. If your headphones have a 1/8" plug, you will need a 1/4" to 1/8" adapter (not included).

Placement

Place the CompactKit 4 on a stable, flat surface such as a table or desk. Ensure there is enough space around the unit for comfortable playing.

Operating Instructions

Basic Operation

Press the **Power** button to turn the unit on. The LCD screen will illuminate, displaying the current settings. Use the included drumsticks to strike the four velocity-sensitive pads. The pads respond to how hard you hit them, providing dynamic sound.



Image: Close-up of the Alesis CompactKit 4 highlighting its four velocity-sensitive drum pads, designed to capture every detail of your performance.

Sound Selection

The CompactKit 4 features 70 percussion voices and 10 effect voices. Use the**Voice** button and the data dial to browse and select different drum and percussion sounds for each pad. You can customize your drum kit by assigning different sounds to each of the four pads.



Image: The Alesis CompactKit 4, illustrating its extensive sound library including 70 percussion voices, 10 effect voices, and 50 play-along songs.

Play-Along Songs and Rhythm

The unit includes 50 built-in play-along songs and various rhythms to practice with. Press the**Rhythm** button to select a rhythm or song. Use the **Tempo**/**Volume** knob to adjust the tempo and the volume of the backing track.

Coach Feature

The integrated coach feature helps you learn to play. When activated, notes will appear on the LCD screen, guiding you through the built-in songs and rhythms. Follow the visual cues to improve your timing and accuracy.



Image: A user interacting with the Alesis CompactKit 4, demonstrating the coach feature on the LCD screen and the portability options.

Game Function

Engage the game function for an exciting and interactive learning experience. This mode turns practice into a fun challenge, helping to reinforce your drumming skills.

Master Volume

Adjust the overall output volume of the CompactKit 4 using the**Master Volume** knob.

Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis CompactKit 4.

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe the unit with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. If using battery power, remove the batteries to prevent leakage.

- **Handling:** Avoid dropping the unit or subjecting it to strong impacts. Do not place heavy objects on top of it.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your CompactKit 4, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on.	No power, faulty adapter, dead batteries.	Ensure AC adapter is securely connected and outlet is live. If using batteries, check battery orientation and replace with fresh C-cells.
No sound from pads.	Master volume too low, headphones connected, internal speaker issue.	Increase Master Volume. If headphones are connected, sound will only come through them. Disconnect headphones if you want sound from the internal speaker.
Pads are unresponsive or inconsistent.	Pads not being hit correctly, internal sensor issue.	Ensure you are hitting the center of the pads firmly. If problem persists, contact Alesis support.
Distorted sound.	Volume too high, faulty connection.	Lower the Master Volume. Check headphone connection if applicable.
LCD screen is blank or flickering.	Power issue, internal malfunction.	Check power source. Try turning the unit off and on again. If the issue continues, contact Alesis support.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact Alesis Customer Support for further assistance.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Compact Kit 4
Pads	4 Velocity-Sensitive Drum Pads
Percussion Voices	70
Effect Voices	10
Play-Along Songs	50
Display	LCD Screen
Connectivity	1/4" Headphone Jack
Power	AC Adapter (included) or 6 C-cell Batteries (not included)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	45.97 x 25.91 x 14.99 cm (18.1 x 10.2 x 5.9 inches)
Weight	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)
Body Material	Bass Wood

Feature	Detail
Color	Black

Warranty and Support

Alesis products are built to the highest quality standards. For information regarding warranty coverage and terms, please refer to the Safety & Warranty Manual included with your CompactKit 4. You can also visit the official Alesis website for the most up-to-date warranty information and to register your product.
For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or service inquiries, please contact Alesis Customer Support. Contact information can typically be found on the Alesis website or in your product's documentation.

- **Online Support:** Visit the Alesis website for FAQs, software downloads, and support resources.
- **Phone Support:** Contact the Alesis support team during business hours.

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