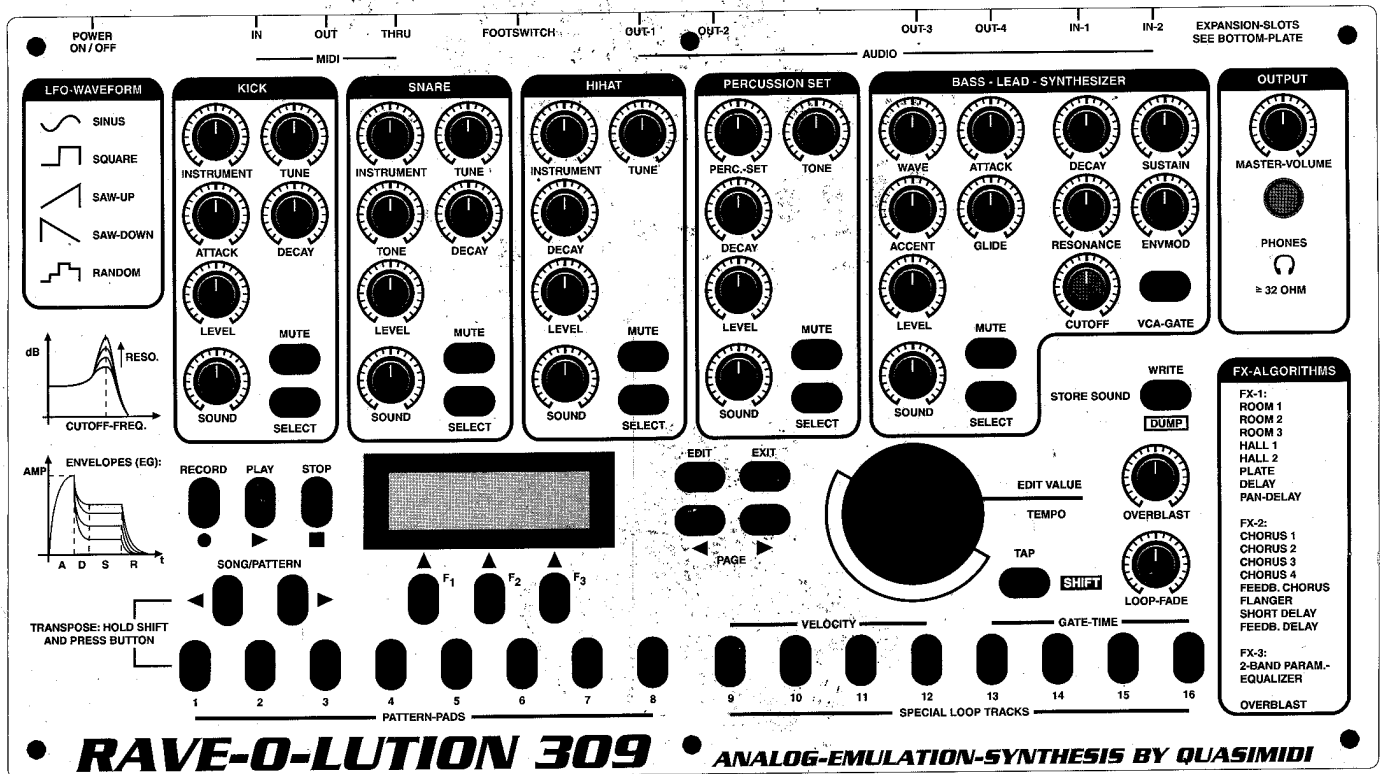




RAVE-O-LUTION 309

Owner's Manual



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Synthesizers made in Germany

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3. This product should be used only with a cart or stand that is recommended by the manufacturer.
4. This product, either alone or in combination with an amplifier and headphones or speakers, may be capable of producing sound levels that could cause permanent hearing loss. Do not operate for long period of time at a high volume level or at a level that is uncomfortable. If you experience any hearing loss or ringing in the ears, you should consult an audiologist.
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14. The product should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
 - A. The power-supply cord or the plug has been damaged; or
 - B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the product; or
 - C. The product has been exposed to rain; or
 - D. The product does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or
 - E. The product has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.
15. Do not attempt to service the product beyond that described in the user-maintenance instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified personnel.

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Störfestigkeitsprüfung nach	EN 50082-1
Emmissionsmessung nach	EN 55014
Niederspannungsrichtlinie	bewertet nach EN 60065

The CE-Sign on our products declares that our electrical devices are in conformity with the EN 55014 and EN 50082-1(in accordance with 89/336 EMC- and EEC directive). The manufacturer also declares the conformity of above mentioned product with the actual required safety standards.

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Read before using !**

In order to ensure long product life, observe the following:

- Do not attempt to service this product. Refer all servicing to a qualified technician. Any attempt to service this product by those other than authorized personnel will result in the risk of electrical shock and void the warranty.
- Read the Owners Manual before using the instrument.
- Do not use this product near water.
- Maintain an adequate airspace around the unit to ensure sufficient ventilation, to avoid overheating.
- This instrument should not be operated near heat sources, such as, hot sun, radiators, etc ...
- Avoid using the unit in dusty environments.
- For cleaning use a moistened cloth or a duster. Do not use solvents, such as thinner.
- Only use the power supply that was supplied with the unit, or one with an equivalent rating. (see Specifications)
- If the unit is not used for an extended period of time, unplug power supply from wall socket.
- Do not operate unit during electrical storms, and disconnect power supply from wall socket.
- When using the 309 with other instruments, refer to this manual to ensure a proper interface.
- Be careful not to spill liquids into the unit.
- If liquids spill into the unit, immediately disconnect power supply and contact an authorized Quasimidi dealer if the unit has malfunctioned
- Refer the instrument to qualified personnel for servicing if:
 - a.) The power supply or its wire are damaged
 - b.) Liquids spill into the instrument
 - c.) The instrument operates abnormally or exhibits a marked change in performance
 - d.) The instrument was used during an electrical storm and no longer functions
 - e.) The instrument has been dropped and no longer functions
- Make no attempt to service or repair this product except for the user maintenance described in this manual. All other servicing or repairs should be performed by qualified personnel. Failing to do so will result in voiding the warranty.
- Save the shipping carton for use in the unlikely event the unit must be returned for servicing. Always call for a Return Authorization number before shipping unit for service.
- Always unplug the power supply whenever the unit's cover is opened!
- Use only original Quasimidi expansion boards and upgrades since third-party circuit boards or other accessories may void the warranty.
- Onboard memory is backed up with a Lithium battery (CR 2025), that usually needs to be replaced every five years. When replacing batteries, please respect our environment and dispose of old batteries properly.

WARNING: The use of factory-programmed Motives and Patterns contained in the 309 for music production is allowed. However, commercial use of Samples and/or Sounds and/or factory-programmed Patterns contained in the Rave-O-Lution 309, such as on Sampling CDs, the Internet, diskettes or other media, is strictly forbidden without written authorization from QUASIMIDI-Musikelektronik Ltd. ph: +49 6422-9402 0

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Introduction:

Thank you for purchasing the RAVE-O-LUTION 309. The 309 provides a state-of-the-art, technological music production tool that was developed and manufactured in Germany. QUASIMIDI is very pleased that some of your comments and suggestions helped in the development of the 309. QUASIMIDI has always had, and will continue to have, an open ear for good ideas - no matter where they originate. We realize it is the people in the field, who actually use our products, that are the most important.

Unpacking:

Attention: Do not use a knife or other sharp object to open the 309 box.

The Rave-O-Lution 309 is secured in its' carton with styrofoam supports. Lift the instrument with the styrofoam together from the carton, then remove the foam. The power supply is in a separate box located in the styrofoam.

Contents of Package:

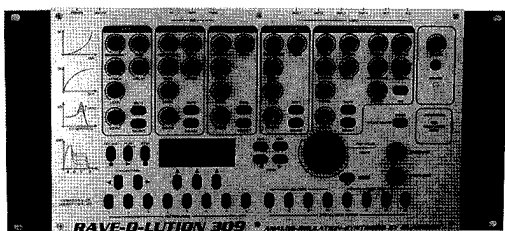
The Rave-O-Lution 309 is shipped with the following parts:

- (1) RAVE-O-LUTION 309
- (1) Power Supply
- (1) Owners Manual
- (1) Registration Card

Optional Accessories:

QUASIMIDI offers the following accessories for the Rave-O-Lution 309:

Rack Mounting Kit:



The Rack Mounting Kit allows the 309 to be mounted into 5 spaces of a standard 19" rack. The 'ears' are attached to the 309 with provided screws.

In/Out - module:

This expansion board provides the 309 with two additional Audio Outputs and also two Audio Inputs, which can be used to process any external, line level signal. Virtually any source can be used, such as a synthesizer, an electric guitar, a CD-Player or your voice (through a microphone). This external signal can then be processed by the 309's excellent Filters and Effects.

Additional Expansion Modules:

On the underside the Rave-O-Lution 309 is a panel which provides access to the Operating System chip and two ports for Sound Expansion modules. The Sound Expansion Modules provide additional Waveforms, new Filter Models and New Patterns.

Flightcase:

A padded Flightcase provides protection when transporting the Rave-O-Lution 309. In a pinch, the original box can be used when no case is available. When given a choice, a padded flightcase is always preferred.

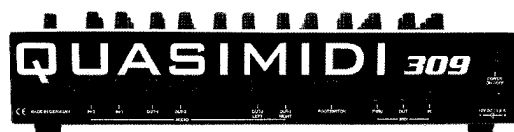
Use only Genuine QUASIMIDI accessories in your Rave-O-Lution 309. Only Genuine QUASIMIDI parts are guaranteed for faultless operation in the Rave-O-Lution 309. Installing third-party modules can void the warranty and may cause improper operation of your instrument.

Connecting the power supply:

Take the included power supply out of the box. Plug the smaller, coaxial plug into the jack on the rear of the 309 marked "10,5VDC/1,5A" (US: "12VDC/2A"). Plug the other end into a standard 230VAC (US: 120VAC) wall outlet.

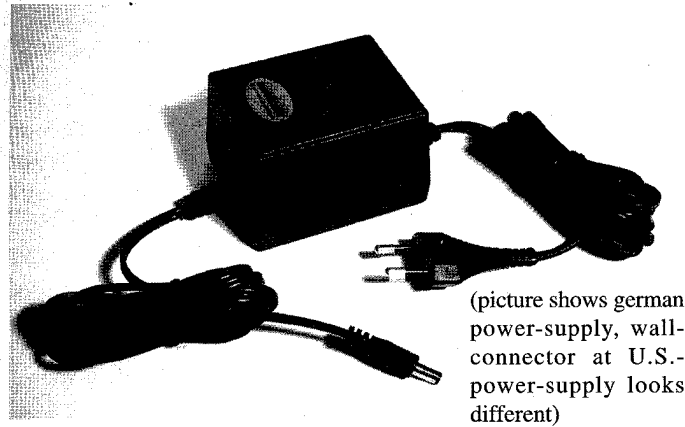
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Attention:

Only use the power supply included with the unit. This power supply provides the 309 with enough current to ensure proper operation. Now proceed to the next chapter, "Connections".



You will probably want to connect the 309's Audio outputs to a monitoring system, or you can use headphones.

Connections:

On the rear panel are jacks for connecting the 309 to the outside world. Two 1/4" jacks, the main stereo output, are labeled OUT 1 (LEFT/MONO) and OUT 2 (RIGHT). Use these jacks for connecting the 309 to a mixing board (recording studio) or an amplifier (live performance). Three 5-pin DIN jacks, the MIDI connections, are labeled MIDI IN, OUT and THRU. Use these jacks for connecting the 309 to other MIDI equipment. One last 1/4" jack, labeled FOOTSWITCH, is for connecting a footswitch - used for advancing Patterns, etc....

1.) Connecting to a stereo monitoring system:

Using a 1/4" Male-RCA Male cable and with the 309 switched off, connect the 1/4"-Male plug into the 309's outputs. Plug the RCA plug into your stereo's inputs, such as:

- 1.) AUX or also Auxilliary
- 2.) LINE
- 3.) CD
- 4.) DAT
- 5.) TAPE IN or TAPE PLAY

2.) Connecting to a mixing board:

Same as above except use whatever plug type necessary to connect to the mixers LINE inputs.

