



ION iDM02

24-BIT STEREO DRUM MACHINE WITH TRIGGER INPUTS

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

Quick Description

The iDM02 includes over 230 high-fidelity drum/percussion sounds and a library of preset rhythm Patterns prepared by professional drummers.

It also has 11 external trigger inputs to which you can connect your external triggers. Inputs 1-9 will accept drum pad trigger signals. Inputs 10-11 will accept switch-type inputs (usually from foot pedals). Please consult the Quickstart Guide for information on connecting your kit's triggers.

The iDM02 offers two main modes, *Perform* (for playback) and *Compose* (for recording).

The Pattern/Song Recording Method

When recording with a drum machine, it's often easier to divide a song into shorter individual *Patterns* and work on these rather than record an entire song. After perfecting these Patterns, *Song mode* offers two ways to create a song:

- Program a list of Patterns, in the order in which they are to be played.
- Select Patterns in real time, and the iDM02 will remember your performance.

The iDM02 stores up to 100 User-programmable Songs.

The Four Different Types of Patterns

- *Preset* Patterns provide a variety of rock, jazz, pop, and other rhythms programmed by professional drummers.
- *User* Patterns are Patterns you can program, edit, and save. The Preset/User button selects between these two master banks of Presets.

There are 50 of each type of Pattern, numbered 00-49. However, each numbered Pattern actually contains four different "sub-Patterns":

- A pair of independent *Main* Patterns (A and B, selected by their respective buttons).
- A pair of associated *Fill* Patterns (A Fill and B Fill, selected by pressing the FILL button when either A or B is selected). The Fills primarily provide transitional Patterns between Main Patterns, which makes for more realistic drum parts.

The reason for pairing the two different A and B Patterns together is simply so that you can switch back and forth between them rapidly in live performance or while improvising. However, A and B Patterns can be treated as completely independent Patterns if desired and can have different lengths, Drum Sets, etc.

Always think of the Main Pattern and its associated Fill as a unit. For example, if you copy a Main Pattern to another Main Pattern, its Fill will travel along with it.

Note that even though there are "only" 50 Patterns, the A and B variations double that to 100 Patterns, and the Fills double that again to 200 Patterns. Added to the Preset Patterns, 400 total Patterns are available.

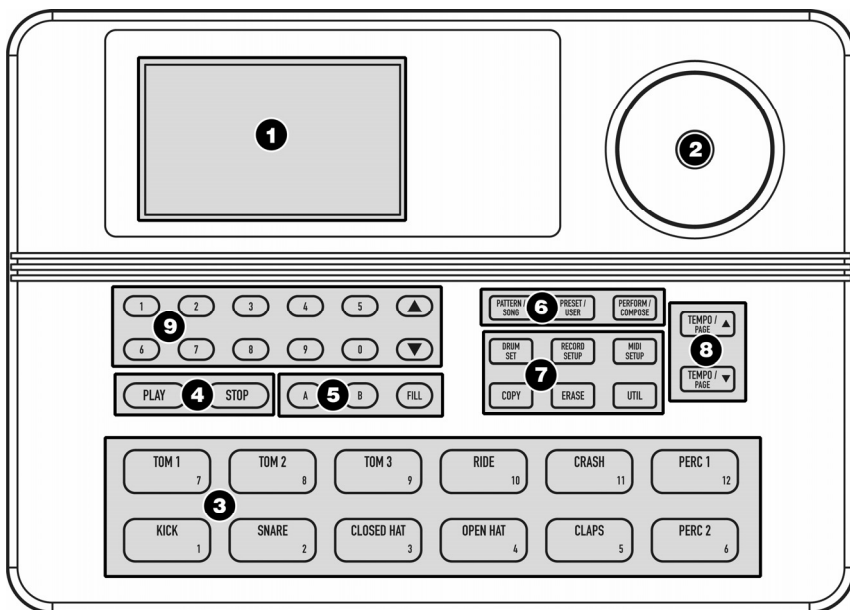
Velocity Sensitivity

Each pad is *velocity-sensitive*: the harder you hit the pad, the louder the drum sound assigned to the pad will play. Thanks to the dynamic articulation techniques mentioned earlier, the timbre will often change as well, just like "real" drums.

There are eight levels of pad volume resolution, from soft to loud. However, when using the iDM02's external trigger inputs, it responds to all 127 MIDI volume levels.

Physical Layout

The iDM02 includes seven main types of controls, along with a group of connectors (located on the back panel). The control groups (see diagram) are:



1. *Display.* The display informs you of the instrument's status, and also prompts you for data from time to time. A detailed description of the display follows shortly.
2. *Volume knob.* This controls the volume of the headphone and main outputs.
3. *Pads (play buttons).* Tapping each button triggers an iDM02 voice.
4. *Playback buttons.* These control playback and stop, and work similarly to a tape recorder.
5. *Pattern select buttons.* These choose between the A, B, and Fill variations for a Pattern.
6. *Mode buttons.* These choose between Pattern and Song modes, Perform (playback) and Compose (record) modes, and the Preset and User patterns.
7. *Function buttons.* These six buttons select various functions, some of which include multiple "pages" of options.
8. *Tempo/Page buttons.* These alter the tempo and also select different "pages" present in the Drum Set, Record Setup, MIDI Setup, and Backup functions.
9. *Data entry buttons.* The data entry buttons include number entry buttons (0-9) and up arrow (increment, or INC) and down arrow (decrement, or DEC). The latter increase or decrease parameter values on step at a time.

Display Layout

Name, "Dialog" box, Real time Song/Pattern readout, beat counter			Pattern/Song readout (also drum set edit)
			Press Play
Selected Function		Play/Record	Page number and Tempo display
Quantize	Swing	Compose Perform	
	Click		

The LCD is divided into several "windows." Each window contains information that helps you monitor the iDM02's status, and/or indicates what type of data should be entered.

- *Name, "dialog" box, real time Song/Pattern readout, beat counter.* This shows Pattern and Song names, the beat counter if a Pattern or Song is playing, and the Pattern (including A/B/Fill/Preset or User designators) that is currently playing in Song mode. When acting as a "dialog box," it lists parameters and the value to be edited (e.g., MIDI channel and the channel number).
- *Pattern/Song readout (also Drum Set edit and drum pad readout).* This shows the selected Song or Pattern number; with Patterns, the A/B/Fill/Preset or User designators are also shown. If you have edited a Drum Set to which a particular Pattern was assigned, the display also shows **DRUMSET EDITED**. In operations that require selecting a drum pad, this window displays the drum pad number.
- *Press PLAY.* For some operations, it is necessary to press the PLAY button to confirm a particular operation, such as copy or erase. This portion of the display will say **PRESS PLAY** if it is necessary to press PLAY to complete an operation.
- *Page number and tempo display.* When stopped or running, this shows the current tempo and includes a visual metronome block that flashes on the beat. For functions that have multiple "pages" of parameters (Drum Set, Record Setup, MIDI Setup, and Backup), this portion of the display shows the currently selected page number.
- *Compose/Perform.* This indicates whether the iDM02 is in Compose or Perform mode.
- *Click.* In Compose mode, shows the current click rhythm in standard music notation (or **OFF** if click is off).
- *Quantize.* In Compose mode, shows the current quantization rhythm in standard music notation (or **OFF** if quantization is off).
- *Selected function.* This shows which function is currently selected: Drum Set, Record Setup, MIDI Setup, Backup, or Step Edit.
- *Swing.* In Compose mode, shows the current swing rhythm, expressed as a percentage (or **OFF** if swing is off).
- *Play/Record.* If the iDM02 is playing and in Compose mode, this will say **RECORDING**. If the iDM02 is playing and in Perform mode, this will say **PLAYING**.

How to Communicate With the iDM02

Numeric Keypad

If a value to be edited is a two-digit number, you must enter a two-digit number. If the number is a three-digit number, you must enter a three-digit number. If necessary, enter a leading 0 to fill out the required number of digits.

The INC/DEC Buttons

The two small buttons with the up arrow and down arrow symbols (next to the number keys) are called the INC/DEC buttons respectively. Pressing the INC button once increases the value of the *entire number* by one. Pressing the DEC button once decreases the value by one.

