

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Alesis QS6 64 Voice Expandable Synthesizer. To take full advantage of the QS6's functions, and to enjoy long and trouble-free use, please read this user's manual carefully.

How To Use This Manual

This manual is divided into the following sections describing the various modes of the QS6. To get the most out of your QS6, read the entire manual once, then use the table of contents and index to reference specific functions while using the instrument.

Chapter 1: Setting Up. Deals with the necessary preparation before playing, including connections to external devices.

Chapter 2: Your First Session with the QS6. This section provides a brief tour of the QS6, shows you how to audition the various sounds of the QS6, and points out the various performance features.

Chapter 3: Connections. Details rear panel connections (like MIDI, footpedals and the serial interface), proper hook-up procedures, plus application examples.

Chapter 4: Overview. Covers the structure of sound sources within the QS6, how to read and navigate through the LCD display pages, how to edit parameters, and how to store edited Programs and Mixes.

Chapter 5: Editing Mixes. Explains how to create and edit Mixes.

Chapter 6: Editing Programs. How to create and edit Programs.

Chapter 7: Editing Effects. How to create and edit Effects Patches.

Chapter 8: Global Settings. Describes all global functions, such as Master Tuning, Keyboard Mode, Keyboard Scaling, and Program Change Mode.

Chapter 9: MIDI Transfer and Storage Operations. Discusses MIDI functions and how to store sounds either to a MIDI device or to a RAM card.

Appendices. MIDI basics, trouble-shooting, maintenance and service information, MIDI Implementation Chart and an Index.

Conventions

The buttons, knobs, and rear panel connectors and switches are referred to in this manual just as their names appear on the QS6, using all capital letters and in brackets (*Example:* [PROGRAM] button, [◀ PAGE] and [PAGE ▶] buttons, [CONTROLLER A] slider, etc.).

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