3.) Headphones:

The Rave-O-Lution 309 also has a headphone output. Any headphones with an impedance equal to or greater than 32 Ohms can be used. Prolonged exposure to excessive sound levels can cause permanent hearing damage.

Getting Started

Initialization:

Sometimes it may be necessary to re-initialize the 309, such as, when the Buffer battery is replaced. The procedure is done as follows: With the power switched off, while pressing and holding the WRITE-button, turn the power on. The Display shows the following:

```
Initialize All?
[ok] [cancel]
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Press the F1 key to confirm the Initialization procedure. Initialization clears the memory contents of the 309, therefore it is a good idea to backup your data to a computer or MIDI data recorder, using the Bulk Dump procedure, before initializing.

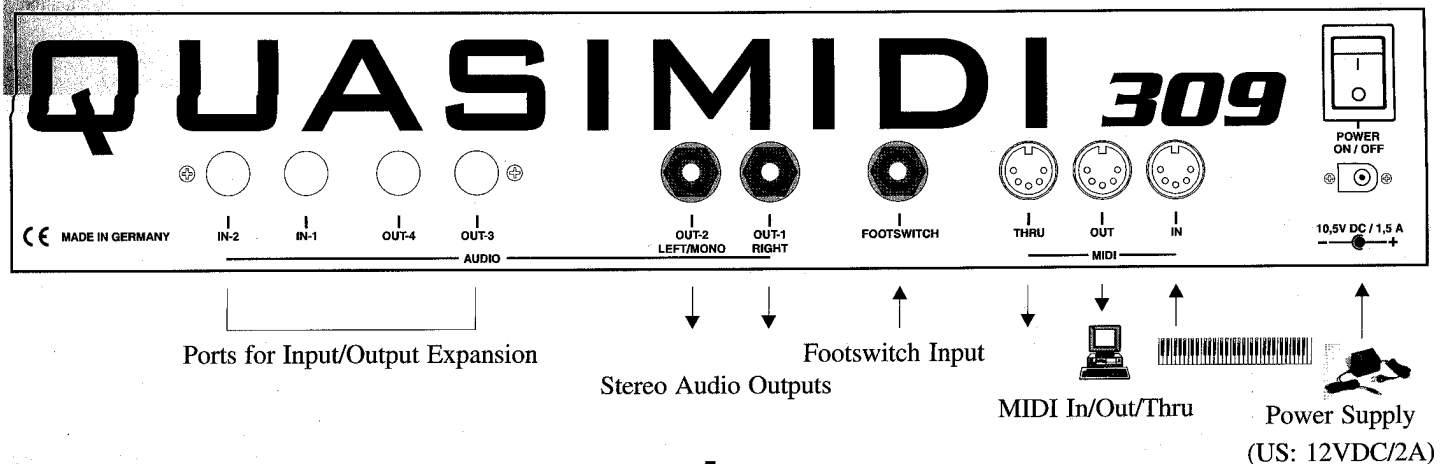
Turning the Knobs!

Before delving into the next chapter which gets into the actual, Sound generation and architecture of the 309, you can enjoy a little instant gratification. The display shows the following:

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1:Untitled_____
(STOP) Tempo:140
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Pressing the PLAY-button starts playback of the 309 and you will be hearing Pattern P01. The MUTE-buttons are used to individually mute each instrument. The knobs associated with each instrument can be used to adjust the Sound in Realtime. The PATTERN Pads 1-8 and the SONG/PATTERNS keys <> are used to call up Patterns (altogether there are 100 Patterns at your disposal: 00-99).

Rear Panel of the RAVE-O-LUTION 309:



What is A.E.S. ?

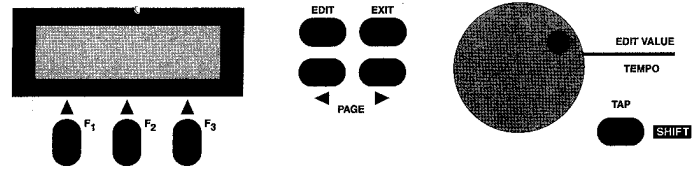
With the 309 you have acquired you a musical instrument, which uses a uniquely developed Sound generation method. Also, the BASS/LEAD Synthesizer section uses no samples! The Sound generation works similar to its' analog ancestors, on the basis of waveforms which are then filtered. This kind of Sound generation, otherwise known as subtractive synthesis, comes in the 309 in a newly developed algorithm:

ANALOG - EMULATION - SYNTHESIS (A.E.S.): The waveform models are addressed via each section's VCO (Virtual Controlled Oscillator) . The oscillator is then processed by the VCF (Virtual Controlled Filter). At this stage the tonal parameters are applied directly to the oscillator models. The sound is then sent to the VCA (Virtual Controlled Amplifier) where the volume and basic approach of the sound is controlled with a 4-stage Envelope Generator. Notes can also be processed with a velocity controlled Accent. By turning on the VCA Gate parameter, the Envelope Generator can be applied to the Filter. Any stage of the above synthesis chain can be modulated with the LFO (Low Frequency Oscillator). A.E.S. is a model of the synthesizer variables we have come to know and use. The virtual access is made to a true modeled analog chain of parameters.

An Overview of the 309:

The 309 contains five different, independent Tone Generator-sections, 3 Effect - Processors and a powerful Pattern based Sequen-cer with a 16 song memory.

The Instruments-sections are made up of five independent Synthesizers in a single case. Each Drum section contains its' own 24 dB/Oct filters with Resonance and ADSR-Envelope generator. The instrument to be edited (via the software menu) is selected directly in the according instrument section:



All Front panel knobs transmit Continuous Controllers which are sent out the MIDI-Out jack, and can be recorded on an external computer-sequencer. For example, turning the Filter Cutoff- control in the BASS-section slowly clockwise (opening the filter), sends CC 16. The reverse is also possible: MIDI Controllers received at the MIDI input are pre-assigned to the according front panel controls.

A look at the individual sections:

Below is an overview of the Sound-parameters:

In all instrument sections there are an equal number of sound editing possibilities available. Additionally, the BASS/LEAD Synthesizer section contains a LFO (Low Frequency Oscillator) with according parameters and also a Glide control. Notes played 'legato' (held) exhibit the greatest Glide effect, from one note to the next. This effect is only noticeable on 'pitched' notes, and therefore is not very effective on drum hits, unless the sound has a long decay, such as, "AnaKick-1" to "AnaKick-4". Of further interest is the Percussion-set section (see p.12).

The Mix-parameters affect Sounds in stored Pattern (see following page).

AVAILABLE SOUND PARAMETERS

Parameters available for individual instrument sections. * indicates knob-dedicated parameters

KICK DRUM	SNARE DRUM	HIHAT	PERC Set	BASS/LEAD
*Instrument (Waveform)	*Instrument (Waveform)	*Instrument (Waveform)	*Perc Set Nr.	*Wave (Oscillator Model)
Level	Level	Level	Level	Level
VCF Drive	VCF Drive	VCF Drive	VCF Drive	VCF Drive
Cutoff Frequency	*Cutoff Frequency (Tone)	Cutoff Frequency	*Cutoff Frequency (Tone)	*Cutoff Frequency
Resonance	Resonance	Resonance	Resonance	*Resonance
Envelope Modulation	Envelope Modulation	Envelope Modulation	Envelope Modulation	*Envelope Modulation
Dynamic Modulation	Dynamic Modulation	Dynamic Modulation	Dynamic Modulation	Dynamic Modulation
Accent	Accent	Accent	Accent	*Accent
*EG Attack	EG Attack	EG Attack	EG Attack	*EG Attack
*EG Decay	*EG Decay	*EG Decay	*EG Decay	*EG Decay
EG Sustain	EG Sustain	EG Sustain		*EG Sustain
EG Release	EG Release	EG Release		EG Release
VCA Gate	VCA Gate	VCA Gate		*VCA Gate
*Tune	*Tune	*Tune		Tune
				*Glide
				LFO Waveform
				LFO Rate
				LFO Depth
				LFO>VCO
				LFO>VCF
				LFO>VCA
				Hold Pedal

MIX PARAMETERS

Parameters available for individual instrument sections. * indicates knob-dedicated parameters

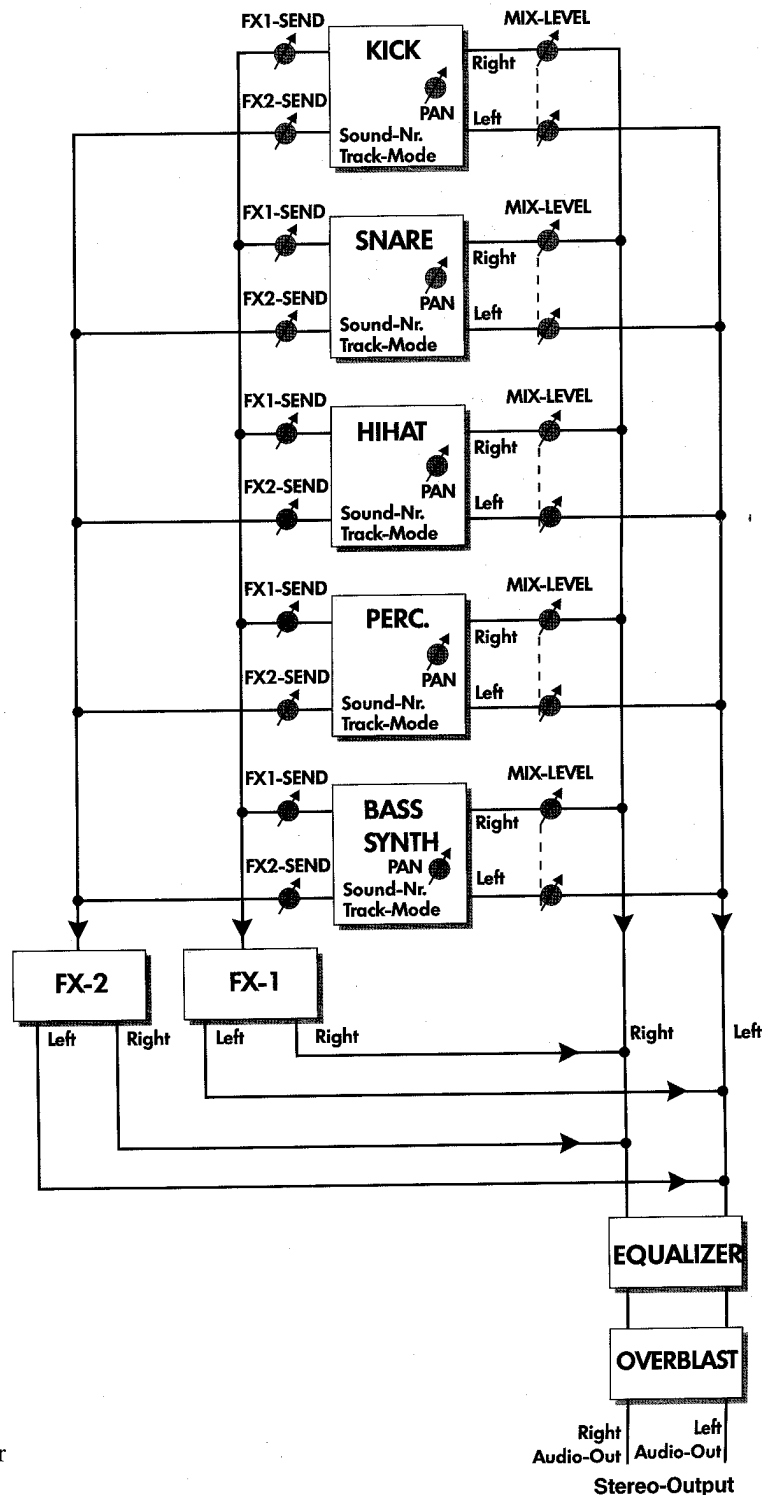
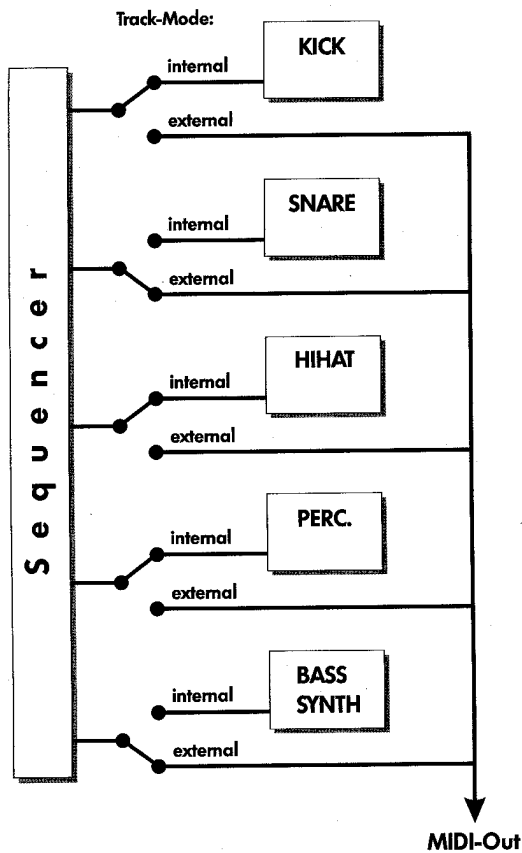
KICK DRUM	SNARE DRUM	HIHAT	PERC Set	BASS/LEAD
*Sound Program Nr	*Sound Program Nr	*Sound Program Nr	*Sound Program Nr	*Sound Program Nr
*MIX Level	*MIX Level	*MIX Level	*MIX Level	*MIX Level
Panorama	Panorama	Panorama	Panorama	Panorama
FX-1 Send	FX-1 Send	FX-1 Send	FX-1 Send	FX-1 Send
FX-2 Send	FX-2 Send	FX-2 Send	FX-2 Send	FX-2 Send
Track Mode	Track Mode	Track Mode	Track Mode	Track Mode

The MIX-Parameters:

Access the Mix-parameters by first pressing the EDIT button and subsequently pressing the F3 button. Select an instrument for editing by pressing the according SELECT button. Editable parameters include: Sound number, Mix level, Panorama, Fx1 Send, Fx2 Send and the Trackmode. The parameters for Fx1 Send and Fx2 Send determine the amount of original-signal both FX1 and FX2 process. The Trackmode determines whether the selected instruments' track controls the internal sound-system, or external - via MIDI.

Internal Signal Flow of the MIX section:

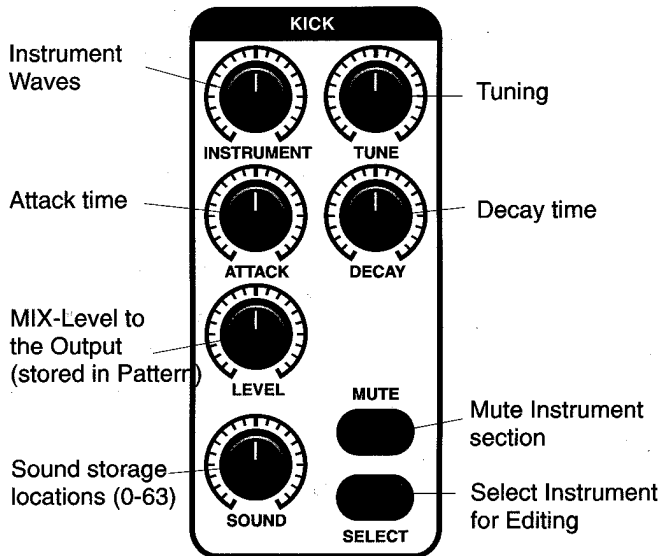
Internal Signal Flow of the TRACK-MODE:



The following graphic shows the individual sections and their Audio signal routings:

Sound Programming:

The KICK-Drum Section:



Push the PLAY button and SELECT button of the Kick Drum section and you will now hear a complete Pattern. If you now press the MUTE button in the other sections, you will hear the Kick Drum as a solo track.

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1:Untitled  █----
(P01) Tempo:140
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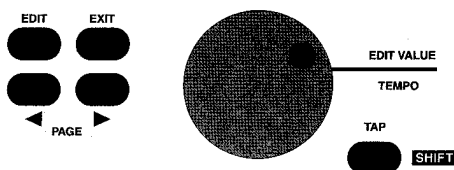
Now press the EDIT button and you will see the following menu:

```
Select Edit |1>
[Sound] [Mix]
```

Select sounds via button F1. The first of the submenus give you the ability to select the Kick Drum source of your choice. There are 26 different Kick Drum Waves to choose from.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
|1> Ins:909Kick2
```

If you turn the EDIT VALUE wheel you will now be able to preview the different Kicks and make your selection. You may also advance through the sounds with the 'WAVE' knob in the Kick-section. Now advance to menu 2 by pressing the right PAGE button.



You will see the following menu in the display:

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<2> Level: 127
```

On menu page 2 you are able to adjust the individual level for that sound. You will be able to store the sound edits in any of the 64 memory locations.

Attention: The level in the Kick section is for Mix Level, and is stored only in the Pattern.

Press the right page button to menu page 3.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<3> VCFDrive:98
```

The next menu you advance to after pressing the right PAGE button is menu 3 and is unique to the Rave-O-Lution 309. It is the VCF drive. Unlike other instruments, the Overdrive is physically placed before the filter not at the output stage. Each of the individual instruments have their own Overdrive distortion parameter. This makes it possible to create the kind of distortion we associate with 'Acid' music.

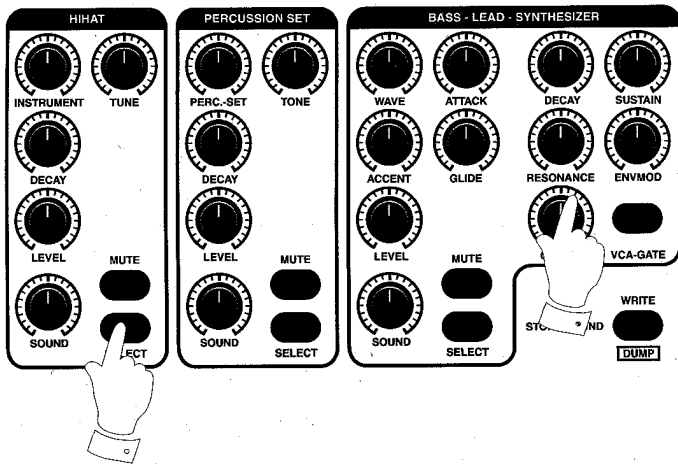
Each 309 section has its' own totally variable 24 db per octave, 4 pole, low pass filter, with resonance. These may be accessed externally by MIDI controllers 16 and 17, or internally by turning the knobs in each section. A filter envelope assignment allows for further tailoring of how the filter reacts over time.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<4> CutFreq: 127
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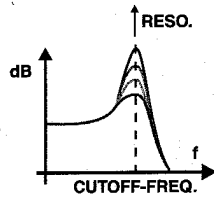
If you hold the SELECT button down while you are in the Edit mode in the Kick section and turn the CUTOFF and or RESONANCE knobs in the Bass/Lead synthesizer section you will hear those changes accessing the filter and resonance in the Kick drum synthesizer section.

It is also possible to address and assign any Bass/Lead parameter to any other section by holding the appropriate SELECT switch down in the instrument section you wish to edit. This gives you 8 extra real time pots at the touch of a button. Each move you make can be instantly viewed in the Edit window. Changing the Resonance amount basically adjusts the Resonance Peak of the Filter.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<5> Resonance: 100
```

The amplitude in relationship to the frequency:



Overdriving the resonance of the filter can lead to self modulation. From typical whistling filter sounds, to subtle wow effects and beyond - are easily obtained in any of the 5 synthesizer sections.

How strongly the Envelope Generator effects the filter can be seen in menu page 6 via the envelope modulation parameter.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<6> EnvMod: 0
```

In menu page 7 you can set the degree to which key velocity controls the filter, affecting the sound's color. In short, velocity can be routed to the filter.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<7> DynMod: 0
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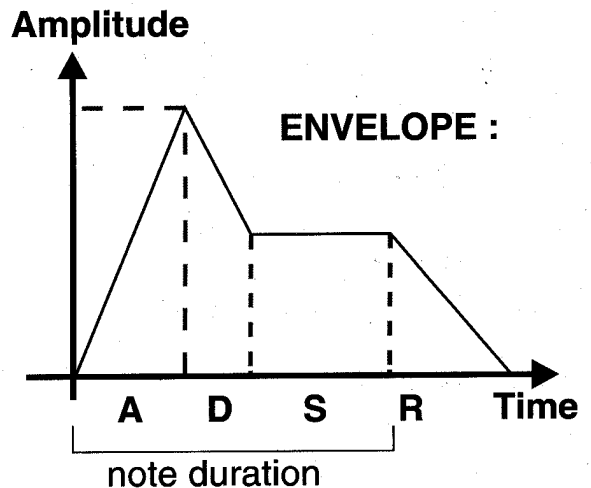
Pressing the right page button will now advance to menu page 8, which allows you to control a note's accent.

```
Edit Kick-Sound
<8> Accent: 0
```

This determines how strong a note will be in volume and tone color. You are able to assign up to 4 graduated velocities to each event via buttons 9 through 12. These may be assigned in either the Drumgrid or Step-sequencer mode. Depending on which velocity levels you choose you can also use these buttons to control filter dynamics. If you assign accents to your work you will be able to highlight their effectiveness in real time via the ACCENT value pot in each of the 5 sections. In the middle position, 64, accents are most effective.

Menus pages 9 through 13 pertain to the ADSRs, applicable to both the filters and the VCA's. Also, there is a parameter for the VCA gate. Changes can be preprogrammed or automated after the fact.

The following graphic example shows how a slow step in level can be applied to an envelope via a simple turn of the knob.



The Sound reaches its maximum level immediately upon pressing the key and the level drops to zero immediately upon releasing the key, when using the VCA Gate.

What happens if the VCA is driven by the curve of the envelope?

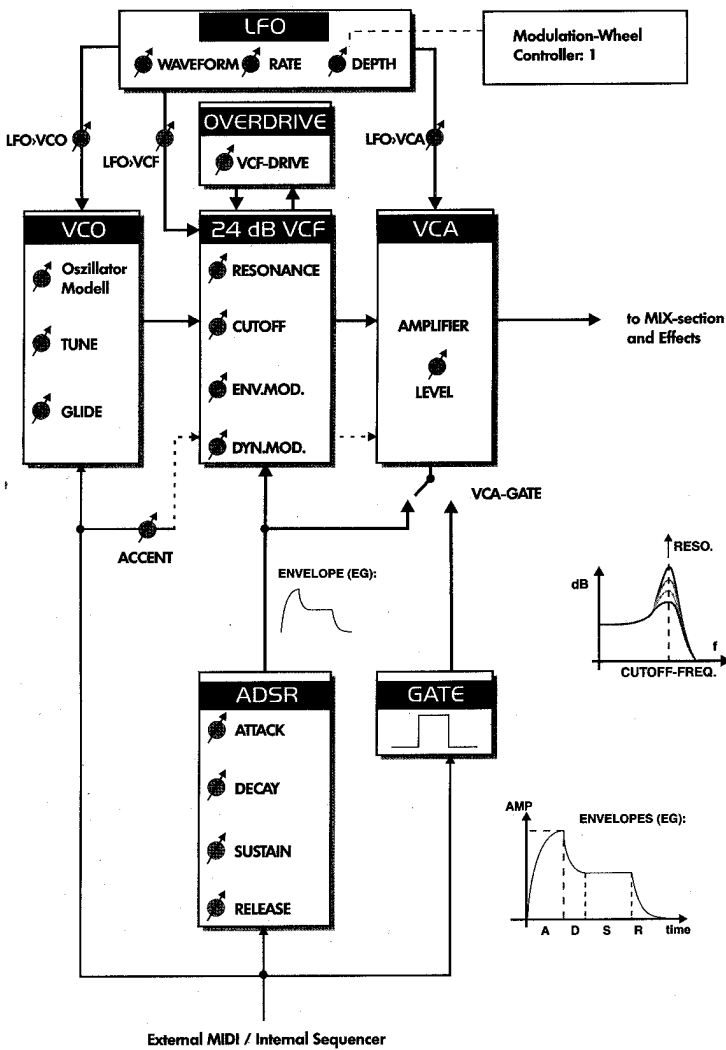
When you turn off the VCA-GATE function of the synthesizer section the Envelope becomes active. During the Attack phase, the volume and filter increase to maximum level. The second stage of the envelope is the Decay time. During this phase, the sound diminishes to a set minimum point and transitions into the third level, Sustain. During this phase, the sound reaches a steady state of maintenance, for as long as the note is held on. The final phase is the Release time, in which the sound may carry on even after the trigger switch or note is released. This is very useful, for example, in giving an 808 bass drum its expanded tonality after its initial impact when you have given the switch a minimal tap during real time recording.

