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Alesis Melody 54-Key Electric Piano Keyboard User Manual

Model: Melody 54

1. Introduction

Welcome to the user manual for your new Alesis Melody 54-Key Electric Piano Keyboard, bundled with Numark HF125 On-Ear Headphones. This comprehensive guide provides essential information to help you set up, operate, maintain, and troubleshoot your instrument and accessories. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your product to ensure proper operation and to maximize your musical experience.



Figure 1: Alesis Melody 54-Key Electric Piano Keyboard with included accessories.

This image displays the Alesis Melody 54 keyboard, featuring 54 piano-style keys, built-in speakers, a digital display, and various control buttons. To the left, a microphone is connected, and a music rest is positioned above the keys, holding sheet music. In the foreground, a pair of Numark HF125 on-ear headphones is visible, completing the musical setup.

2. Safety Information

To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or injury, always follow basic safety precautions when using this product. Keep these instructions for future reference.

- **Power Source:** Use only the specified power adapter or batteries. Ensure the voltage matches the product's requirements.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, or excessive humidity. Do not place objects filled with liquids on the unit.
- **Heat:** Keep the unit away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Cleaning:** Unplug the unit from the power outlet before cleaning. Use only a dry cloth.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Headphones:** Avoid listening at high volume levels for extended periods to prevent hearing damage.

3. Setup

3.1 Unpacking and Components

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all items listed below are present:

- Alesis Melody 54-Key Electric Piano Keyboard
- Numark HF125 On-Ear Headphones
- Microphone
- Music Rest
- Power Adapter
- 1/8" to 1/4" TRS Adapter (for headphones)



Figure 2: Included accessories for the Alesis Melody 54.

This image illustrates the essential components that come with the Alesis Melody 54 keyboard. From left to right, it shows the music rest, a set of 6 AA batteries (note: batteries are not included with the product, but shown for power option), the power adapter, and the microphone. The keyboard itself is shown in the background with a tablet on the music rest, demonstrating its use.

3.2 Powering the Keyboard

The Melody 54 can be powered using the included AC power adapter or 6 "AA" batteries (not included).

- **AC Power:** Connect the included power adapter to the DC 9V input jack on the rear of the keyboard. Plug the other end into a standard wall outlet.
- **Battery Power:** Open the battery compartment on the bottom of the keyboard. Insert 6 "AA" batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-). Close the compartment securely.

3.3 Connecting Accessories

- **Microphone:** Plug the microphone cable into the MIC input jack on the keyboard.
- **Headphones:** Connect the Numark HF125 headphones' 1/8" TRS connector to the HEADPHONE output jack on the keyboard. If needed, use the included 1/8" to 1/4" TRS adapter for compatibility with other devices.
- **Music Rest:** Insert the music rest into the slots located on the top panel of the keyboard.



Figure 3: Numark HF125 On-Ear Headphones.

This image provides a detailed view of the Numark HF125 On-Ear Headphones, showcasing their black and silver design, padded earcups, and adjustable headband. The Numark logo and "HF125" model number are clearly visible on the earcup.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Basic Operation

- **Power On/Off:** Press the **POWER** button to turn the keyboard on or off.
- **Volume Control:** Use the **MASTER VOLUME** knob to adjust the overall output volume.

4.2 Tones and Rhythms

The Melody 54 features 300 built-in tones and 300 accompaniment rhythms.



Figure 4: Key features of the Alesis Melody 54.

This graphic highlights three core features of the Alesis Melody 54 keyboard: "300 Built In Tones" (showing a control knob and tone list), "54 Piano-Style Keys" (a close-up of the keyboard keys), and "Layer and Split Modes" (displaying control buttons for these functions).

These features allow for a wide range of sound possibilities and playing styles.

- **Selecting Tones:** Press the **TONE** button, then use the number pad or **+/-** buttons to select a tone from 000-299. The selected tone number will appear on the LED display.
- **Selecting Rhythms:** Press the **RHYTHM** button, then use the number pad or **+/-** buttons to select a rhythm from 000-299. Press **START/STOP** to begin or end the rhythm.
- **Tempo Adjustment:** Use the **TEMPO +/-** buttons to adjust the speed of the selected rhythm.

