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Parts of the Drum Kit



Assembling the Drum Kit



1. Remove all items from the shipping carton (NOTE: Drum heads come stacked.)

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IMPORTANT! Please Read Before You Start Assembly!
MDW has a support site to help with any questions you may have about your new drum kit - MDWSUPPORT.COM. Visit that website to REGISTER your new drum set. MDWSUPPORT.COM offers printable and video instructions, as well as drum lessons. It also has helpful hints and tips.



NOTE: Some parts may vary, depending on the drum kit model & version that you purchased. Also, wrinkles in drum skins are normal & will disappear after a while, if properly attached.

The Toms



2a. Locate the 32 tension rods (short) for the toms & 16 tension rods (long) for the bass drum, as well as the 16 claws for the bass drum.



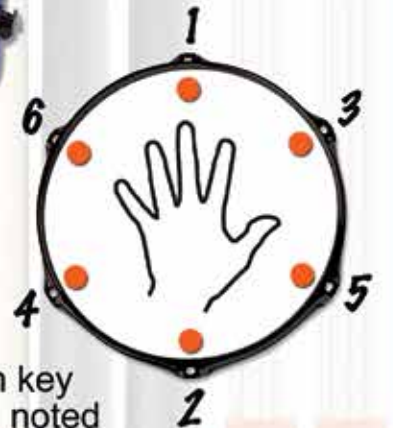
2b. Start with the shell for the floor tom. Lay it on a flat surface & place a drum skin of appropriate size over the opening.

2c. Place a rim of appropriate size over the skin.

2d. Insert a short tension rod through the rim & thread it into a mounting lug - just finger-tight. Repeat for all six lugs on that side.



Drum Key



2e. Place one hand on the skin with even pressure. Use the drum key to tighten each tensionrod in a star pattern as shown. Tap at each noted point until the pitch is even all around.

2f. Repeat the process for the other side, then all other toms (including mounted toms.)

2g. Locate the three legs for the floor tom. Insert one into one of the appropriate leg mount brackets, then tighten the attached wing nut. Repeat for the other two legs.



Proper length for floor tom leg.



Completed Floor Tom

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The Bass Drum

NOTE: The tom-tom bracket is on the front half of the bass drum & the wing nuts on that bracket face the rear.

3a. Place the shell flat, with the front facing up. Align the skin with the large Gammon logo with the tom mount & rear label.

3b. Like the toms, place a rim over the bass drum skin.



3c. Slip a long tension rod through a claw, hook the claw on the front of the rim, & thread the rod into the mounting lug - finger-tight. Repeat for all eight lugs on that side, then repeat for the other side.

3d. Use the drum key to tighten the tension rods, in the same way as the toms. Tap at each noted point until the pitch is even all around.

3e. Loosen wing nut on bass drum and insert aluminum leg. Rotate leg insert away from bass drum as shown and tighten wing nut.



Bass drum positioned with leg extended.

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The Bass Drum Pedal

4a. Locate the bass drum pedal & beater.

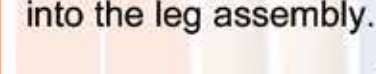
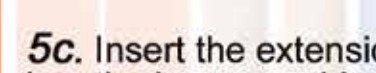
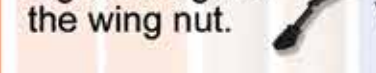
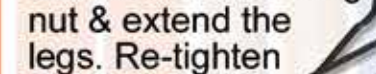
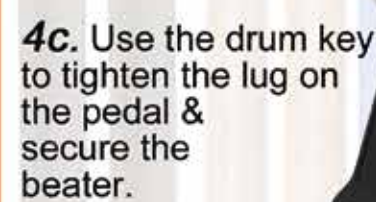
4b. Insert the beater into the top of the pedal.

4c. Use the drum key to tighten the lug on the pedal & secure the beater.

4d. Locate the rubber grip & remove the protective sheet from the adhesive side.

4e. Place the grip at the bottom of the back of the bass drum.

4f. Attach the pedal to the grip & bass drum rim, using the adjustable jaw.



Grip

Completed bass drum pedal.