In addition, the ADSR affects the filter simultaneously. You have the possibility to assign the VCA gate and leave the ADSR to work with the filter only. With the gate envelope you have in principal an ADSR, but the ADR times are defaulted to 0. The sound in that case immediately reaches its level when a switch is triggered. This parameter is available in the KICK, SNARE, HIHAT and BASS/LEAD sections.

The last menu page of the Kick Sound Edit section contains the Tune parameter for the selected tone.

```
EDIT Kick-Sound
<14| Tune: -4
```

Signal flow and Parameters of the BASS/LEAD SYNTHESIZER section:



How to Store a Sound:

Once you have created a new sound, it can be stored for recall at a later time. Press the WRITE button and advance by the right page button to menu page 1.

```
|1> Store Kick?
[ok]
```

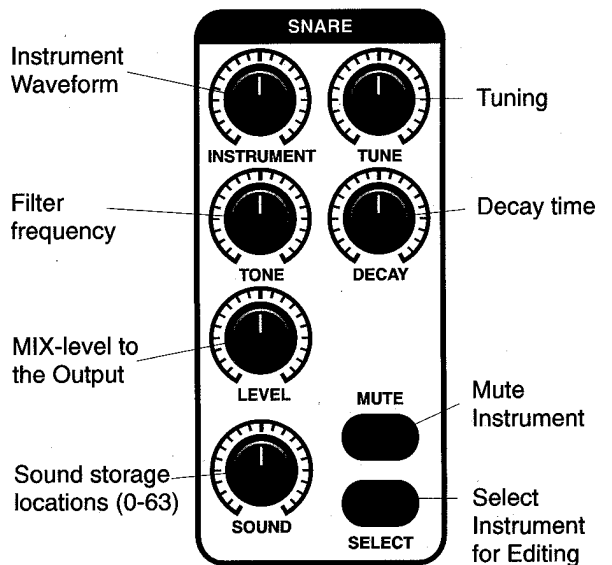
Confirm with the FI switch and you arrive at the following:

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to Kick-Snd 0
[ok] [cancel]
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Select a storage location using the EDIT-VALUE Wheel and confirm by pressing FI. You can leave the Write menu by pressing EXIT.

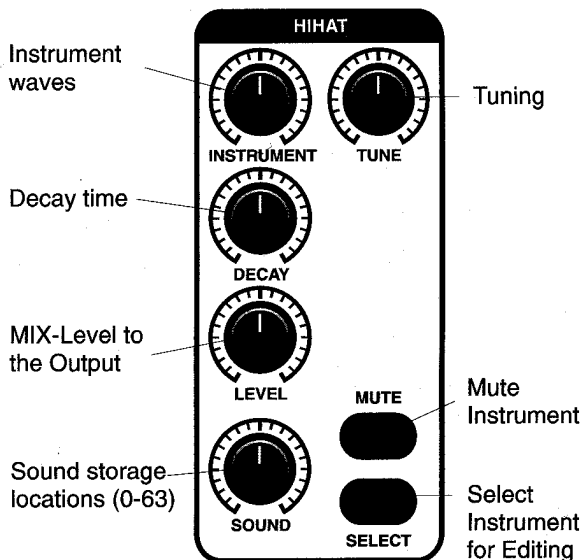
The SNARE Section:

The Snare section contains, on menu page 1, 25 basic instruments to choose from. The remaining corresponding sections are the same as those found in the Kick drum section. All Snare sounds can be addressed by the Synthesizer parameters giving the user complete tonal variance. There are 64 memory locations to store user Edits, allowing you to customize your sounds.



The HIHAT section:

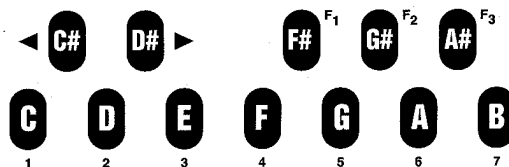
The HiHat section contains 7 basic instrument sets to choose from. This section has 2 voices and is thus termed duophonic. Both Open and Closed HiHats can be accessed independently. This section also has 64 memory locations for storing Edits. The parameters correspond to those of the Kick drum section.



Select the Percussion section by hitting the SELECT button. Press the EDIT button and then F2. The display shows the following:

```
Edit Set 3 - C
|1> Ins:808Kic1F
```

In the top line you can select a set. The letter on the top line shows the button on which the instrument is stored. In this example you have an 808 kick stored on button C. To select a different sound, turn the EDIT VALUE wheel.

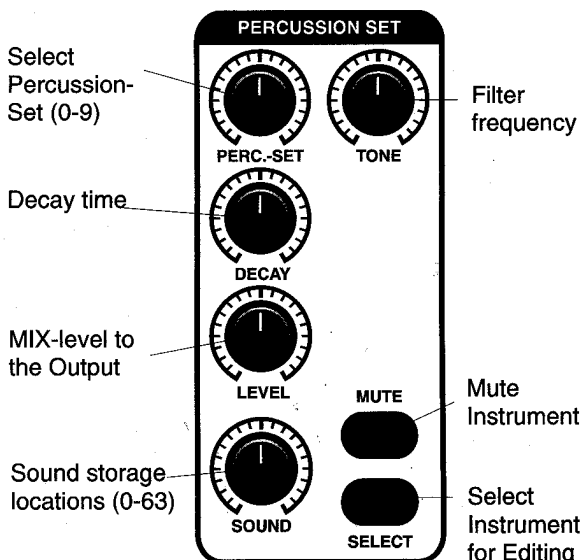


Use the page button to select subsequent menu pages. By pressing Exit, you will return to the initial menu page.

```
Select Edit |1>
[Snd][Set] [Mix]
```

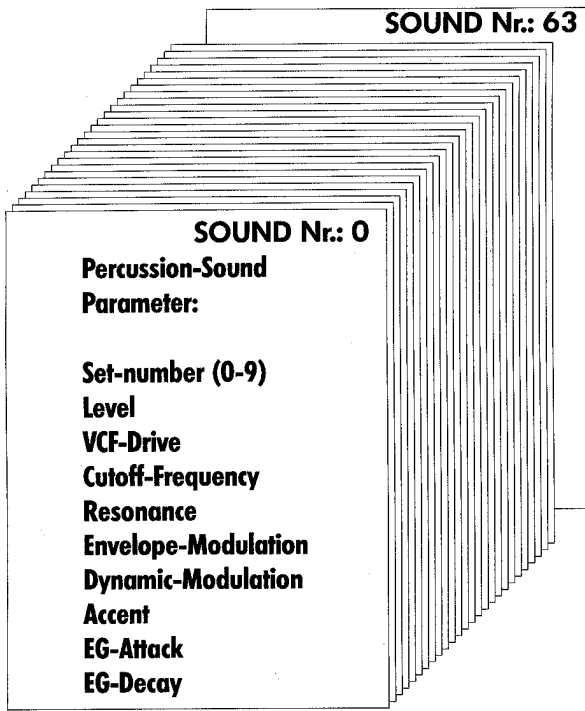
The Percussion section also has 64 memory locations for storing user Edits. Any of the 10 sets, along with the various edited parameters can be stored. As the following shows there are 10 parameters available to the user.

The PERCUSSION SET:

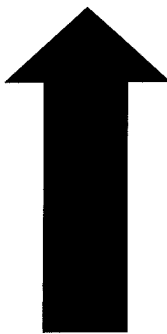
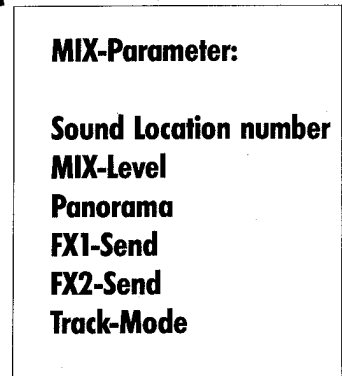


The Percussion section in the 309 has its own map. It has 12 polyphonic voices. You can create up to 10 sets made up of 12 instrument groups. There are 128 different instruments to choose from. They may each be Edited and stored independently with the following parameters: Tune, Instrument select, Panning, FX1 and FX2.

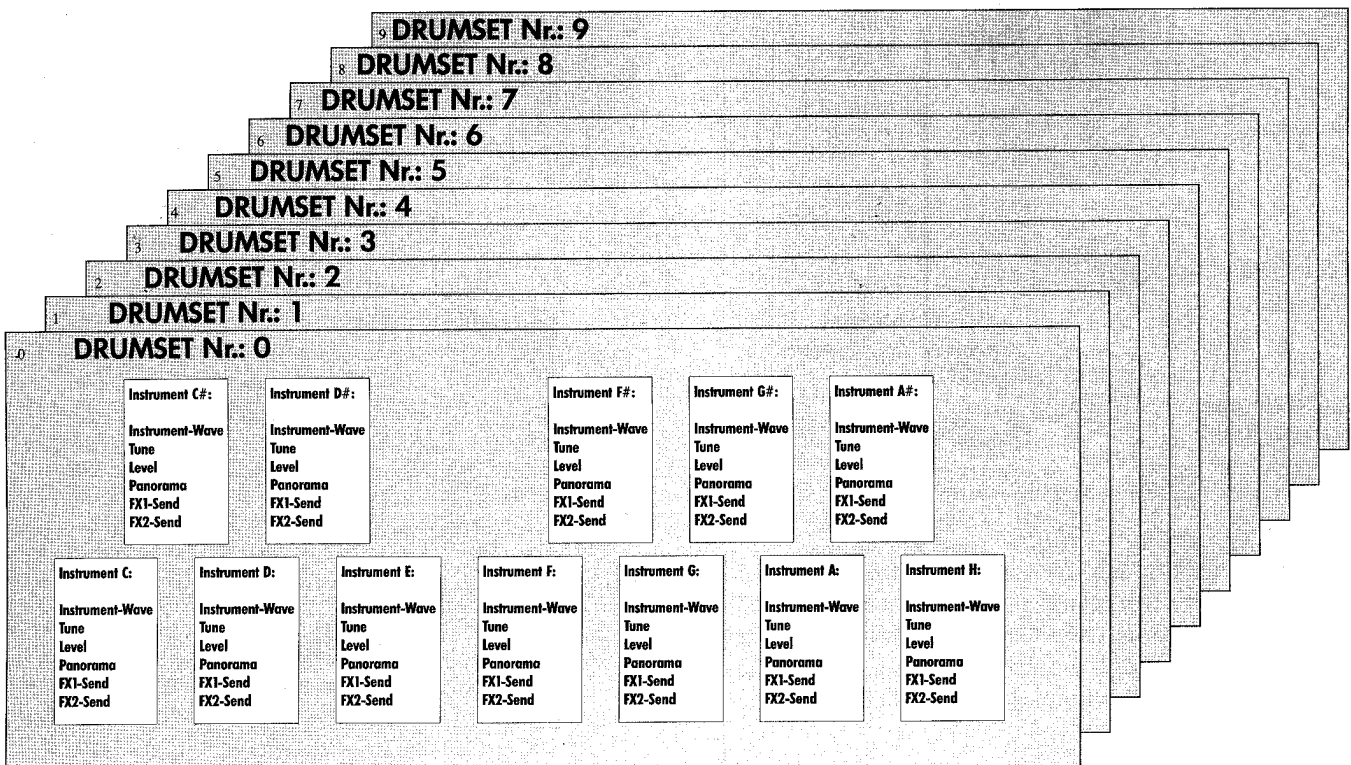
The Percussion-Section:



These MIX-Parameters are also stored with each Pattern



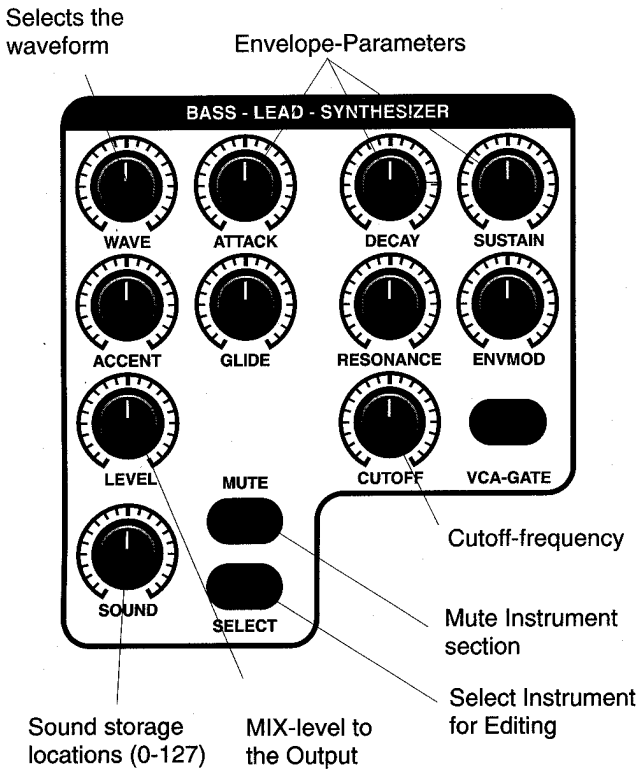
Percussion-Sets with these Parameters can be stored into any of the 64 memory locations (0-63)



The BASS/LEAD SYNTHESIZER Section:

This section contains a monophonic synthesizer. It has the same parameters as the other sections but also contains a Modulation section (LFO) and Glide parameters. The synthesizer section contains 28 waveform models including standards, such as, Saw, Square, Triangle, and Pulse, along with some sophisticated dual oscillator models. Dual oscillator models are labelled with a "2" in the Waves name.

