KORG KROSS261

Korg Kross 2 61-Key Performance Synthesizer Workstation User Manual

Model: KROSS261

1. INTRODUCTION

The Korg Kross 2 61-Key Performance Synthesizer Workstation is a versatile musical instrument designed for musicians seeking a comprehensive solution for sound creation, performance, and production. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your KROSS261 workstation.

An overview image of the Korg Kross 2 61-Key Synthesizer Workstation, highlighting its design and key features.

2. KEY FEATURES

The KROSS261 offers a robust set of features to enhance your musical expression:

- **61-key Synth Workstation with Synth-action Keybed:** Provides a responsive playing experience.
- **Step and MIDI Sequencers:** For creating and arranging musical phrases and patterns.
- **Mic/Line Inputs:** Allows for direct connection of microphones or other audio sources.

- **EDS-i Sound Engine:** Korg's Enhanced Definition Synthesis - integrated engine for high-quality sound generation.
- **Audio Recorder:** Enables direct recording of performances or external audio.
- **Pad Sampler:** Integrated pad sampler for triggering samples and loops.
- **USB Audio/MIDI Interface:** Seamless connectivity with computers for recording and control.

A full top-down view of the Korg Kross 2 61-Key Synthesizer Workstation, showcasing its layout and controls.

3. SETUP

Follow these steps to set up your KROSS261 workstation:

1. **Power Connection:** Connect the provided power adapter to the DC IN jack on the rear panel and then to a suitable power outlet. The KROSS261 operates on Corded Electric power.
2. **Audio Output:** Connect the AUDIO OUT jacks to your amplifier, mixer, or headphones using appropriate cables.
3. **USB Connectivity:** For computer integration, connect a USB Type B cable from the KROSS261's USB port to your computer. This enables MIDI and audio transfer.
4. **External Inputs:** Utilize the Mic/Line Inputs for connecting external audio sources such as microphones or other instruments.
5. **Pedal Connections:** If using sustain or expression pedals, connect them to the designated pedal jacks.

The rear panel of the Korg Kross 2, illustrating the various input and output ports for connectivity.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sound Selection and Editing

The KROSS261 features the EDS-i sound engine, offering a wide array of sounds. Use the CATEGORY knob to navigate through sound types such as Piano, E. Piano, Organ, Bell, Strings, and Brass. The display will show the selected sound.

A detailed view of the Korg Kross 2's display and the category selection knob, used for browsing sounds.

4.2 Realtime Controls

Utilize the REALTIME CONTROLS knobs (Knob 1, Knob 2) and SELECT/SWITCH buttons to adjust parameters like velocity, cutoff, attack, resonance, and release in real-time during performance or sound design.

A close-up of the Korg Kross 2's realtime control section, showing the knobs and their associated parameters.

4.3 Pad Sampler and Sequencers

The 16 trigger pads can be used for sampling, playing drum sounds, or triggering pre-programmed phrases. The Step and MIDI Sequencers allow for detailed composition and arrangement. The Audio Recorder function enables direct recording of your performances.

A close-up of the Korg Kross 2's 16 illuminated trigger pads, used for sampling and performance.

An image showing a tablet running the Korg Kross editor software, demonstrating its sequencing capabilities.

The user interface of the Korg Kross editor software, providing a visual representation of sound parameters and sequencing options.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Korg KROSS261, adhere to the following maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe the surface of the workstation with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and immediately dry the surface. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the instrument in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. If transporting, use a dedicated gig bag or case to protect it from physical damage.
- **Connectivity:** Periodically check all cable connections for wear and tear. Ensure cables are securely plugged in but not forced.
- **Software Updates:** Check the official Korg website for any available firmware or software updates to ensure your workstation operates with the latest features and bug fixes.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your KROSS261, consider the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **No Sound Output:**
  - Verify that the power adapter is securely connected and the unit is powered on.
  - Check the volume levels on the KROSS261, your amplifier/mixer, and any connected headphones.
  - Ensure audio cables are correctly connected to the output jacks and the receiving device.
  - Confirm that the correct sound program is selected and not muted.
- **Unresponsive Controls/Display:**

- Try restarting the unit by powering it off and on again.
- If the display appears frozen or controls are unresponsive, a factory reset might be necessary (refer to the full manual for specific instructions, as this will erase user data).

- **Connectivity Issues (USB/MIDI):**
  - Ensure the USB cable is properly connected to both the KROSS261 and your computer.
  - Install the latest Korg USB MIDI driver for your operating system from the official Korg website.
  - Check your computer's audio/MIDI settings to ensure the KROSS261 is recognized and selected as an input/output device.

- **Complex Menu Navigation:** Some users may find the menu system complex. Korg provides extensive online documentation and video tutorials that can assist in mastering the interface and features.

For persistent issues, contact Korg customer support.
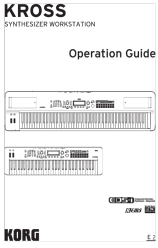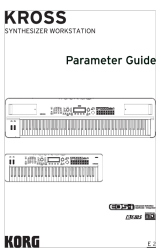
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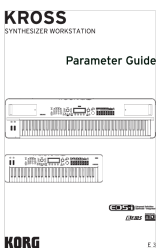
Feature	Detail
Model Name	KROSS261
Brand	KORG
Number of Keyboard Keys	61
Keybed Type	Synth-action
Sound Engine	EDS-i (Enhanced Definition Synthesis - integrated)
Sequencers	Step and MIDI Sequencers
Inputs	Mic/Line Inputs
Connectivity	USB Type B (for audio/MIDI interface)
Included Components	Pad sampler, USB audio/MIDI interface
Item Weight	3.8 Kilograms (8.36 pounds)
Product Dimensions	9.1 x 9.1 x 9.1 inches
Body Material	Alloy Steel
Color	Black
Power Source	Corded Electric
Date First Available	September 6, 2017

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding the product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your Korg KROSS261 or visit the official Korg website. For technical support, service, or additional resources, please contact Korg customer service directly through their official channels.

Official KORG Store on Amazon: Visit the KORG Store

Related Documents - KROSS261

	KORG KROSS SYNTHESIZER WORKSTATION Operation Guide Detailed operation guide for the KORG KROSS SYNTHESIZER WORKSTATION, covering setup, modes, program and combination editing, sequencing, effects, and advanced features. Learn to master your KROSS synthesizer.
	KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation Voice Name List Comprehensive guide to the KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation's sound library, detailing programs, combinations, drum kits, and patterns for musicians and producers.
	KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation Voice Name List Comprehensive voice name list for the KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation, detailing programs, combinations, drum kits, and other sound categories. Essential reference for KROSS users.
	Korg KROSS Synthesizer Workstation Parameter Guide Comprehensive guide detailing parameters for the Korg KROSS Synthesizer Workstation, covering Program, Combination, Sequencer, Effects, and advanced modulation settings for detailed sound design.
	KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation Parameter Guide Comprehensive parameter guide for the KORG KROSS Synthesizer Workstation, detailing sound design, effects, sequencing, and advanced functions.

KORG KROSS Music Workstation Voice Name List

Comprehensive voice name list for the KORG KROSS music workstation, detailing programs, combinations, drum kits, arpeggio patterns, template songs, and multisamples. Discover the vast sound palette designed for musicians and producers.

Documents - KORG – KROSS261

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