These buttons, and the TEMPO/PAGE buttons, also have a "scroll" feature. If you press *and hold* a button, after a short pause the display will either increment or decrement at a rapid rate.

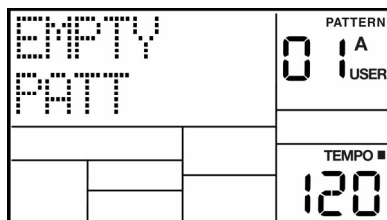
Buttons that Toggle

The Mode buttons, FILL button, and several function buttons (DRUM SET, RECORD SETUP, MIDI SETUP, and UTIL) "toggle" between two states. Each button press sets the switch to its alternate state. *Example:* Press the PATTERN/SONG button once to change from Pattern to Song; press again to change from Song to Pattern.

Instant Gratification (Setup & Checkout)

1. Connect the Main outputs (either left or right for a mono monitoring system, or both for stereo) to an amplifier or PA. The amp and iDM02 volume controls should be all the way down (counter-clockwise).
2. Plug the iDM02's AC adapter into the wall. The smaller plug inserts in the 9V AC Power jack on the back.
3. Turn on the rear panel On/Off switch, then turn on the amplifier.
4. The upper right of the display should say **PATTERN** and not **SONG**; if it shows **SONG**, press the PATTERN/SONG button.

5. Start tapping the pads. Adjust the volume control for a comfortable listening level, and check out the sounds.

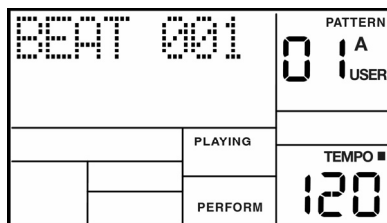


6. To hear the built-in demo, hold down the PATTERN/SONG button and press PLAY. To stop the demo, press STOP. If you want to play along with the demo, feel free to bash away on the pads.

7. Press PLAY, and you'll hear a Preset Pattern. (In case the iDM02 has already been played with, make sure that the display shows **PERFORM** and does *not* show **USER** before continuing. To choose Perform mode, press the PERFORM/COMPOSE button until the Perform/Compose section of the display shows **PERFORM**). To choose Preset rather than User Patterns, press the PRESET/USER button until the display does not show **USER**. If **USER** is not showing, then Preset Patterns are selected.

8. Try the following:

- Enter a two-digit number between 00-49 using the number keys, then press PLAY.
- Press the INC (up arrow) button to select the next higher-numbered Preset Pattern. It will play at the end of the current Pattern.
- Press the DEC (down arrow) button to select the next lower-numbered Preset Pattern.
- Press the B button to select the B variation of the selected Pattern.
- Press the A button to select the A variation of the selected Pattern.
- Press FILL briefly while a Main (A or B) Pattern is playing. Note how the Main Pattern switches from either A to B or B to A after the Fill has played.
- Press FILL and hold it down until *after* the Fill has played. If the FILL button is held down past the next downbeat, the Fill's associated Main Pattern (A or B) continues to play rather than switch from A to B or B to A.
- Press the TEMPO/PAGE buttons to change the tempo.



CHAPTER 2: RECORD SETUP

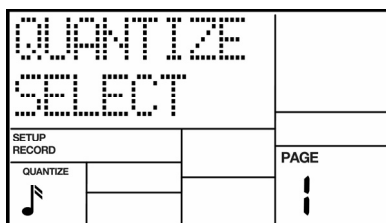
Several parameters are often adjusted prior to recording a Pattern, such as metronome, Pattern length, etc. General instructions are:

1. Press the RECORD SETUP button.
2. Use the PAGE (up and down) buttons to select different "pages" of functions. These pages are described below.
3. Adjust values on pages, if necessary, as described for each page.
4. After making all needed changes, press RECORD SETUP again to exit, or choose another page.

Page 1: Select The Quantization Value (Quantize Select)

The display shows **QUANTIZE SELECT** and a note icon in the lower left Quantize window.

The note icon displays the quantization value in standard rhythmic notation. Enter the desired quantization value with the INC/DEC or number buttons:



KEYPAD		NOTE VALUE		DISPLAY		NOTE NAME
1	=	1/4	=		=	QUARTER NOTE
2	=	1/6	=		=	QUARTER NOTE TRIPLET
3	=	1/8	=		=	EIGHTH NOTE
4	=	1/12	=		=	EIGHTH NOTE TRIPLET
5	=	1/16	=		=	16th NOTE
6	=	1/24	=		=	16th NOTE TRIPLET
7	=	1/32	=		=	32nd NOTE
8	=	1/48	=		=	32nd NOTE TRIPLET
9, 0	=	1/384	=	off	=	384th NOTE

Quantization shifts your playing to the specified beat while you play, so choose the desired value before tapping out your rhythms. Remember that you can also change quantization while recording if, for example, you want to record snare with eighth note quantization but high-hats with 16th note quantization.

Note: The quantize value also sets the step length in Step Edit mode.

Background As you record a Pattern, quantization shifts all drum events to the nearest selected rhythmic value to eliminate small timing errors. *Example:* With a quantize value of 1/16, all drum events you play will be shifted to the nearest 16th note.

Page 2: Select The Swing Value (Swing Select)

The display shows **SWING SELECT**; the Swing window shows the swing value.

Enter the desired swing percentage with the INC/DEC or number buttons (1 = 54%, 2 = 58%, 3 = 62%, 4-0 = Swing Off).

Swing shifts notes as specified while you record, so choose the desired value before tapping out your rhythms.


SWING SELECT		
SETUP RECORD		PAGE
	SWING OFF	2

Background Swing affects the timing of *pairs* of equal-value notes. Each note normally defaults to taking up 50% of the total duration of both notes; adding swing *lengthens* the first note of the pair, and to keep the total duration of both notes the same, *shortens* the second note of the pair. This imparts the kind of feel found in shuffles and some jazz tunes. *Example:* With Swing set to 62%, the first note of the pair takes up 62% of the total duration of the pair of notes, while the second note takes up 38% of the total duration.

Page 3: Enable Click (Metronome) And Set Rhythm (Click Select)

The display shows **CLICK SELECT**; the Click window shows the click's rhythmic value.


Enter the click value with the INC/DEC or number buttons (1 = quarter note, 2 = quarter note triplet, 3 = 8th note, 4 = 8th note triplet, 5 = 16th note, 6 = 16th note triplet, 7-0 = Click Off).

CLICK SELECT		
SETUP RECORD		PAGE
	CLICK 	3

The click is audible only in Compose mode.

Page 4: Set Click (Metronome) Volume (Click Vol)

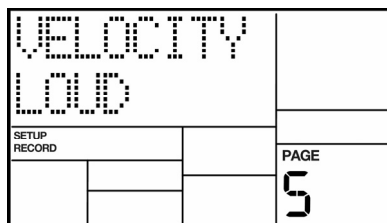
The display shows **CLICK VOL** and a two-digit number representing click volume (00 = inaudible, 99 = maximum volume). Enter the desired click level with the INC/DEC or number buttons.

CLICK VOL 70		
SETUP RECORD		PAGE
	CLICK 	4

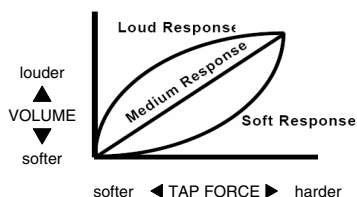
Page 5: Adjust Velocity Response (Velocity)

There are 11 ways in which a pad's output level can respond to the force with which you tap it: soft, medium, loud, and eight fixed responses.

The display says **VELOCITY**. To select the desired dynamic response, use the INC/DEC or number buttons (1 = Fixed 1, 2 = Fixed 2, 3 = Fixed 3, 4 = Fixed 4, 5 = Fixed 5, 6 = Fixed 6, 7 = Fixed 7, 8 = Fixed 8, 9 = Soft, and 0 = Loud). Medium can be selected only with the INC/DEC buttons.