See real time access pots and buttons below.



The parameter definitions of the first 14 menu pages are the same as the Kick section. Parameters unique to the Bass/Lead section begin on menu page 15. This page contains the Glide parameter.

```
Edit Bass-Sound
<15> Glide: 0
```

With legato, notes played in succession will mesh into one another, that is, the pitch of note 1 will 'glide' to the pitch of note 2 without any discrete steps. This is particularly effective for many "Acid" lines.

The LFO:

On menu pages 16 - 18, you can adjust the LFO's Waveforms, the Rate and Depth of the modulation.

```
Edit Bass-Sound
<16> LFOWave: SIN
```

Menu pages 19 - 21 contains parameters for selecting the LFO Routing. Settings can be made for how much LFO is routed to each; the VCO, the VCF and the VCA.

- VCO affects Pitch
- VCA affects Amplitude
- VCF affects the Filter, in regards to Modulation.

The EFFECTS Section:

The 309 has three Effects sections, FX-1, FX-2 and FX-3. FX-1 is made up of Reverb emulation algorithms. FX-2 deals with Modulation effects, ranging from Chorus and Flange algorithms to those of Delays, and beyond. FX-3 is a two band Parametric Equalizer. Its' effect is global and routed to the outputs. In the MIX menu you can vary the amount of 'effect' to be applied to each Drum or Synth voice via the FX send parameter.

An example of effects usage can be easily demonstrated by applying Chorus to a Bass/Lead sound, which is excellent for thickening the Voice.

- Printed on the right side of the 309's faceplate is a listing of the available Effects.

ATTENTION:

The Effects settings are only stored within the Song. The unstored Effects remain after the machine is turned off. They are lost if a different Song is selected before storing the settings.

TIP:

If you do not intend to program Song Patterns, you may want to use available memory locations to store Effects setups. This would apply if the 309 were being used as an expansion tone module.

The effects section is located in the Edit menu. Press the EDIT button and scroll to menu page 3 using the right PAGE button:

```
Select Edit <3>
[CFX1] [FX2] [EQ]
```

Pressing F1 opens FX-1, the Reverb section; pressing F2 opens FX-2, the Modulation section; and pressing F3 opens FX-3, the Parametric EQ.

The OVERBLAST:

With the 'Overblast' control you have additional tonal possibilities as you can now do a linear addition to the bass tone range, or Bass-Boost. Similar to a contour control, it provides for excellent projection in live performance. (Take care of your speakers)



The Sequencer:

Connection to a MIDI Keyboard:

The Rave-O-Lution 309 can be connected to an external keyboard for added convenience, such as programming velocities. This is especially good when you intend to do real time recording in which you need more than 1 octave of range. If you want to address more than 1 MIDI channel simultaneously you must use a keyboard capable of multiple zone operation, such as QUASIMIDI CYBER-6. Connect the MIDI Out of the keyboard to the MIDI In on the 309. On the keyboard select MIDI transmit channels to match the MIDI channels on the 309 and you are ready to go. Factory settings are as follows:

System-Channel: 1 (found in the System Edit menu):

MIDI-Channel 1: Kick
MIDI-Channel 2: Snare
MIDI-Channel 3: Hihat
MIDI-Channel 4: Percussion
MIDI-Channel 5: Bass-Lead-Synthesizer

System-Channel: 2 :

MIDI-Channel 2: Kick
MIDI-Channel 3: Snare
MIDI-Channel 4: Hihat
MIDI-Channel 5: Percussion
MIDI-Channel 6: Bass-Lead-Synthesizer

System-Channel: 3 :

MIDI-Channel 3: Kick
MIDI-Channel 4: Snare
MIDI-Channel 5: Hihat
MIDI-Channel 6: Percussion
MIDI-Channel 7: Bass-Lead-Synthesizer

... and so on.

The following is the hierarchy of the sequencer levels.

1) Motif:

The Motif is the smallest unit of programming in the sequencer. It can be made of from 1 to 8 bars. Each instrument section (Kick, Snare, Hihat, Percussion and Bass/Lead) has the ability to have its' own motif with independent lengths. A motif can also be used as a special loop track.

2) Pattern:

The next level in the 309's sequencer is the Pattern. Each Pattern is made of up to 5 motifs. The Pattern is really the layering of different small sequences. If the Pattern has 1 Motif which is 8 bars long and the rest of the 4 parts range from 1 to less than 8 bars the subsequent smaller tracks will loop until the 8 bar motif cycles through. The 309 comes with 100 pre-programmed patterns.

3) The Song:

The Song is an arrangement of Patterns in individual steps. Each Song can contain up to 99 steps and each step may be up to 64 bars in length. Determining which Patterns go into which step and which instruments should be active can be specified. Additionally, the Root Pitch of the Bass/Lead track can be programmed.

Programming Drum Grooves:

Press the Record button. The following section will be displayed:

```
Select Record...  
[Master] [Patt.]
```

Select F3, [Patt]. This is the Edit pattern menu, which contains the basic sequencer functions. Here you can generate your own Motifs, or recombine already existing ones.

-The Select button

During recording, the Select button plays an important role - it determines which instrument you are about to record.

The first page of the menu selects the Motif you are going to work in. You may choose between ROM and User Motifs. Use the Edit value wheel to scroll between ROM Motifs and empty User Motifs. Empty User Motifs are marked with an asterisk. In this mode you may randomly select Motifs.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick  
|1> Motif:USR*01
```

Tip: Holding the Shift button while hitting Select on the desired instrument advances through different randomly selected Patterns. Pressing Shift-Select again advances to a new Motif.

The right and left Page buttons advance through the Edit menu parameters. Menu page 2 contains the Groove parameters.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick  
<2> Groove: 0%
```

Here you assign a shuffle feel to the rhythm, in which individual events are offset. This is useful for avoiding a 'quantized-rigid feel' in a Pattern with a more fluid swing feel. It is especially valuable in House, Hip-Hop and Funk musical styles.

Menu page 3 contains the [clear] parameter, which erases the contents of the Motif.

When using an empty User Motif, you have the option on this page to select the number of bars between 1 and 8:

```
EDIT P01 T: Kick  
<3> [clear]  
then ...
```

```
Edit P01 T: Kick  
<3> [ --- ]Len:1
```

Pressing the right Page button opens the 'drumgrid'.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<4> [drumgrid]
```

Programming Drum Grooves with the Drumgrid:

Before programming Drum Grooves, select an empty User Motif for all instrument sections.

A slightly more elegant solution to create an empty Pattern is contained in the WRITE menu. Press WRITE, then press the right PAGE button to select menu Page 5. You should see the following:

```
<5> Init Patt.?
[ok]
```

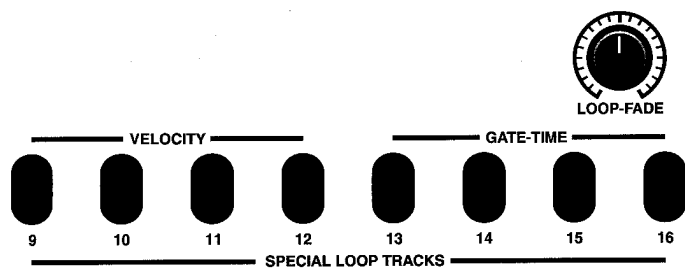
Confirm the Init Pattern? with [ok], the F1 button. You now have created a Pattern that contains no Motifs. Press EXIT to leave the Write menu.

The SELECT button allows you to choose an instrument which you would like to use for your Drumgrid recording. In this example, we will start with the Kick track. Hit F2 to open the Drumgroove.

```
Grid: 16 | 1/1 |
Instr: Kick
```

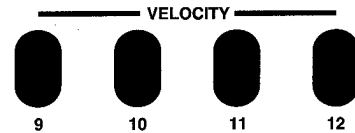
You should now hear the Metronome only.

In this menu the LOOP-FADE control controls the Metronome volume.



Input notes by pressing buttons 1-16. These are equal to 1 bar in default resolution. There is a 4 beat count off. Experiment by pressing buttons and listening to the results. When a button is lit, it indicates that a Drum voice will sound when that step is triggered. Pressing the button a second time removes the Drum voice and extinguishes the light.

Notes programmed using the Drumgrid can be entered at one of four velocity levels, selected on buttons 9-12. To change the velocity, hold down SHIFT and buttons 9-12 will light. (9 is the softest, 12 is the loudest.)



Changing velocity only affects notes played after the change. If you want the velocity change to affect existing notes you must erase that note re-enter it.

If the length of a new Motif goes past a bar line you can use the page button to advance to the next bar. Each bar may be worked with independently.

```
Grid: 16 | 1/2 >
Instr: Kick
then ...
Grid: 16 < 2/2 |
Instr: Kick
```

Additionally, in the drumgrid the resolution of note patterns can be changed. During the inputting of notes, hold down the SHIFT button and select different note resolutions with the Page buttons. Resolutions of 1/8th, 1/12th(triplet), 1/16th, 1/24th, to 1/32nd notes are available. In the last mode for example, 16 notes equals 1/2 of a bar.

You may find the best way to use these note values is by experimenting. For instruments like the Kick drum, lower resolutions are usually sufficient. Snare and HiHat generally demand a higher resolution because of rolls and other subtleties. To leave the Kick Motif, hit the exit button. Press SELECT on the next instrument for Editing.

The HiHat has two different sections, corresponding to Open and Closed HiHats available. Use the EDIT VALUE wheel to toggle between these two instruments.

The Percussion section gives the option to choose between 12 different instruments. In the Drumgrid, you may distribute these 12 voices across the first 12 key buttons. Select Percussion instruments using the Edit value wheel.

Important: After you have completed your drumgrid hit EXIT. Choose the appropriate drums and basses. Be shure to hit the WRITE button to make your selected sounds a permanent part of this pattern.

Now on to Edit Pattern menu page 5. As mentioned earlier, the metronome volume can be adjusted with the LOOP-FADE knob; here is where the metronome is turned on or off.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<5> Metronom: ON
```

Press the right PAGE button to menu page 6. Here you can enter the notes into the 309 in Realtime.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<6> [record]:NEW
```

This record mode functions basically like a tape recorder. Push the REC button and after a 4 beat count off, recording starts. You can now record a rhythm, or a melody with the Bass/Lead synth, directly with the keys. The length of the recording is based on the Motif length, set in the Drumgrid menu.

When set to [new], old data is erased before recording new data. When set to [dub], old data is retained while new data is recorded over top of the old data.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<6> [record]:DUB
```

Example: Record a HiHat Motif with the Drumgrid or in Real-time, making sure to select the [dub] setting with the EDIT VALUE wheel. Start recording again and, after the 4 beat countoff, rotate the Tune knob in the HiHat section. When finished recording, press PLAY and you will hear the newly recorded HiHat superimposed on the original HiHat Motif. The next page, menu page 7, contains Quantization parameters:

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<7> [quant]:16
```

Quantizing should be used when the timing of a Real-time performance is not precise enough. Pressing the F2 button aligns the recording to the selected time resolution.

The following note resolutions are available via the Edit wheel:

1/8th, 1/12th(triplet), 1/16th, 1/24th, 1/32nd

note: Quantizing won't help you if you do not use a reference clock, or if you have no talent. A certain amount of precision is required.

If, after quantizing, you are not satisfied with the results, it is possible to undo the quantization on menu page 8.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<8> [delc][undo]
```

Pressing the F2 button, [delc], erases the tracks' Controller data. Pressing the F3 button, [undo], un-does the last thing you did.

