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BOOST Expansion Pack

a sound enhancing expansion pack for the Roland TD-25 Drum Module

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing **BOOST**. This expansion pack for the TD-25 provides 18 specialized drum kit selections.

The programmed volume levels of the drums are for reference and starting points only, feel free to adjust as you see fit in the recording process. There is no wrong setting.

This pack was created with no module tone adjustments (Bass/Treble was set at 0). You may want to adjust the kick drum volume to suit your needs better.

Drums and cymbals were matched and created to blend together. Most kits were fashioned from their acoustic drum counterparts with no reverb added. Any reverb that was incorporated was used sparingly.

This design features pre-programmed support of Crash Two as a crash cymbal and Aux as a splash/china/ or stacked cymbal. All the kits are uniform in level and panning.

It is required to use a USB device formatted in the TD-25 to load **BOOST**.

This pack is supplied with a bulk load file, as well as individual kit files to conveniently load one at a time.

The supplied manual easily explains the loading procedures, and also includes an expanded troubleshooting guide. The manual also provides live sound tips relating to the TD-25.

All kits have been fashioned using the onboard *SuperNATURAL* sounds of the TD-25. These are not new samples or added third party material. The TD-25 is not capable of uploading new samples to its wave board. All sounds have been professionally formulated and highly tweaked for your satisfaction.

The **BOOST** expansion pack has been ear-created on the TD-25 from scratch on a highly expressive platform.

BOOST Kit Listing

Kit description:

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|-----|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Standard 4 | C&C Piccolo 2016 |
| 2. | Standard 5 | Sonor Beech 1979 |
| 3. | Standard 6 | Ayotte 1994 |
| 4. | Rock 4 | Genista (Premier)1992 |
| 5. | Rock 5 | Gretsch62RB 1962 |
| 6. | Rock 6 | LUD77DENNY Montrose |
| 7. | Metal 4 | Tama Superstar 1982 |
| 8. | Metal 5 | Slingerland 1976 |
| 9. | Metal 6 | Pearl MLX 1989 |
| 10. | Jazz 4 | 2016 RBH Monarchs |
| 11. | Jazz 5 | 2018 Longo Snare |
| 12. | Jazz 6 | 1941 Ludwig & Ludwig Bi-Tone |
| 13. | Funk 4 | Lignum Barrel Stave 2017 |
| 14. | Funk 5 | 1928 Ludwig Broadway w/ Black Beauty |
| 15. | Funk 6 | Vistalite 1975 |
| 16. | Electro 4 | Hydra |
| 17. | Electro 5 | Craviotto 2014 |
| 18. | Electro 6 | Natal Maple UFX 2018 |

Some kits have the XSnare (crossstick snare) sample used, others don't. All kits have their master volume at 110, max is 127 you can set it to.

Note: Standard, Rock, Metal, Jazz, Funk, & Electro 4-6 will overwrite user kits on a bulk load. Standard, Rock, Metal, Jazz, Funk, & Electro 1-3 will remain Roland stock kits. Any size USB device 512 MB – 64 GB will work.

Getting Started

In an effort to increase customer understanding and awareness, we proudly offer this step-by-step instruction manual to ensure quick and smooth implementation with our expansions.

Comprised of both Roland's and our very own streamlined step-by-step instructions, this helpful document will answer all your questions and get you on your way to playing your new kits.

IMPORTANT - READ BEFORE CONTINUING!!

Accidents can always happen!

We highly recommend backing up your current module to save personal modifications before loading any expansion from V Expressions Ltd. It is important you follow our steps in this guide to achieve the best results during the processes of module back-up, file preparation, and loading of your new V Expressions Ltd expansion.

User kits **WILL BE ERASED** during a load of your expansion backup file. However, your module's **factory reset data is never touched**, and this original factory state of your module can always be reset at any time.

