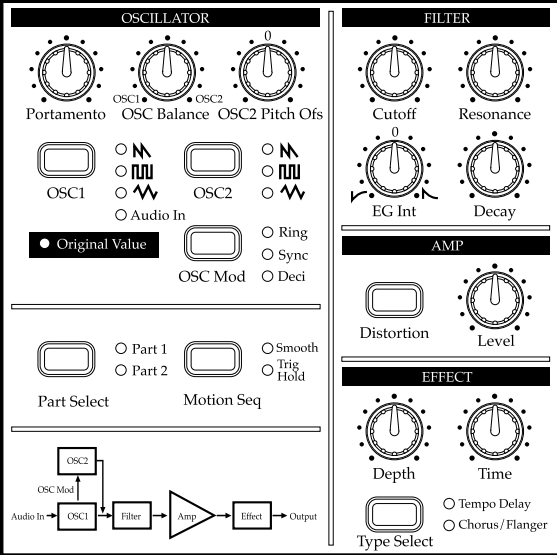


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EA-1 Owner's Manual



Thank you purchasing the Korg ELECTRIBE-A EA-1. In order to enjoy long and trouble-free use, please read this manual carefully and use the instrument correctly.

To ensure long, trouble-free operation, please read this manual carefully.

Precautions

Location

Using the unit in the following locations can result in a malfunction.

- In direct sunlight
- Locations of extreme temperature or humidity
- Excessively dusty or dirty locations
- Locations of excessive vibration

Power supply

Please connect the designated AC adaptor to an AC outlet of the correct voltage. Do not connect it to an AC outlet of voltage other than that for which your unit is intended.

Interference with other electrical devices

This product contains a microcomputer. Radios and televisions placed nearby may experience reception interference. Operate this unit at a suitable distance from radios and televisions.

Handling

To avoid breakage, do not apply excessive force to the switches or controls.

Care

If the exterior becomes dirty, wipe it with a clean, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners such as benzene or thinner, or cleaning compounds or flammable polishes.

Keep this manual

After reading this manual, please keep it for later reference.

Keeping foreign matter out of your equipment

- Never set any container with liquid in it near this equipment. If liquid gets into the equipment, it could cause a breakdown, fire, or electrical shock.
- Be careful not to let metal objects get into the equipment. If something does slip into the equipment, unplug the AC adaptor from the wall outlet. Then contact your nearest Korg dealer or the store where the equipment was purchased.

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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful 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 or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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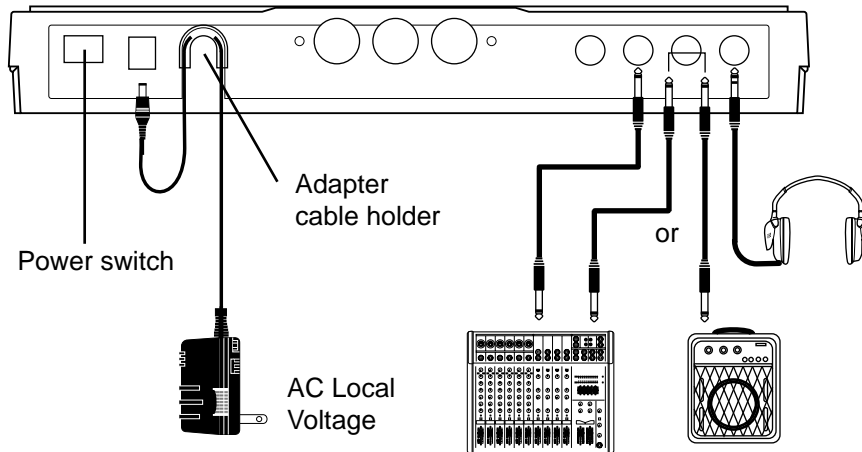
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Make connections and play!

Example connections



Preparing to play

⚠ Be sure to turn off the power before making connections. Careless operation may damage your speaker system or cause malfunctions.