Background This feature accommodates players with a heavier or lighter touch. Referring to the diagram, soft response weights the response toward softer sounds; with medium response, the level is directly proportional to how hard you tap the pad; loud response weights the response toward louder sounds.

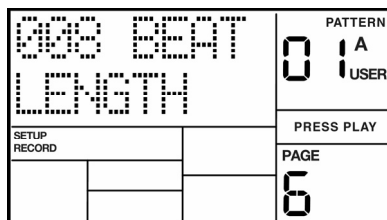


Fixed volume plays back the associated drum sound at one of eight possible volume levels. With Fixed Volume 1, all drums assume the level of the softest possible tap, regardless of how hard you tap the pads. With Fixed Volume 8, all drums assume the level of the loudest possible tap, regardless of how hard you tap the pads. Fixed Volumes 2-7 provide the levels between the softest and loudest extremes, with lower numbers giving softer levels.

Page 6: Add/Remove Beats From Pattern End (Length)

This option either adds beats to, or subtracts beats from, the end of the Pattern. Changing a Pattern's length also changes the length of the associated Fill Pattern.

The display says **### BEAT** and **LENGTH**. This indicates a Pattern's length in beats (quarter notes). Enter the desired length with the INC/DEC or number buttons (this must be a three digit number; enter leading zeroes if necessary). To prevent accidental length alteration, you must press PLAY before the iDM02 will store the new Pattern length.



Page 7: Add/Remove Beats From Pattern Beginning (Start)

This option either adds beats to, or subtracts beats from, the beginning of the Pattern. Shortening a Pattern's start point erases any drum events that fall outside the remaining part of the Pattern; lengthening a Pattern's start point adds silence at the beginning of a Pattern.

The display says **### BEAT** and **START**. This indicates a Pattern's length in beats (quarter notes). Enter the desired length with the INC/DEC or number buttons (this must be a three digit number; enter leading zeroes if necessary).

000 BEAT → START		PATTERN 01A USER
SETUP RECORD		PRESS PLAY
		PAGE 7

Page 8: Offset A Pattern Or Drum Part

Offset shifts a Pattern or individual drum parts ahead of or behind the beat in 1/384th note increments to allow for altering the "feel" of a piece. This only affects already-recorded parts.

1. The iDM02 should be in Pattern mode and stopped. The display says **OFFSET**, which will be **00/384** (no offset).
2. Press the pad to be offset (as confirmed by the display). If you don't select a pad, offset affects the entire Pattern.
3. Enter the two-digit offset value with the INC/DEC or number buttons. Positive numbers shift events ahead of the beat (lead), negative numbers shift events behind the beat (lag). The default is positive numbers; to enter a negative number with the number buttons, press DEC first. *Example:* To offset a part 1/16th note later, enter -24 as the offset value since 24 sub-beats equals a 1/16th note.
4. Press PLAY to enter this number into the iDM02. To apply the same amount of offset to additional pads, press the next pad then press PLAY.

00/384 OFFSET		PATTERN 01A USER
SETUP RECORD		PRESS PLAY
		PAGE 8

Notes: The display counter resets after you exit the function. Therefore, it does not keep track of the total amount of offset, but only changes in offset.

Drums offset to before the first beat "wrap around" to the end of the Pattern; drums offset past the end of the last beat "wrap around" to the beginning of the Pattern.

Page 9: Step Mode Recording (Step Mode)

The display shows **STEP MODE?** This is your "gateway" to step editing, which provides detailed Pattern editing and recording. To enter the step editor, press **PLAY**.









The display now shows the beat and sub-beat. If a drum event exists on this beat/sub-beat, the display will also show the drum pad that played the event and the event volume. If more than one drum event occurs on the same sub-beat, the **PAGE UP/DOWN** buttons step forward or backward respectively through each drum one at a time.

If no drum event exists on this beat/sub-beat, the display will show no pad number, and **EMPTY** in place of volume data.


To navigate through the steps at the current quantization rate, use the **PAGE UP** button to move forward or **PAGE DOWN** to move backward. If a drum exists between those beats that fall on the current quantization value, the drum will sound as you go past it, but the display will not stop on that drum.

Background Step mode provides detailed Pattern editing. (Note that "step" does not refer to Song steps, but to the steps in a Pattern that hold drum events.) You can move through a Pattern one step at a time, stop at each event as desired, and delete the event, add an event, or change an event's volume. While occasionally somewhat tedious, Step Edit mode allows editing drum parts to your exact specifications.

Each step (also called a sub-beat) is 1/96th of a beat in duration, so at maximum resolution it takes 96 steps to "move through" a quarter note. To save time, you can step through the Pattern at various note values, as set by the quantization value (which is why it's preferable to select the quantization rate at which the Pattern was recorded). *Example:* A 16th note consists of 24 sub-beats, so setting the quantization value to 1/16 lets you step through the Pattern 24 sub-beats at a time. The following chart relates the number of sub-beats to note/quantization values.

NOTE VALUE		NOTE NAME		SUB-BEATS
1/4	= 	=	QUARTER NOTE	= 96
1/6	= 	=	QUARTER NOTE TRIPLET	= 64
1/8	= 	=	EIGHTH NOTE	= 48
1/12	= 	=	EIGHTH NOTE TRIPLET	= 32
1/16	= 	=	16th NOTE	= 24
1/24	= 	=	16th NOTE TRIPLET	= 16
1/32	= 	=	32nd NOTE	= 12
1/48	= 	=	32nd NOTE TRIPLET	= 8

STEP MODE?		PATTERN 01A USER	
		PRESS PLAY	
SETUP RECORD		PAGE	9

001/00 VOL 9		1 DRUM
QUANTIZE	STEP EDIT	
	SWING OFF	

The following page summarizes the step edit options.

Add a New Drum to a Step

Use the PAGE buttons to select the step where the drum is to be added. Press the pad that corresponds to the sound you want to add. That drum, along with its volume (how hard the pad was hit), will be recorded into the displayed step.

If you play a pad and there is already a drum event played by that pad on the displayed step, you will edit the volume rather than add another event. This is true even if there are several events on the displayed beat, and an event other than the one to be edited is showing.

Erase a Drum Sound From a Step

Use the PAGE buttons to locate the step containing the drum to be erased. While holding down the ERASE button, press PLAY. The drum that was being displayed will be erased.

Change a Drum Sound's Volume in a Given Step

Use the PAGE buttons to select the step containing the drum whose volume needs to be changed. Either press a number button from 1-8 (1=softest, 8=loudest), use the INC/DEC buttons, or tap the displayed drum pad at the desired level. If you play a pad to change the level and there are several events on the same step, the display need not show the specific drum whose volume you want to edit.

Exit Step Mode

To exit step mode, press STOP, RECORD SETUP, or PLAY.

Page 10: Name The Pattern (Name)

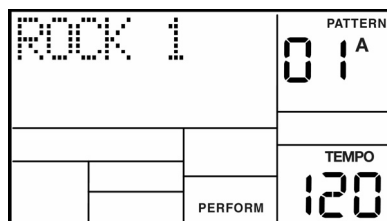
The display shows **NAME** and the current name (or **NO NAME** if the Pattern has not yet been named). To name, use the PAGE UP/DOWN buttons to select the character to be changed; select the desired character with the INC/DEC buttons. Lower case and upper case letters, numbers, punctuation, and various special-purpose characters are available. You can also enter numbers with the number buttons.

NO NAME NAME		PATTERN	
		01	A USER
SETUP RECORD		PAGE	
		10	

CHAPTER 3: PLAYING BACK/RECORDING PATTERNS

Playback/Record Basics

The PATTERN/SONG button chooses between Pattern and Song modes. For all of the following Pattern operations, Pattern mode must be selected, as confirmed by the display.

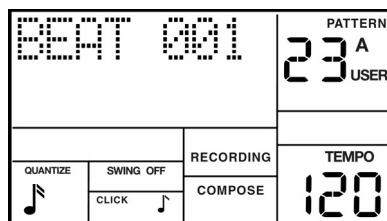


The Dual-Purpose Fill Button

In addition to calling up Fill Patterns as described in the Introduction, the FILL button can also be used while recording to create a series of notes at the desired quantization rate.