The Throne

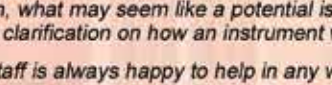
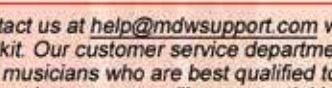
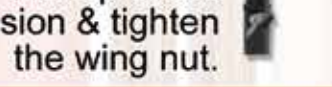
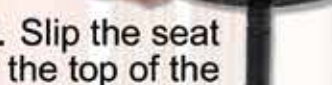
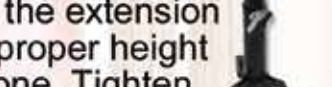
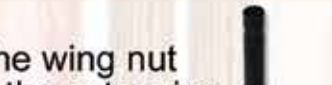
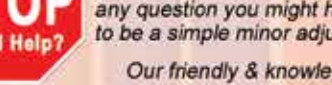
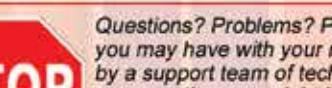
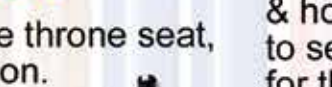
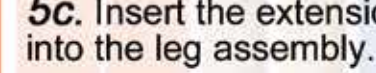
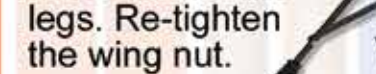
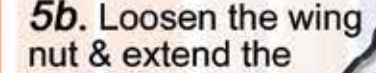
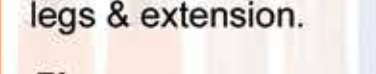
5a. Locate the throne seat, legs & extension.

5b. Loosen the wing nut & extend the legs. Re-tighten the wing nut.

5c. Insert the extension into the leg assembly.

5d. Use the wing nut & holes in the extension to set the proper height for the throne. Tighten the wing nut into the notch of the leg assembly.

5e. Slip the seat over the top of the extension & tighten the wing nut.



Completed Throne

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Mounting the Toms

6a. Locate the two tom arms & insert one into each of the holes of the mount on the bass drum. Tighten each wing nut.



6b. Note the notch in the front of the mount. Be sure the pin in the arm fits into the notch.

6c. Be sure the top of the arm is facing the rear of the bass drum.



6d. Insert the mount on the tom into the top of the arm & tighten the wing nut. Repeat for other tom.



Completed Mounted Toms

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The Snare Drum

7a. Locate the upper & lower parts of the snare drum stand. Loosen the top wing nut on the lower part. Insert the upper part tube into the lower.



7b. Loosen the 2nd large wing nut on the lower part & spread the three legs out. Tighten the large wing nut.



7c. Loosen the large wing nut on the upper part & swing the basket up. Tighten the large wing nut.

7d. Loosen the small wing nut under the basket & fan out the three arms of the basket as shown. Tighten the wing nut.



Completed Snare Drum Stand

7e. Lay the snare drum onto the basket as shown.



NOTE: The snare/strainer can be set on or off by flipping the lever on the side of the snare drum.



Snare Lever

Completed Snare Drum On Stand

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The Hi-Hat Stand & Cymbals

8a. Locate the folded hi-hat stand (with pedal) & the metal extension tube.

8b. Squeeze the hoop under the foot pedal together & insert the pins in the holes as shown.



8c. Loosen the large wing nut & extend the legs. Place the metal rod from the stand into the metal extension tube.

8d. Place the tube into the stand & tighten the top wing nut, with the rod extending past the felt washer & clutch.

8e. Remove the nut & felt washer from the top clutch assembly.



8f. Place the top clutch assembly through the top of one of the hi-hat cymbals. Turn the cymbal over and place the felt washer over the threaded clutch. Tighten the nut over the assembly as shown.



8g. Place the other cymbal - domed side down - over the rod, then place the first hi-hat cymbal - domed side up - over the rod & tighten the wing nut.



Completed Hi-Hat & Stand

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The Cymbal

9a. Locate the cymbal stand & loosen the lowest wing nut to release the legs.

9b. Unscrew the top wing nut & remove the felt & chrome washer. Place the cymbal on the stand & replace the felt washer, chrome washer & tighten the wing nut. Use the other wing nuts on the stand to adjust the cymbal to a comfortable height.



Helpful Hints, Tips & Resources

NOTE: Drum heads will arrive stacked. Be sure to separate them before installation.

1. Please read through these instructions completely *before* starting assembly.
2. Be sure to visit MDWSUPPORT.COM for helpful videos for assembly, lessons & hi-res assembly photos.
3. Use the criss-cross pattern when inserting tension rods as shown on page two. To avoid stripping the rods or lugs, do not over-tighten them.
4. Wrinkles in heads are normal, even on the drums that come pre-assembled. They will disappear after a time - if the heads are properly secured.
5. When assembling the bass drum, you may wish to place a pillow inside the shell. This will reduce some of the excessive low frequencies after the front skin is attached.
6. Heads, sticks, cymbals & stands can break if played over-aggressively. This is true for drum sets of any size.
7. If any part of set becomes loose or jagged, discontinue use until part is replaced.
8. Proper drum arrangement is an *important* part of playing the drums. Please refer to MDWSUPPORT.COM for reference on how best to arrange your assembled drum set.
9. Contact us at help@mdwsupport.com with any questions you may have or if you need assistance in any way. Our staff is made up of musicians who know how to help you & we are always happy to assist!



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