Roland GO:KEYS 5

Roland GO:KEYS 5 Music Creation Keyboard User Manual

Model: GO:KEYS 5

INTRODUCTION

The Roland GO:KEYS 5 is a 61-note music creation keyboard designed to inspire active music creation. It offers a simple and intuitive approach to exploring sounds and musical ideas, suitable for users of all experience levels. As your skills develop, the GO:KEYS 5 provides deeper features to support your musical journey.

Image: A user engaging with the Roland GO:KEYS 5, demonstrating its user-friendly interface for music creation.

SETUP

Unpacking and Initial Inspection

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

- Roland GO:KEYS 5 Keyboard
- AC Adaptor
- Power Cord
- User Manual (this document)

Image: Contents of the box, including the keyboard, AC adaptor, and power cord, with product dimensions.

Powering On Your Keyboard

The GO:KEYS 5 can be powered using the included AC adaptor or batteries for portable use.

1. **Using AC Adaptor:** Connect the AC adaptor to the DC IN jack on the rear panel of the keyboard, then plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet.
2. **Using Batteries:** Open the battery compartment on the underside of the keyboard and insert 6 AA-size batteries (not included), ensuring correct polarity.
3. Press the **POWER** button located on the top panel to turn on the instrument.

OPERATING THE GO:KEYS 5

Sound Selection (ZEN-Core Engine)

The GO:KEYS 5 features Roland's advanced ZEN-Core sound engine, offering over 1000 high-quality sounds. These sounds range from classic acoustic instruments like grand pianos to modern synthesizers and orchestral textures.

- Use the **CATEGORY** buttons or the data dial to browse through different sound categories and select your desired instrument voice.
- The digital display will show the currently selected sound.

Get Vocal

GO:KEYS 5 also features a microphone input and a large selection of effects to enhance your voice. Sing along with your compositions, complete with studio-style reverb for a polished sound.

Image: A user interacting with the sound selection controls and digital display on the GO:KEYS 5.

Playing the Keyboard

The 61-note keyboard features expressive touch sensitivity, allowing for dynamic and nuanced performances. The harder you press a key, the louder the sound, mimicking the response of an acoustic piano.

Auto-Accompaniment and Chord Sequencer

Enhance your playing with over 200 onboard music styles and a powerful chord sequencer.

- **Auto-Accompaniment:** Select a style to generate automatic backing tracks (drums, bass, and other instruments) that follow your chord progressions.
- **Chord Sequencer:** Program chord progressions with user editing features and choose from over 300 ready-to-play presets. This is ideal for songwriting and practice.

Microphone Input and Vocal Effects

Connect a microphone to the dedicated input and add vocal effects to your voice, allowing you to sing along with your performances or compositions.

Image: A user demonstrating the microphone input feature, singing while playing the keyboard.

Bluetooth Audio/MIDI Support

Stream music wirelessly from your smartphone or tablet to the GO:KEYS 5's built-in speakers via Bluetooth audio. You can also use Bluetooth MIDI to connect to music apps for expanded creative possibilities.

Image: A mobile device connected to the GO:KEYS 5, illustrating its Bluetooth and USB streaming capabilities.

USB Audio/MIDI Interface

Connect the GO:KEYS 5 to your computer or mobile device using a USB cable to use it as an audio and MIDI interface. This allows you to record your performances, control software instruments, and integrate with various music production software.

Built-in Stereo Speakers

The keyboard features powerful built-in stereo speakers with a passive radiator, delivering clear and rich sound without the need for external amplification.

Official Product Video

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Video: A short official overview of the Roland GO:KEYS 5, showcasing its design and some features. This is a brief preview video from the manufacturer.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

To maintain the appearance and functionality of your GO:KEYS 5:

- Wipe the surface with a soft, dry cloth.
- For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and then dry thoroughly.
- Avoid using abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents, as these can damage the finish.

Storage

When not in use, store the keyboard in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. If storing for an extended period, remove batteries to prevent leakage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Roland GO:KEYS 5, please refer to the following general troubleshooting tips:

- **No Power:** Ensure the AC adaptor is securely connected to both the keyboard and the power outlet, or check battery installation and charge level.
- **No Sound:** Verify that the volume is turned up, headphones are not connected (unless intended), and the correct sound is selected. Check connections to external audio systems if applicable.
- **Connectivity Issues:** For Bluetooth, ensure the device is in pairing mode and within range. For USB, check cable connections and driver installation on your computer.
- **Unresponsive Keys/Buttons:** Try restarting the keyboard. If the issue persists, consult the Roland support website for further assistance.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Name	GO:KEYS 5
Number of Keys	61 (with expressive touch sensitivity)
Sound Engine	ZEN-Core (over 1000 sounds)
Auto-Accompaniment Styles	Over 200 onboard styles
Chord Sequencer Presets	Over 300 ready-to-play presets
Connectivity	Bluetooth (Audio/MIDI), USB-A x 2, USB-C, 1/4" L/R outputs
Microphone Input	Yes, with onboard vocal effects
Speakers	Built-in Stereo Speakers with Passive Radiator
Power Source	AC Adaptor or 6 AA-size batteries
Dimensions (W x D x H)	950 mm x 286 mm x 87 mm (37.4 x 11.26 x 3.43 inches)
Weight	7.57 kg (16.7 lbs)
Supported Software	Roland Cloud

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Roland products are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For detailed information regarding the warranty period,

coverage, and terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Roland website.

SUPPORT

For technical support, product registration, software updates, and additional resources, please visit the official Roland support website:

www.roland.com/us/support/

You can also find FAQs and community forums to help with common questions and issues.