Perform/Compose Modes

The iDM02 doesn't have a record button. Instead, press PLAY to start the Pattern, then select either *Perform* or *Compose* mode (as selected by the PERFORM/COMPOSE button).



To record, choose Compose mode (as shown in the display). This also activates the click.

To listen, choose Perform (this de-activates the click). You can drop in and out of these two modes as you record. While the iDM02 is in either mode, you can change Pattern quantization, swing, click rhythm and volume, pad velocity response, name, drumset, drumset parameters, and MIDI parameters.

Note: *Compose mode cannot be selected when using Preset Patterns, since they cannot be altered. If you wish to alter one of the Preset Patterns, copy it to an empty User Pattern first.*

Set Pattern Tempo

Tempo can be changed while the iDM02 is stopped or running. There are two ways to set tempo:

- Before initiating Pattern play, tap the STOP button several times at the desired tempo. The iDM02 will average the time between taps and derive a tempo.
- Use the TEMPO/PAGE up and down buttons. Press once to increment/decrement 1 BPM at a time, or press and hold to scroll through the tempo values.

Select Individual Patterns

1. Make sure the iDM02 is in Pattern mode.
2. Enter a two-digit Pattern number (remember to enter a leading 0 if necessary).
3. Press the A button to select the A Main Pattern, or B to select the B Main Pattern. To select a Fill Pattern, first select the desired Main Pattern (A or B) then press the Fill Button.
4. Press PRESET/USER to select either a Preset or User Pattern.

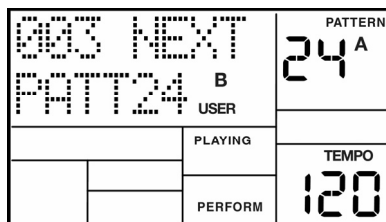
When a Main Pattern reaches its end, it will loop back to the beginning and continue playing from that point unless you select a new Pattern, selected a Fill Pattern initially, or stop the Pattern.

Stop/Restart a Pattern

1. To stop the Pattern, press STOP.
2. To restart the Pattern from the beginning, press PLAY. Pressing PLAY will always restart a Pattern from the beginning, regardless of whether the Pattern is stopped or already playing.

Select New Patterns While in Perform (Playback) Mode

In Perform mode, you can select a new Pattern number (with the desired A or B designator) or switch from A to B Patterns within a Pattern number at any time. The newly-selected Pattern will play back as soon as the current Pattern plays through its entire length. The display shows the Pattern to be played next.



To select a new Pattern in Perform mode, enter the two-digit Pattern number.

You can also enter a two-digit Pattern number followed by A or B or PRESET/USER to call up an A or B or Preset or User Pattern, regardless of the Pattern that is currently playing.

Select Fill Patterns in Perform (Playback) Mode

Fill Patterns are the key to creating expressive drum parts. Fills are always the same length, and use the same Drum Set, as the associated Main Pattern. This lets you "drop in" a Fill at any time. As soon as you press the FILL button, the Fill takes over from the Main Pattern and starts playing until the end of the Fill.

Suppose an 8-beat A Main Pattern is playing and you press the FILL button on beat 4. The A Fill Pattern will play the last 4 beats and then automatically transition into the B Main Pattern. Conversely, if B Main is playing and you press Fill, after B Fill has played, the iDM02 will transition to the A Main Pattern. You can select the Fill at any time the Main Pattern is playing.

Background This way of handling Patterns explains the logic behind having A, B, and Fill Patterns. In typical pop tunes, A would be the verse and B the chorus. A Fill provides the Fill that transitions from verse to chorus, and B Fill provides the Fill that transitions from chorus to verse. Thus, one of the numbered Patterns may be all you need to put together a tune.

This structure makes it possible to put together songs in minutes using the Preset Patterns. It also makes it easy to play drum parts live. For example, if there's a solo happening over the A Main Pattern, you can keep the Pattern repeating until the solo is about to end, at which point you select the Fill that leads out of the A Main Pattern.

Record a Pattern

To record, select the desired User Pattern. Select Compose mode and press PLAY. Remember that you can switch between Compose and Perform while recording.

To record drum parts into the Pattern, tap the onboard drum pads, or play the external drum pads connected to the iDM02's trigger inputs. The Pattern will "loop" during the record process so that you can overdub different drums on different passes.

To exit Record mode, press STOP.

Select New Patterns and Fills While in Compose (Record) Mode

In Compose mode, Main Pattern selection works in the same manner as Perform mode—select a Pattern number (with the desired A or B designator), and the newly-selected Pattern will play back as soon as the current Pattern plays through its entire length. The display will show the Pattern to be played next.

In Perform mode, Fills are transitional Patterns. If you press FILL in Compose mode, a Fill will continue playing—not transition to a different Pattern when it's finished playing—so you can record into it, like a standard Pattern. Remember, as mentioned earlier, that the Fill also plays the downbeat of the next Pattern.

Using Fill to Create Repetitive Drum Hits

The FILL button performs two different functions. We've already covered how to use the FILL button for Pattern selection, however, it can also trigger a drum sound at the current quantization rate (*e.g.*, eighth notes, 16th notes, etc.; if quantization is off, though, this function is inactive) and swing value. This allows playing a series of drum hits without having to repeatedly press the pads, and is typically used to create steady 16th note hi-hat parts, quarter note kick drum parts, snare rolls, etc.

1. The iDM02 should be in Compose mode and recording.
2. Press a pad on the first beat of what will be a series of hits and hold it down.
3. Immediately after pressing the pad, press and hold the FILL button. The drum will be re-triggered at the current quantization rate for as long as the pad and FILL buttons are held down. All hits will be at the same volume as the first pad hit.

Caution: If you don't hit the drum first, pressing the FILL button will select a Fill Pattern.

Erase Functions

Erase Mistakes While Recording

While the iDM02 is recording, you can erase any individual drum event or series of events in real time to fix up errors. Erasure occurs only on those beats that coincide with the current quantization and swing values; turn quantization *off* to erase a drum wherever it occurs.

1. The iDM02 should be in Compose mode and recording.
2. Press and hold ERASE.
3. While holding down ERASE, press the pad corresponding to the sound to be erased just before the first event to be erased, and release just after the last event to be erased. To erase a single event, tap the pad on that single event.

Erase an Entire Pattern

If you erase *both* Main and Fill Patterns associated with a numbered Pattern, or you erase a Main or Fill Pattern and the other is empty, the Drum Set assignment (but not its Drum Set parameters), name, and length will revert to the default settings (*i.e.*, the Drum Set with the same number as the Pattern, **EMPTY PATTERN** as the name, and a length of 8 beats). However, as long as either a Main or Fill Pattern contains previously-programmed data, the numbered Pattern will remember the Drum Set assignment, name, and length.

1. The iDM02 must be in Pattern mode and stopped to allow erasing a Pattern.
2. Enter the two-digit Pattern number to be erased with the number or INC/DEC buttons.
3. Press and hold the ERASE button. The display says **PATTERN ERASE?**
4. While continuing to hold the ERASE button, press PLAY. The display says **PATTERN ERASED**, followed by **FILL ERASE?**
5. While continuing to hold the ERASE button, press PLAY again. The display will read **FILL ERASED**.

Note: *To retain the Drum Set assignment, length, and name when you erase a Pattern, hold ERASE and tap each drum pad. This erases the drum events, but retains all other Pattern parameters.*

Erase All Events Played by a Particular Drum Pad

This erases all events in a Pattern played by a specific pad. The Drum Set's parameters are not altered.

1. The iDM02 should be in Pattern mode and stopped, in either Perform or Compose mode.
2. Press and hold ERASE.
3. While holding down ERASE, tap a pad to erase all events played by that pad. The display shows the drum pad number whose events were erased. You can continue to erase more drum sounds while ERASE is held down.

Copy Functions

The following Copy functions assume that you are copying a Main Pattern to a Main Pattern (remember, copying a Main Pattern to another Main Pattern copies the Fill along with it). Other combinations take the following rules into account.

