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Model: Kuromi

1. INTRODUCTION

The Otamatone Sanrio Kuromi is an electronic musical instrument designed for recreational use. It features a unique eighth note-shaped body with a moving mouth, allowing for varied sound production. This manual provides instructions for the proper setup, operation, and care of your Otamatone Kuromi.



Figure 1: Otamatone Sanrio Kuromi in its retail packaging.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- 1 x Otamatone Sanrio Kuromi Unit
- 1 x Instruction Manual (this document)
- 1 x Song Practice Sheet



Figure 2: The Otamatone Kuromi unit shown with its packaging, instruction manual, and practice sheet.

3. SETUP

3.1 Battery Installation

The Otamatone requires 3 AAA batteries (not included).

1. Locate the battery cover on the back of the Otamatone's head unit.
2. Open the battery cover.
3. Insert 3 AAA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-).
4. Close the battery cover securely.

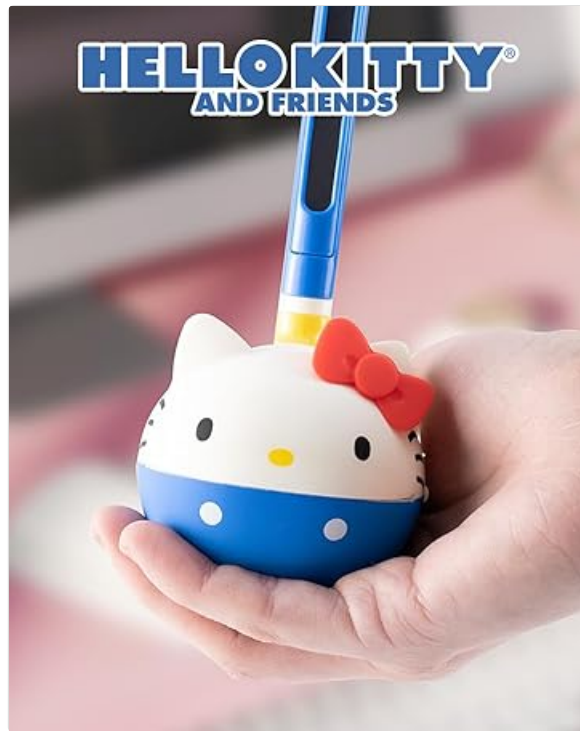


Figure 3: Rear view of the Otamatone Kuromi, indicating the location of the power/volume control, octave switch, and battery cover.

3.2 Power On/Off and Volume Control

The power switch also functions as the volume control. Slide the switch located on the back of the head unit to turn the device on and adjust the volume. Slide it to the 'OFF' position to power down the unit.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Otamatone produces sound by pressing the stem and manipulating the mouth.

4.1 Holding the Instrument

Hold the Otamatone with one hand supporting the head unit and the other hand positioned to press along the stem.



Figure 4: Visual guide on how to hold and interact with the Otamatone for playing.

4.2 Playing Single Notes

Press your finger firmly along the black strip on the stem to produce a note. The pitch changes depending on where you press along the stem; pressing higher up the stem produces higher notes, and lower down produces lower notes.

4.3 Portamento (Slide) Technique

To create a smooth transition between notes, slide your finger up or down the stem while maintaining pressure. This technique allows for a gliding sound effect.

4.4 "Wah" Effect

Squeeze the cheeks of the Otamatone's head unit to open and close its mouth. Playing notes with the mouth closed generates an "mmm" sound, while playing with the mouth open creates a "wah" sound. This adds vocal-like articulation to the notes.



Figure 5: A hand demonstrating how to squeeze the Otamatone's cheeks to open its mouth, producing the "wah" effect.

4.5 Vibrato Technique

While holding a note, gently shake the stem back and forth to create a vibrato effect, adding a wavering quality to the sound.

4.6 Octave Switch

Use the octave switch located on the back of the head unit (refer to Figure 3) to select between Low, Mid, and High pitch ranges. This allows for a wider musical range.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

To clean the Otamatone, wipe it with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse the unit in water. Keep the electronic components dry.

5.2 Battery Replacement

Replace batteries when the sound becomes distorted or the unit fails to power on. Always use fresh AAA batteries and dispose of old batteries responsibly.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound:** Ensure the power/volume switch is in the 'ON' position and the volume is turned up. Check that batteries are correctly installed and not depleted.
- **Distorted Sound:** This often indicates low battery power. Replace the AAA batteries.
- **Difficulty with Pitch:** The Otamatone requires practice to achieve precise pitch. Experiment with finger placement along the stem. The pitch can be sensitive to slight movements.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	14.5 x 5.25 x 3 inches
Item Weight	7 ounces
Model Number	190187009344
Batteries Required	3 x AAA batteries (not included)
Recommended Age	4 years and up
Manufacturer	Hamee

8. SAFETY INFORMATION

For external use only.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact the manufacturer, Hamee, directly. Specific warranty terms may vary by region and retailer.

10. OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEOS

No official product videos from the seller were found with supported m3u8 formats for embedding in this manual.