TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack

a sound enhancing expansion pack for the Roland TD-8 Drum Module

Owner's Manual

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing V Expressions LTD's **TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack**!

TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack is 50 of the finest drum kits ever modeled for the Roland TD-8 drum module. What you will find in your new expansion are kits modeled to get the best acoustic and electronic sounds out of the module. 19 of the kits in this expansion pack have been modeled to reflect artist original recordings - matched as closely possible as the TD-8 drum module can achieve.

The **TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack** is a collection of kits that can be used by hobbyists, weekend warriors and professionals alike. With these kits, the professional gigging drummer can expand his or her library of custom kits to accommodate many variations of song lists as well as musical genres and eras. The expansion is fully customizable allowing the user to continue adjusting the kits, triggers and calibrations to best match his or her playing style.

TD-8 Elite Tips & Tricks

The **TD-8 Elite** Artists kits are programmed to match the original recordings as closely as possible by the TD-8 drum module. In order to achieve modeled accuracy, some kits may not require the ambience levels of other kits in the expansion. This modeling technique was needed to reach maximum precision. Some kits required a combination of ambience and EQ, to achieve the original recording accurately. If you wish to adjust the settings to better work with your public address system, band or recording, your module settings can be easily adjusted to add even more ambience and change the EQ to achieve the desired sound enhancement. Panning can be adjusted to widen the depth of your kit.

On rare occasions, *(as noted in the kit listing section of this manual)* ambience was added to increase the presence of the kit for more playing applications such as live performance. In the live playing environment, it is suggested that the kits be played to the mixing console as they are modeled, followed by adding the desired effects to accommodate the current environment. Regardless of importing kits individually or as an entire backup, the expansion was designed with the group faders at 75% for optimal volumes. Setting your group faders to 75% before loading your backup will yield the best results.

Thank you once again for purchasing the **TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack** from V Expressions LTD. We hope you enjoy it!

TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack Kit Listing

1 Pearl 03:.   Modeled from a Pearl Stage Custom Fusion from 2003. Natural sounds
2 TamaRkSr: Modeled from a Tama Rockstar kit. With thanks to CornishNeil.
3 DW22:   Modeled from 2001 DW wrap kit w/ 22x18 kick. Also available in the TD10EXP Vault Pack.
4 Substnce: Tight, Funky kit. Very good sharp snare sound.
5 SlapBass:.   Interesting rock kit, very useable. Bass Drum made from Floor Tom with clever tuning
6 Prototyp: Funk/Rock kit with lots of attack on toms.
7 TightKit: Speaks for itself. Snappy sounding kit with bright cymbals.
8 OpenJazz: Un-muffled ringing sound, good for slow jazz.
9 ShineKit: Bright piccolo snared kit. Jazz/funk
10 VCheapO: Very unique sound, actually modeled from my old Speedfire drum kit with Zildjian ZBTs
11 Muffled: Heavily muffled kit. Toms have soft buzz.
12 HandPerc: This kit has brushes mode on. You play it with your hands for more realistic fell to playing congas etc.
13 PowrXstk: Soooooo much better than the tinny, fake sounding PopXstck kit in the pre-made kits.
14 P.H.A.T.:   Loud, fat sounding kit for those who like big sounds.
15 StackedV: Great sounding high funky kit.
16 LatinDnc: Good Latin style kit for Latin American rhythms. Much better than Roland pre-made Latin kit(s)
17 Tropical: Tropical sounding playable percussion kit.
18 EasyLow: Easy and Low! Jazzy
19 FunkyBad: Funky sharp kit, works also for light rock/pop
20 DirtyMan: Dirty, Dark rock kit. Weird but some situations call for this sort of kit. Very Original
21 AcidJazz: Great for this genre, Loose when played lightly but tightens up when played hard.
22 HitMastr: Orch Hit type electronic with pitched bass drum and pitch control for it with hi-hat control.
23 Shortech: Strange but useable kit for drum and bass or similar. Toms made from X-stick snare. Unique.
24 JungleK: Great "messy" sounding kit for Jungle drum and bass. Very low pitched hi-hats for cymbals. Again, Unique.
25 Noisiege: "Noise" Bass drum and "Whack" snares pitched for toms.
26 Statix: Saw Wave toms. A very useable, "proper" drum kit, rather than beeps and clicks.
27 Disco: Great for that classic 70s Disco sound. Sounds excellent when played with a typical 16ths beat Disco rhythm.
28 Ice Cave: Sounds like the kit is made from ice and played in an ice cave! – Lots of echo.
29 RkBallad: Great for Rock Ballads. Could be considered an acoustic kit but has a slight electronic sound to it.
30 Marshmlw: 808 Boom kick and pitch control. 808 toms remind me of Marshmallows. Dance Kit.
31 Volcano!:   Explosion sounds in this kit work well when used sparingly.
32 Nicklbck: Modeled from "Too Bad". Good for all round drumming. Signature snare sound with ring.
33 BensonJz: Modeled from "Breezin'" by George Benson. Incredible Jazz kit. Soft yet punchy.
34 R.A.T.M.:   Modeled from "Wake Up" (Matrix Theme). Funky rock kit.
35 Adema: Modeled from "The Way You Like It". Hard, Bassy Rock kit. Made because of popular demand.
36 Reise 04:   Modeled from "Morgenstern" from Rammstein's latest album "Reise Reise". In-Your-Face, Big Metal Sound
37 DefLeprd: Modeled from "Now". One of their newer tracks. More acoustic sound.
38 GreenDay: Modeled from "American Idiot". That signature tom sound with as much attack as you can take. Popular
39 Slayer:.   Modeled from "Raining Blood". Those huge toms sound incredible in this Classic sound of Dave Lombardo
40 Metalica: Modeled from "Enter Sandman". Lars Ulrich's signature sound from Metallica album "Master Of Puppets"
41 SpyroGra: Modeled from "Ariana". Great classic smooth jazz sound from Spyro Gyra's 1998 album.
42 Creed: Modeled from "Higher". American Power Pop sound from their "Weathered" as requested by many.
43 HIM: Modeled from "Soul On Fire". Gothic Rock from Finnish band HIM. Tight, clean and powerful sound.
44 John Otto: Modeled from "Build a Bridge". Refined kit from Limp Bizkit. From their "Results May Vary" Album.
45 KoRn: Modeled from "Thoughtless". This turned out very well; if you play along with KoRn you can't tell the difference.
46 JimmyEW: Modeled from "Pain". Snare has been pitched very well. Very popular request. Funky. Play along to see!
47 Jet: Modeled from "Cold Hard Bitch". Iconic Pop Rock band from the 21st Century.
48 Stepnwlf: Modeled from "Born to be Wild" (obviously). That instantly recognisable sound from the driving anthem.
49 Godsmack: Modeled from "Stand Alone". Great for metal/rock. Try this kit along with the song it was modeled from.
50 StneSour: Modeled from "Cold Reader". From Corey Taylor's (Slipknot) band Stone Sour. Clean, Powerful Kit.

V Expressions LTD: TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack Instructions

READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BEFORE CONTINUING

All user kits in your TD-8 (apart from kits 51-64) **will be erased during a load of any kits from your computer**. The factory reset information is not disturbed and the original version of the TD-8 can be reset at any time to return to your default purchased starting point.

We highly recommend backing up your current TD-8 memory to save any personal previous changes before loading any expansion packs from V Expressions LTD. You will also be able to load individual sets as described in Section IV.

Please take a moment to read all of our procedures below before attempting them.

If you have questions before attempting any of the procedures below, please refer to your TD-8 owner's manual or email V Expressions LTD from our website at www.vexpressionsltd.com.

PC Instructions

Section I: Saving a Backup of the TD-8 with TD-M8

First you must download and install TD-M8 (http://www.boz.speedling.nl/tdm8/) and Midi-Ox (http://www.midiox.com) on your computer.