- Copying a Main Pattern to a non-empty Pattern or to itself appends the Fill to the existing Fill, as well as appends the Main Pattern to the existing Main Pattern.
- If you copy from Main to Fill (or vice-versa) within a particular numbered Pattern, the destination will be erased and replaced with the source Pattern since Main and Fill Patterns must have the same length. This is useful if you want the Fill to contain variations on the Main Pattern—just copy the Main to Fill and make your additions/changes.
- Copying a Fill to a Fill follows the same rules as copying a Main Pattern to a Fill.
- The only copy technique that appends a Pattern to another Pattern is copying a Main Pattern to another Main Pattern.

Copy, Append, and Double Patterns

1. The iDM02 should be in Pattern mode and stopped.
2. Select the Pattern to be copied.
3. Press and hold the COPY button, and keep holding it down until step (6). The display says **COPY TO PATT.**
4. Enter the destination Pattern number into which the current Pattern will be copied.
 - Copying a Pattern to a blank destination Pattern replaces the blank Pattern with the original Pattern data.
 - Copying to a Pattern that already contains data appends the original data to the end of the data in the destination Pattern. If this would result in a Pattern with more than 128 beats, the display will say **TOO MANY BEATS.**
 - Copying a Pattern to itself doubles the length.
 - The Drum Set assignment and Pattern name are copied along with the drum data only if the destination Pattern is empty.
5. Press PLAY. The display says **COPY DONE.**
6. Release the COPY and PLAY buttons.

Copy One Drum Pad's Part to Another Drum Pad

Merge: When the destination drum pad **already has a pattern**, the source pattern will be merged with the destination pattern. Note that if the two parts contain events for the same pad on the same beat, only one event will prevail and it will take the level of the source Pattern event.

Sound Stacking™: When the destination drum pad is **empty** (no recorded pattern), the source pattern will be copied and any drum sound assigned to the destination drum pad will play the exact same pattern as the source drum pad. This technique lets you stack multiple drum sounds together to create monster composite sounds.

1. The iDM02 should be in Pattern mode and stopped.
2. Select the Pattern containing the drum part to be copied.
3. Press and hold the COPY button, and keep holding it down until step (7). The display says **COPY TO PATT.**
4. Tap the pad to be copied. The display shows the pad number (e.g., **D8** if you hit pad 8).
5. Tap the destination pad that should hold the copied part. As long as COPY is held down, the destination pad can still be changed by selecting another drum pad.
6. Press PLAY. The display says **COPY DONE.**
7. Release the COPY and PLAY buttons.

Copy a Single Drum Pad's Part to a Drum Pad in a Different Pattern

This copy function *merges* the source drum pad rhythm with the destination drum pad rhythm in a different Pattern. To *replace* the destination rhythm with the source rhythm, first erase the destination pad rhythm to be replaced.

1. The iDM02 should be in Pattern mode and stopped.
2. Select the Pattern containing the drum part to be copied.
3. Press and hold the COPY button, and keep holding it down until step (8). The display says **COPY TO PATT.**
4. Enter the destination Pattern number to which the drum part should be copied.
5. Tap the pad containing the part to be copied. The display will show the drum number (such as **D2** if you hit pad 2).
6. Tap the destination pad to which the source part will be merged. Often when copying to a different Pattern, this will be the same drum pad number as selected in step (5). As long as COPY is held down, the destination pad can still be changed by selecting another drum pad.
7. Press PLAY. The display says **COPY DONE.**
8. Release the COPY and PLAY buttons.

CHAPTER 4: CREATING DRUM SETS

The iDM02's 12 pads and 11 trigger inputs can be assigned to various drum sounds, with different levels, tuning, panning, triggering mode, and output jack assignment. Each set of pad parameters is given a number and collectively are called a Drum Set; each A and B user Pattern can have its own Drum Set assignment. There are 50 preset Drum Sets and 50 user-programmable Drum Sets.

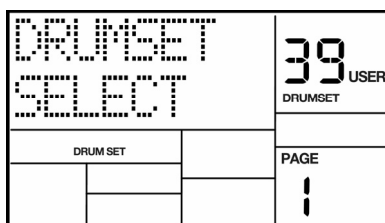
Note that if you edit a Drum Set, any Pattern using that Drum Set will be affected. Most iDM02 aficionados keep a one-to-one correspondence between Drum Sets and Patterns by assigning Set 00 to Pattern 00, Set 01 to Pattern 01, Set 02 to Pattern 02, etc.

General instructions for Drum Set construction are:

1. Press the DRUM SET button.
2. Use the Page (up and down) buttons to select different "pages" of functions; the display's lower right window shows the page number. These pages are described below.
3. Adjust values on pages, if necessary, as described for each page.
4. After making all needed changes, save the Drum Set if desired (Page 8), then press DRUM SET again to exit (or choose another page).

Page 1: Select Drum Set (Drumset Select)

The display shows **DRUMSET SELECT**, the currently selected Drum Set number, and whether the Preset or User Drum Set bank is currently selected.



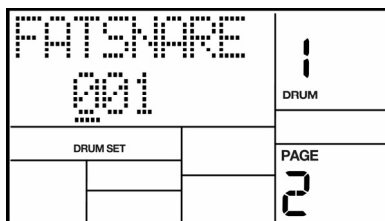
1. Press the PRESET/USER button to choose the desired bank of Drum Sets.
2. Enter the desired Drum Set number (from 00 to 49) with the number or INC/DEC buttons. With the number buttons, enter a leading zero if necessary.
3. User Patterns will remember the selected Drum Set assignments.

Page 2: Assign Sounds To Pads

The display shows the currently selected pad number and the sound assigned to that pad.

You can assign any of the iDM02's sounds to any of the pads, or to more than one pad. Each individual Drum Set can have its own drum sound assignment.

To assign a sound to a pad:



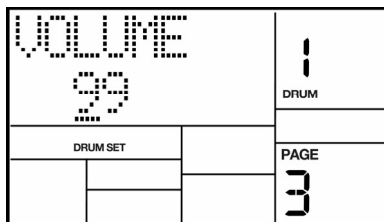
1. Press the pad (the display will show the pad number).
2. Enter the desired drum sound number with the number or INC/DEC buttons. When using the number buttons, enter a leading zero if necessary.
3. When the display confirms your choice, either store the edited Drum Set or do more assignments by tapping another pad to select it, and assigning a drum sound to it.

Page 3: Set Pad Volume (Volume)

The display shows **VOLUME**, the currently selected pad number, and the volume of the sound assigned to that pad.

To change the volume associated with a given pad:

1. Press the pad (the display will show the pad number).
2. Enter the desired volume, from 00 (full off) to 99 (maximum volume), with the number or INC/DEC buttons.
3. When the display confirms your choice, either store the edits you've made or do more assignments by tapping another pad to select it, then assigning the pad volume.

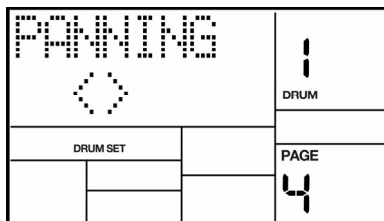


Page 4: Set Pad Stereo Position (Panning)

The display shows **PANNING**, the currently selected pad number, and the pan position assigned to that pad. (Note the cute little arrows indicating pan position; they move when you pan the drum sound.)

To change the pan position associated with a given pad:

1. Press the pad (the display will show the pad number).
2. Enter the desired pan position, from full left to full right, using either the number or INC/DEC buttons. The seven available pan positions correspond to the number buttons shown in parenthesis: hard left (1), soft left (2), left of center (3), center (4), right of center (5), soft right (6), and hard right (7).
3. When the display confirms your choice, either store the edited Drum Set or do more assignments by tapping another pad to select it, then assigning the pan position.

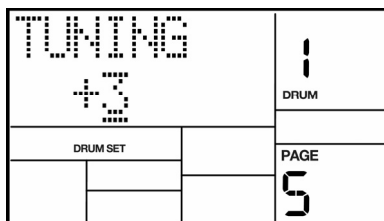


Page 5: Set Pad Tuning (Tuning)

The display shows **TUNING**, the currently selected pad number, and the tuning assigned to that pad.

