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Model: Melody 61

INTRODUCTION

The Alesis Melody 61 is a comprehensive 61-key digital piano designed for beginners and practice. It offers various learning modes and comes as a complete kit to get you started with playing music.



Image: The Alesis Melody 61 digital piano set, including the keyboard, adjustable stand, padded bench, headphones, microphone, and a tablet displaying sheet music on the integrated music rest.

SETUP

Follow these steps to assemble your Alesis Melody 61 digital piano and its accessories.

1. Assembling the Keyboard Stand

1. Unpack all components of the stand. You should have two vertical supports (C), two horizontal bars (D), two crossbars (E), and various screws (F, G, H, I).
2. Attach the horizontal bars (D) to the vertical supports (C) using screws (H, I).
3. Connect the crossbars (E) to form the X-frame structure.
4. Secure the keyboard support bars (A and B) to the top of the assembled X-frame using screws (F).
5. Place the Melody 61 keyboard onto the stand and secure it with the remaining screws (F) through the designated holes on the underside of the keyboard.

2. Assembling the Bench

1. Unfold the bench legs.

2. Ensure the locking mechanism is engaged for stability.

3. Connecting Accessories

- **Power Adapter:** Connect the included power adapter to the "Power Input" on the rear panel of the keyboard and then to a wall outlet.
- **Headphones:** Plug the headphones into the "Phones/Output" jack on the rear panel for private practice.
- **Microphone:** Connect the microphone to the "Mic Input" jack on the rear panel.
- **Music Rest:** Insert the music rest into the slot on top of the keyboard.

