Alesis Nitro Max Kit

Alesis Nitro Max Kit 10-Piece Electric Drum Set User Manual

Model: Nitro Max Kit
Brand: Alesis

1. Introduction

The Alesis Nitro Max Kit is a 10-piece electronic drum set designed for drummers of all skill levels. It features ultra-quiet mesh pads, a 10-inch dual-zone mesh snare, and a powerful drum module with over 440 sounds. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your Nitro Max Kit.

Key features include:

- Upgraded Drum Module with Bluetooth connectivity.
- 10-inch dual-zone mesh snare for enhanced playability.
- Four 8-inch mesh toms.
- Kick drum tower with pedal.
- Four 10-inch cymbals: ride, hi-hat with foot controller, and two crashes with choke function.
- Over 440 drum, cymbal, and percussion sounds.
- 32 ready-to-play BFD kits and 16 user-definable kits.
- USB/MIDI connectivity for computer integration and BFD Player access.



Figure 1: Overview of the Alesis Nitro Max Kit 10-Piece Electric Drum Set.

2. Setup

Follow these steps to assemble your Alesis Nitro Max Kit.

2.1 Unpacking and Component Identification

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all parts listed in the packing list are present. The kit includes:

- Drum Module
- Hi-Hat with Foot Controller
- 10-inch Crash Cymbals (x2) with Choke
- 10-inch Ride Cymbal
- 8-inch Toms (x3)
- 10-inch Dual Zone Snare
- Kick Tower with Pedal

- Sturdy Foldable 4-Post Rack
- Cable Snake
- Drum Sticks
- Drum Key
- Power Supply



Figure 2: Labeled diagram of the Alesis Nitro Max Kit components.

2.2 Assembling the Drum Rack

1. Unfold the 4-post drum rack and secure all locking mechanisms.
2. Adjust the height and position of the rack arms as needed for comfortable playing.

2.3 Mounting Pads and Cymbals

1. Attach the 10-inch dual-zone snare pad to its designated clamp on the rack.
2. Mount the three 8-inch tom pads to their respective clamps.
3. Secure the hi-hat, two crash cymbals, and ride cymbal to their cymbal arms on the rack. Ensure they are positioned for easy access.

4. Place the kick drum tower on the floor in front of the rack and attach the kick pedal.
5. Position the hi-hat foot controller next to the kick pedal.

2.4 Connecting the Drum Module

1. Mount the Nitro Max Drum Module to the rack using the provided clamp.
2. Connect the included cable snake to the back of the drum module. Each cable is labeled to correspond with its respective drum pad or cymbal.
3. Connect the other end of each cable to the input jack on its corresponding pad or cymbal.
4. Connect the kick pedal and hi-hat foot controller cables to the module.
5. Connect the power supply to the module's power input and then to a power outlet.



Figure 3: Rear panel connections of the Nitro Max Drum Module. Includes Power, USB, Trigger Inputs (CYM 2, TOM 4), Audio Output (L/MONO, AUX IN), and 1/8" Phones Out.

3. Operating the Nitro Max Drum Module

The Nitro Max Drum Module is the central control unit for your drum set. It allows you to select kits, adjust sounds, and utilize various practice features.

3.1 Powering On and Kit Selection

1. Press the **Power** button to turn on the module.
2. Use the **KIT** buttons (up/down arrows) to browse through the 32 preset BFD kits or your 16 user-defined kits. The display will show the selected kit number.
3. Adjust the overall volume using the **VOLUME** knob.



Figure 4: The Nitro Max Drum Module interface, showing controls for kit selection, volume, and practice features.

3.2 Sound Customization

The module offers over 440 drum, cymbal, and percussion sounds. You can customize individual pad sounds:

- Press the **VOICE** button.
- Hit the pad you wish to change.
- Use the **+/-** buttons to select a new sound for that pad.
- Press **SAVE** to store your custom kit.

3.3 Practice Features

The Nitro Max Module includes several tools to enhance your practice:

- **Metronome:** Press the **CLICK** button to activate the metronome. Adjust tempo using the **TEMPO** buttons.
- **Songs:** Use the **SONG** buttons to select from 60 built-in play-along tracks. Press **START/STOP** to begin or end playback.

- **Recorder:** Press the **RECORD** button to record your drumming. Press again to stop.
- **Coach Mode:** Engage Coach Mode for interactive lessons and exercises.

3.4 Bluetooth Connectivity

Connect your mobile device via Bluetooth to stream audio through the drum module:

1. Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your mobile device.
2. On the Nitro Max Module, press the **Bluetooth** button. The Bluetooth indicator will flash.
3. Select "Alesis Nitro Max" from your device's Bluetooth settings.
4. Once connected, the indicator will be solid. You can now stream audio from your device to the module.

3.5 USB/MIDI Connectivity

The USB-B port allows connection to a computer for MIDI data transfer and access to the BFD Player software.

- Connect a USB cable from the module's USB-B port to your computer.
- The module will function as a MIDI controller, allowing you to trigger sounds in virtual instruments (VSTs) or record MIDI data in a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW).
- Access the BFD Player software on your computer to expand your sound library and utilize additional drum kits.



Figure 5: BFD Player software interface, demonstrating access to an expansive virtual sound library.

4. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis Nitro Max Kit.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the drum pads, cymbals, module, and rack. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Mesh Heads:** The mesh heads are durable but can be replaced if damaged. Avoid striking them with excessive force or sharp objects.
- **Cable Management:** Keep cables neatly organized to prevent tangling and damage. Use cable ties if necessary.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the drum set in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. The foldable rack allows for compact storage.



Figure 6: Close-up view of an Alesis mesh drum head, highlighting its construction.

5. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Nitro Max Kit.

5.1 No Sound

- Ensure the power adapter is securely connected to the module and a working power outlet.
- Check that the module's **VOLUME** knob is turned up.
- If using headphones, ensure they are fully plugged into the 1/8" Phones Out jack and their volume is adjusted.
- If using external speakers, verify they are powered on, connected correctly to the L/MONO and R outputs, and their volume is up.
- Confirm all drum and cymbal cables are securely connected to both the pads/cymbals and the module.

5.2 Pad Not Triggering or Double Triggering

- Check the cable connection for the specific pad.
- Ensure the pad sensitivity settings in the module are appropriate. Refer to the full user manual for detailed instructions on adjusting sensitivity.

- For dual-zone pads (like the snare), ensure the cable is fully inserted and the pad is being struck in the correct zones.

5.3 Bluetooth Connection Issues

- Make sure the module's Bluetooth indicator is flashing or solid.
- Ensure your mobile device's Bluetooth is on and it is within range.
- Try unpairing and re-pairing the device.
- Restart both the drum module and your mobile device.

5.4 USB/MIDI Not Recognized

- Verify the USB cable is connected securely to both the module and your computer.
- Ensure your computer's operating system and DAW/software are configured to recognize the Nitro Max Kit as a MIDI device.
- Try a different USB port on your computer.

6. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Name	Nitro Max Kit
Brand	Alesis
Body Material	Plastic
Finish Type	Mesh
Item Weight	1.8 Kilograms (3.96 pounds)
Color	Black
Connector Type	USB
Included Components	Snare (full kit includes more as detailed in Introduction)
Sounds	440+ Drum, Cymbal & Percussion Sounds
Kits	32 Preset BFD Kits, 16 User Kits
Connectivity	Bluetooth, USB-MIDI

7. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Alesis website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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- Detailed FAQs
- Driver downloads

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- Software updates

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