To change the tuning associated with a given pad:

1. Press the pad (the display will show the pad number).
2. Enter the desired tuning with the INC/DEC buttons. The range is from +3 (most sharp) to 0 (normal pitch) to -4 (most flat).
3. When the display confirms your choice, either store the edits or do more assignments by tapping another pad to select it, then assigning the new tuning.



Page 6: Set Triggering Mode (Asn Mode)

The display shows **ASN MODE** (short for Assignment Mode), the currently selected pad number, and the mode assigned to that pad.

To change the mode associated with a given pad:

1. Press the pad (the display will show the pad number).
2. Enter the desired mode with the INC/DEC buttons or number buttons 1-4.
3. When the display confirms your choice, either store the edited Drum Set or do more assignments by tapping another pad to select it.

ASN MODE		1
MULTI		DRUM
DRUM SET		PAGE
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Background Each mode affects triggering in a different way:

Multi: When hitting a pad repeatedly, each hit will cause the sound to go through its entire decay. This is useful with cymbals, since early strikes will continue to decay as you play later strikes.

Single: When hitting a pad repeatedly with many percussion sounds (such as tambourine, agogo, etc.).

Group 1 and 2: Pads assigned to a particular group (1 or 2) will cut each other off if a group pad is struck while another pad assigned to the same group continues to sound. The classic use of this is with hi-hats; a closed high-hat will cut off an open hi-hat, and hitting an open hi-hat sound will cut off a closed hi-hat.

The iDM02 can play up to 16 voices at a time, so it's possible to run out of voices if you play a flurry of notes and have lots of pads in the Multi assign mode. If 16 sounds are playing and you ask the iDM02 to play another one, the sound that's closest to finishing its decay cycle will be "stolen" so that the most recent sound can be played. In practice, it's difficult (and usually not artistically desirable!) to create drum parts so complex that voice-stealing becomes a problem. However, if this is a problem, try assigning all the toms to a group so that they only require one voice at a time.

Page 7: Save Drum Set (Save Set)

The display shows **SAVE SET?**, the currently selected Drum Set number (location), and a two-digit number that's the same as the currently selected Drum Set.

To save the Drum Set to the existing location, press PLAY. The display will say **DRUMSET SAVED**.

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TO 39?		USER
DRUM SET		DRUMSET
		PRESS PLAY
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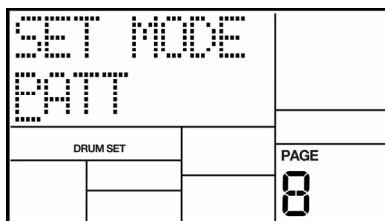
To save the Drum Set to a different location, enter the new Drum Set number with the INC/DEC or number buttons (allowable range is 00-49), then press PLAY.

If you were editing a Preset Drum Set and want to save it, you will be given the option to save it to a User Drum Set since you cannot overwrite a Preset Drum Set. This technique can also copy one Drum Set to a different Drum Set. Also, remember that if you change Patterns before saving your Drum Set, all of your edits will be lost.

Page 8: Manual Drum Set Override (Set Mode)

The display says **SET MODE**. Use the INC/DEC buttons to select **PATT** (each Pattern uses its assigned Drum Set) or **MANUAL** (the iDM02 will retain the currently selected drum assignments regardless of which Pattern is chosen).

Note: If changing Patterns doesn't call up different Drum Sets, this parameter is probably set to MANUAL instead of PATT.



Background Each Pattern has an associated, assigned Drum Set. However, you can tell the iDM02 to ignore these stored assignments, and retain the currently selected Drum Set regardless of whether or not you change Patterns. This is useful if you want to hear how a Pattern would sound with a different Drum Set (just set one up manually) as opposed to the one stored with the Pattern.

CHAPTER 5: SONG MODE

Song Mode Basics

After creating the Patterns that make up a Song, it's time to string those Patterns together in a musically useful way. You can incorporate Preset Patterns, or a combination of Preset and User Patterns. There are three ways to create Songs:

- In real time. As the iDM02 plays in Song Mode (with Compose mode selected), it will remember the Patterns and Fills you select.
- Manually. Select Song mode and program a list of Patterns and Fills in the order in which the Patterns are to be played. You can specify the beat and sub-beat on which the Fill takes over from the associated main Pattern.
- A combination of real time and manual recording. Create a Song in real time, then edit it manually to insert extra Song steps, delete Song steps, etc.

The iDM02 holds up to 100 Songs, and each Song can contain up to 254 steps. Each step holds either a Pattern number or Fill. Each Song remembers the tempo at which it was last played.

Select Songs and Enter/Exit Song Mode

1. The iDM02 should be in Song mode.
2. Select PERFORM mode.
3. Enter a two-digit Song number with the number or INC/DEC buttons. Song numbers must always include two digits; enter a leading zero if necessary.
4. Press PLAY to begin playback. Press STOP to stop playback.
5. To exit Song mode and return to Pattern mode, first stop the Song with the STOP button, then press the PATTERN/SONG button.

Set Song Tempo

Song tempo can be changed while the iDM02 is stopped or running, and the Song remembers the last tempo that was chosen. There are two ways to set tempo.

1. Before pressing PLAY to start a Song, tap the STOP button several times at the desired tempo. The iDM02 will average the time between taps and derive a tempo.
2. Use the TEMPO/PAGE up and down buttons.

Continue, Re-start, or Jump to Next Song Step

- In Compose mode, if you stop a Song and then press PLAY, the Song will continue from the first beat of the Pattern that was playing when STOP was pressed.
- In Perform mode, if you stop a Song and then press PLAY, the Song will re-start from the beginning.
- In either Compose or Perform mode, press PLAY while the Song is playing to immediately jump ahead to the next Song step. Its associated Pattern will begin on the downbeat. This is a convenient way to "fast forward" over certain parts of a Song.

"Loop" a Pattern Indefinitely

In Song Perform mode, pressing and holding FILL until the end of a song step will cause that step to repeat.

Examples: Use this feature if a soloist decides to take another few bars. Another use is if two Songs share the same tempo. Follow the first Song with a blank Pattern, then append the second Song.

Start from the Middle of a Song

You need not start a Song from the beginning each time; in Compose mode, a Song can start at any Song step.

1. Make sure the iDM02 is in Compose mode, even if you don't plan to record anything.
2. Use the INC/DEC buttons to select the Song step at which you want the iDM02 to start playing.
3. Press PLAY. The iDM02 will start playing at the downbeat of the selected Song step.
4. If you don't want to extend the Song length, go into Perform mode before reaching the end of the Song. If you do want to extend the Song length, remain in Compose mode.

Name a Song (NAME)

1. The iDM02 can be in either Compose or Perform mode.
2. Press RECORD SETUP. The name will show on the top line.
3. Enter the name using the PAGE UP/DOWN buttons to select the character to be changed, and the INC/DEC buttons to select the desired character. Lower case and upper case letters, numbers, punctuation, and various special-purpose characters are available. You can also enter numbers with the number buttons.

Real Time Song Creation

To create a Song in real time (this assumes an empty song):

1. (Optional) In Pattern mode, select the Pattern you want for the first Song step.
2. Select Song mode and the desired Song number.
3. Select Compose mode. The display will show **STEP 01** and the contents of the step, which is currently **END** (if the first step says **END**, that indicates that the Song is empty since it contains no data. If the first step shows a **PATTERN** number, then the Song is not empty).
4. If you did not perform step (1) above, enter the desired Pattern for step 1 (Preset or User, A or B, A Fill or B Fill).
5. Press PLAY. If you performed step (1) above, the Pattern you selected will begin playing. Otherwise, the Pattern specified in step (4) above will start playing.
6. If you enter a new Pattern number (Preset or User, A or B) while the first Pattern is playing, the new Pattern will begin playing after the first Pattern has finished and be stored as another Song step in the Song. If you let the original Pattern keep playing, it will add a new Song step with its Pattern number every time it repeats.
7. In addition to selecting different Patterns, you can press FILL at any time. The iDM02 will remember where you pressed FILL.

