



VP-550 *VOCAL & ENSEMBLE* *KEYBOARD*

Q&A



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How Do I Adjust the Mic Expression Dynamics and Sensitivity?

- 1** While holding MIC ON/OFF, press one of the Vocal Designer sound buttons to set your dynamics:
 - *To select low dynamics*—press CLASSIC.
 - *To select moderately low dynamics*—press MALE & FEMALE.
 - *To select medium dynamics*—press GOSPEL.
 - *To select moderately high dynamics*—press POP.
 - *To select high dynamics*—press VOCODER 1.
 - *To select very high dynamics*—press VOCODER 2.

- 2** While holding MIC ON/OFF, press one of the Ensemble sound buttons to set the sensitivity:
 - *To select low sensitivity*—press STRINGS 1.
 - *To select moderately low sensitivity*—press STRINGS 2.
 - *To select medium sensitivity*—press JAZZ SCAT.
 - *To select moderately high sensitivity*—press MIXED CHORUS.
 - *To select high sensitivity*—press BOYS CHOIR.
 - *To select very high sensitivity*—press HUMMING.

- 3** To confirm your settings, press the MIC ON/OFF button.

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How Do I Perform With The Vocal Designer?

- 1 Connect a dynamic microphone to the VP-550's rear-panel MIC jack.
- 2 Sing into the mic and watch the LEVEL indicators.
- 3 Adjust the LEVEL slider so the yellow LEVEL indicator lights only when you sing at your loudest volume.
- 4 Press one of the six VOCAL DESIGNER buttons.
- 5 While holding one or more notes on the keyboard, sing into the mic.
- 6 Adjust the DIRECT slider to add the desired amount of unprocessed, dry signal.



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How Do I CONFIRM TO HEAR WHAT THE AUDIENCE IS HEARING?

When you're performing with the VP-550, it can be difficult to tell exactly what the audience is really hearing. The VP-550 can record its outputs for up to ten seconds to help you confirm that everything's the way you want it to sound. Here's how to check your output:

- 1 Press REC.
- 2 Perform your part—the VP-550 captures the last ten seconds of what you do.
- 3 Press REC to stop recording.
- 4 Press PLAY to play back your recording.
- 5 Press PLAY once more to stop playback.

Note: The VP-550 holds onto your recording until you turn off the power.

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How Do I Adjust the Bass and Percussion Volume?

- 1 While holding MIC ON/OFF, press one of the BASS or PERCUSSION sound buttons:
 - *For low Bass & Percussion volume*—press BASS 1.
 - *For medium Bass & Percussion volume*—press BASS 2.
 - *For high Bass & Percussion volume*—press BASS 3.
 - *For maximum Bass & Percussion volume*—press PERC.
- 2 To confirm your current setting, press the MIC ON/OFF button for one second.

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How Do I Assign a Favorite Registration?

- 1 Choose the desired Vocal Designer and Ensemble sounds, and then adjust the VP-550's various settings to taste.
- 2 Press and hold down REGISTRATION 1, 2, 3, or 4 for two seconds to store your current settings in the selected registration as a Favorite.
- 3 Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for the any other Favorites you want to register.

Note: Registration 1 is automatically selected when you power up the VP-550.

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How Do I Find VP-550 ARTICLES IN THE ROLANDUS.COM KNOWLEDGE BASE?

- 1 Point your browser to the VP-550 [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 “VP-550” in the Product field.
- 6 Click the Find button in the middle of the screen to browse the available VP-550 Knowledge Base articles.