

Portable Keyboard Basic's

Selecting a sound

1. Push Tone or Voice (large button)
2. Locate Tone or Voice list at top of instrument
3. Select the number next to selected tone section
4. Type number on keypad
5. Use + and - to find specific instrument in that tone group
(see owners manual for specific tones listings between sections)

Selecting a rhythm and style

1. Push Style or Rhythm (large button)
2. Locate Style or Rhythm list at top of instrument
3. Select the number next to the rhythm category
4. Type number on keypad
5. Use + and - button for specific rhythms and styles in that genre.
(see owners manuals for specifics)

Splitting the keyboard to play chords with accompaniment and rhythms

1. Set up the rhythm or styles listed above
2. push Accomp. Button (close to Start/stop)
3. push sync start
4. Play a chord (a broken rhythmic chord will sound)
5. Select a voice for the melody and play

What to do when you get a new keyboard

I am NOT a good owner's manual reader. I learn mostly by trial and error and by having someone show me in person how to work something. But, when I get so frustrated that nothing is working, I have to resort to the manual as the last option.

Most keyboards are very similar and use the same terminology. On the previous page, I made the voice and rhythm section as easy as possible to understand. The rest is just experimenting with the sounds. You should try and get acquainted with how an orchestra works. What instruments sound good together and when do they play in a piece. Also get to know how a band works and the instruments used in a dance band situations. Learn about music Genres and styles. (They are usually listed on the keyboard as styles)

HOW TO GET TO KNOW THE VOICES (Instruments) on you keyboard

001 is always a PIANO on the keypad. If you push the + or – button, you will notice in the display window that there are many different kinds of pianos. You can also look in your owners manual for a complete list of the types of voices and their keypad numbers. LISTEN TO EACH ONE and get to know how they sound. Make sure to change the octave on the keyboard to change the way the voices sound.

HOW TO GET TO KNOW THE RHYTHMS AND STYLES on your keyboard

Listen to the rhythms first without the accomp. And then with the accompaniment. Look in your owners manual for a complete listing of styles.

KEYBOARDS, DIGITAL ENSEMBLES AND ORGANS ARE THE BEST “GROWN UP TOY” you can have. Play with it like a child. Don't worry, you can't break it! Push the buttons, laugh and enjoy your new toy!!!!