

# MC-808 *sampling* GROOVEBOX

# Q&A



## A collection of popular articles from the MC-808 knowledge base

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### How Do I Assign Patches or Rhythms to Parts?

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- 1 Press the PATCH/SAMPLE button.
- 2 Select the part you wish to use for the patch or rhythm by pressing one of the sixteen numbered part buttons.
- 3 Cursor all the way to the left.
- 4 Turn the VALUE dial to select **PATCH** or **RHYTHM** as desired.
- 5 Cursor once to the right.
- 6 Turn the VALUE dial to select the desired patch or rhythm category.
- 7 Cursor once to the right.
- 8 Turn the VALUE dial to select the desired patch or rhythm kit.

**Tip:** To move through the patches faster, hold the SHIFT button while turning the VALUE dial.

- 9 To assign a patch to a different part, select the part you want and repeat Steps 3-5.

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### HOW DO I CREATE A NEW PATTERN WITH THE REALTIME RECORD FEATURE?

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- 1 In the MODE section, press the PATTERN button.
- 2 Turn the VALUE dial to select an empty pattern location—empty patterns start at Number 684.

**Note:** Holding SHIFT while turning the VALUE dial moves through available values more quickly.

- 3 Press ENTER.
- 4 Press PATCH/SAMPLE.
- 5 Press PART SELECT 10 and turn the VALUE dial to select the desired drum kit.
- 6 Press REC—the display reads “Realtime Rec.”
- 7 Press ENTER.
- 8 Cursor right to select the **Rec Measure Len:** parameter.
- 9 Turn the VALUE dial to select the length of your pattern in measures (bars).
- 10 Cursor right until you see the Qtz Reso parameter.
- 11 Turn the VALUE dial to select the quantize resolution—if you’re not sure, select **1/16**.
- 12 Press PLAY—after a two measure count-in, begin playing your pattern on the MC-808’s velocity pads.

**Tip:** As you record, the pattern plays over and over, allowing you to build up the pattern bit-by-bit each time the pattern comes back around.

- 13 When you’re finished recording, press STOP.

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### How Do I Import a .WAV and AIFF File from a Computer?

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- 1 Connect the MC-808 to your computer via USB and press the SYSTEM button.
- 2 While holding down SHIFT, press Pad 8 (USB).
- 3 Set USB Mode to **Storage**.
- 4 Cursor right twice to select **USB Storage**, and then press the ENTER button.
- 5 Select whether you want the MC-808's Internal or Card storage to appear on your computer, and then press ENTER—the screen reads “SYSTEM:USB:STORAGE Connected.”
- 6 On your computer, if any windows pop open, close them. On Macs, MC808 USER or MC808 CARD appears as a drive on your desktop. On PCs, MC808 USER or MC808 CARD appears in your My Computer folder.
- 7 Double-click the MC808 drive—inside are two folders named “ROLAND” and “TMP.”
- 8 Double-click the TMP folder—inside are two folders named “AUDIO\_IMPORT” and “SMF.”
- 9 Drag any 16-bit, 44.1kHz .WAV or AIFF file you want to import into the AUDIO\_IMPORT folder.
- 10 Eject the MC-808 drive from your computer. On Macs, drag the drive to the trash. On PCs, click the Safely Remove Hardware icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.
- 11 On the MC-808, press EXIT twice.
- 12 Press the appropriate USER or CARD Group button—depending on the storage type you selected in Step 6—and then press PATCH/SAMPLE.
- 13 While holding down SHIFT, press Pad 13 (IMPORT) to display a list of the samples ready for importing. (If the screen says “(EMPTY)”, repeat Steps 1-12.
- 14 Select each sample you wish to import and press ENTER twice—the sample appears in the USAM bank of patches. Repeat Steps 13 and 14 to import additional samples.

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### How Do I SLAVE THE MC-808 TO EXTERNAL MIDI CLOCK?

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- 1 Connect the MIDI OUT of your external device to the MIDI IN jack of the MC-808. Make sure your external device is set to transmit MIDI clock.
- 2 On the MC-808, press the SYSTEM button.
- 3 While holding down SHIFT, press Pad 2 (SEQUENCER)—the screen reads “SYSTEM: SEQUENCER Sync Mode: MASTER.”
- 4 Use the VALUE dial to select **SLAVE**—the BPM indicator displays “- -.-”.
- 5 Press the WRITE button to save your settings.
- 6 Press Play on your external device—the MC-808 automatically starts, and then plays at the external device’s tempo.

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### How Do I Turn Off THE MOTORIZED FADERS?

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- 1 Press the **SYSTEM** button.
- 2 While holding down **SHIFT**, press Pad 1 (**PANEL**).
- 3 Cursor right until you see “**SYSTEM:PANEL Fader Motor Sw: ON.**”
- 4 Turn the **VALUE** dial to select **OFF**.
- 5 Press the **WRITE** button to save your settings.

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### How Do I Find MC-808 Articles in the RolandUS.com Knowledge Base?

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- 1 Point your browser to the MC-808 [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 “MC-808” in the Product field.
- 6 Click the Find button in the middle of the screen to browse the available MC-808 Knowledge Base articles.