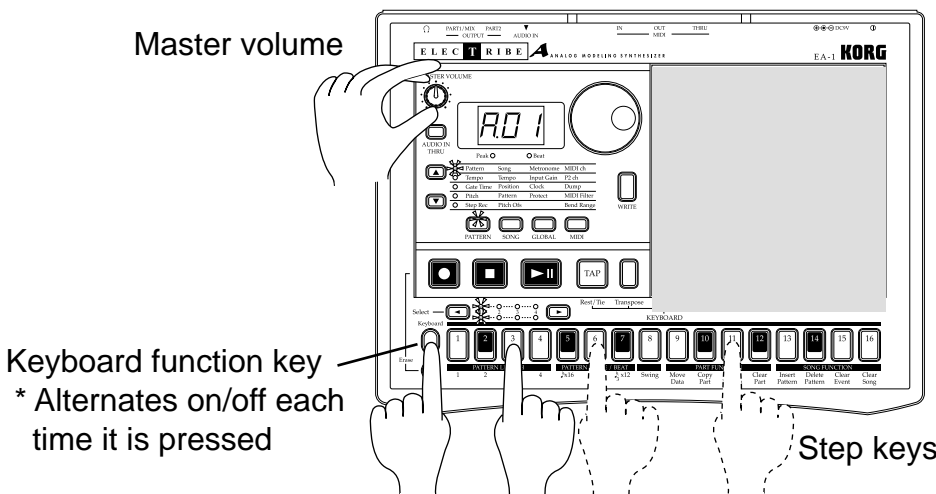
1. Connect the included AC adapter to the **DC 9V** jack, and plug the adapter into an AC outlet.

⚠ As shown in the above diagram, hook the AC adapter cable around the adapter cable holder. When removing the cable from the holder, do not use excessive force.

2. Connect one end of your audio cables to the Part output jacks of the **EA-1 (PART1/MIX, PART2)**, and connect the other end to your mixer. The output of the **EA-1** is not stereo, but is independent for each part, so you will need to make pan adjustments on your mixer. If you wish to mix the two parts for output, connect your powered monitor speaker (amplified speaker) to the **PART1/MIX** jack.

3. If you will be using headphones, connect them to the headphone jack. The headphone output is monaural.

⚠ The output from the Part output jacks will not be switched off even if headphones are plugged in.



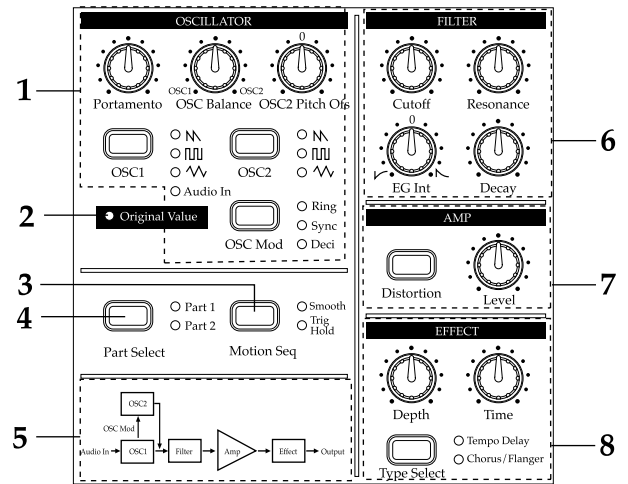
4. When you have finished making connections, turn on the power. Slightly raise the master volume of the **EA-1**, and press the **Keyboard function** key. Press the **step keys** to produce sound and verify that connections have been made correctly. Use the master volume of the **EA-1** and the gain and fader controls of your mixer or powered monitor system to adjust the volume to an appropriate level.

Synthesizer section

1. OSCILLATOR

This produces the basic waveform.

- **Portamento**
This smoothly connects changes in pitch.
- **OSC Balance** (oscillator balance)
Adjust the level balance of the two oscillators.
- **OSC2 Pitch Offset** (oscillator 2 pitch offset)
Adjust the pitch difference between OSC1 and OSC2.
- **OSC1 Wave** (oscillator 1 wave)
Select the waveform for OSC1.
- **OSC2 Wave** (oscillator 2 wave)
Select the waveform for OSC2.
- **OSC Mod** (oscillator modulation)
Specify the type of oscillator modulation. The modulated sound will be output from the OSC2 side.



