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JS-5
JAMSTATION

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It's a Fact...

With the JS-5 JamStation, guitar and bass players can jam along to high-quality accompaniments, create new accompaniments, and even record up to 60 minutes of audio using a SmartMedia card. Features include:

- Professional-quality sound engine with separate reverb, chorus, and multi-effects
- Highly intuitive backing accompaniment and song composing tool for guitarists
- 200 preset songs with 4-part backing tracks
- 100 user songs and 26 user-definable chord progressions
- Separate audio track and mic/line/guitar input for recording live input sources

Playing the Preset Songs

Use the following procedure to audition some of the 200 preset songs:

1. Press SONG so it's lit.
2. Press the SONG/STYLE BANK buttons to select a category: Rock, Pop, Fusion, etc.
3. Turn the VALUE dial to select a song.
4. Press START to begin playback.
5. Press STOP to end playback.

To change the tempo

1. Press TEMPO so it's lit.
2. Turn the VALUE dial to adjust the tempo.
3. Press TEMPO so it's not lit.

To mute parts as they play back

1. Press the desired PART MUTE/SELECT DRUM, BASS, INST 1, or INST 2 button so it's not lit. When a button isn't lit, that part is muted.

To adjust the volume of the parts

1. Press PART and use the CURSOR buttons to select 1 VOLUME.
2. Use the PART SELECT/MUTE buttons to select the part whose volume level you want to change.
3. Turn the VALUE dial to change the volume level.
4. Press EXIT when you're finished.

To change the key of the song

1. Press CURSOR ▸ to select 1 KEY TRANSPOSE, and then turn the VALUE dial to set the pitch in half-steps.
2. Press EXIT when you're finished.

Displaying the Chord Progression

Use the following procedure to display the chord progression of the song in realtime:

1. Press CHORD so it's lit.
2. Press START to play the song. You'll notice the chords changing after the Intro has played.
3. When finished, press SONG so it's lit.

Changing the Style of a Preset Song

The JS-5 has 200 preset styles that can be applied to any song. Use the following procedure to change the style of a preset song:

1. With playback stopped, press STYLE so it's lit.
2. Press the SONG/STYLE BANK buttons to select a category: Blues, Rock, Country, etc.
3. Turn the VALUE dial to select a style.
4. Press START to hear the song.

Switching Forms

In the JS-5, different parts of a song—Intro, Fill, Verse, etc.—are called "forms." Use the following procedure to play a preset song using forms you select yourself:

1. Select a song as previously described.
2. Press the desired FORM INTRO-ENDING button to select the first form to be played.
3. Press START to hear the selected form.
4. Use the FORM buttons to add additional forms to your song.
5. Press STOP to end playback.

Changing the Effects Setting

The JS-5 offers effects such as reverb, chorus, and more. Use the following procedure to change the reverb settings:

1. Select a song as previously described.
2. Press the EFFECTS button.
3. Use the CURSOR buttons to select 1 REVERB TYPE.
4. Press START to play the song.
5. Turn the VALUE dial to select the effect type.
6. When you're finished, press EXIT.

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Playing Along with a Song

Use the following procedure to connect an instrument or microphone and play along with a song:

1. Turn the REC LEVEL knob all the way down (counterclockwise).
2. Connect the instrument or microphone to the REC INPUT jack.
3. Set the appropriate REC INPUT selector switch to match the desired instrument:
   - GUITAR: Electric guitar or bass
   - LINE: Keyboard or other line-level instrument
   - MIC: A microphone
4. Turn the REC LEVEL to adjust the volume level of the connected equipment.
5. Select a song and press START.
6. Play or sing along with the music.
7. Press STOP when you're done.

Creating Your Own Song with EZ Compose

You can use the EZ Compose feature to create original songs on the JS-5:

1. Press SONG so it's lit.
2. Press USER and turn the VALUE dial to select a user song—an empty user song location is indicated by "*" on the display.
3. Press EZ so it's lit and use the SONG/STYLE BANK buttons to select a category.
4. Turn the VALUE dial to select a style, and then press ENTER.
5. Turn the VALUE dial to select a chord template:
   - BluesChord 1-9 for songs with blues chord progressions.
   - MajorChord 1-24 for songs with major-key melodies.
   - MinorChord 1-17 for songs with minor-key melodies.
6. Once you've decided on a chord template, press ENTER.
7. Turn the VALUE dial to set the tempo, and then press ENTER.
8. Turn the VALUE dial to specify the key of the song, and then press ENTER.
9. The screen will display "Are You Sure?" Press ENTER to create your song.
10. Press PLAY to hear your new song.

Entering a Chord

Use the following procedure to play a preset song with chords you enter yourself:

1. Press CHORD so it's lit.
2. Use the following buttons to enter a chord:
   - Use the C through B and sharp/flat buttons to select the chord root.
   - Use the Maj. Through 9th buttons to select the chord type.
3. Press START—the song begins, with the first chord shown on the display.
4. Enter new chords as the song plays.

Recording Audio

You can record an audio track for any user song. Use the following procedure to record your audio:

1. Press SONG so it's lit.
2. Press USER and turn the VALUE dial to select the song you wish to record to.
3. Press REC so it's lit.
4. Press AUDIO TRACK to select the audio track.
5. CURSOR to "1 QUALITY" and press LONG REC to select the recording quality:
   - Hi-Fi: For high-quality recordings.
   - LONG: For longer recording time.
6. Turn the REC LEVEL knob to adjust the level.
7. Press START to begin recording.
8. When you're done recording, press STOP.
9. To play back your recording, press RESET and then press START.

Use the following procedure to delete unwanted recordings:

1. At the Song screen, hold down SHIFT and press UTILITY to access the Delete screen.
2. Turn the VALUE dial to select AUDIO.
3. Press ENTER.
4. "Are You Sure?" will be displayed. If you'd like to erase the existing audio track, press ENTER.