

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 your interest in **V Expressions LTD's** Expansion Packs!

Our expansion packs include **50 outstandingly simulated drum kits** modeled for the Roland TD-8 drum module. What you will find in your new expansion packs are kits **modeled to sound like original recordings, samples or live instruments** - matched as closely possible as the TD-8 drum module can achieve.

Our expansion packs 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 expansions are **fully customizable allowing the user to continue adjusting the kits, triggers and calibrations to best match his or her playing style.**

Tips & Tricks

The expansion kits are programmed to match the original recordings, samples and instruments 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 is needed to reach maximum precision.

Some kits require the combinations of compression and ambience or lack of to achieve the model accuracy. If you wish to adjust settings to work with your public address system or band better, your model settings can be easily adjusted to add even more ambience. Tom and cymbal separation can also be adjusted in the panning screen to widen the depth of your kits without harming the original models. Alternatively, some kits are sweetened in hi-hat placement or cymbal depth.

In the live playing environment, it is suggested that our expansion kits be played to the mixing console as they are modeled; then adding the desired effects to accommodate the current environment. The expansions are designed with the group faders at 75% for optimal volumes. Setting your group faders to 75% will yield the best results.

Thank you once again for your interest in **V Expressions LTD's** expansion packs!

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.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 Elite 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/SyExLibrarian/>) 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/SyExLibrarian/>)

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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