Menu page 9 is the last page in the Edit Pattern menu. It contains a 'Memory Gauge', indicating a percentage of how much memory for storing edits is left in the 309.

```
Edit P01 T: Kick
<9| Mem:100%free
```

Using the STEP Sequencer with the BASS/LEAD SYNTHESIZER:

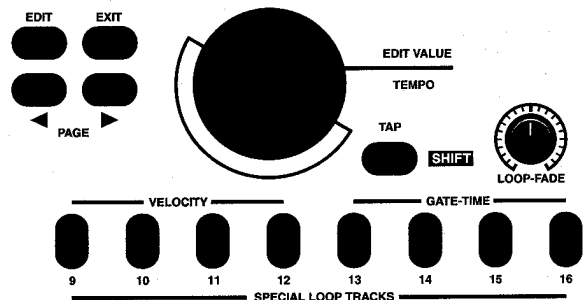
The Step Sequencer is to the Bass/Lead synthesizer as the drumgrid is to the Drum voices. Enter the Step Sequencer by pressing the Bass/Lead Select button when within menu page 4.

```
Edit P01 T: Bass
<4> [stepRecord]
```

The Step Sequencer is oriented very much like that found in the TB-303 Bassline and MC-202 Microcomposer, from Roland, which hit the market in the early 80's and have virtually nothing in common with any similarly named products of today.

The basis for the first sequence is an empty Bass Motif. Pressing the F2 button opens the Sequencer. The display shows the following: If the Sequencer is not running, press the PLAY button. Now press F2 to enter the Step Sequencer.

```
Step: 1/16
--- V: 64 G: 2
```



Enter Notes with the small Note keys and press the PAGE button to advance to the next note.

```
Step: 1/16
C4 V: 64 G: 2
```

The first step is shown in the display:

```
Step: 2/16
--- V: 64 G: 2
```

The Step Sequencer allows each Note to be entered at a different resolution. Hold down SHIFT and press the PAGE button to select the desired resolution. The available resolutions are: 1/8th, 1/12th(triplet), 1/16th, 1/24th, to 1/32nd notes.

The Pitches of the Notes:

The pitch value of the notes can be changed at any time, by using the EDIT VALUE wheel. To do octave transpositions, hold the SHIFT button down and simultaneously press the SONG PATTERN buttons. Right button=up, Left button=down. In the basic setting you are in the lowest register. Thus, only upwards transposition is possible.

Programming the ACCENT:

Programming the Accent is done via buttons 9-12. There is a choice of four dynamic levels (velocity). The value currently selected is shown in the display, via the F2 button. Depending on the Bass/Lead sound chosen, it might also be possible to use velocity to open and close the Filters. Upon playback, these dynamic inputs will result in audible accents. You can use the ACCENT knob to heighten the effect in real time. In the middle location (64) the effect is the greatest, while rotating the knob left and right decreases the accent amount proportionally.

GATE and GLIDE:

The term 'Gate' in electronic music means duration. Specifically, in this case, *note* duration. The length of each note is determined using the four gate buttons (13-16). These durations range from very short to very long in 4 increments. The Gate can be different for each. Button 13 = short duration, Button 16 = long duration. At 16 it will be tied to the subsequent note, or 100% legato. The word 'Glide' means that one note transitions into the next note without steps in pitch. Realtime Glide movement is done via the front panel knob.

Storing a Pattern:

Once you have finished your Pattern you might want to store it. Before storing the Pattern you must leave the Step Sequence/Drumgrid by hitting the EXIT button. Enter the Write menu by pressing the WRITE button. Select menu page 2.

```
<2> Store Patt.?
[ok]
```

Push [ok] to store. Now you will see ...

```
to Pattern P01
[ok] [cancel]
```

On this page, select the storage space for the Pattern with the Edit value wheel. Choosing [cancel] aborts the entire process, the Pattern is not stored. Once you have found an acceptable storage space, press [ok] and the Pattern will be stored in the selected location. Leave the Write menu by pressing the EXIT button. After leaving the Edit Pattern menu, we will now enter the Edit Song menu.

Using Patterns to Create a Song:

A Song in the 309 is made up of sequence of organized Patterns. These could be preset ROM Patterns or User generated Patterns. A Song can consist of up to 100 song steps. For each of these steps you can define the following parameters:

- 1 number of Patterns
- 2 Pitch and Transpositions
- 3 number of bars per Pattern
- 4 muting of Motifs

To open the Edit Song menu, press the EDIT button.

```
Select Edit <2>
[Pattern] [Song]
```

Now press F3, [song], and the display will show the following:

```
Edit S1 Bar: 1
|1> Pattern: 1
```

These and all the following pages of the menu contain upper line information pertaining to the current position in the Song.

```
Edit S1 - indicates the first song step
Bar: 1 - indicates the first bar
```

By pressing the right page button you will advance to page 2 in the display.

```
Edit S1 Bar: 1
<2> Transp: +0
```

Menu page 2 contains Transposition info as it applies to the Bass/Lead synth.

```
Edit S1 Bar: 1
<3> Bars: 4
```

Menu page 3 determines the number of bars in the Pattern, from 1 to 64.

```
Edit S1 Bar: 1
<4> [ins] [del]
```

Menu page 4 contains the [insert] and delete] functions. When you press the F2 button, the actual step is copied and subsequent steps advance one position further.

Note- this function does not work on the last step of the Song.

When you press F3 the current Song step is erased and subsequent steps are moved back in time by one position.

ATTENTION: The last step cannot be erased.

Menu page 5 in the Edit Song menu pertains to the [copy] function.

```
Edit S1 Bar: 1
<5| [copy]to:S1
```

When you press the F2 button the current step is copied. Select the destination step with the EDIT VALUE wheel. To MUTE individual instrument sections in a step, press the appropriate MUTE button. When the button lights, the section is muted. Once the step is acceptable, press the right PAGE button to advance to the next step. The left PAGE button moves the sequence one step back.

Storing a Song:

Once the Song steps are assembled, you are ready to store the Song. Select menu page 3 with the page button. Press the WRITE button and press [ok] to store.

```
<3> Store Song?
[ok]
```

Press [ok] to store.

```
Name: Untitled
[ok] [cancel]
```

On this page, you can name the Song. Change the letters using the EDIT VALUE wheel. Advance to the next letter with the right PAGE button. [cancel] stops the process.

```
to 1 (Untitled)
[ok] [cancel]
```

Once the name is input, press [ok]. A prompt will appear confirming if you really want to erase the current storage area with the new Song. Scroll to select an unused storage location with the EDIT VALUE wheel.

You can leave the WRITE menu by pressing the EXIT button.

The MASTER TRACK:

The Master Track is an additional Sequencer track on which you can store Realtime control data, after the Song is assembled. All control surface movements can be recorded on this track. Additionally all of the realtime movements can be made within the pattern with the overdub recording option. To record the Master Track, first press the RECORD button. You will see the following menu:

```
Select Record...
[Master] [Patt.]
```

Press [Master]

```
Edit Mastertrack
[1] [record]:NEW
```

Once [record] is pressed, recording of the Master Track starts. Every button pressed and knob moved is stored in memory, in Realtime. Every move! To stop the recording, press STOP.

ATTENTION: When you finish recording a Master Track, the display may say, "working ...". This could take several minutes,

depending on the amount of new moves being merged with the old material.

Using the 309 in Live Performance:

The Rave-O-lution 309 is ideally suited for live performance. The large number of knobs and buttons allow for total performance input. All important sound parameters and Pattern variations are at your fingertips. You can combine any number of Patterns as you go and edit them in live performance with glitch-free transitions. The Patterns are accessed by buttons and may be combined with Special-Loop Tracks, also on buttons. All instrument sections are mutable.

How to assign Patterns to buttons:

To assign User Patterns to the Pattern buttons, press the EDIT button and scroll to page 4 of the Edit menu.

```
Select Edit <4|
[Pads] [System]
```

Press the F1 button to call up the Pad setup menu.

```
Edit Pad1 Assign
[1] Pattern: P01
```

Press the button corresponding to where you would like to store a Pattern or Motif, and scroll to the desired Pattern number with the EDIT VALUE wheel.

The SPECIAL-LOOP-TRACKS:



Select the Track on which to use the 'Special-Loop-Tracks' function. There are 4 Menu pages for selecting editing parameters. For this example, press button 9:

Press button 9. The Display shows the following:

```
Edit Pad9 Assign
<9> Track: Snare
```

On this page select the instruments-section, to which the Special-Loop-Track-Motif should belong. Values are edited with the Edit value wheel. Select menu page 10 for editing by pressing the PAGE buttons:

```
Edit Pad9 Assign
<10> MotBnk: ROM
```

Select the Motif Bank with the EDIT VALUE wheel:

```
Edit Pad9 Assign
<11> Motif: 94
```

Select menu page 12 with the PAGE buttons.

```

Edit Pad9 Assign
<12> Sound: 0
    
```

Select the Sound, with which the Special-Loop-Track-Motif is associated, with the EDIT VALUE wheel.

Adjusting the TEMPO:

The Tempo of the Sequencer can be set while playing in Realtime with the EDIT VALUE wheel. As an alternative, the SHIFT button doubles as a TAP button. The tempo is set when the TAP button is tapped rhythmically at the desired tempo. 4 taps are required to compute the tempo.

Tip: SHIFT/TAP button functions can be controlled remotely with a footswitch. (This is great for Live performance.)

The LOOP-FADE knob:

The LOOP-FADE knob regulates the volume of the Special-Loop Tracks.

Synchronizing the 309 with an other sequencer:

The 309 can be synchronized, via MIDI-Clock, to other sequencers and Drum machines. In Playmode, the 309 always sends MIDI-Clock. To control the 309's sequencer from an external source, set the MIDI synchronization parameter to EXT. Pressing the PLAY button puts the 309 into 'Play-Ready' mode. Playback commences when the External machine is started. The STOP button stops all instruments.

The Display shows the following:

```

Select Edit <4|
[Pads] [System]
    
```

Press the F3 button to enter the Edit System. Select menu page 3 with the PAGE dial:

```

Edit System/Midi
<3> MidiSync: INT
    
```

Select the MIDI Sync method with the EDIT VALUE wheel. When set to EXT, the 309 can receive the MIDI-Clock of an other instrument. When set to EXT, the 309 can be started and stopped from the connected unit.

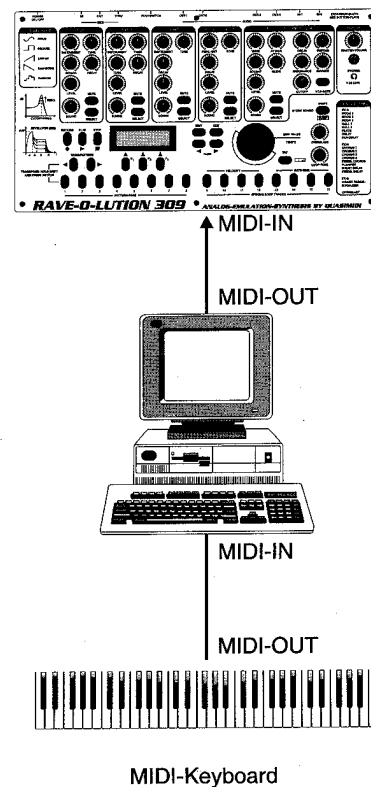
Tip: While playing back, pressing the PLAY button second time, freezes the currently running Pattern. Pressing PLAY again leaves the Freeze function, resuming normal playback.

Connecting the 309 to a computer:

Although the 309's sequencer is quite extensive in its capabilities, there are times when a Computer sequencer is preferred. To use the 309 with a Computer, you will need the following:

- The 309!
- Computer (Macintosh, PC, Atari) with MIDI-Interface
- Sequencer software (Vision, Cubase, Logic etc.)
- 1 or 2 MIDI cables

First connect the cables as follows:



- Computer MIDI interface Out > 309 MIDI In
- Masterkeyboard MIDI Out > Computer MIDI Interface MIDI In

To use the 309 as a Sound expander, only one MIDI connection is necessary. (Computer MIDI out > 309 MIDI In). To send a data bulk dump to the Computer for storage, a second MIDI cable, (309 MIDI Out > Computer MIDI In), is necessary.