NOTE: Backup your TD-8 before continuing! V Expressions LTD cannot be held responsible for loss of drum kits if you neglect this step.

Step 1: Connect your TD-8 MIDI IN to the MIDI OUT on your computer's midi interface.
Step 2: Connect your TD-8 MIDI OUT to the MIDI IN on your computer's midi interface.
Step 3: Turn on the TD-8 module.
Step 4: Open Midi-Ox and set it up so that it detects the module through the midi interface.
Step 5: Open the TD-M8 program.
Step 6: Right Click the TD-8 picture (left with subfolders) and click "LOAD FROM TD-8"
Step 7: Right Click the Drum Kits folder and click "LOAD FROM TD-8"
Step 8: Right Click the User Percussion Sets and click "LOAD FROM TD-8"
Step 9: Right Click the TD-8 picture again and click "SAVE TO FILE"
Step 10: Save your file. *(Note: you can save it as a TD8 or syx)*

Optional: You may now save your fourteen kits that you will want to use while the Elite pack is installed as individual files which you can import later to spaces 51-64.

Section II: Loading Expansions to the TD-8 with TD-M8 from your PC

The 50 kits included in the Elite Expansion Pack use kit spaces 1-50. User spaces 51-64 will be the default factory kits. You may import your personal custom kits into these spaces if you wish.

Step 1: Locate the expansion pack on your computer.
Step 2: Right Click the TD-8 picture (left with subfolders) and click "LOAD FROM FILE"
Note: Please refer to http://www.boz.speedlinq.nl/tdm8/ for additional details regarding loading files to the TD-8 with TD-M8.
Step 3: Upon the completion of the backup load, turn off the module and disconnect your midi cables.

The TD-8 Elite Expansion Pack is now ready to use! If you have any further questions, please refer to http://www.boz.speedlinq.nl/tdm8/ or email Psythe@hotmail.co.uk

MAC Instructions

Section I: Saving Data to an external MIDI Device (Bulk Dump)

First you must download and install SySex Librarian for MAC (http://www.snoize.com/SysExLibrarian/) on your computer.

NOTE: Backup your TD-8 before continuing! V Expressions LTD cannot be held responsible for loss of drum kits if you neglect this step.

Step 1: Connect your TD-8 MIDI IN to the MIDI OUT on your computer's midi interface.
Step 2: Connect your TD-8 MIDI OUT to the MIDI IN on your computer's midi interface.
Step 3: Turn on the TD-8 module.
Step 4: Open SySex Librarian and set it up so that it detects the module through the midi interface.
Step 5: In SySex Librarian, press "RECORD"
Step 6: Press [SETUP], then [F2 (MIDI)], then [F3 (BULK)]. "BULK DUMP" screen appears.
Step 6: Press [INC/+] or [DEC/-] or rotate the VALUE dial to select "ALL" data to be transmitted.
Step 7: Start the recording process of the external sequencer.
Step 8: Press [F3 (EXEC)] to begin sending the data. *Note: To cancel, press [F1 (STOP)].*

Note: Be sure to use an external MIDI sequencer that is capable of recording System Exclusive messages. We suggest SySex Librarian. (http://www.snoize.com/SysExLibrarian/)

Section II: Loading Expansions to the TD-8 with SySex Librarian from your MAC

The 50 kits included in the Elite Expansion Pack use kit spaces 1-50. User spaces 51-64 will be the default factory kits. You may import your personal custom kits into these spaces if you wish.

Step 1: Open SySex Librarian and set it up so that it detects the module through the midi interface.
Step 2: In SySex Librarian, select the expansion pack on your computer.
Step 3: Press the "PLAY" button.
Step 4: Upon the completion of the backup load, turn off the module and disconnect your midi cables.

V Expressions LTD Contact Information

If you have questions before attempting any of the above procedures, please refer to your TD-8 owner's manual or email V Expressions LTD from our website at www.vexpressionsltd.com.

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