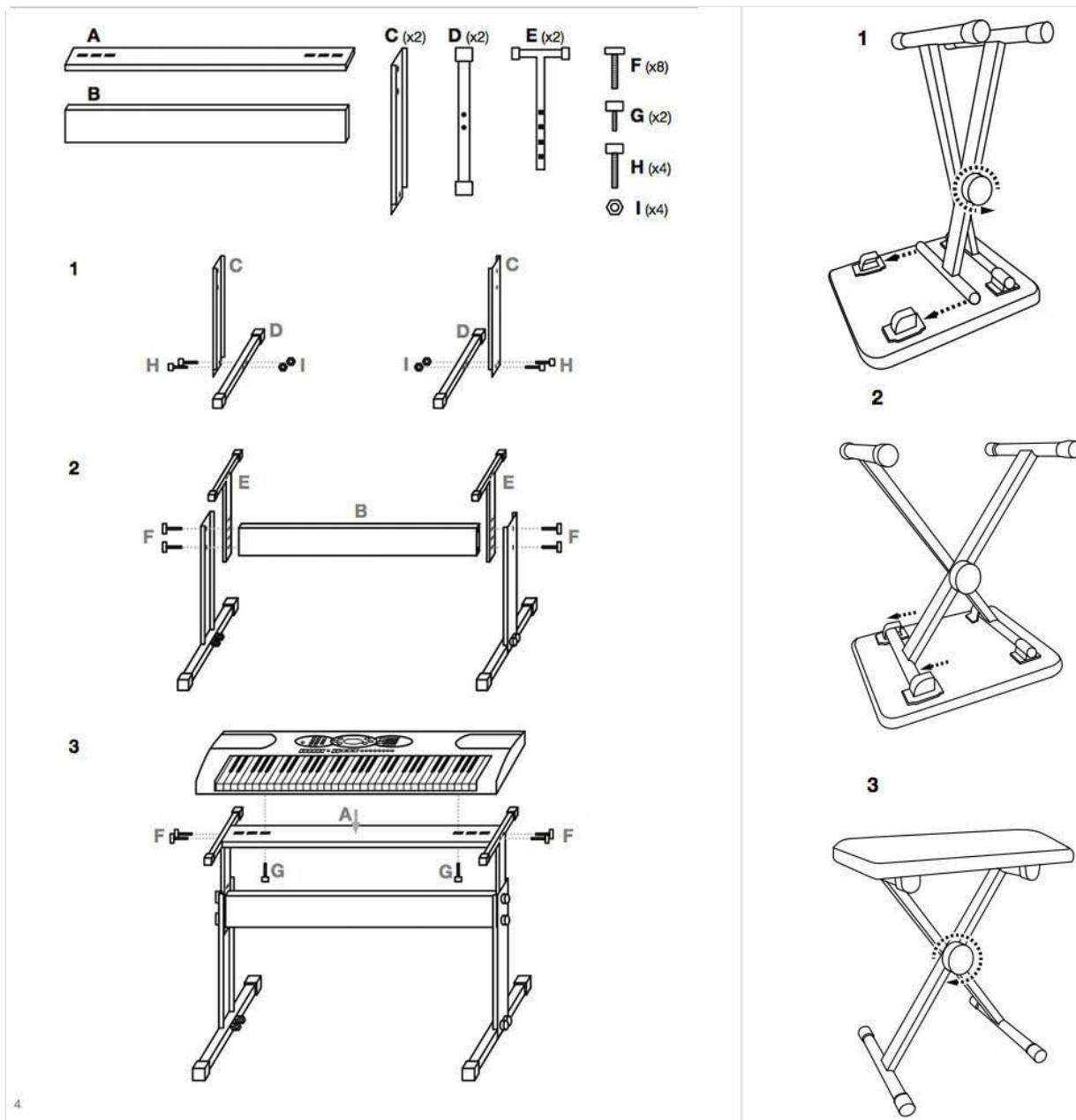


Image: Detailed assembly instructions showing how to put together the keyboard stand and unfold the padded bench. Components are labeled for clarity.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This section details the functions and controls of your Alesis Melody 61 digital piano.

Control Panel Overview



Image: A detailed view of the Alesis Melody 61's central control panel, featuring the digital display, buttons for selecting 300 tones and 300 rhythms, volume controls, and function buttons like Record, Play, Demo, Sustain, Vibrato, Dual, and Split.

Key Functions

- **Power:** Press to turn the keyboard on or off.
- **Master Volume:** Adjusts the overall output volume of the keyboard.
- **Tone Selection:** Use the "Tone" button and the numeric keypad or +/- buttons to select from 300 different instrument sounds.
- **Rhythm Selection:** Use the "Rhythm" button and the numeric keypad or +/- buttons to select from 300 accompaniment rhythms.
- **Record:** Press to record your performance.
- **Play:** Press to play back your recorded performance.
- **Demo:** Plays a demonstration song.
- **Metronome:** Provides a click track for timing practice. Press repeatedly to cycle through 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 time signatures.
- **Sustain:** Activates a sustain effect, simulating a pedal. Press again to disable.
- **Vibrato:** Activates a pulsating change to the pitch. Press again to disable.
- **Dual:** Layers two sounds together. Select the first sound, then press Dual, then select the second sound using the Tone button and numeric keypad.
- **Split:** Divides the keyboard into two independent sections, allowing different sounds to be played on each half. Press Split, then select the sound for the right-hand section.
- **Keyboard Percussion:** Allows playing percussion sounds directly from the keyboard keys.
- **Effect:** Selects one of five EQ settings for MP3 music playback.

Rear Panel Connections

22. **Fingered:** Press this button after starting a rhythm to use the automatic chord accompaniment and play a fingered chord on the keys in the AUTO BASS CHORD area of the keyboard, which is F# and below. You can play all the keys of a chord, including inverted chords. Press this button again to disable the chord function.
23. **Chord Timbre:** Press this button to change the musical tone of the notes in the accompanying chord.
24. **Metronome:** The metronome contains four tempos: 1/4, 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4, respectively. Press this button continuously to cycle through and select one of the four tempos. To disable the metronome, wait 4 seconds and then press the button again.
25. **Sustain:** Press this button to activate a sustain effect which simulates a sustain pedal when playing the keyboard. Press this button again to disable the sustain effect.
26. **Vibrato:** Press this button to activate a pulsating change to the pitch when playing the keyboard. Press this button again to disable to vibrato effect.
27. **Dual:** Press this button to layer two sounds together. The sound that you were using before pressing the Dual button will be used for one part of the layer. To select the other sound for the layer, press the **Chord Timbre** button and enter a number for the sound or use the + and – buttons. Press the **Dual** button again to disable the dual-tone function.
28. **Split:** Press this button to split the keyboard into two zones. The sound that you were using before pressing the **Split** button will be applied to the left-hand side of the keyboard. To select a sound for the right-hand side, press the **Chord Timbre** button and enter a number for the sound or use the + and – buttons. Press the **Split** button again to disable the keyboard split.
29. **Keyboard Percussion:** Press this button to play the built-in drumkit and percussion sounds. Press this button again to disable the keyboard percussion function.
30. **Effect:** Press this button to select between one of five EQ settings for MP3 music playback.
31. **MP3 Volume Control:** Adjusts the volume for the MP3 file playback.
32. **Previous:** Selects the previous MP3 track on the USB flash drive.
33. **Next:** Selects the next MP3 track on the USB flash drive.
34. **Play/Pause:** Playback or pause a MP3 file on the USB flash drive.
35. **Stop:** Stop the playback of a MP3 file on the USB flash drive.
36. **Playback Mode:** Select to playback order of continuous, random, and single.