As in Pattern mode, pressing FILL will automatically transition to the B Pattern if the A Pattern is currently playing (and vice versa), or will continue playing the same Pattern if the FILL button is held past the end of the Fill.

Real Time Song Editing

If you have already recorded material in a Song, pressing PLAY while in Compose mode will not allow recording until after the last Song step (as indicated by the display switching from **PLAYING** to **RECORDING**). However, you can overdub Fills at any time, and these will be recorded in the Song where played. Under these conditions, holding FILL past the downbeat doesn't make any difference; the Patterns used in Song steps are not altered.

Manual Song Creation

Enter a Pattern

1. Select Song mode and the desired Song number.
2. Select Compose mode. The display will show **STEP 01** and the contents of the step, which is currently **END** (if the first step says **END**, that indicates that the Song is empty since it contains no data. If the first step shows a **PATTERN** number, then the Song is not empty).
3. Enter a two-digit Pattern number with the number buttons. If desired, choose between the A/B variations and Preset/User options.
4. If you want to enter another Pattern, press the INC button to move to the next step; or press the DEC button to return to a previous step and change its Pattern.

Add a Fill

1. With the iDM02 in Song and Compose modes, select the step where the Fill is to be added.
2. Press and hold the FILL button.
3. Enter the number of beats and sub-beats after the start of the current step in which the Fill is to start playing with the number buttons and INC/DEC buttons respectively. It is not necessary to press PLAY; the step will remember where the Fill is to occur.
4. As the Song plays the step where the Fill occurs, the display will show **FILL** when the Fill begins playing.

Remove a Fill

While in Compose mode, there are two ways to remove a Fill from a Song:

- When the Fill step appears, press the A button for an A Pattern or press the B button for a B Pattern and the Fill will be removed.
- When the Fill step appears, press and hold the FILL button and press ERASE.

Insert a New Step Between Two Existing Song Steps

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Compose modes.
2. Use the INC/DEC buttons to select the step number that the inserted step should occupy. *Example:* To insert a step after step 04, select step 05.
3. Press and hold COPY, and keep holding it down until step (6). The display says **INSERT**.
4. Enter the two-digit Pattern number to be inserted.
5. Press PLAY. The new step is inserted, and all subsequent steps are automatically re-numbered to reflect the addition of the inserted step (*e.g.*, what used to be step 05 is now step 06, what used to be step 06 is now step 07, etc.).
6. Release the INSERT and PLAY buttons.

Delete a Step

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Compose modes.
2. Use the INC/DEC buttons to select the step number to be deleted.
3. Press and hold ERASE. The display says **ERASE STEP?**
4. While continuing to hold ERASE, press PLAY. The step is deleted, and all subsequent steps are automatically re-numbered to reflect the deletion of the inserted step (*e.g.*, what used to be step 06 is now step 05, what used to be step 07 is now step 06, etc.). The display says STEP ERASED for as long as the ERASE and PLAY buttons are pressed.
5. Release the ERASE and PLAY buttons.

Replace a Step

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Compose modes.
2. Use the INC/DEC buttons to select the step number to be replaced.
3. Enter the new Pattern number (with appropriate A or B, Fill, or User/Preset options). Since the step is replaced, no renumbering of subsequent steps occurs.

Erase an Entire Song

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Perform modes.
2. Use the number buttons to select the Song to be erased.
3. Press and hold the ERASE button. The display says **SONG ERASE?**
4. While holding down the ERASE button, press PLAY. The display says **SONG ERASED**.

Copy a Song to Itself (Double Song Length)

Copying a Song to itself doubles the Song's length.

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Perform modes.
2. Select the Song to be copied to itself with the number or INC/DEC buttons.
3. Press and hold the COPY button. The display says **COPY TO SONG**.
4. While continuing to hold the COPY button, enter the same Song number as the one selected in step (2) and press PLAY. The display will say **COPY DONE**.

Copy a Song to Another Song (or to the End of Another Song If That Song is Not Empty)

1. The iDM02 should be in Song and Perform modes.
2. Select the Song to be copied with the number or INC/DEC buttons.
3. Press and hold the COPY button, and keep holding it down until step (6). The display says **COPY TO SONG** with the number of the currently selected Song.
4. While continuing to hold the COPY button, enter the destination Song number to which the source Song should be copied using the number or INC/DEC buttons.
5. While you continue to hold the COPY button down, press PLAY. The display will say **COPY DONE**.

Note: If the destination Song was not empty, then the source Song is appended to the end of the destination Song.

Copy a Song to an iDM01 or SR16 Via MIDI

The iDM02 can send Song system exclusive information to an iDM01 or Alesis SR16 via MIDI. If you don't have one of those drum machines, you can skip this section.

1. The iDM02 should be in Song mode and stopped. Connect the iDM02 MIDI out to the destination device's MIDI in.
2. Select the Song to be copied.
3. Press and hold the COPY button, and keep holding it down until step (5). The display says **COPY TO SONG**.
4. Press PLAY to send the data out over MIDI. It will end up in whatever Song number had been selected at the receiver. If the Song was not empty, the new Song steps will be appended to the existing Song steps. Note, this does not transfer Pattern information, only the song steps.

CHAPTER 6: MIDI SETUP

Page 1: Transmit Pad Events Via Midi Out (Pads Out)

The display shows **PADS OUT**. To have the iDM02 output MIDI note data from pad hits, select **ON**. Select **OFF** if you don't want the iDM02 to transmit note data.

Background Select **ON** to if you wish to use the pads on the iDM02 to drive other drum sound expander modules. If the iDM02 is acting as a drum machine and provides the master clock to a MIDI system, select **OFF** so that other devices don't respond to the MIDI note data.

PADS OUT		
OFF		
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Page 2: Send Clock Data To Other Devices (Clockout)

The display shows **CLOCKOUT**. To have the iDM02 generate timing data at its MIDI out, select **ON**. Select **OFF** to inhibit MIDI timing signals from appearing at the MIDI out jack.

CLOCKOUT		
ON		
SETUP	MIDI	PAGE
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Page 3: Transmit Trigger Events Via Midi Out (Trig Out)

The display shows **TRIG OUT**. To have the iDM02 output MIDI note data from external triggers connected to the rear panel, select **ON**. Select **OFF** if you don't want the iDM02 to transmit note data from external triggers.

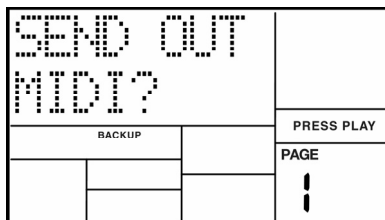
Background Select **ON** to if you wish to use your external triggers to drive other drum sound expander modules. If the iDM02 is acting as a drum machine and provides the master clock to a MIDI system, select **OFF** so that other devices don't respond to the MIDI note data.

TRIG OUT		
OFF		
SETUP	MIDI	PAGE
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CHAPTER 7: UTIL

Page 1: Send Data As Midi To A Midi Sys Ex Storage Device (Send Out Midi?)

The display shows **SEND OUT MIDI?** To convert the iDM02's Pattern and Song information into MIDI system exclusive data and send this data through the MIDI out, press the PLAY button. The display will say **SENDING MIDI...** to confirm that data is being sent.



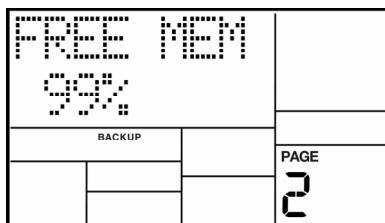
After the transfer is complete, the iDM02 display reverts to either Song or Pattern mode (whichever had been selected prior to saving).

Background This data is meaningful only to an iDM01 or Alesis SR16. There is no way to re-load this data into an iDM02, since it has no external MIDI input.

Page 2: Check Available Memory (Free Mem)

The display will show the amount of free memory available.

Some operations may not be possible even if a small amount of memory is left. This is because the iDM02 duplicates a Pattern before it is modified. Determine whether you can erase any unwanted Patterns or Songs to free up some memory.



