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Alesis Recital Play 88-Key Digital Piano Instruction Manual

Model: RECITAL PLAY KO

Brand: Alesis

Introduction

The Alesis Recital Play is a portable electronic keyboard designed to provide an authentic and inspiring playing experience, particularly for beginner piano students. It features 88 full-sized, touch-sensitive, piano-style keys, built-in speakers, and a wide array of sounds and features to support learning and practice.



Figure 1: Alesis Recital Play 88-Key Digital Piano with included power adapter and sheet music/tablet stand.

What's in the Box

Your Alesis Recital Play package includes the following items:

- Alesis Recital Play 88-Key Digital Piano
- Power Adapter
- Durable Full-Back Sheet Music/Tablet Stand
- Free Online Piano Lessons (via included access codes for Skoove and Melodics)

Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Placement:** Place the Alesis Recital Play on a stable, flat surface or a compatible keyboard stand. Ensure adequate space for playing and connections.
3. **Power Connection:** Connect the included power adapter to the "POWER" input on the rear panel of the keyboard. Plug the adapter into a standard electrical outlet. Alternatively, the keyboard can be powered by 6 AA cell batteries (not included) for portable use.
4. **Sheet Music/Tablet Stand:** Insert the full-back sheet music/tablet stand into the designated slot on the top panel of the keyboard.
5. **Sustain Pedal (Optional):** If using an external sustain pedal (sold separately or included with certain bundles), connect it to the "SUSTAIN" input on the rear panel.



Figure 2: Rear panel connections for power, sustain pedal, headphones, and auxiliary input.

Operating the Keyboard

Basic Functions

- **Power On/Off:** Press the **POWER** button to turn the keyboard on or off.
- **Volume Control:** Use the **VOL+** and **VOL-** buttons to adjust the master volume.
- **Sound Selection:** The Recital Play features 480 realistic built-in sounds. Use the **VOICE** button and the data dial to browse and select different instrument sounds (e.g., acoustic pianos, electric pianos, organs, strings, brass, synths).
- **Reverb FX:** Easily add and adjust reverb effects to enhance your sound using the dedicated **REVERB** button.

Advanced Modes

- **Layer Mode:** Combine two sounds simultaneously by pressing the **LAYER** button. This allows for richer, more complex tones.
- **Split Mode:** Divide the keyboard into two sections, each with a different sound, by pressing the **SPLIT** button. This is useful for playing bass lines with one hand and melodies with the other.
- **Rhythm and Demo Songs:** Explore 160 rhythms and 140 built-in demo songs using the **RHYTHM** and **SONG** buttons. Use the **START/STOP** button to control playback.
- **Metronome:** Activate the built-in metronome using the **METRO** button to assist with timing and rhythm practice.
- **Record Mode:** The **RECORD** mode allows you to record your performances directly on the keyboard.



Figure 3: Control panel with various sound, rhythm, and mode selection buttons.

Connectivity

The Alesis Recital Play offers versatile connectivity options:

- **USB-MIDI Connection:** Connect the keyboard to a Mac or PC via the USB Type B port to utilize recording and educational piano software. This allows the keyboard to function as a MIDI controller.
- **Headphones Output:** A 3.5mm (1/8") headphone jack is provided for private practice. Plugging in headphones will mute the internal speakers.
- **Auxiliary Input:** An 1/8" aux input allows you to connect external audio devices such as smartphones or tablets, enabling you to play along with your favorite music.
- **Microphone Input:** An 1/8" mic input is available for connecting a microphone.

Learning Features

The Recital Play is designed to support piano learning with integrated features and included software subscriptions:

- **Skoove Premium:** Includes a 3-month premium subscription to Skoove, offering in-depth online piano courses with step-by-step lessons and real-time feedback.
- **Melodics:** Provides a 1-month premium subscription plus 100 virtual lessons from Melodics, making practice engaging and fun.
- **Lesson Mode:** An innovative Lesson Mode allows students and teachers to play together, facilitating interactive learning.



Figure 4: Educational features highlighting Skoove and Melodics subscriptions.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Alesis Recital Play, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surface of the keyboard. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.

- **Storage:** When not in use, store the keyboard in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. If transporting, use a protective carrying case.
- **Key Care:** Keep the keys clean and free from dust and debris. Avoid excessive force when playing to prevent damage.
- **Power Adapter:** Always use the original power adapter provided with the keyboard. Disconnect the power adapter during electrical storms or when unused for long periods.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Alesis Recital Play, refer to the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Sound:**
  - Ensure the power adapter is securely connected and the keyboard is turned on.
  - Check the master volume level using the **VOL+** button.
  - If headphones are plugged in, unplug them to enable the internal speakers.
  - Verify that the correct instrument voice is selected.
- **Keys Not Responding:**
  - Ensure the keyboard is powered on.
  - Check for any foreign objects lodged between the keys.
  - If connected via USB-MIDI, ensure the correct drivers are installed and the software is properly configured.
- **Distorted Sound:**
  - Lower the master volume.
  - If using external speakers or headphones, check their connections and volume levels.

For further assistance, please contact Alesis customer support.

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model	RECITAL PLAY KO
Number of Keys	88
Key Type	Full-size, Touch-sensitive, Piano-style
Sounds	480 Built-in Sounds
Rhythms	160 Built-in Rhythms
Demo Songs	140 Built-in Demo Songs
Connectivity	USB Type B, 1/4" Sustain, 1/8" Phones Output, 1/8" Aux In, 1/8" Mic In
Power Source	Power Adapter (Included) or 6 AA Batteries (Not Included)
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	10.08"D x 49.92"W x 2.88"H
Item Weight	10.69 pounds

Material	Plastic
Color	Black



Figure 5: Visual representation of the keyboard's dimensions and weight.

Warranty & Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Alesis website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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