Please take a moment to read all procedures below before attempting them. If you have questions before attempting any of the procedures below, please refer to your Pearl Mimic Pro owner's manual, or feel free to email **V Expressions Ltd** from the appropriate link on our website at www.vexpressionsltd.com

When you are ready to begin, start with Section I below.

Section I: Apply Latest Updates

FOR YOUR INSTALLATION AND EXPANSION TO WORK PROPERLY, YOUR MODULE MUST HAVE THE LATEST FIRMWARE UPDATE(S) IMPLEMENTED BEFORE YOU BEGIN!

Your TD-25 firmware MUST BE version 1.10 or newer. If you have firmware 1.0, please update your module. **BOOST** will not load.

Please follow Roland's instructions for this update/section. You can download these updates and instructions here:

Roland TD-25 Updates: https://www.roland.com/global/support/by_product/td-25kv/updates_drivers/

Once updated, please continue to Section II.

Skip to Section III if you have already used the stick with your module!

If you have never used your USB Stick with your module, and have no data on it, you may format the stick in the module to create your Roland folder structure.

IMPORTANT! Any data on the USB device WILL BE deleted by formatting the stick in the module!

- Step 1:** Insert your USB device into the TD-25 module.
- Step 2:** From the Main Kit screen, Press the **MENU** Button.
- Step 3:** Press **SETUP**.
- Step 4:** Use Cursor and scroll down to: **USB Memory Format**.
- Step 5:** Press **FORMAT**.
- Step 6:** At the confirmation screen, Press OK.

Note: Press Cancel if you do not wish to Format your Flash drive

Make a backup of your module before you continue!

- Step 1:** Insert your formatted USB device into the TD-25 module.
- Step 2:** From the Main Kit screen, Press the **MENU** Button.
- Step 3:** Press **SETUP**.
- Step 4:** In the setup screen, select "Backup Save".
- Step 5:** Use INSTRUMENT knob to select backup destination (1-99) - please do not use (02 or 03)
- Step 6:** Press **SAVE**.
- Step 7:** You can name your backup if desired, press Name, use arrows/instrument knob to select letters, etc.
- Step 8:** Press OK to save backup.

Note: Press Cancel at any time if you do not wish to Save a backup to your USB device.

IMPORTANT: Once saved, remove your USB device from TD-25 and insert into your computer/laptop. Copy the Roland folder to your Desktop. Don't move it there, only copy it, so it leaves the Roland folder on the USB device as well. This will preserve a copy of your module on your computer before any V Expressions changes have taken place.

Section III: Preparing Your Expansion

Backup File Information

- Three backup files (expansions) are included with BOOST:
- **1. TD25_Backup002.TD0:** less bass/treble EQ for recording. This file can be found as **Backup 02**, and will read as: **TD25 BOOST**
CYMBAL is programmed on AUX
- **2. TD25_Backup003.TD0:** more bass/treble EQ for live. This file can be found as **Backup 03**, and will read as: **TD25 BOOST**
CYMBAL is programmed on AUX
- **3. TD25_Backup004.TD0:** This file can be found as **Backup 04**, and will read as: **TD25 BOOSTT4**
TOM 4 is programmed on AUX (This backup is based on: TD25_Backup002.TD0 settings)
- 3-Way trigger ride (CY-13R) and Crash 2 (CY-12c) are supported.
- Each file contains identical kits, only the MFX Isolator parameters are different.
- When **loading an entire backup**, your **kits WILL BE OVERWRITTEN**.
- If you wish to retain setup data (pad settings and configuration), please use the “Kit Loading” instructions.

Kit File Information (page 15 in your TD-25 parameter guide)

- 18 ** and an additional 18 Individual kit files are included with your purchase of **BOOST**.
- The file is based on **Backup 02**. (less EQ)
- The kit files can be found in a file folder named KIT.
- The kit files # 1-18 / 37-54 will need to be copied from this file folder to the KIT file folder on your USB device.
- **Loading individual kits WILL NOT overwrite your trigger settings or disturb your kit placements.**

**** Individual kits 37-54 are Tom 4 (Backup 4)**

Copying your EXPANSION FILE to your USB device.