Clear Memory/Re-Initialize Parameters

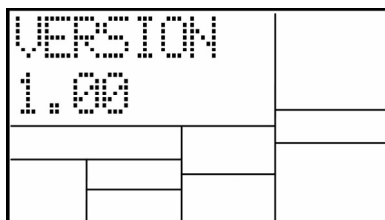
This operation clears the memory and re-initializes all parameters. It can also be a useful service technique to restore the iDM02 to normal operation if it "locks up" due to some unforeseen event like a static electricity jolt or power supply interruption.

All existing Patterns, Songs, and drum assignments will be lost when you clear memory.

To re-initialize, turn off power and wait a few seconds. Press and hold the PLAY and ERASE buttons while turning on power. Continue holding these buttons down for at least three seconds after turning on power.

Check Software Version

Press FILL at any time in the Util menu to show the software version. Please check www.ion-audio.com regularly for software upgrades.



CHAPTER 8: APPLICATION

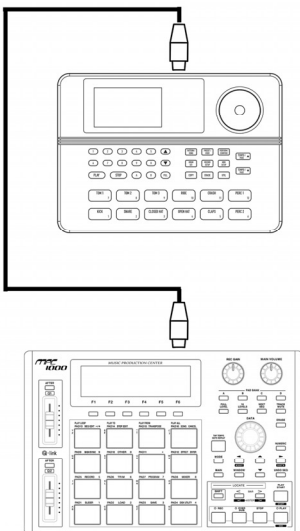
Midi Sync Application

The iDM02 can control several other slave MIDI drum machines or sequencers by turning on MIDI Clock Out, which sends iDM02 timing information down the MIDI line.

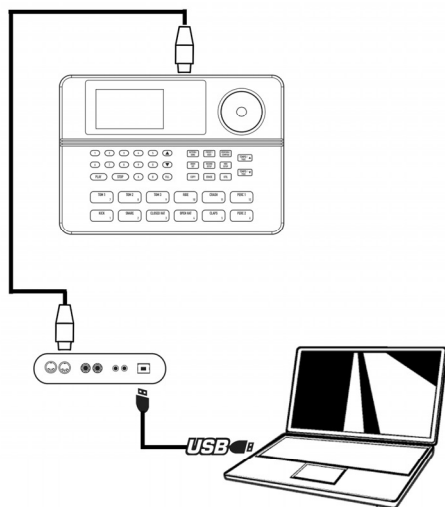
1. Turn on MIDI Clock Out.
2. Program the slave units to not follow their internal clocks, but to accept external MIDI Clock and Start/Stop data. Refer to each device's manual to find out how to do this. Enable the slave's Song Position Pointer if it is available (or it may be available all the time and not need to be specifically enabled).
3. Press PLAY on the iDM02. The slave units should start at the same time, and progress at the same tempo. If the slaves respond to Song Position Pointer, you can start an iDM02 Song at any point, and after a few seconds the slaves will catch up and synchronize from that point on.

The following diagram shows two possible scenarios in which the iDM02 serves as the MIDI system master clock. In scenario 1, the iDM02 is connected to a sampler workstation, such as the Akai MPC100, via a 5-pin MIDI cable. In scenario 2, the iDM02 is connected to a computer via a USB MIDI interface, such as the Alesis IO|2. Please note that the "slave" device (sampler workstation, computer) must be set to accept external MIDI clock messages.

SCENARIO 1



SCENARIO 2



STRATEGIES FOR ASSEMBLING PATTERNS AND SONGS

Ideally, you should be able to translate your inspirations into tangible form with a minimum amount of effort. The following tips and techniques help speed up the process of creating Patterns and Songs.

Create Fills Quickly with the Copy Function

Many times a Fill will simply be a variation on another Pattern, but with a few minor differences to add variety or serve different musical purposes. To save time, use the Copy function to copy the main Pattern to the Fill, then add variations to the Fill in real time or with Step Edit mode.

Assemble Short Patterns into Longer Patterns with the Copy Function

It's less time-consuming to work with short Patterns, since you don't have to wait for the entire Pattern to cycle through before overdubbing or "spot erasing" events. After assembling several short Patterns, use the copy function to append Patterns into a longer Pattern. *Example:* Create four eight-beat Patterns, then use the copy function to combine these into a single 32-beat Pattern.

Save Memory Through Song Steps

Whenever possible, repeat Patterns using Song steps rather than program long Patterns. *Example:* Suppose you have a 16-measure figure where the first three groups of four measures are identical, and the final group of four measures provides some sort of variation. Recording this as one 16-measure Pattern will take up more memory than recording two Patterns (one of the first group of four measures and one of the last group of four measures), and while in Song mode repeating the first group three times followed by the last group once.

Odd Time Signatures

For time signatures based on quarter notes, changing the number of beats in a Pattern can also change the time signature. *Example:* Programming a Pattern length seven beats long will yield a measure of 7/4. Programming a Pattern length 14 beats long will yield two measures of 7/4. Time signatures such as 2/4, 3/4, 5/4, 9/4, and so on are easy to implement.

For time signatures based on eighth notes, it's easiest to double the tempo so that each beat lasts an eighth note instead of a quarter note. However, you will have to take this into account when quantizing and setting the metronome—if the display says a quarter note, read it as an eighth note.

Plan carefully when mixing odd time signatures within the same piece. If some Patterns use a time signature based on quarter notes and others on eighth notes, you will need to double the tempo for the quarter note-based Patterns to match up with the eighth-note based Patterns.

UNDERSTANDING RHYTHMIC NOTATION

Measures A piece of music is divided into smaller units called *measures* (also called *bars*), and each measure is divided into *beats*. In the SR-18, each beat is further sub-divided into 96 sub-beats.

Rhythmic Values for Notes With a measure written in a 4/4 time signature, there are 4 beats per measure, and each beat represents a quarter ($1/4$) note. Thus, there are 4 quarter notes per measure of 4/4 music. With a 3/4 time signature the "numerator" indicates that there are 3 beats per measure, while the "denominator" indicates that each of these beats is a quarter note ($1/4$).

There are two *eighth notes* per *quarter note*. Thus, there are eight eighth notes per measure of 4/4 music.

There are four *16th notes* per quarter note. Thus, there are sixteen 16th notes per measure of 4/4 music.

There are eight *32nd notes* per quarter note. Thus, there are thirty-two 32nd notes per measure of 4/4 music.

There are also notes that span a greater number of beats than quarter notes. A *half note* equals two quarter notes. Therefore, there are two half notes per measure of 4/4 music. A *whole note* equals four quarter notes, so there is one whole note per measure of 4/4 music. (We keep referring these notes to 4/4 music because that is the most commonly used time signature in contemporary Western music.)

Triplets The above notes divide measures by factors of two. However, there are some cases where you want to divide a beat into thirds, giving three notes per beat. Dividing a quarter note by three results in *eighth-note triplets*. The reason why we use the term eighth-note triplets is because the eighth note is closest to the actual rhythmic value. Dividing an eighth note by three results in *16th-note triplets*. Dividing a 16th note by three results in *32nd note triplets*.

Rests You can also specify where notes should *not* be played; this is indicated by a *rest*, which can be the same length as any of the rhythmic values used for notes.

Dotted Notes and Rests Adding a dot next to a note or rest means that it should play one-and-one-half times as long as the indicated value. This of course does not apply to percussion parts. *Example:* A dotted eighth note would last as long as three 16th notes (since an eighth note is the same as two 16th notes).

Uncommon Time Signatures 4/4 (and to a lesser extent 3/4) are the most common time signatures in our culture, but they are by no means the only ones. In jazz, both 5/4 (where each measure consists of five quarter notes) and 7/4 (where each measure consists of seven quarter notes) are often used. In practice, complex time signatures are played like a combination of simpler time signatures; for example, some 7/4 compositions would have you count each measure not as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 but as 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3. It's often easier to think of 7/4 as one bar of 4/4 followed by one bar of 3/4 (or the other way around, depending on the phrasing), since, as we mentioned, 4/4 and 3/4 are extremely common time signatures.

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