2. Original Value LED

This will light when the knob you are currently moving reaches the value of the original saved sound of the pattern.

3. Motion Seq (motion sequence)

This function allows you to loop knob movements. Each time you press this key, the setting will alternate between Off (dark), Smooth, and Trig Hold.

4. Part Select key

Each time you press this key, **Part 1** and **Part 2** will alternate as the part selected for editing.

5. Synthesis diagram

This is a block diagram for the synthesizer section of the EA-1.

6. FILTER

These controls let you adjust the brightness of the sound or add a distinctive tonal character.

- **Cutoff**: Adjust the cutoff frequency of the filter.
- **Resonance**: Adjust the resonance of the filter.
- **EG Int** (EG intensity): Adjust the depth of the filter envelope.
- **Decay**: Adjust the decay speed of the filter envelope.

7. AMP

Here you can adjust the volume level and the distortion effect.

- **Distortion**: Switch distortion on/off.
- **Level**: Adjust the volume level.

8. EFFECT

Here you can add effects to the sound.

- **Depth**: Adjust the depth of the effect (tempo delay, chorus/flanger).
- **Time**: Adjust the delay time, or the speed of the chorus/flanger LFO.
- **Type Select**: Choose the effect (tempo delay or chorus/flanger) that will be adjusted by the Depth and Time controls.

5. Shift key

This key is used in conjunction with other keys. When held down, it gives an additional function to another key.

Shift + Play/Pause key: Playback from the beginning of the pattern.

Shift + Rec key: During playback, erase triggers from the pattern.

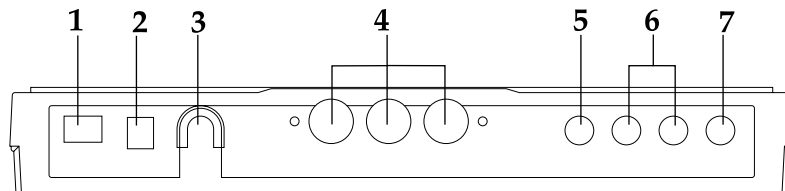
Shift + Step keys: Execute the function shown below each step key.

Shift + dial: If the Shift key is held down as you rotate the dial, the value in the display will change in steps of ten.

Shift + Select key: In Pattern mode, the target step will be advanced by one.

For other Shift key combinations, refer to the explanation of each parameter.

Connector section



1. Power switch

This switch turns the power on/off. Each time you press it, the power will alternate on or off.

2. DC 9V

Connect the included AC adapter here.

3. Adapter cable holder

Hook the adapter cable around this so that it will not be disconnected accidentally.

4. MIDI connectors

IN MIDI data is received at this connector to control the EA-1 from an external MIDI device or to receive a data dump.

OUT MIDI data is transmitted from this connector to control an external MIDI device or to transmit a data dump.

THRU MIDI data received at the **MIDI IN** connector is re-transmitted without change from this connector. This is used to "daisy-chain" multiple MIDI devices.

5. AUDIO IN jack

This jack receives the signal that will be used for **Audio In** of **OSC1**. The sound that is input here will be used as the sound of **OSC1**.

6. PART1/MIX, PART2 (part output jacks)

Connect your audio cables from these jacks to send the sound of Parts 1 and 2 separately to your mixer or powered monitor system (powered speakers) etc. If you wish to output the sound of Parts 1 and 2 together, make connections to the **PART1/MIX** jack.

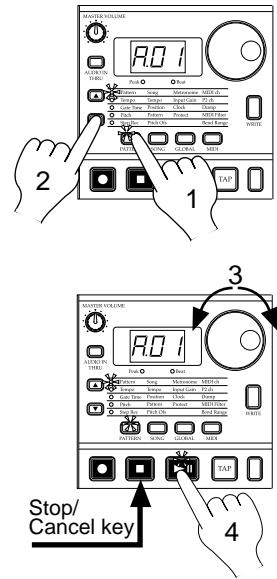
7. (headphone jack)

A set of stereo headphones fitted with a stereo jack plug can be connected here.


