

Building a Custom Backup for the TD-12

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While the process of moving kits only takes seconds, saving individual kits from the TD-12 is time consuming. Saving an individual kit from the TD-12 can take 15-30 seconds. Moving or exchanging kits on the TD-12 takes merely seconds to push 6 buttons. (Copy, Kit, Source, Destination, Exchange/Copy and Execute) Below is a "worst case" illustration of how much work truly goes into building a custom backup.

The following example uses 2 expansions such as "Top 50 Drummers" and "Giggin' Kits":

For this example, we will:

Part 1: Save our existing backup of our personal settings and default tweaked kits; then exchange and save 10 favorite kits from this default backup.

Part 2: Load, exchange and save 15 favorite kits from first expansion backup.

Part 3: Load, exchange and save 25 favorite kits from second expansion backup.

Part 4: Load 50 new kits to the module and save the Final Custom Backup File.

Part 1: (*Duration: approximately 10 minutes*)

Step 1: Save your current default/personal backup. (most interfaces save sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Step 2: Choose the 10 kits from your default setup to add to your final custom backup.

Step 3: Exchange these 10 kits into the 10 slots (1-10) they will occupy in the final custom backup. (this takes about 20 seconds per kit... totaling 3.5 minutes)

Step 4: Save individual kits 1-10 to computer. (this takes about 15 seconds per kit... totaling 2.5 minutes)

Step 5: Save this entire backup to your computer as a new modified expansion. (most interfaces save sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Part 2: (*Duration: approximately 13 minutes*)

Step 1: Load first expansion. (most interfaces load sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Step 2: Choose the 15 kits from your default setup to add to your final custom backup.

Step 3: Exchange these 15 kits into the 15 slots (11-35) they will occupy in the final custom backup. (this takes about 20 seconds per kit... totaling 5 minutes)

Step 4: Save individual kits 11-35 to computer. (this takes about 15 seconds per kit... totaling 3.75 minutes)

Step 5: Save this entire backup to your computer as a new modified expansion. (most interfaces save sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Part 3: (*Duration: approximately 19 minutes*)

Step 1: Load second expansion. (most interfaces load sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Step 2: Choose the 25 kits from your default setup to add to your final custom backup.

Step 3: Exchange these 25 kits into the 25 slots (36-50) they will occupy in the final custom backup. (this takes about 20 seconds per kit... totaling 8.5 minutes)

Step 4: Save individual kits 36-50 to computer. (this takes about 15 seconds per kit... totaling 6.5 minutes)

Step 5: Save this entire backup to your computer as a new modified expansion. (most interfaces save sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Part 4: (*Duration: approximately 15 minutes*)

Step 1: Load first modified personal expansion. (most interfaces load sysex files in under 2 minutes) Kits 1-10 are now in place.

Step 2: Transfer in kits 11-35. (this takes about 15 seconds per kit... totaling 3.75 minutes)

Step 3: Transfer in kits 36-50. (this takes about 15 seconds per kit... totaling 6.5 minutes)

Step 4: Save this entire backup to your computer as a new modified expansion. (most interfaces save sysex files in under 2 minutes)

Conclusion: Obviously, from the example illustrated above, there are variables such as deciding which kits the user wants and where they will put them. It also takes a few seconds to locate, load and start sending each kit from the computer as well as saving files. However, it is evident that this process is not as hard as believed to be and stated by some. The worst part of the process is it's time consuming. Individual Kits are not offered since it would be impossible to predict where the user would want these kits to nest in their personal backup; thus forcing the additional steps of loading, exchanging and saving of each kit.