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Alesis SR-16

Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine + Hosa MIDI Cable User Manual

Your guide to setting up, operating, and maintaining your Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine and Hosa MIDI Cable.

1. Product Overview

The Alesis SR-16 is a studio-grade standalone drum machine featuring an on-board sound library, performance-driven I/O, and built-in effects. It includes 233 professional drum sounds and 50 preset patterns. The accompanying Hosa MIDI Cable is designed to interconnect MIDI devices, wired 5-pin discrete and compatible with all MIDI standards.

1.1 Package Contents

- Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine
- Hosa MIDI Cable (15 feet)

1.2 Key Features

- 233 professional built-in drum sounds
- 50 preset patterns created by studio drummers
- Sound stacking, step editing, reverb, and ambience effects
- Complete MIDI implementation
- Four stereo output pairs
- Footswitch input for enhanced control
- Velocity-sensitive pad buttons
- Hosa MIDI cable with oxygen-free copper conductors for clear signal transfer

2. Setup Guide

2.1 Connecting the Alesis SR-16

Before powering on, ensure all connections are secure. Connect the power adapter to the SR-16 and a suitable power outlet. For audio output, connect the SR-16's stereo output pairs to your mixer or audio interface. For MIDI control, use the Hosa MIDI cable to connect the SR-16 to other MIDI devices, computers, or DAWs.



Image: Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine, showing its front panel and controls.

2.2 Connecting the Hosa MIDI Cable

The Hosa MIDI cable is used to transmit MIDI data between compatible devices. Connect one end of the 5-pin DIN cable to the MIDI OUT port of your controller or computer interface, and the other end to the MIDI IN port of the Alesis SR-16. This allows for external control and synchronization.



Image: Hosa MIDI Cable, coiled, illustrating its design.

3. Operating Instructions

3.1 Basic Operation

Power on the SR-16. Use the navigation buttons and data wheel to browse through the 233 built-in sounds and 50 preset patterns. Press the 'PLAY' button to start a pattern. The velocity-sensitive pads allow for dynamic performances, responding to how hard they are struck.