- Step 1:** Insert your USB device into your computer.
- Step 2:** From your Desktop, locate the backup files from your download.
- Step 3:** Open your USB drive.
- Step 4:** Open the Roland Folder.
- Step 5:** Open the TD-25 Folder.
- Step 6:** Open the Backup Folder.
- Step 7:** Copy or Drag the backup TD0 file(s) INTO the Backup folder.
- Step 8:** Once verified the file is INSIDE THE BACKUP FOLDER, you may close & eject the USB device.

Copying your INDIVIDUAL KITS to your USB device.

- Step 1:** Insert your USB device into your computer.
- Step 2:** From your Desktop, locate the kit files from your download.
- Step 3:** Open your USB drive.
- Step 4:** Open the Roland Folder.
- Step 5:** Open the TD-25 Folder.
- Step 6:** Open the Kit Folder.
- Step 7:** Copy or Drag the individual kits INTO the KIT folder on your USB device.
- Step 8:** Once verified the file(s) are INSIDE THE KIT FOLDER, you may close & eject the USB device.

Note: In rare cases, create the Roland Folder > TD-25 Folder > Backup Folder & Kit Folder manually on your USB device.

Loading your kits individually... (recommended)

You have the option of loading kits individually. This preserves your trigger settings and kit placements, but will take a lot more time. Make sure you have copied all the individual kit files from your download to the KIT folder on the USB device, as described in Section III.

- Step 1:** Insert your USB device into the TD-25 module.
- Step 2:** Using the rotary dial, select the desired kit location.
- Step 3:** Press **MENU** from the Drum Kit screen.
- Step 4:** Press **SETUP**.
- Step 5:** Select "Load 1 kit".
- Step 6:** Press the flashing **ENTER** button. *(It is also the "KICK" button)*
- Step 7:** Use the **INSTRUMENT** knob to select which kit you want to load
- Step 8:** Press F3 Load
- Step 9:** Press F3 OK
- Step 10:** Press Exit several times to return to Drum Kit screen

Hint: After Selecting "Setup", you can hold the down arrow button to get to "Load 1 kit" more quickly.

Repeat Steps 2-9 until all desired kits have been loaded.

Loading your entire backup expansion...

Note: Do not rename the Backup files. They must remain in TD25_Backup###.TD0 format.

Reminder! Loading the entire backup will overwrite your kits and pad settings.

- Step 1:** Insert your USB device into the TD-25 module.
- Step 2:** From the Main Kit screen, Press the **MENU** Button
- Step 3:** Press **Setup**.
- Step 4:** Select **Backup Load**.
- Step 5:** Use the **INSTRUMENT** knob to select **backup 02 , 03, or 04**. *(see Section III) (Error: Empty/No Backup? Make sure you are scrolling to Backup 02 – 04 ... the files will show the name TD25 BOOST)*
- Step 6:** Once selected, Press **LOAD**.
- Step 7:** Press **OK** to load backup.

Note: Perform these following steps to align the pack properly to your kit.

- Step 8:** Recalibrate your VH Series Hi Hat if you are using one.
- Step 9:** Make sure your pad settings actually match your kit's pad types.
- Step 10:** Re-save a copy of **BOOST** to your USB device with your corrected pad settings.

Pad Configuration

The pad assignments and trigger information are set to standard Roland TD-25KV w/ default trigger settings for the following pads:

Kick:	KD-9
Snare:	PDX-100
Tom(s) 1-3:	PD-85
HH:	VH-11
Ride:	CY-13R
CR1/2 :	CY-12c
AUX :	CY-12c / PD-85

If your pad setup is different than the above mentioned groupings you will need to write down any/all of your pad types and/or custom trigger settings you may have adjusted. The TD-25 doesn't allow you to load kit and pad settings separately. After loading **BOOST**, you may need to recreate all the custom pad settings you have made (pad type, sensitivity, re-trig, etc.)

