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ROLAND ANNOUNCES KT-9 KICK TRIGGER PEDAL AND FD-9 HI-HAT CONTROLLER

Innovative Percussion Pedals Designed for Ultra-Quiet Practice and Performance

Los Angeles, CA, April 6, 2016 — Roland is pleased to announce the KT-9 Kick Trigger Pedal and FD-9 Hi-Hat Controller, two additions to the renowned V-Drums lineup of electronic percussion products. Featuring innovative new designs and patent-pending link mechanisms, the KT-9 and FD-9 deliver ultra-quiet performance without sacrificing feel or playability. This makes them ideal for V-Drums users who play in small homes, apartments, practice studios, and other environments during evening hours or anytime noise is an important concern.

When playing V-Drums with headphones, the majority of sound produced is heard only by the user. However, playing the kit still creates some mild operational noise. Though whisper-quiet in comparison with acoustic drums, this noise can sometimes be bothersome to others, particularly when it's late at night. The kick and hi-hat pedals are the biggest noise producers, since they're placed on the floor and used almost continuously in most playing styles. The KT-9 and FD-9 offer drummers a solution to this issue, enabling them to play, practice, and record in situations where maximum noise reduction is essential.

The KT-9 Kick Trigger Pedal features a beaterless design that combines the foot pedal and striker into a single compact unit that's extremely quiet when played. A newly developed link mechanism provides the true feel and response of a traditional design, plus a dramatic reduction in operational noise. When compared to the Roland KD-9 beater-equipped kick pedal, the KT-9 produces 85% less audible sound in the room and 63% less to rooms below.

The FD-9 Hi-Hat Controller features an all-in-one design like the KT-9, and incorporates a similar link mechanism for a marked reduction in operational noise. Compared with the Roland FD-8 Hi-Hat Controller, the FD-9 produces 50% less audible sound in the room and 15% less to rooms below. The pedal's feet ensure total stability, letting the user work the FD-9 as hard or soft as they like to pick up every nuance, with support for aggressive moves like hi-hat splashes.

Both the KT-9 and FD-9 feature integrated feet and adjustable anchors for rock-solid stability, plus adjustable spring tension for optimizing the playing feel. Each pedal also has a toe-stopper, a familiar touch carried over from acoustic pedals.

The KT-9 and FD-9 are even more effective when used alongside other Roland percussion products designed for low-noise operation. These include the patented mesh heads featured in many V-Drums sets, as well as the NE-10 isolation boards and NE-1 isolation feet in the Noise Eater series.

The KT-9 and FD-9 can be used with the kick and hi-hat trigger inputs on all V-Drums sound modules. The pedals are also compatible with Roland percussion pads such as the OCTAPAD SPD-30 and HandSonic HPD-20.

To learn more about the KT-9 Kick Trigger Pedal and FD-9 Hi-Hat Controller, visit RolandUS.com.

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