4.3 Advanced Modes

- **Layer Mode:** Press the **LAYER** button to combine two different tones simultaneously. You can select the second tone using the number pad.
- **Split Mode:** Press the **SPLIT** button to divide the keyboard into two sections, each playing a different tone. The split point can often be adjusted.
- **Percussion Mode:** Press the **PERCUSSION** button to assign percussion sounds to individual keys, allowing you to play drum patterns.

4.4 Microphone and Headphone Usage





Figure 5: Alesis Melody 54 speaker and headphone output features.

This image highlights two audio features of the Alesis Melody 54 keyboard: "Powerful Speakers" (indicated by a speaker icon and sound waves emanating from the keyboard's built-in speaker grille) and "Headphone Output for Private Practice" (indicated by a headphone icon). This illustrates the versatility for both public performance and quiet practice.

- **Microphone:** Once connected, the microphone allows you to sing along while playing. Adjust the microphone volume using the dedicated control if available, or the main volume.
- **Headphones:** When headphones are plugged in, the built-in speakers will automatically mute, allowing for private practice.



Figure 6: Key features of Numark HF125 Headphones.

This image details the design and functional aspects of the Numark HF125 headphones. It highlights their "Ultra Light Go-Anywhere Design," "Seven Different Independently-Adjustable Position Settings," "Padded Headband and Ear Cushions" for comfort, and a "6-FT Hard Wired Tangle Resistant Cord" with an included "1/8 Inch to 1/4 Inch TRS Adapter" for broad compatibility.

5. Maintenance

Proper care and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis Melody 54 keyboard and Numark HF125 headphones.

- **Cleaning:**
  - Always unplug the keyboard before cleaning.
  - Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surface of the keyboard and headphones.
  - For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed immediately by a dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.
- **Storage:**
  - Store the keyboard and headphones in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
  - If storing for an extended period, remove batteries from the keyboard to prevent leakage.
- **Handling:**
  - Avoid dropping or subjecting the units to strong impacts.
  - Do not place heavy objects on the keyboard.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Alesis Melody 54 keyboard or Numark HF125 headphones, refer to the table below for common problems and their solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from speakers/headphones.	Keyboard not powered on. Volume too low. Headphones not fully plugged in (if using). Incorrect tone selected (e.g., silent tone).	Ensure power adapter is connected or batteries are installed correctly. Increase **MASTER VOLUME**. Check headphone connection. Select a different tone.
Distorted sound.	Volume too high. Low batteries. Loose connections.	Decrease **MASTER VOLUME**. Replace batteries or use AC adapter. Check all cable connections.
Microphone not working.	Microphone not plugged in correctly. Microphone volume too low.	Ensure microphone is fully inserted into the MIC input. Adjust microphone volume (if applicable) or main volume.
Keyboard powers off unexpectedly.	Low batteries. Power adapter issue.	Replace batteries or use AC adapter. Check power adapter connection and try a different outlet.

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

7. Specifications

Feature	Description
Model Name	Melody 54
Number of Keys	54
Built-in Tones	300
Built-in Rhythms	300
Power Source	AC Power Adapter (included) or 6 "AA" Batteries (not included)
Connectivity	Microphone Input, Headphone Output (3.5mm Jack)
Headphones	Numark HF125 On-Ear Headphones (included)
Dimensions (Keyboard)	*Refer to product packaging for exact dimensions.*
Weight (Keyboard)	*Refer to product packaging for exact weight.*

8. Warranty and Support

Alesis products are built to the highest standards and come with a limited warranty. For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Alesis website.

For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or warranty claims, please contact Alesis Customer Support:

- **Website:** www.alesis.com/support
- **Phone:** *Refer to Alesis website for regional contact numbers.*

Please have your product model number (Melody 54) and purchase date ready when contacting support.

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