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# Beyerdynamic M 201 Hypercardioid Dynamic Instrument Microphone User Manual

Model: M 201

## 1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Beyerdynamic M 201 Hypercardioid Dynamic Instrument Microphone. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

The Beyerdynamic M 201 is a high-quality dynamic microphone designed for instrument recording and live sound applications. Its hypercardioid polar pattern offers excellent off-axis rejection, making it suitable for isolating sound sources in complex acoustic environments.

## 2. KEY FEATURES

- Hypercardioid Polar Pattern: Provides superior isolation of the sound source and reduces feedback.
- Dynamic Transducer: Robust and capable of handling high sound pressure levels (SPL).
- Durable Metal Construction: Ensures reliability and longevity in various environments.
- XLR Connectivity: Standard professional audio connection for compatibility with mixers and audio interfaces.
- Compact Form Factor: Facilitates easy placement in tight spaces.

## 3. WHAT'S INCLUDED

Upon unpacking your Beyerdynamic M 201, please ensure all items are present:

- Beyerdynamic M 201 Microphone
- Microphone Clip (MA-CL 25)
- Carrying Case



Image: The Beyerdynamic M 201 microphone, its MA-CL 25 microphone clip, and the protective carrying case.

# 4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Attach Microphone Clip: Secure the MA-CL 25 microphone clip to a standard microphone stand.
- 2. **Mount Microphone:** Carefully insert the Beyerdynamic M 201 microphone into the clip. Ensure it is firmly seated.
- 3. **Connect XLR Cable:** Connect a balanced XLR cable (not included) to the microphone's XLR output and to an input on your audio mixer or audio interface.
- 4. **Positioning:** Position the microphone appropriately for the sound source. The hypercardioid pattern is most sensitive directly in front of the microphone.

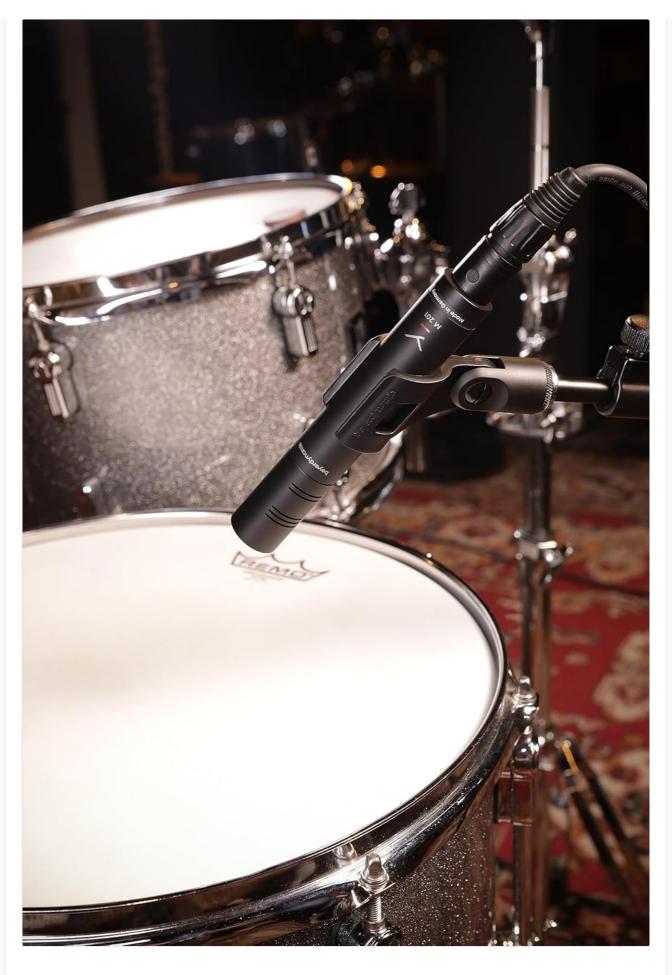


Image: The M 201 microphone mounted on a stand, positioned to capture sound from a snare drum. This illustrates a typical setup for drum recording.



Image: The M 201 microphone on a stand, capturing audio from an acoustic guitar. This demonstrates its use for acoustic instruments.



Image: The M 201 microphone placed in front of an electric guitar amplifier, suitable for capturing amplified instrument sounds.

### 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Beyerdynamic M 201 is a passive dynamic microphone and does not require phantom power. It is ready for use once connected to an appropriate input.

- **Gain Staging:** Adjust the gain on your mixer or audio interface to achieve an optimal signal level without clipping.
- **Proximity Effect:** Be aware of the proximity effect, where bass frequencies are accentuated when the microphone is close to the sound source. Adjust positioning as needed for desired tonal balance.
- Off-Axis Rejection: Utilize the hypercardioid pattern by aiming the microphone directly at the desired sound source and positioning unwanted sound sources in the null points (sides) of the microphone.

### 6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- Cleaning: Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the microphone body. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Grille Cleaning:** If the microphone grille becomes dirty, gently wipe it with a slightly damp cloth. Ensure no moisture enters the microphone capsule.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the microphone in its provided carrying case to protect it from dust, moisture, and physical damage.
- Avoid Drops: While robust, avoid dropping the microphone as this can damage internal components.

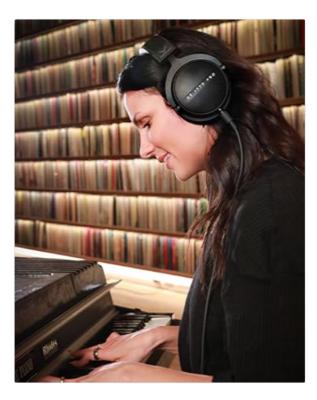


Image: Detailed view of the microphone's internal components during assembly, demonstrating the precision engineering.

#### 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Sound Output	Incorrect cable connection Faulty XLR cable Mixer/interface input gain too low Mute engaged on mixer/interface	Ensure XLR cable is securely connected at both ends.  Test with a different XLR cable.  Increase input gain gradually.  Check mixer/interface for mute buttons or settings.
Distorted Sound	Input gain too high Microphone too close to sound source (proximity effect)	Reduce input gain on mixer/interface.  Increase distance between microphone and sound source.
Excessive Background Noise	Improper microphone positioning Environmental noise	Re-position microphone to utilize its hypercardioid pattern for maximum isolation.  Minimize external noise sources in the recording environment.

# 8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Transducer Type	Dynamic
Polar Pattern	Hypercardioid (Unidirectional)
Frequency Response	40 Hz - 18 kHz
Audio Sensitivity	58 dB
Impedance	200 Ohm
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	76 dB
Connector	XLR
Material	Metal
Dimensions (L x W x H)	9.3 x 6.6 x 3.55 inches
Weight	1.4 pounds

# 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Beyerdynamic products are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For detailed information regarding warranty terms, conditions, and registration, please refer to the official Beyerdynamic website or contact their customer support. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

# 10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries, please visit the official Beyerdynamic website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the Beyerdynamic website's support section.

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