

Roland®  
**VK-8**  
COMBO ORGAN

# TurboStart

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## It's a Fact...

The VK-8 is a totally new, re-designed combo organ that utilizes Roland's incredible-sounding Virtual ToneWheel technology. The VK-8 has a cool new waterfall-style keyboard for palm glissandos. With its COSM® rotary speaker modeling, collection of new tones, and D-Beam controller, the VK-8 is the new leader in combo organs. Its features include:

- Fully polyphonic 61-key waterfall-style keyboard with velocity sensitivity
- 64 built-in orchestral voices
- 9 harmonic bars for shaping of organ sounds
- 11-pin rotary tone cabinet connector for use with optional speaker cabinet
- Sophisticated rotary speaker and tube amp simulator based on Roland's COSM technology

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## Playing the Demo Songs

To play the demonstration (demo) songs:

1. Simultaneously press the SPLIT and H-BAR MANUAL buttons.
2. Press the PRESET button—Demo One starts, followed by the other demo songs.
3. To listen to the other demos individually, press the desired 1-4 buttons.
4. Press PRESET to stop demo playback.
5. Press SPLIT to exit Demo mode.

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## Selecting Organ Voice Presets

Use this procedure to select an organ voice preset.

1. Press the PRESET button so it's lit.
2. Hold down the BANK button and press Button 1-8 to select the desired preset bank.
3. Release the BANK button.
4. Press Button 1-8 to choose the desired preset within the selected bank.

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## Selecting Other Tones

The VK-8 has an Other Tones bank of non-organ tones. Use the following procedure to select one.

1. Press the PRESET button so it's not lit.
2. Press the H-BAR MANUAL button so it's lit.
3. Pull the harmonic bars all the way out and then all the way in to silence the organ voice.
4. Press the buttons under PERCUSSION so they're not lit.
5. Press Buttons 1-8 to choose the desired tone.

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## Layering Other Tones with the Organ

Use the following procedure to layer a tone from the Other Tones bank with the organ voice:

1. Select the desired organ voice preset as described earlier.
2. Press PRESET so it's not lit.
3. Press Button 1-8 to select the desired tone.
4. Turn the OTHER TONES LEVEL knob to adjust the volume of the selected Other Tone.

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## Splitting the Keyboard

When the organ voice and a non-organ tone are layered together, you can divide the keyboard so one part of it sounds the organ voice and the other part sounds the non-organ tone. Here's how to do this:

1. Layer a non-organ tone with the organ voice as described above.
2. Press the SPLIT button.
3. Press the UPPER button under HARMONIC BAR PART so it's lit.
4. Pull the harmonic bars all the way out and then push them all the way in to silence the organ voice on the right side of the keyboard.
5. Press the buttons under PERCUSSION so they're not lit.

The lower part of the organ voice now sounds in the left-hand keyboard zone and the non-organ tone sounds in the right-hand zone.

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## Saving Your Settings

The VK-8 provides 64 memory locations in which you can store organ voice settings as presets.

**Note:** When you store your current settings in a memory location, it replaces the factory preset currently stored there. As shipped from the factory, all of the VK-8's 64 memory locations contain presets. You can restore the factory presets by initializing the VK-8—see Page 20 of the VK-8 Owner's Manual.

1. While holding down WRITE and BANK, press the desired 1-8 button to select a preset bank.
2. Hold down WRITE again and press a 1-8 button to choose the desired preset location in the selected bank.

When the 1-8 button stops flashing, the preset has been saved in the selected location.

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## **Adding Vibrato or Chorus**

Use the following procedure to add vibrato or chorus to the current sound.

**Note:** *Vibrato or chorus cannot be applied to percussion sounds.*

1. Press the button beneath VIBRATO AND CHORUS so it's lit.
2. Turn the VIBRATO AND CHORUS knob to select the desired type of vibrato or the desired type of chorus.

**Note:** *Vibrato and chorus cannot be applied together.*

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## **Changing the Amp Type**

The VK-8 offers a COSM-based virtual amplifier for a vintage organ cabinet sound. Use the following procedure to change the amp type and its characteristics.

1. Press the button beneath AMPLIFIER to select the desired type of virtual amp.
2. Turn the OVERDRIVE knob to dial in the amount of distortion you want.
3. Turn the TONE knob to adjust the brightness of the amp.