

Yamaha DTX400K Training Functions

Drum Lessons

A free iPhone app teaches you the basic skills of drumming from correctly holding the sticks to playing your first beat. Use it with the kit or anywhere you go for inspiration and useful drumming tips.

Groove Check

As an aid to improving your timing, Groove Check uses the number button lights to show how early or late your hits are so you can see where to adjust your strokes.

Rhythm Gate

Rhythm Gate training allows you to confirm by ear whether or not your timing is accurate. If you do not strike a pad in time, it will not produce any sound. This exercise connects your ears with your hands and feet so that your whole body works like a clock to keep solid time on the drums.

Measure Break

The Measure Break function is a popular training exercise that inserts a break into the click track for a number of measures. By setting the break for the measure(s) you play a fill-in you can check for deviations in your timing when the click returns.

Tempo Up/Down

Use Tempo Up/Down training to see how fast you can go and still maintain accurate timing. As you play along with the metronome, the drum module will automatically increase the tempo if your timing is good and decrease it if you need more practice playing in time.

Change Up

In Change Up training, your aim is to maintain good timing as you play along with up to seven different practice rhythms that change every two measures.

Easy Session

Easy Session training lets you play a drum pattern along with a complete practice song by simply striking any pad(s) in time with the music. As such, it is not unlike a basic form of jamming with other band members, and can help build confidence in beginning drummers.

Groove Tracker

Groove Tracker makes it easy to play a number of different practice patterns, which will automatically reflect the speed and strength of your drumming. In addition, you can also freely add your own fills to the basic pattern.

Pad Gate

In Pad Gate training, the pads will only produce a sound when your drumming precisely matches a practice drum pattern.

Part Mute

Part Mute training lets you mute any or all of the drum parts (i.e., hi-hat, snare, kick, tom, and/or cymbal) from an accompanying song and you can also mute the different band instrument parts.

Fast Blast

In a Fast Blast training session, you just play the drums as wildly as you can over a set period of time. More a game than a form of practice, your aim is to get the highest possible score.

Play with Song

The DTX400 comes complete with ten musical practice songs that cover a wide range of genres. They provide a convenient, enjoyable way to practice drumming and you can vary the tempo to suit your ability. You can even add your own new MIDI song files into the module via the Music Soft Downloader."

Song Beats

An iPhone app that shows you how to play the drum parts to songs purchased within the application.