Rear Panel

1. **USB Port:** Connect a USB flash drive here to playback MP3 files.
2. **Audio Input:** Connect a smartphone, MP3 player, or similar audio device here to play the audio signal through the keyboard speakers or headphone output.
3. **Mic Input:** Connect a microphone here to sing while playing the keyboard.
4. **Phones/Output:** Connect headphones here to hear the keyboard sounds, rhythms, songs, audio input source, or microphone source.
5. **Power Input:** Connect the included power adapter here.

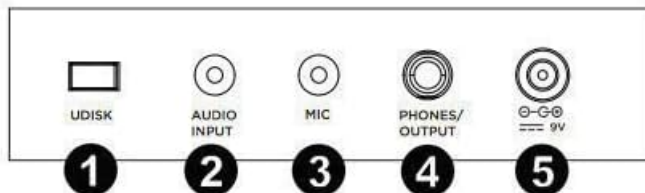


Image: A diagram illustrating the rear panel of the Alesis Melody 61, highlighting connection points for USB (1), Audio Input (2), Mic Input (3), Phones/Output (4), and Power Input (5).

1. **USB Port:** Connect a USB flash drive to play MP3 files.
2. **Audio Input:** Connect a smartphone, MP3 player, or similar audio device to play audio through the keyboard speakers or headphone output.
3. **Mic Input:** Connect a microphone to sing along while playing.
4. **Phones/Output:** Connect headphones for private listening or connect to an external amplifier/speaker system.
5. **Power Input:** Connect the included power adapter here.

MP3 Playback Controls (via USB)

- **MP3 Volume Control:** Adjusts the volume for MP3 file playback.

- **Previous:** Selects the previous MP3 track on the USB flash drive.
- **Next:** Selects the next MP3 track on the USB flash drive.
- **Play/Pause:** Plays or pauses an MP3 file.
- **Stop:** Stops MP3 playback.
- **Playback Mode:** Selects playback order (continuous, random, single).

MAINTENANCE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis Melody 61 digital piano.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the keyboard. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by a dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes.
- **Storage:** Store the keyboard in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. If storing for extended periods, consider covering it to protect against dust.
- **Handling:** Always handle the keyboard with care. Avoid dropping it or subjecting it to strong impacts.
- **Power:** Disconnect the power adapter when the keyboard is not in use for extended periods or during electrical storms.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Alesis Melody 61, refer to the following common solutions:

- **No Power:**
 - Ensure the power adapter is securely connected to both the keyboard and a working wall outlet.
 - Verify that the power outlet is functional by plugging in another device.
 - Check the power button on the keyboard to ensure it is pressed.
- **No Sound:**
 - Check the Master Volume control and ensure it is turned up.
 - If using headphones, ensure they are fully plugged into the "Phones/Output" jack. Disconnect headphones to check if sound comes from the internal speakers.
 - Ensure no external audio devices are connected to the "Audio Input" that might be overriding the keyboard's sound.
 - If a specific key or section has no sound, try resetting the keyboard by turning it off and on.
- **Distorted Sound:**
 - Lower the Master Volume.
 - Ensure all cables (power, audio) are securely connected and not damaged.
- **Microphone Not Working:**
 - Ensure the microphone is securely plugged into the "Mic Input" jack.
 - Check the microphone's own power switch, if applicable.
 - Test with another microphone if available to rule out a faulty microphone.
- **USB MP3 Playback Issues:**
 - Ensure the USB flash drive is formatted correctly and contains compatible MP3 files.
 - Try a different USB flash drive.

- Check the MP3 Volume control.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Alesis
Model Number	Melody 61
Number of Keys	61
Skill Level	Beginner
Special Feature	Portable
Connectivity Technology	USB
Power Source	Corded Electric
Item Dimensions (LxWxH)	86 x 32 x 10.4 cm (33.8 x 12.6 x 4.1 inches)
Item Weight	6.87 pounds (approx. 3.1 kg)
Included Accessories	Microphone, Headphones, Music Rest, Stand, Bench

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Alesis products are manufactured to the highest standards. For detailed warranty information, please refer to the official warranty card included with your product or visit the Alesis website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

SUPPORT

For technical support, service, or additional information regarding your Alesis Melody 61 digital piano, please visit the official Alesis support website or contact their customer service department.

- **Online Manual:** A PDF version of the user manual is available for download on the Alesis website.
- **Website:** www.alesis.com (This is a generic link, actual support link might vary by region).
- **Contact:** Refer to the Alesis website for regional contact information.