

# GW-8 Workstation

# Q&A



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### How Do I Use SPLIT MODE?

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Use the following procedure to enter Split mode and set the GW-8 keyboard's split point:

- 1 Before entering Split mode, select a tone—this will be the tone used by the Upper (right-hand) part of the keyboard.
- 2 Press the SPLIT button so it lights—your Single-mode tone becomes the Upper sound.
- 3 Cursor down to highlight the Lower area of the display and use the tone buttons to select an instrument for the Lower area of the keyboard.
- 4 To exit Split mode, press SPLIT again so it's not lit.



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### **How Do I Use DUAL MODE?**

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Use the following procedure to layer two sounds using the GW-8's Dual mode:

- 1** Press the **DUAL** button so it lights.
- 2** Cursor to the **Upper** area of the display and use the **CURSOR** buttons to highlight the **Upper** sound.
- 3** Use the tone buttons and **VALUE** dial to select the desired **Upper** tone.
- 4** Cursor to the **Lower** area of the display and use the **CURSOR** buttons to highlight the **Lower** sound.
- 5** Use the tone buttons and **VALUE** dial to select the desired **Lower** tone.
- 6** To exit Dual mode, press **DUAL** again so it's unlit.

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### How Do I Use THE BACKING TRACK?

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Use the following procedure to use the GW-8 Backing Track feature:

- 1 Press the STYLE button so it lights.
- 2 Press SYNC START so it lights.
- 3 Use the STYLE SELECT buttons and the VALUE dial to select a backing track type and style.
- 4 Play a chord on the left hand side of the keyboard to start playback of the style.
- 5 As the style plays, play along on the Upper area of the keyboard.

**Note:** The GW-8 automatically splits the keyboard and mutes the tone on the left-hand side of the keyboard.

**Note:** Use the VARIATION 1-4 buttons to trigger simple-to-more-complex versions of the selected style.

- 6 Press START/STOP to stop style playback.

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### How Do I Record a Song in Realtime?

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Use the following procedure to record a song on the GW-8:

- 1 Press the **SONG** button to light it—this selects New Song on the Main screen.
- 2 Press the **PART VIEW** button to display the **SONG TRACK** screen.
- 3 Select the part you'd like to record. (You can select any part.)
- 4 Highlight the **Tone** parameter and select the sound you'd like that part to play using the tone buttons and the **VALUE** dial, or by using the GW-8's Numeric-entry feature.
- 5 Press the **SONG REC** button so it flashes and shows the **Rec Standby** screen.
- 6 If **REC TYPE** isn't already set to **REALTIME**, press the **SONG REC** button once.
- 7 Press the **START/STOP** button and record your playing.
- 8 When you're done, hit **START/STOP** once more to stop recording.

**Note:** The GW-8 automatically rewinds to the beginning of the song for you.

- 9 To hear what you've recorded, press **START/STOP** again—the button flashes during playback.
- 10 To record additional tracks, repeat Steps 3 through 9, selecting a different part each time in Step 3.

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### How Do I Use CENTER CANCEL?

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When connecting an external audio player—such as personal music player—to the EXT INPUT jack, you can often use the GW-8's Center Cancel function to lower the volume of the main vocal in a recording, allowing you to sing the song yourself (how successful you'll be depends on the original recording). Here's how to turn Center Cancel on and off:

- 1 Press the MENU button.
- 2 Use the ▲ and ▼ CURSOR buttons to select EXT INPUT SETTING.
- 3 Press ENTER.
- 4 Use the ▲ and ▼ CURSOR buttons to select CENTER CANCEL.
- 5 Turn the VALUE dial to select ON or OFF.
- 6 Press EXIT to return to the previous menu.

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### How Do I Find GW-8 Articles in the RolandUS.com Knowledge Base?

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- 1 Point your browser to the GW-8 [Support area](#) on RolandUS.com.
- 2 Click “Knowledge Base.”  
If you’re not already logged into Roland Backstage, the Roland Backstage login appears.
- 3 If you’re:
  - *a Roland Backstage member*—enter your email address and password, and then click the Login button.
  - *not yet a Roland Backstage member*—click “Create New Profile” to create a free new user account. As a Roland Backstage member, you become part of the online Roland US.com community and gain access to helpful tools and services.
- 4 Once you’re logged in, click the large Knowledge Base button.
- 5 On the Knowledge Base screen, enter “GW-8” in the Product field.
- 6 Click the Find button in the middle of the screen to browse the available GW-8 Knowledge Base articles.