In the Computer's sequencer software, map MIDI Channels 1 to 5 and play some notes on your keyboard. By default, MIDI Channels 1 thru 5 correspond with the 309's instrument sections.

MIDI Channel assignment can be changed in the Edit System menu. Press the EDIT button. Scroll to Page 4 with the PAGE Dial. The display shows the following:

```

Select Edit <4|
[Pads] [System]
    
```

Press F3 to enter the System Edit menu.

```
Edit System/Midi
|1> Sys.Chan: 1
```

On the first page of this menu you can select the System Channel. The MIDI Channels of the instrument sections are always sequential, starting with the Kick Drum. Example: If the System Channel is set to Channel 5, the Kick operates on Channel 5, the Snare on Channel 6, the HiHat on Channel 7, and so on.

Bulk Dump of all parameters:

The contents of the 309's memory (Songs, Patterns and Sound parameters) can be transferred to a Computer. This enables safe storage of valuable data. This procedure is known as a Bulk Dump. Bulk Dump data is sent from the 309's MIDI Out in the form of a System Exclusive message (SysEx).

To execute a Bulk Dump, the 309's MIDI-Out must be connected to the Computer's MIDI in. The 309 offers three kinds of Bulk Dumps:

- Temporary Dump-

Only active parameters are sent out. These are the currently selected Patterns and Sound parameters.

- Sound Dump-

The Sound parameters of all the Instruments are sent.

- Song Dump-

The Song parameters including Patterns are sent.

The Dump functions are accessed by pressing the WRITE button. The three Dump functions begin on menu page 7, accessed with the PAGE dial:

```
<7> Send Temp?
      [ok]
```

Menu page 7 contains the Temporary Dump function. The F1 button starts the Dump:

```
<8> Send Sounds?
      [ok]
```

Menu page 8 contains the Sound Dump function. The F1 button starts the Dump:

```
<9> Send Songs?
      [ok]
```

Menu page 9 contains the Song Dump function. The F1 button starts the Dump.

The procedure for recording Bulk Dumps involves sending data from the 309 while the sequencer is recording. Start the sequencer recording first, then press the F1 button on the 309. A few points to be aware of:

>>>> Many sequencer programs have a MIDI data filter which limits the types of data the sequencer can record. This is an effective way to thin out excessive MIDI data before it is even recorded. The Sys Ex filter must not be enabled for the Dump procedure to work.

>>>> Many Sequencer programs acquired as Shareware and 'Lite' or Demo versions are incapable of recording System Exclusive data. These programs are therefore not useful for 309 Bulk Dumps.

>>>> To restore the Bulk Dump data back to the 309, simply play back the sequence.

With a good sequencer program all Sound parameters of the 309 can be controlled and automated remotely. It is also possible to select Sounds for each of the 5 sections via MIDI with the Program Change message. Refer to the sequencer program's manual for information about sending Program Change messages. For a listing of the Sound parameters accessible via MIDI, refer to page 23 of this manual.

System functions and the SYSTEM Edit menu:

Especially in connection with an external sequencer or other units, it could be an advantage to make special presets in the 309, which will determine System parameters. These parameters are located in the Edit System menu. Press the right Page button to get to menu Page 4:

```
Select Edit <4|
      [Pads] [System]
```

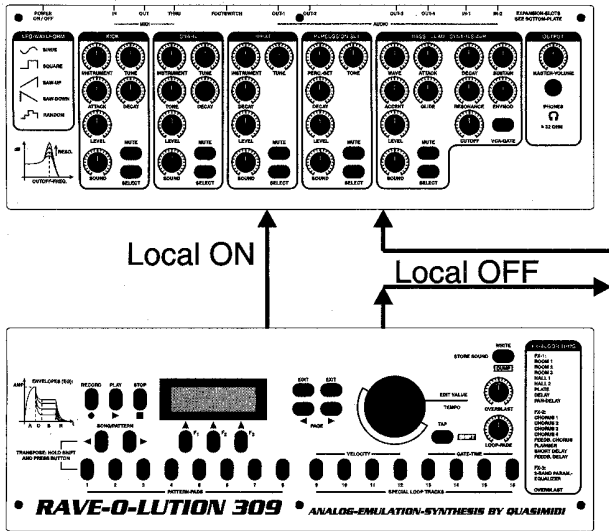
The F3 button opens the Edit System menu. Page 1 of this menu is for selecting the System MIDI Channel.

```
Edit System/Midi
|1> Sys.Chan: 1
```

Edit System menu page 1 is for setting the System Channel. MIDI Channel assignments for the Instrument sections are always sequential, starting with the Kick Drum on the System Channel. Example: If the System Channel is set to Channel 5, the Kick operates on Channel 5, the Snare on Channel 6, the HiHat on Channel 7, and so on. Select menu Page 2 with the right Page button:

```
Edit System/Midi
<2> Local: ON
```

Edit System menu page 2 contains the Local parameter. With Local OFF, the Sequencer does not send Note and Controller data to the Sound generation section, it now sends Note and Controller data to the MIDI Out. This is useful when the 309's MIDI In and MIDI Out are connected to a software sequencer to avoid Midi Event doubling, timing problems and feedback loops while turning the knobs.



Edit System menu Page 3 contains the parameter for setting the synchronization method:

```
Edit System/Midi
<3> MidiSync: INT
```

The parameter values include INT (internal) and EXT (external).

```
Edit System/Midi
<4> RxPrgChg: ON
```

Menu page 4 contains the parameter which determines whether or not the 309 receives MIDI Program Change messages.

```
Edit System/Midi
<5> RxParam: ON
```

Edit System menu page 5 contains the parameter which determines whether or not the 309 receives MIDI Continuous Controller messages.

```
Edit System/Midi
<6> TxPrgChg: ON
```

Edit System menu page 6 contains the parameter which determines whether or not the 309 transmits MIDI Program Change messages.

```
Edit System/Midi
<7> TxParam: ON
```

Edit System menu page 7 contains the parameter which determines whether or not the 309 transmits MIDI Continuous Control messages.

```
Edit System/Midi
<8> TxClock: ON
```

Edit System menu page 8 contains the parameter which determines whether or not MIDI Clock data of the 309 is transmitted or not.

Listing of hidden Button Combinations:

Button and Knob Combination:	Edit Level:	Function:
FOOTSWITCH	All	Footswitch functions as Shift button.
SHIFT / TAP	All	Press 4 times to set Tempo.
SELECT + Knob Movement	Playback	Knobs in the Synth Section control any Instr. while Select button is held.
LOOP-FADE	Record	Adjusts the Metronome level.
SHIFT + PAGE	Drumgrid & Step Sequencer	Selects Grid Resolution.
SHIFT + SONG/PATTERN	Step Sequencer	Transposes in Octave increments.
SHIFT + SELECT	Edit-Pattern & Playback	Randomly selects Motives.
SELECT + DIAL	Playback	Selects Sounds in fine increments.
SHIFT + VELOCITY	Drumgrid	Selects among 4 velocities, After selecting doubleclicking provides confirmation.

Waveform and Sample Listing of the 309:

Bass-Waves (28 Sounds)

MoogWav1
 MoogWav2
 DistSin1
 DistSin2
 D_Trian1
 D_Trian2
 MixWavA2
 Form_A_1
 Form_A_2
 Form_B_1
 Form_B_2
 Form_C_1
 Form_C_2
 RolSaw_1
 RolSaw_2
 Sawtoth1
 Sawtoth2
 Sine_1
 Sine_2
 SineSaw2
 SineSqu2
 SineTri2
 Square_1
 Square_2
 SqarSaw2
 TriaSaw2
 TriaSqu2
 MixWav_4

Kicks (26 Sounds)

D_Kick1
 D_Kick2
 D_Kick3
 D_Kick4
 D_Kick5
 808Kick1
 808Kick2
 808Kick3
 909Kick1
 909Kick2
 909Kick3
 909Kick4
 909Kick5
 HipKick
 DistorBD
 KickShrt
 KicRev
 KlickKic
 KxiuKick
 LongBD
 ShrtBD
 MS_Kick
 AnaKick1
 AnaKick2
 AnaKick3
 AnaKick4

Snares (25 Sounds)

606Snare
 808Snar1
 808Snar2
 808Snar3
 909Snar1
 909Snar2
 HipSnar
 EfSnare1
 EfSnare2
 EfSnare3
 EfSnare4
 EfSnare5
 FlSnare
 IndSnare
 HiSnare
 DrySnar1
 DrySnar2
 MS20_Snr
 Snare1
 Snare2
 Snare3
 Snare4
 Noise1
 Noise2
 Noise3

HiHats (7 Sounds)

MS_HiHat
 NatHiHat
 808HiHat
 909HiHat
 606HiHat
 Fx_Hihat
 MS_20_HH

Drumset-Instr. (128 Samples)

606ClHH
 606Cymb
 606_hTom
 606_lTom
 606_opHH
 606SnarF
 808_clHH
 808_Clap
 808Clave
 808_Cow
 808_Cymb
 808hCong
 808_hTom
 808Kic1F
 808Kic2F
 808_lTom
 808_mTom
 808_Rim
 808Sna2F
 808Sna3F

808SnarF
 909_Clap
 909_clHH
 909Crash
 909hiTom
 909Kic1F
 909Kic2F
 909Kic3F
 909Kic4F
 909loTom
 909_mTom
 909_opHH
 909_Ride
 909_Rim
 909Sna1F
 909Sna2F
 Brickn
 Cng1Mute
 Cng1Palm
 Cng1Slap
 Cng2Mute
 Cng2Palm
 Cng3_OT
 Cng3Palm
 Cng3Slap
 CngMuffl
 CngMute
 CngOpen
 CngOTOF
 CngOTOF2
 CngOTOFF
 CngPalm
 CngSlap
 CngSlOf
 CngSlpHd
 CngTips
 DeepShak
 DirtClap
 DirtClp2
 DirtHH
 DistorBF
 DrySna1F
 DrySna2F
 D_Kick1F
 D_Kick2F
 D_Kick3F
 D_Kick4F
 D_Kick5F
 EfSnar1F
 EfSnar2F
 EfSnar3F
 EfSnar4F
 EfSnar5F
 FingSnip
 FipSnap
 FlngClp
 FlSnareF
 F_Drum_1
 F_Drum_2

F_Drum_3
 F_Drum_4
 F_Drum_5
 F_Drum_6
 F_Drum_7
 F_Revs1
 HighStck
 HipKick
 HipSnaF
 HiSnarF
 IndSnarF
 Ito_HDMT
 Ito_HDOT
 Ito_HDS
 Ito_LDM
 Ito_LDOT
 Ito_LDS
 Iya_AHDO
 Iya_AHDS
 Iya_HDM
 Iya_HDOT
 Iya_HDS
 Iya_LDM
 Iya_LDO
 Iya_LDS
 KickShrF
 KicRevF
 KlickKiF
 KxiuKicF
 LongBF
 MS_20HHF
 MS_20SF
 MS_KicF
 NcHHFoot
 NclHH
 NormClap
 Revers1
 Ride
 ShrtBF
 Snare1F
 Snare2F
 Snare3F
 Snare4F
 Ticker
 Udu1
 Udu2
 Udu3
 Udu4
 Metronom

MIDI Controller Listing:

The following lists the designated send and receive MIDI Controller numbers:

Controller-Nr.	Function:
1	Modulation wheel (default: LFO->VCO depth)
5	Glide Time
->7	Mix Level
10	Panorama
->11	Sound Level
12	Instr./Wave
14	Tune (32" .4" ..)
->15	VCF-Drive
->16	VCF Cutoff
17	VCF Resonance
18	EG Attack
19	EG Decay
20	EG Sustain
21	EG Release
22	EG->VCA Gate ON/OFF
23	EG->VCF amount (Env.Mod.)
24	Dyn->VCF amount
25	(Accent) Velocity Response
26	LFO Depth
27	LFO Wave (0..4 = Sinus, UpSaw, DownSaw, Rect, Random)
28	LFO Rate (0,1..10 Hz)
29	LFO VCO Pitch amount
30	LFO VCF amount
31	LFO VCA amount
64	Holdpedal
91	FX1 send
93	FX2 send
120	All Sounds Off
121	Reset All Controllers
122	Local Off/On (value>=64)
123	All Notes Off

Attention Programmer !

