

TD-8 Session 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 Session Expansion Pack**!

TD-8 Session Expansion Pack is 40 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 sounds out of the module. Many of the kits in this expansion pack have been modeled to reflect real acoustic drum kits - matched as closely as possible as the TD-8 drum module can achieve.

The **TD-8 Session 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 Session Tips & Tricks

Most of the **TD-8 Session** kits are programmed to match the characteristics of real kits and as closely as possible using 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 sound 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 some occasions, 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 Session Expansion Pack** from V Expressions LTD. We hope you enjoy it!

TD-8 Session Expansion Pack Kit Listing

1 OakCustm	Custom Kit with Oak Shells and Snare. Meinl and Zildjian Cymbals
2 RoswdCsm	Custom Kit with Rosewood Shells and Snare. Meinl and Zildjian Cymbals
3 ExticCsm	Custom Kit with an Exotic Wood Selection for Shells and Snare. Meinl and Zildjian Cymbals
4 MapleCsm	Custom Kit with Maple Shells and Maple/Birch Snare. Meinl and Zildjian Cymbals
5 StdioMpl	Maple Kit, sounds great for Studio work
6 StdioBch	Birch Version of previous kit, great for Studio Work
7 AttkBrch	Birch Kit with a nice attack on the toms and snare
8 AttkMple	Maple Kit with nice attack on the toms and snare
9 Brch&Stl	Well rounded Birch Kit with a wonderful Steel Snare
10 Brch&Brs	Great Birch Kit with a vintage Brass Snare
11 OilFinsh	The Oil Finish on this kit gives it a great crisp natural sound
12 BIBrsPcl	A rare hand crafted Bell Brass Piccolo snare, Maple toms and kick
13 HardFnk1	Powerful Rock/Funk Kit, Leaning more towards Funk
14 HardFnk2	Powerful Rock/Funk Kit, Leaning more towards Rock
15 PiccloBs	Thicker shelled Brass Piccolo snared kit
16 SpaunCsm	Modeled from a custom kit made by Spaun, no other details were available
17 WhinSnar	The snare on this kit as a nice ring with higher dynamic levels, quite lively
18 GlasSnre	Snare drum shell made from glass, very bright, loud sound
19 VEX stl	Tight steel snare, nicely pitched toms, crisp kick
20 PrBuzzKt	High pitched snare, buzz on toms, fluid sound
21 Responsv	Very good kit, soft sounds at low dynamic levels, sound tightens up when hit harder, my favorite toms in this kit
22 13”Sensi	13” metal snare, quite a unique sound
23 PearlSn1	Modeled from a Pearl Session Custom
24 PearlSn2	Modeled from another Pearl Session Custom with different heads and tuning
25 HerzeKit	Sharp, clean rock kit, wonderful sound, I use this a lot
26 Vintage	Vintage kit, awesome character of sound
27 RawIndsl	For Industrial Metal, bold and cutting sound
28 JazzSolo	Low level Jazz kit for small group Jazz and Jazz/Funk
29 VinJazz	Suitable for the same as above, slightly warmer sound from this kit
30 ReggaeJm	Dry muffled sound, suitable for Reggae etc
31 Songo V	Snare-off kit, the best sounding kit for Latin American/Cuban playing
32 RnB1	Almost Lo-Fi, relaxed R n’ B kit
33 Acrylic	Acrylic shelled kit, short decay with nice smooth bass, very punchy snare
34 NewGenVX	Rock/Metal/Pop kit, versatile sound, lots of attack
35 Metaller	Classic Old Heavy Metal sound
36 Substnc2	The perfect all rounder, Substance1 featured in the Elite Expansion
37 Sharp	As the name suggests, sharp sound, a little quirky, very cool
38 Stadium	Big Stadium Rock sound, deep toms, big thick cymbals etc
39 Rosenrot	Loosely based on a Maple kit, a good general kit for Hard Rock/Metal
40 RosenPic	The Maple kit with a Maple/Birch 10” piccolo snare

V Expressions LTD: TD-8 Session Expansion Pack Instructions

READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BEFORE CONTINUING!

All user kits in your TD-8 **will be erased during a load of 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 Session 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 40 kits included in the Session Expansion Pack use kit spaces 1-40. 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.speedling.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 Session Expansion Pack is now ready to use! If you have any further questions, please refer to <http://www.boz.speedling.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 40 kits included in the Session Expansion Pack use kit spaces 1-40. User spaces 41-64 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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