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Model: Surge Mesh Kit

Product Overview

The Alesis Surge Mesh Kit is a comprehensive 8-piece electronic drum kit designed for drummers seeking a natural playing experience with modern features. It incorporates mesh heads for a quiet and responsive feel, making it suitable for various practice and performance environments. The kit includes a drum module with a wide array of sounds and built-in practice tools.



Image: The complete Alesis Surge Mesh Kit, showcasing the drum pads, cymbals, module, and kick pedal on its chrome rack.

Key Features:

- **Natural Feel & Response:** Features an 8-inch mesh kick drum tower with an included kick drum pedal, a 10-inch dual-zone mesh snare, and three 8-inch dual-zone mesh tom pads for an authentic drumming experience.
- **Expressive Cymbals:** Includes three 10-inch cymbals: a ride cymbal, a hi-hat, and a crash cymbal with choke function, allowing for a wide range of dynamic expression.
- **Versatile Sound Module:** The Surge drum module comes pre-loaded with 40 ready-to-play kits, 60 play-along tracks, and 385 individual sounds, offering extensive sonic possibilities.
- **Comprehensive Connectivity:** Equipped with an inbuilt sequencer for recording performances, an auxiliary input for playing along with external audio devices like MP3 players, and USB/MIDI inputs/outputs for recording and controlling MIDI.
- **Robust Construction:** Built on a durable 4-post chrome rack, ensuring stability and ease of assembly.

What's Included

Upon unpacking, ensure all components listed below are present:

- Surge Drum Module
- 10" Dual-Zone Mesh Snare Pad

- (3) 8" Dual-Zone Mesh Tom Pads
- 8" Mesh Kick Pad Tower
- 10" Hi-Hat Cymbal
- 10" Crash Cymbal with Choke
- 10" Ride Cymbal with Choke
- Kick Pedal
- Hi-Hat Pedal
- Premium 4-post chrome rack
- Cable Snake
- Velcro Cable Wraps
- Drum Key
- Drum Sticks
- Power Supply
- Surge Module User Guide (Printed)
- Surge Mesh Kit Assembly Guide (Printed)
- Safety & Warranty Manual (Printed)

Setup Guide

Follow these steps to assemble your Alesis Surge Mesh Kit. For detailed diagrams, refer to the included Assembly Guide.

1. **Assemble the Rack:** Begin by setting up the 4-post chrome rack. Ensure all joints are securely tightened for stability. This robust frame provides the foundation for your drum kit.
2. **Attach Pads and Cymbals:** Mount the mesh drum pads (snare, tom pads, kick pad tower) and cymbals (hi-hat, crash, ride) to the rack using the provided clamps and arms. Position them ergonomically for comfortable playing.
3. **Connect the Module:** Secure the Surge Drum Module to the rack. Use the included cable snake to connect each pad and cymbal to the corresponding input on the module. Ensure all connections are firm.
4. **Install Pedals:** Place the kick pedal in front of the kick pad tower and connect it. Position the hi-hat pedal on the floor and connect it to the module.
5. **Power On:** Connect the power supply to the module and plug it into a power outlet. Turn on the module.
6. **Adjust Settings:** Once powered on, you can begin adjusting individual pad sensitivities, volume levels, and selecting drum kits from the module's interface.



Image: The Alesis Surge Mesh Kit fully assembled, demonstrating its compact footprint suitable for various spaces.

Operating Instructions

The Surge Drum Module is the central control unit for your kit. Familiarize yourself with its functions for optimal use.



Image: Close-up view of the Alesis Surge Drum Module, showing its display, control buttons, and pad input layout.

Drum Module Functions:

- **Kit Selection:** Use the dedicated buttons to navigate through the 40 pre-set drum kits. Each kit offers a unique sound profile, from classic acoustic to modern electronic.
- **Sound Customization:** Adjust individual drum and cymbal sounds, volume, and panning directly from the module. The dual-zone technology on the snare and tom pads allows for two different sounds per pad (e.g., head and rimshot).
- **Play-Along Tracks:** Access 60 built-in play-along songs to practice with. Adjust the tempo to match your skill level.

- **Auxiliary Input:** Connect an external audio device (e.g., smartphone, MP3 player) to the auxiliary input to play along with your favorite music.
- **USB/MIDI Connectivity:** Use the USB-MIDI port to connect the module to a computer for recording MIDI data or triggering virtual instruments. Standard MIDI In/Out ports are also available for connecting to other MIDI devices.
- **Recording:** The inbuilt sequencer allows you to record your drumming performances directly on the module.

▶ **Watch video online**

Video: An introductory overview of the Alesis Surge Mesh Kit, demonstrating its features and sound capabilities. This video highlights the mesh heads, dual-zone technology, and the versatility of the drum module.

Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis Surge Mesh Kit.

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe down the drum pads, cymbals, module, and rack with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the surfaces.
- **Mesh Head Care:** While durable, mesh heads can be sensitive to excessive force. Use appropriate drum sticks (e.g., nylon-tipped) to prolong their life. Avoid striking the mesh heads with sharp objects.
- **Cable Management:** Use the included Velcro cable wraps to keep cables organized and prevent tangling or damage. This also helps maintain a tidy setup.
- **Rack Stability:** Periodically check all rack clamps and bolts to ensure they are tight. Loose connections can lead to instability and affect playing feel.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the kit in a dry, temperature-controlled environment away from direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Alesis Surge Mesh Kit.

No Sound from a Pad/Cymbal:

- Check the cable connection from the pad/cymbal to the drum module. Ensure it is fully inserted into the correct input.
- Verify the pad's sensitivity settings in the module. It might be set too low.
- Ensure the module's master volume and individual pad volumes are not muted or set to zero.

Inconsistent Response or Double Triggering:

- Adjust the pad sensitivity and threshold settings in the drum module. High sensitivity or low threshold can cause unwanted triggers.
- Ensure the mesh heads are tensioned correctly. Overly loose or tight heads can affect response.
- Check for any loose wires inside the mesh pads, as reported by some users. If comfortable, carefully remove the mesh head and secure any loose wires with electrical tape.

Kick Pedal Issues:

- If the spring holding tension to the pedal slowly unscrews, regularly tighten it to maintain proper tension and response.
- Ensure the kick pad tower is stable and not sliding during play. Consider placing the kit on a drum mat or carpet for better grip.

Module Noise or Poor Audio Quality:

- Ensure you are using a high-quality 1/4" cable for audio output to your amplifier or headphones.
- Check for ground loops or interference from other electronic devices.

- If using the aux input, ensure the source device's volume is appropriate and the cable is fully connected.

Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Model Name	Surge Mesh Kit
Brand	Alesis
Manufacturer	inMusic Brands Inc.
Drum Set Piece Quantity	8
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	27.6 x 47.28 x 43.32 inches
Item Weight	50.93 Pounds
Color	Black
Material Type	Chrome
Connector Type	Aux, USB
Voltage	9 Volts
UPC	694318023679

Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Alesis resources.

- User Guide (PDF): Provides comprehensive operational details and setup instructions.
- Installation Manual (PDF): Step-by-step guide for assembling your drum kit.
- Visit the Alesis Store on Amazon: For additional products, accessories, and brand information.

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