The following section lists the System Exclusive data for the 309:

Rave-O-lution-309 System-Exclusive Format:

Request Data from device:

Byte No.	Value	Remarks
0	F0	System Exclusive start command
1	3F	QUASIMIDI id number
2	dv	device number = System channel-1
3	25	Rave-O-lution-309 id number
4	52	(R)equst data
5	ah	adress high
6	am	adress mid
7	al	adress low
8	dh	data count high (2 bit)
9	dm	data count mid (7 bit)
10	dl	data count low (7 bit)
11	F7	end of System Exclusive

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Dump Data to device:

Byte No.	Value	Remarks
0	F0	System Exclusive start command
1	3F	QUASIMIDI id number
2	dv	device number = System channel-1
3	25	Rave-O-lution-309 id number
4	44	(D)ump data
5	ah	adress high
6	am	adress mid
7	al	adress low
8...	dt	data (7 bit)
...	F7	end of System Exclusive

Address Map:

(third byte is Adress-Offset)

00 00 00	system parameter
01 00 00	temporary common parameter
01 01 00	temporary sound/mix parameter (KICK)
01 02 00	-"- (SNARE)
01 03 00	-"- (HIHAT)
01 04 00	-"- (PERC)
01 05 00	-"- (BASS)
02 00 00	reserved
...	
03 7F 00	-"-
04 00 00	temporary song event (step 0)
04 01 00	-"- (step 1)
...	
04 63 00	-"- (step 99)
04 64 00	reserved
...	
04 7F 00	-"-
05 00 00	Kick-Sound 1 Parameter
05 01 00	-"- 2 -"-
...	
05 3F 00	-"- 64 -"-
06 00 00	Snare-Sound 1 Parameter
06 01 00	-"- 2 -"-
...	
06 3F 00	-"- 64 -"-
07 00 00	Hihat-Sound 1 Parameter
07 01 00	-"- 2 -"-
...	
07 3F 00	-"- 64 -"-
08 00 00	Perc-Sound 1 Parameter
08 01 00	-"- 2 -"-
...	
08 3F 00	-"- 64 -"-
09 00 00	Bass-Sound 1 Parameter
09 01 00	-"- 2 -"-
...	
09 3F 00	-"- 64 -"-
0A 00 00	drumset 1 parameter (drum instr 1)
0A 01 00	-"- (drum instr 2)
...	
0A 0B 00	-"- (drum instr 12)
0B 00 00	drumset 2 parameter (drum instr 1)
0B 01 00	-"- (drum instr 2)
...	
0B 0B 00	-"- (drum instr 12)
...	
13 00 00	drumset 10 parameter (drum instr 1)
13 01 00	-"- (drum instr 2)
...	
13 0B 00	-"- (drum instr 12)
...	
14 00 00	pattern 0
14 01 00	pattern 1
...	
14 63 00	pattern 99
...	
15 00 00	song 1 name
15 01 00	song 1 common


```

15 02 00      song 1 song event (step 1)
15 03 00      -"-          (step 2)
...
15 65 00      -"-          (step 100)
16 00 00      song 2 name
...
17 00 00      song 3 name
...
24 65 00      song 16 song event (step 100)

25 00 00      reserved
...
76 7F 00      -"-

77 00 00      user motiv block 0
77 01 00      -"-          1
...
77 63 00      -"-          99

77 64 00      reserved
...
77 7F 00      -"-
77 7F 7F      command: clear all user motivs!!
78 00 00      reserved
...
7F 7F 00

```

Address Offsets:

SYSTEM-Parameter

```

00      system channel      /* 0..15 (1..16) */
01      local               /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
02      extern sync        /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
03      program change input /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
04      parameter control input /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
05      program change out   /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
06      parameter control out /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
07      midi clock out      /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */
08      metronom           /* 0..1 (OFF,ON) */

```

COMMON-Parameter

```

00      speed               /* 0..127 speed bit 1..7 (in BPM) */
01      groove              /* bit 1..4: groove 0..8 (0%..100%) */
                                /* bit 0: speed bit 0 */
02      current velocity pad /* 0..3 */
03      pad velocity 1      /* 0..127 */
04      pad velocity 2      /* 0..127 */
05      pad velocity 3      /* 0..127 */
06      pad velocity 4      /* 0..127 */
07      current gate pad    /* 0..3 */
08      pad key transose    /* 36..60 (0..+2 Octaves) */

```

FX-Parameter

```

09      fx1 typ             /* 0..7 (room1...pan-delay) */
0A      fx1 level          /* 0..127 */
0B      fx1 time           /* 0..127 */
0C      fx1 feedback       /* 0..127, only if fx1 typ = 6 or 7 */
0D      fx2 typ            /* 0..7 (chorus1...fb-delay) */
0E      fx2 level          /* 0..127 */
0F      fx2 feedback       /* 0..127 */
10      fx2 delay          /* 0..127 */
11      fx2 rate           /* 0..127 */
12      fx2 depth          /* 0..127 */
13      eq1 gain           /* 0..127 (-12...+12dB) */
14      eq1 freq           /* 0..127 (0..4.7kHz) */
15      eq2 gain           /* 0..127 (-12...+12dB) */
16      eq2 freq           /* 0..127 (0..4.7kHz) */

```

Pattern Pad 1..8

```

17      pad 1 pattern nb   /* 0..99 */
...
1E      pad 8 pattern nb   /* 0..99 */

```

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Special-Loop-Track-Pad 9..16

```
1F pad 9 motiv nb /* 0..99 */
...
26 pad 16 motiv nb /* 0..99 */
27 pad 9 motiv bank /* 0..1 (User,Rom) */
...
2E pad 16 motiv page /* 0..1 (User,Rom) */
2F pad 9 track /* 0..4 (Kick..Bass) */
...
36 pad 16 track /* 0..4 (Kick..Bass) */
37 pad 9 prg nb /* 0..63/127 */
...
3F pad 16 prg nb /* 0..63/127 */
```

PART-Parameter

```
00 trackmode /* 1,2 (int,ext) */
01 sound nb /* 0..63/127 */
02 wave nb /* 0..28/xx */
03 sound level /* 0..127 */
04 pan /* 3..64..124 (left..center..right) */
05 fx1 send /* 0..127 */
06 fx2 send /* 0..127 */
07 mix level /* 0..127 */
08 tune /* 0..127 (32"..4") */
09 reserved
0A filter drive /* 27..127 (0..100) */
0B cutoff frequency /* 0..127 */
0C resonance frequency /* 0..127 */
0D eg attack /* 0..127 */
0E eg decay /* 0..127 */
0F eg sustain /* 0..127 */
10 eg release /* 0..127 */
11 eg vca gate /* 0,1 (off,on) */
12 eg vcf amount /* 0..127 */
13 dyn vcf amount /* 0..127 */
14 lfo wave /* 0..4 (Sine,UpSaw,DownSaw,Rect,Rnd) */
15 lfo rate /* 0..120 */
16 lfo depth /* 0..127 */
17 lfo pitch amt /* 0..127 */
18 lfo vcf amount /* 0..127 */
19 lfo vca amount /* 0..127 */
1A reserved
1B glide time /* 0..127 */
1C reserved
1D accent /* 0..127 */
1E holdpedal /* 0,1 (off,on) */
1F reserved
20...27 name
```

DRUM-Parameter

```
00 instrument /* 0..127 */
00 level /* 0..127 */
01 pan /* 3..64..124 (left..center..right) */
02 fx1 send /* 0..127 */
03 fx2 send /* 0..127 */
04 pitch /* 0..127 */
```

TRACK-Parameter

```
00 motiv bank /* 0..1 motiv bank 0..1 (user,rom) */
01 sound nb /* 0..127 */
02 motiv nb /* 0..63 */
03 level /* 0..127 */
04 pan /* 3..64..124 (left..center..right) */
05 fx1 send /* 0..127 */
06 fx2 send /* 0..127 */
07 groove /* 0..8 (0..100%) */
```

SONG-EVENT-Parameter

```
00 bars no. /* 1..64 (0 = end of song) */
01 pattern nb /* 0..99 */
02 transpose /* 0..48 (-24..+24) */
03 mutes /* 0..1F (1bit/Track) */
```

Identity Request

Byte No.	Value	Remarks
0	F0	System Exclusive start command
1	7E	Common Non-Real-Time message
2	cc	channel number = system channel-1 *
3	06	general information
4	01	identity request
5	F7	end of System Exclusive

Identity Reply

Byte No.	Value	Remarks
0	F0	System Exclusive start command
1	7E	Common Non-Real-Time message
2	cc	channel number = sytem channel-1 *
3	06	general information•
4	02	identity reply
5	3F	Quasimidi id
6	25	Rave-O-lution-309 id
7	xx	Extension Board exists flag (00=no, 01=yes)
8	00	reserved
9	00	reserved
10..13	vv vv vv vv	Version no. (4 ascii characters, i.e '1.00')
14	F7	end of System Exclusive

* note that if cc = 7F the Rave-O-lution-309 respond regardless of what master channel it is on

RAVE-O-LUTION 309 MIDI IMPLEMENTATION CHART

Function		Transmitted	Recognized
Basic Channel	Default	1-5	1-5
	Changed	1-16	1-16
Mode	Default	3b*	3b*
	Messages Altered	x	x
Note Number	True Voice	36-96	36-96
Velocity	Note On	0	0
	Note Off	x	x
After Touch	Keys	x	x
	Channel	x	x
Pitch Bend	MSB (7 bit)	0	0
	LSB (1 bit)	x	0
Controller	Continuous MSB 0-31	*1	*1
	Continuous LSB 32-63	64, 65	64, 65
	Control Change 64-95	x	x
	120 all sounds off	*1	*1
	121 reset all controller	0	0
		0	0
Program Change		0**	0**
System Exclusive		0***	0***
System Common	Song Position	x	x
	Song Select	x	x
	Tune Request	x	x
System Real Time	Clock	0**	0**
	Commands	0**	0**
Aux Messages	Local On/ Off	0	0
	All Notes Off	0	0
	Active Sens.	x	x
	System Reset	x	x
x = No 0 = Yes * = multi-mode 3b ** = can be set to on/off in SYSTEM-Edit *** = Dump-Functions *1 = See manual, page with MIDI-Controller-List			

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c/o RADIKAL TECHNOLOGIES
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Teaneck, NJ 07666

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- 1) Damages based upon inconvenience, loss of use of the unit, loss of time, interrupted operation or commercial loss.
- 2) Any other damages, whether incidental, consequential or otherwise, except damages which may not be excluded under applicable law.

309 Technical Specifications:

Method of synthesis and tone generation:	A.E.S. - Analog-Emulation-Synthesis. Subtractive Synthesis. Modeled component chain with modeled waveforms
Polyphony:	17 voices. Monophonic Bass/Lead synthesizer, duophonic HiHat, 14 drum and percussion voices.
Sound Storage:	64 internal storage locations for the Kick, Snare, HiHat and Percussion sections. 128 Synthesizer storage location. 10 Percussion kits.
Sequencer:	5 track sequencer plus 1 mastertrack. Realtime and drumgrid style programming. Realtime and Step sequencing for the Bass/Lead synthesizer. 99 ROM Motifs, 100 User Motifs, special user defined Loop Tracks.
Song and Pattern capacity:	16 Songs, 100 Pattern with up to 64 bars per pattern.
Effects:	17 Algorithms, 3 individual effect processors. 1) Reverbs 2) Modulation and Delay 3) 2 band parametric EQ. Additionally an Overblast control for linear bass boost..
Connections:	2 x 1/4 inch mono plugs for left and right stereo outputs. 1 MIDI-In, 1 MIDI-Out, 1 MIDI-Thru. 1/4 inch footswitch connector. Optional: 2 additional 1/4inch mono outputs and 2 1/4inch mono inputs (Audio-In), 2 locations for tonal expansion.
Display:	2x16 character backlit LCD display.
Power Requirements:	External Power supply 10.5 voltsDC 1.5/AMPS (US: 12 voltsDC/ 2AMPS).
Dimensions:	400 mm (width), x 225mm (depth), x 98mm (height). With optional rackears 482mm width.
Weight:	approx 3 kg.

FCC-Regulations:

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause interference to radio and television reception. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designated to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment OFF and ON, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient the receiving antenna
- Relocate the computer with respect to the receiver
- Move the computer away from the receiver
- Plug the computer into different outlet so that the computer and receiver are on different branch circuits.

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