
Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the Roland DR-880. This TurboStart contains step-by-step instructions that will quickly introduce you the DR-880's major features.

Playing the Demo Song

A demo song is available in the DR-880 to show off some of its features. Use the following steps to play the demo:

1. Turn the DRUM and BASS PART LEVEL knobs to their center positions.
2. Turn the MASTER VOLUME knob counterclockwise to turn down the master volume.
3. Hold the SONG button, and then press the KIT button—the Play button begins flashing.
4. Now turn the MASTER VOLUME knob clockwise to turn up the volume to the desired level.
5. When you're finished listening, press Stop, and then press EXIT.

Auditioning Patterns

There are 500 preset patterns in the DR-880. Use the following steps to audition them:

1. Press EXIT a few times to confirm that the DR-880 isn't in Edit mode.
2. Press SONG until "PATTERN" appears in the upper left of the display.
3. Hold SHIFT, and then press SONG until "PRESET" appears in the upper left of the display.
4. Turn the VALUE dial to select a pattern.
5. Press Play.
6. You can turn the DRUM and BASS PART LEVEL knobs to adjust the volume of each part.
7. While the pattern is playing, you can turn the VALUE dial, or use the ▶ and ◀ CURSOR buttons to select other patterns.
8. To adjust the tempo, press the TEMPO/TAP button, and then turn the VALUE dial. You can also tap on the TEMPO/TAP button rhythmically to adjust the tempo.
9. Press Stop when you're finished listening.

Auditioning Drum Kits

There are 100 preset and 100 user drum kits in the DR-880. Use the following steps to audition them:

1. Press the KIT button.
2. Turn the VALUE dial to select a drum kit.
3. Play the pads.

Tip: You can also change drum kits while a pattern is playing. To do this, select the desired pattern and press Play. Then repeat Steps 1-2.

Changing the Playback Key

You can change the key of the bass part in any pattern, even while the pattern is playing.

1. If necessary, press EXIT to confirm you're not in Edit mode, and then select desired pattern.
2. Press Play.
3. Press the KEY button.
4. Turn the VALUE dial to choose the number of semitones by which you want to change the bass pitch, from -12 to +12.
5. When you're finished listening, press Stop.

Groove Modify

The DR-880's Groove Modify feature lets you manipulate the rhythmic nature or volume dynamics of any recorded pattern. There are three types of Groove Modify: Velocity, Ghost Note and Shuffle. As an example, we'll use Ghost Note Modify on Preset Pattern 101 Standard Hard.

1. Select Pattern 101 Standard Hard.
2. Press Play to listen to the pattern.
3. Press the GROOVE button.
4. Press ◀ and/or ▶ to select GHOST NOTE.
5. Press ENTER—the pattern stops.
6. Press ▼ once.
7. Press Play again to start the pattern.
8. Turn the VALUE dial to select the desired template.
9. Press ▼ to select the Depth value.
10. Turn the VALUE dial to adjust the depth of the ghost-note effect. A lower depth value will produce a minimal ghost-note effect, while a higher value will make the ghost-note effect more noticeable.
11. When you're finished, press Stop, and then EXIT twice to return to the main pattern menu.

Pattern EZ Compose

The EZ Compose section of the DR-880 allows for the quick and simple creation of rhythms and chord arrangements. Use the following steps to create a pattern using EZ Compose:

1. Press the PATTERN button.
2. Turn the VALUE dial to select 16BEAT.
3. Press Play.
4. Press **▶** once.
5. Turn the VALUE dial to select 6.
6. Use the **◀**, **▶** and/or **▼** buttons and the VALUE dial to continue to select the following EZ Compose types for each part:

KICK SNR	16BEAT 9
PERC	CONGO BONGO 5
BASS	FUNK SOUL 10

7. Press Stop, and then press EXIT once when you're finished. If you'd like to save the pattern you've just created, follow the steps in the "Pattern Write (Saving a Pattern)" section below.

Pattern Write (Saving a Pattern)

Once you've created or modified a pattern in the DR-880, you must write it to a user pattern location if you want to keep it. Use the following steps to save a pattern using the Write function:

1. Hold SHIFT and SONG to confirm you're in Pattern mode. If "Cancel Edit ?" shows in the display, press EXIT.
2. Press EDIT.
3. Use the **◀ ▶** buttons to select PATTERN.
4. Press ENTER.
5. Use the **◀ ▶** buttons to select WRITE.
6. Press ENTER.
7. Turn the VALUE dial to select a desired user pattern location (U001-U500).
8. Press ENTER—"Now writing" appears in the display while the pattern is being stored.
9. When the writing process is complete, press EXIT twice.

Recording a Basic Pattern (Realtime)

There are 500 user locations in the DR-880 in which to store your own patterns. Use the following steps to record a basic pattern using the realtime recording method:

1. Press EXIT to confirm you're not in Edit mode.
2. Press SONG so "PATTERN" appears in the display.
3. Hold SHIFT and press SONG so "USER" appears in the display.
4. Turn the VALUE dial to select a blank user pattern location.
5. Press the PAD button to choose the desired part for the recording. If you want to record a BASS part, hold SHIFT and press PAD to select BASS.
6. Press REC—the metronome starts. You can press TEMPO and then turn the VALUE dial to adjust the tempo.
7. Press Play—the DR-880 provides a one-measure count in, and then begins recording.
8. Play the pads in rhythm with the metronome.
9. When you're finished, press Stop.
10. Now press Play again to hear your new pattern.

Tip: Save your new pattern by following the steps in "Pattern Write (Saving a Pattern)," above.

Favorites

You can quickly get to 80 favorite patterns, songs or guitar effects from the FAVORITE area of the DR-880. Use the following steps to store a pattern as a favorite:

1. Press EXIT to confirm you're not in Edit mode, or press Stop if a song or pattern is playing.
2. Hold SHIFT and press BANK.
3. Turn the VALUE dial to select the pattern you want to store as a favorite.
There are 20 banks of favorites—each one holds four favorite patterns, songs or guitar effects.
4. Press one of the 20 instrument pads to select a bank. For example, if you want to store the pattern in Bank 1, press the KICK 1 pad.
5. Press one of the FAVORITE number buttons (1-4) to choose a location within the selected bank.
6. Press ENTER.
7. Repeat Steps 3-6 to store additional favorites.
8. Press EXIT when you're finished.