
Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the Roland RMP-5 Rhythm Coach. This TurboStart contains step-by-step instructions that will quickly introduce you to the RMP-5's major features.

Using the Metronome

The RMP-5 has a built-in metronome designed to help you practice playing in perfect time. Use the following steps to set up the metronome to play a 3/4 time-signature beat at a tempo of 140.

1. Confirm that the power is turned on, and then press the METRONOME button repeatedly until "2" appears next to "TEMPO." Press the + or – button to change to the TEMPO value to 140.
2. Press METRONOME three times. "5" appears next to "BEAT," and the number in the upper left corner of the display begins to flash. Press the + or – button to change the number to 3.
3. Press METRONOME five times. "4" appears next to "RHYTHM," and the note in the upper right corner of the display begins to flash. Press the + or – button to change the note to a quarter note.
4. Press the START/STOP button to hear the new metronome settings.
5. Press START/STOP again when you're finished.

Tip: You can change the sound of the metronome by pressing the METRONOME button until "3" is next to "CLICK SOUND," and then press the + or – button to change the sound.

Selecting Sounds

The RMP-5 has 54 pad sounds to choose from. Use the following steps to select a sound:

1. Press the METRONOME button until "1" appears next to "PAD SOUND."
2. While hitting the pad, press the + or – button to select a desired sound.

Note: For a detailed list of the sounds and their descriptions, refer to the RMP-5 Owner's Manual.

Adjusting the Metronome Volume

Use the following procedure to adjust the metronome's volume:

1. Press METRONOME until "6" appears next to "CLICK VOLUME."
2. Press the START/STOP button to start the metronome.
3. Press the + or – button to adjust the volume from 1 and 15.
4. Press START/STOP when you're finished.

Using Time Check

Time Check is a feature that judges your timing accuracy while you're playing on the pad. Follow these steps to use Time Check:

1. Press the COACH button until "A" appears next to "TIME CHECK."
2. Press START/STOP to begin the exercise. The metronome begins playing. Press + or – if you'd like to adjust the tempo.
3. Hit the pad while following along in time with the metronome. An accuracy meter is presented at the top of the display. If you're hitting the pad before the beat, "◀" appears next to the word "AHEAD." If you're hitting the pad after the beat, "▶" appears next to the word "BEHIND." If your timing is accurate, "[GOOD]" is displayed.
4. Press START/STOP when you're finished.

Stroke Balance

Stroke Balance is a feature that measures the force of each hit while you're playing on the pad. This can help you develop an even touch, especially when you're playing rolls. Follow these steps to use Stroke Balance:

1. Press the COACH button until "F" appears next to "STROKE BALANCE."
2. Press START/STOP to begin the exercise. The metronome starts. If you'd like to adjust the tempo, press the + or – button.
3. As you hit the pad repeatedly, a needle indicator appears in the display. The needle leans to the left to show a weaker hit. The needle leans to the right to signify a stronger hit.
4. Press START/STOP when you're finished using Stroke Balance.