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Model: MI3651

INTRODUCTION

The AKLOT 12-inch 13-Note Steel Tongue Drum is a percussion instrument designed to produce ethereal and melodious tones. Tuned to the standard C key, it offers a wide range of sounds suitable for various musical expressions. Constructed from titanium alloy, this drum provides enhanced strength, corrosion resistance, and heat resistance. It is commonly used in religious activities, yoga meditation, early childhood enlightenment, and for physical and mental healing.

This manual provides instructions for setting up, playing, and maintaining your steel tongue drum to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your AKLOT Steel Tongue Drum kit includes the following components:

- 1 x 12-inch 13-Note Steel Tongue Drum
- 2 x Drum Mallets
- 1 x Mallet Bracket
- 6 x Finger Picks
- 1 x Set of Note Stickers
- 1 x Music Book
- 1 x Travel Bag



Image: All components included in the AKLOT Steel Tongue Drum kit.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove all items from the packaging. Inspect the drum and accessories for any signs of damage. Ensure all listed components are present.

2. Applying Note Stickers

The drum comes with a set of note stickers. These stickers can be applied to the individual tongues of the drum to help identify the notes, especially for beginners. Refer to the music book for guidance on note placement if needed.

3. Preparing Mallets and Finger Picks

The drum mallets are ready for use. For playing with your hands, you can use the included finger picks. Place the finger picks on your fingertips for a clearer sound and to protect your fingers.

4. Using the Mallet Bracket

The mallet bracket provides a convenient storage solution for your mallets when not in use. It can be placed on a flat surface near the drum.

5. Placing the Decorative Rope (Optional)

A decorative rope is included. This can be placed around the rim of the drum. To adjust its length, pull on the orange-colored section to separate the strings, then tighten it around the drum's edge. This can also help to slightly dampen the resonance if desired.



Image: Detailed view of the drum's surface with note markings and non-slip feet.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The AKLOT Steel Tongue Drum can be played in several ways, each producing a unique sound quality.

1. Playing with Mallets

Hold one mallet in each hand. Gently strike the center of each tongue with the rubber head of the mallet. Experiment with different striking forces and angles to discover the full range of sounds and sustain. The mallets generally produce a clearer, more resonant sound.

2. Playing with Finger Picks

Place the finger picks on your index, middle, and ring fingers. Use your picked fingertips to strike the tongues. This method offers more control and allows for faster playing and intricate patterns compared to bare hands, while still providing a softer attack than mallets.

3. Playing with Hands

For a softer, more intimate sound, you can play the drum directly with your bare hands. Use your fingertips to tap or gently strike the tongues. This method is ideal for creating subtle textures and meditative soundscapes.

4. Using the Music Book

The included music book contains various songs and exercises. The notes are typically represented by numbers corresponding to the markings on the drum's tongues. Follow the provided scores to learn melodies and rhythms.



Image: Various playing techniques for the steel tongue drum.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

To maintain the drum's appearance and sound quality, wipe it regularly with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the finish. If necessary, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed immediately by a dry cloth.

Storage

Store the steel tongue drum in its provided travel bag when not in use. This protects it from dust, scratches, and minor impacts. Keep the drum in a dry place, away from extreme temperatures or humidity, which could affect its material and tuning.

With a padded gig bag



Image: The steel tongue drum safely stored in its travel bag.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Dull Sound

If the drum produces a dull or muted sound, ensure that no objects are resting on the drum's surface or inside its cavity. Check that the rubber feet on the bottom are properly positioned and not interfering with the resonance. Also, ensure you are striking the tongues in their center with appropriate force.

Notes Not Resonating

If specific notes are not resonating well, verify that the striking technique is correct. Sometimes, a slight adjustment in the angle or force of the strike can improve resonance. Steel tongue drums are typically pre-tuned and do not require user tuning. If the issue persists, contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	AKLOT
Model Name	12 inch steel drum (MI3651)
Size	12 inches
Notes Quantity	13
Instrument Key	C
Body Material	Alloy Steel, Titanium
Color	Silver
Item Weight	1 pounds
Package Dimensions	12.83 x 12.76 x 7.44 inches
Proficiency Level	All



Image: Key dimensions and material specifications of the drum.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

AKLOT products typically come with a warranty. Please refer to your purchase documentation or the AKLOT official website for specific warranty terms and conditions. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Customer Support

For any questions, technical assistance, or support regarding your AKLOT Steel Tongue Drum, please contact AKLOT customer service. Contact details can usually be found on the product packaging or the official AKLOT website.