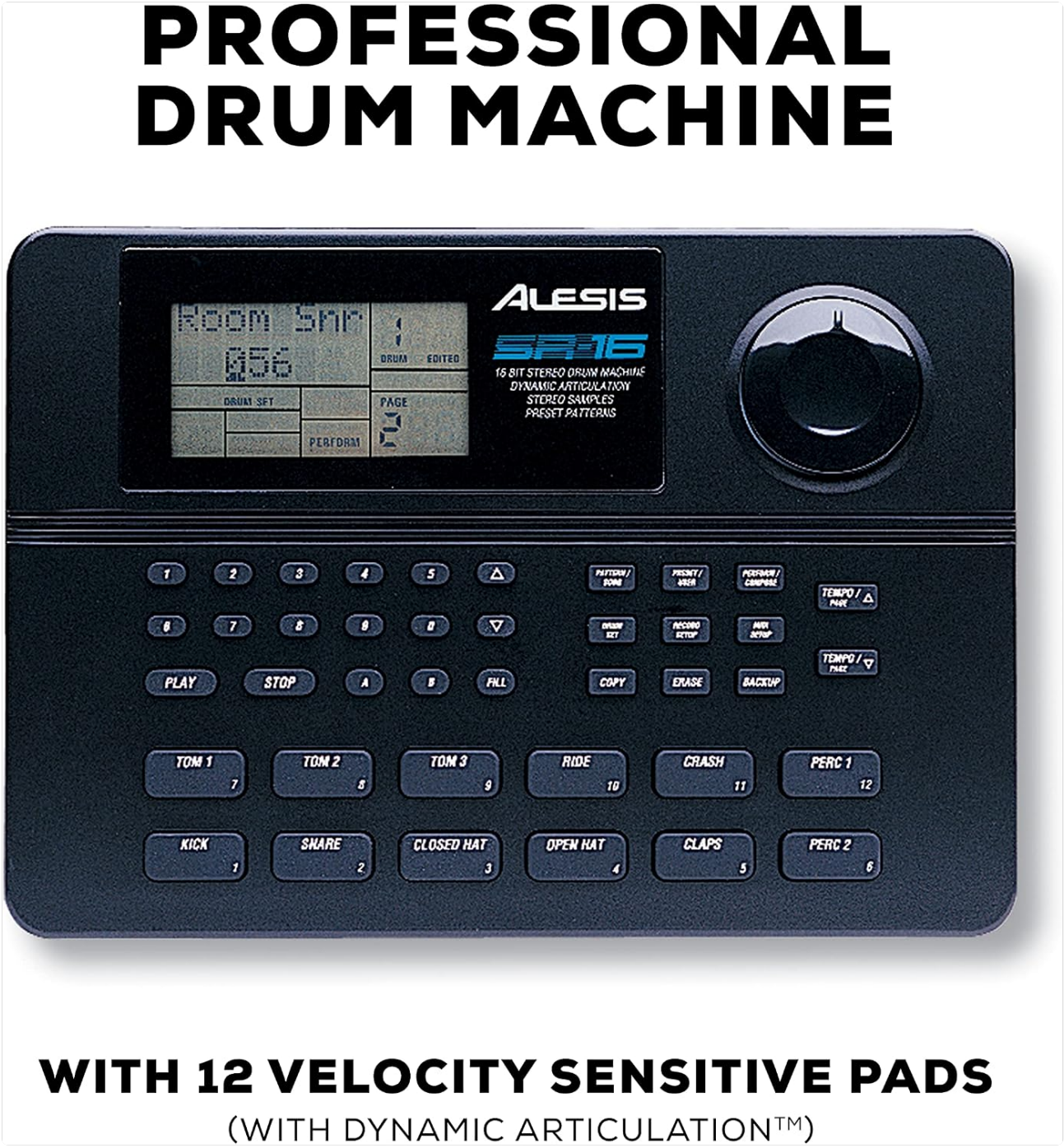

Image: Top-down view of the Alesis SR-16, highlighting its 12 velocity-sensitive pads and control buttons.

3.2 Creating and Saving Patterns

The SR-16 allows you to create and save your own customized patterns and songs, with space for 200 unique user patterns. Utilize the step editing features and sound stacking to build complex rhythms. The unit also includes built-in rhythmic variations (A, B, and two Fill sections) for composing complete arrangements.

3.3 Using Digital Effects

The SR-16 incorporates digital reverb and ambience effects to add realism and depth to your drum sounds. Refer to the on-screen display and manual controls to adjust these parameters for your desired sound.

4. Maintenance and Care

To ensure the longevity of your Alesis SR-16 and Hosa MIDI Cable, follow these guidelines:

- Keep the devices clean by wiping them with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Store the drum machine and cable in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Avoid spilling liquids on the drum machine.
- Do not attempt to disassemble the units; refer servicing to qualified personnel.

5. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound output	Incorrect audio connections, low volume, muted channels.	Check audio cables, ensure volume is up on SR-16 and connected devices, verify no channels are muted.
MIDI not responding	Incorrect MIDI cable connection, wrong MIDI channel, device not powered on.	Ensure MIDI cable is connected correctly (OUT to IN), verify MIDI channels match, confirm both devices are powered.
Pads not responding	Sensitivity settings, internal issue.	Check pad sensitivity settings in the SR-16 menu. If issue persists, consult support.

6. Technical Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	SR 16
Brand	Alesis
Connector Type	MIDI
Compatible Devices	Musical Instrument, Personal Computer
Material (Hosa Cable)	Copper
Color	Black

Feature	Detail
First Available Date	October 21, 2022

7. Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Alesis website or the documentation included with your purchase. A comprehensive User Manual (PDF) is also available for download from the manufacturer's support page, providing in-depth instructions and diagrams.
You can access the official User Manual PDFhere.

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