This will help align **BOOST** with your kit configuration.

Note: Try not to overdrive your pad triggers. Lower Sensitivity as much as possible without losing all your volume.

My Pad & Trigger Settings

IMPORTANT: If your pad setup is different than the above, you will need to write down any/all of your pad types and/or custom trigger settings you may have adjusted. After loading, you may need to recreate all the custom pad settings you have made. (pad type, sensitivity, re-trig, etc.)

Please take a moment to write down your personal pad and trigger settings before loading your expansion.

IE: Kick drum is a KD-9, Snare is a PDX100, Tom 1 is a PDX8.....

Kick:	_____
Snare :	_____
Hi Hat:	_____
Ride:	_____
Tom 1 :	_____
Tom 2:	_____
Tom 3:	_____
Crash 1:	_____
Crash 2:	_____
Aux:	_____

Tips & Tricks

Using BOOST with live PA...

The **BOOST** expansion kits are programmed to define the original source media as closely as possible by the TD-25 drum module.

REVERB: If you wish to adjust settings to work with your public address system or band better, your Kit settings can be easily adjusted to add/reduce reverb. You may find it easier to avoid the larger hall settings when gigging.

PAN: Tom and cymbal separation can also be adjusted using the PAN edit feature to widen the depth of your instruments without harming the kit model.

TONE: Try to keep the Tone levels (Bass and Treble) between -2 and +2 respectively. 0 setting is normal and how **BOOST** was created.

STEREO L/R OUT: it is highly recommended that the kits be sourced to the mixing console in stereo as they are modeled, and then adding/ reducing the desired effects to accommodate the current environment.

MONO L Output: If you are sending your signal via the L MONO OUT – go through your models/kits and adjust all the panning to L15 on all triggers....this will greatly enhance your drum set's sound to the mixer. (kik, snr, toms, hh, rd, cr1, cr2, aux)

Troubleshooting

If you are having problems with your pads not responding like normal, or your rim features have been shut off, check the following:

1. **Pad settings seem "off"?** Check trigger settings & pad assignments. We supply default Roland pad & trigger settings. See "Pad Configuration" in this manual for more information. Check mixer settings and cables for incorrect/proper trigger routing.
2. **Kick drum is distorting headphones/speakers?** Lower the volume level of the kick drum, roll some BASS off using the Bass Knob, and or try loading Backup 02 if not done so.
3. **CY-13R / CY-15R ride has no bell sound?** Choose the proper pad type in your pad setup. Make sure ride cables are connected correctly into BOW/BELL trigger input of cymbal. Your RD cable should be in BOW/EDGE trigger input of cymbal.
4. **Error message: Empty or NO Backup?**
 - Make sure you are **scrolling** to Backup 02-04.
 - Make sure you have properly formatted your USB device. (correct folder structure, and files are in the proper folders)
 - You must use a USB device. Running a cable from the computer USB port to the module will not work.
 - Make sure your firmware is 1.10 or newer.
 - Make sure the backup file is in the proper folder on the USB drive: Roland/TD-25/**Backup**.
 - Try using a new/fresh USB drive.
 - Do not rename file, it must remain in this format only: TD25_Backup002.TD0. (Backup up #'s can be from 001-100).
 - If you are trying to load kits individually, make sure the KIT folder contains all the kits: Roland/TD-25/**Kit**.

V Drum Librarian

We recommend [VDrumLib](#). This librarian application at the time this pack was created does not support the TD-25 yet.

Contact & Support

If you have questions before attempting any of the procedures above, please refer to your Roland TD-25 owner's manual and parameter guide, or feel free to email **V Expressions Ltd** from the appropriate link on our website at www.vexpressionsltd.com

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