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INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Image: Alesis Drums branding with a musician performing on an electronic drum kit.

## Introduction

The Alesis SamplePad 4 is a compact and feature-packed percussion and sample-playing instrument designed for drummers, musicians, producers, and live performers. It offers four responsive, LED-illuminated rubber pads, a dual-zone trigger input, and eight preset kits. The SamplePad 4 includes a built-in library of 25 commonly requested percussion and electronic drum sounds and supports loading custom samples via an SD/SDHC card.

Key features include:

- **Expand Your Performance:** Add any sound sample to your drum or percussion setup via standard SD card.
- **In-Demand Sound:** Built-in library of 25 most-commonly requested percussion and electronic drum sounds mapped across 8 ready-to-play kits.
- **Designed for Maximum Creative Expression:** Four velocity-sensitive pads and a dual trigger input for expanded performance potential.
- **Shape your Sound:** Tune and add reverb to your sounds, then assign them to any of the four pads or the kick input.
- **The Centrepiece of Your Performance:** MIDI output for use as a controller for triggering sound modules and

software.

## What's in the Box

Upon unboxing your Alesis SamplePad 4, please ensure all the following components are present:

- Alesis SamplePad 4 Unit
- Power Adapter
- User Guide (this document and the full PDF manual)
- Safety & Warranty Information



Image: The Alesis SamplePad 4 unit, showcasing its compact design with four illuminated pads and a central display.

## Setup

Follow these steps to set up your Alesis SamplePad 4:

1. **Power Connection:** Connect the included power adapter to the 9V DC 500mA input on the rear panel of the SamplePad 4. Plug the adapter into a suitable power outlet.
2. **Audio Output:** Connect the MAIN OUT (R/MONO and L) jacks to your mixer, amplifier, or audio interface using standard 1/4-inch TS cables. For mono output, use the R/MONO jack.
3. **Headphones:** For private monitoring, connect headphones to the PHONES output on the rear panel.
4. **Trigger Input:** If using an external trigger (e.g., a kick drum pad), connect it to the TRIG IN input on the rear panel using a 1/4-inch TS cable.
5. **USB Connection:** Connect the USB port on the SamplePad 4 to your computer using a standard USB cable for MIDI communication and sample transfer.

- SD Card Insertion:** Insert a standard SD or SDHC card (up to 32GB, formatted to FAT32) into the SD CARD slot on the front left side of the unit. This is used for loading custom samples. Ensure the card is inserted correctly until it clicks into place.



Image: Rear view of the SamplePad 4, highlighting the various connection ports including Phones, Power, Trigger In, Main Out, and USB.



Image: Detailed view of the SD card slot and the main and phones output level controls on the front of the unit.

## Operating Instructions

This section outlines the basic operation of your SamplePad 4.

### Powering On/Off

Press the POWER button located on the rear panel to turn the unit on. To turn it off, press and hold the POWER button until the display shuts down.

## Navigating Menus

The SamplePad 4 features a clear LCD display and navigation buttons (OPTION, UP/DOWN arrows, LEFT/RIGHT arrows, SAVE) to browse kits, select sounds, and adjust parameters.

- Use the **UP/DOWN** arrows to scroll through options or change values.
- Use the **LEFT/RIGHT** arrows to move between parameters or menu screens.
- Press **OPTION** to access additional settings for the selected kit or pad.
- Press **SAVE** to store your changes to a kit.



Image: Overhead view of the SamplePad 4, illustrating the layout of the four velocity-sensitive pads and the intuitive control interface.

## Loading and Assigning Samples

The SamplePad 4 allows you to load your own WAV samples from an SD/SDHC card. Samples should be 16-bit, mono or stereo, and at a sample rate of 48 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 32 kHz, 22.05 kHz, or 11.025 kHz.

1. Prepare your SD card with desired WAV files in the root directory or in subfolders.
2. Insert the SD card into the SamplePad 4.
3. Select the pad you wish to assign a sample to by hitting it or using navigation.
4. Navigate to the sample assignment menu (refer to the full user guide for specific menu paths).
5. Browse and select your desired sample from the SD card.
6. Confirm the assignment.

## Adjusting Parameters

You can customize the sound of each pad by adjusting parameters such as tune, reverb, pan, and level. These settings are typically accessible through the OPTION button and navigation arrows for the selected pad.

## MIDI Functionality

The SamplePad 4 can function as a MIDI controller via its USB port, allowing you to trigger sounds in software or external MIDI modules. Refer to the full user guide for detailed MIDI implementation charts and setup instructions.

## Maintenance

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

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the unit. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the SamplePad 4 in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Avoid dropping the unit or subjecting it to strong impacts. Do not place heavy objects on top of it.
- **Power Adapter:** Always use the original power adapter provided with the unit.

## Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your SamplePad 4, consult the following common troubleshooting tips:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power adapter not connected or faulty outlet.	Ensure power adapter is securely connected and the outlet is functional. Try a different outlet.
No sound output	Volume levels too low; cables not connected; incorrect output selected.	Check Main and Phones volume knobs. Ensure audio cables are securely connected to outputs and mixer/amp inputs. Verify correct input on external audio equipment.
Pads not responding	Pad sensitivity settings; no sample assigned.	Check pad sensitivity settings in the menu. Ensure a sample is assigned to the pad.
Cannot load samples from SD card	Incorrect SD card format; unsupported file type; card not inserted correctly.	Ensure SD card is formatted to FAT32. Verify samples are 16-bit WAV files. Reinsert the SD card.

For more detailed troubleshooting, please refer to the complete user guide PDF or contact Alesis support.

## Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Name	Sample Pad 4
Item Weight	2.55 pounds (1.16 kg)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	7.5 x 10.25 x 2.5 inches (19.05 x 26.04 x 6.35 cm)
Body Material	Rubber, Plastic

Feature	Specification
Pads	4 Velocity-Sensitive Pads
Sounds	25 Built-in Drum/Percussion Sounds
Kits	8 Preset Kits
Storage	SD/SDHC Card Slot (up to 32GB, FAT32)
Connectivity	USB, 1/4" Main Outputs (L/R Mono), 1/4" Phones Output, 1/4" Trigger Input, 9V DC Power Input
Hardware Platform	PC/Mac
Color	Black
Manufacturer	inMusic Brands Inc.
UPC	694318018774

## Warranty and Support

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The Alesis SamplePad 4 comes with a limited warranty. Please refer to the 'Safety & Warranty Information' document included in your product packaging for full details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions.

For technical support, product registration, or to download the latest drivers and software, please visit the official Alesis website or contact their customer support directly.

**Official User Guide (PDF):** For the most comprehensive and detailed instructions, please download the official user guide PDF: [Alesis SamplePad 4 User Guide PDF](#)

**Recycling Information:** For information on proper disposal and recycling of your Alesis product, please visit <http://inmusic.to/recycle>.