Roland MC-808 Sampling Groovebox — *Stuff To Know*

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Motorized faders for live performance

- Eight motorized faders give you instant feedback of settings.
- Separate fader layers for controlling level, pan and patch parameters.
- Record and playback automation of pattern and patch parameters.

Latest cutting-edge patterns and sounds

- 256 new patterns created by leading artists from around the world.
- Fantom X series sound engine with 128-note polyphony for involved patterns.
- 896 patches and 128 rhythm sets from newly updated MC-808 waveforms.
- Easy editing of patch and pattern parameters using the 808's motorized faders.

Built-in sampling with expansion
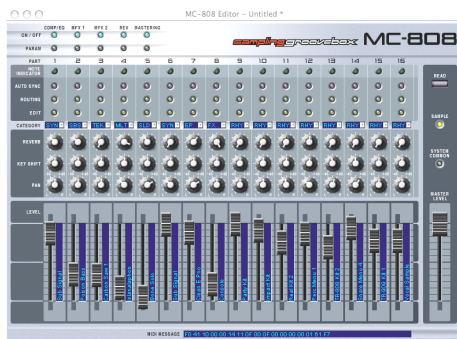
- Pro sampling features including CHOP and AUTO BPM SYNC of loops.
- Flexible resampling of patterns and samples through the 808's on-board effects
- Complete editing of 808 samples with PC/Mac using bundled editor.
- 4MB sampling time, expandable to 516MB (over 102 min.) with DIMM.

High-resolution pattern sequencer
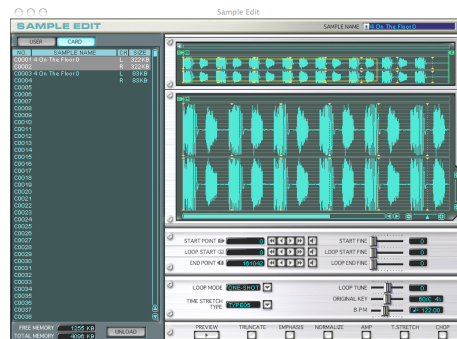
- Easy drum machine like sequencing for both MIDI and samples.
- 71 different groove templates give your pattern the right feel for your music.
- Use the motorized faders to automate changes to pattern parameters.

USB file sharing and editing

- Import WAV/AIFF files or export to PC/Mac for backup or CD burning.
- Powerful USB Editor for graphic editing of patches and samples:

Multitimbral Part Editor

Sample Editor

BEFORE YOU DEMO THE 808, RESET IT FIRST TO ITS FACTORY CONDITION:

Note: This will ERASE user patterns and patches, returning them to their factory preset.)

1) In the MODE section, press the SYSTEM button.
2) Hold down the SHIFT button and press VELOCITY PAD #16.
3) Press ENTER twice to begin the reset process.

NOTE: DO NOT TURN OFF THE POWER DURING THE RESET PROCESS!

4) When prompted, power off the MC-808, then power it back up.

SHOW THE PATTERN AND PERFORMANCE FEATURES OF THE MC-808:

Show the patterns in the MC-808:

1) Use the VALUE DIAL to scroll to pattern "001: SuperGrime!".
2) Press ENTER to select the pattern.
3) Press PLAY in the "SEQUENCER" section to start pattern playback.
4) You can instantly advance to the next pattern by pressing the RIGHT CURSOR.

Moving fader automation is unique to the MC-808. Here's how to show the moving faders:

1) Use the DIAL to scroll to pattern "001: SuperGrime!". Press ENTER.
2) Press the PART ASSIGN button so it's NOT lit. You'll see automation for parts 1-8.

The MC-808 has a unique real-time "turntable" emulation feature for live performance:

1) If the pattern isn't playing, press the PLAY button.
2) In the D-Beam section, press the TURNTABLE button so it is lit.
3) Raise or lower your hand over the D-Beam to slow-down or speed-up playback.

SHOW HOW TO SEQUENCE A NEW PATTERN:

1) Hold the SHIFT key and turn the VALUE DIAL to scroll to Pattern #800.
2) Press ENTER to select the pattern.
(Begin by sequencing a simple drum part.)
3) Press PART SELECT so it is NOT lit.
4) Press the SELECT button for Part #10.
5) Use the velocity pads to check out the patch, "TR-909 Kit 1", for Part #10.
6) To select a different drum kit or patch, press PATCH/SAMPLE in the MODE section.
7) Use the DIAL to scroll through patches and the pads to audition them.
8) When finished, press PATTERN in the MODE section.
9) Press REC, then PLAY twice. After the 2 bar count off, begin recording your part.
10) To erase a mistake, hold down UNDO/ERASE and the pad(s) for as long as you played the notes.
11) When finished, press STOP, then PLAY to hear your new part.
12) To sequence other parts, repeat Steps 4 through 11.