The output is monaural.

Listening to Patterns

1. Press the Pattern mode key to enter Pattern mode (the key will light).
2. Use the cursor [▲][▼] keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern** (top).
3. Rotate the dial to select the desired pattern (A01...A64, b01...b64, C01...C64, d01...d64).
4. Press the Play/Pause key to playback the pattern (the key will light).
When pattern playback ends, the pattern will return to the beginning, and continue playing repeatedly.

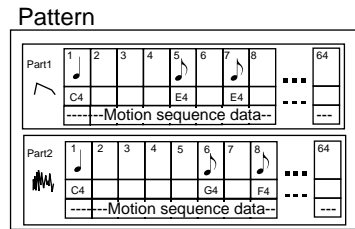


To pause during playback, press the Play/Pause key (the key will blink). To resume playback, press the Play/Pause key once again (the key will light). To stop playback, press the Stop/Cancel key. You can rotate the dial to select patterns when playback is stopped or even during playback.

 **When you change patterns during playback, the change will actually occur at the end of each pattern. (Refer to p.22 "The timing at which patterns will change.")**

What is a Pattern?

A pattern is a unit of musical data consisting of sounds arranged in a phrase. On the EA-1 you can create and save 256 patterns. Each pattern consists of two parts (refer to p.14). In addition to the sounds of each part, you can also record phrases and knob movements (refer to p.22 "Pattern mode").



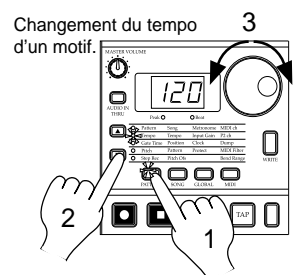
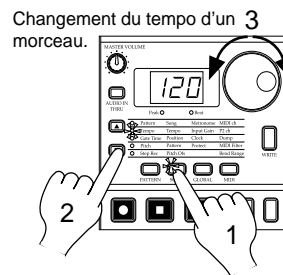
Trying out the functions

Changing the tempo of a song or pattern

There are two ways to change the tempo. The tempo that you change here will return to the original tempo when you stop playback and switch to a different pattern or song.

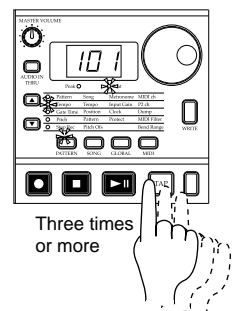
• Using the dial to change the tempo

1. Press the Mode key to enter Song mode or Pattern mode.
2. Use the cursor [▲][▼] keys to set the parameter select LED to **Tempo**.
3. Rotate the dial to change the tempo.




• Using the Tap Tempo key to change the tempo

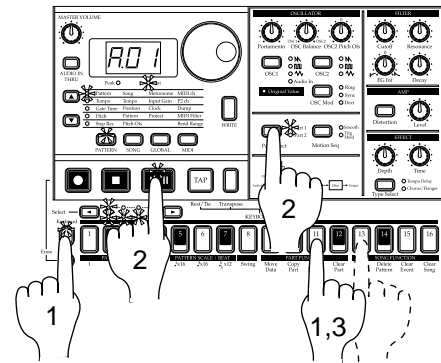
While a song or pattern is playing, press the Tap key three times or more at the desired tempo. The ER-1 will detect the interval at which you pressed the Tap key, and will set the tempo accordingly. The tempo can also be changed in this way even if the EA-1 is not currently playing a song or pattern. Use the cursor [▲][▼] keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Tempo**, and the tempo you modified will appear in the display.



Playing the sound of a part along with a song or pattern

1. Turn on the Keyboard function key, and press the step keys to play the sound.
2. In Song mode or Pattern mode, press the Play/Pause key to begin playback. Use the Part Select key to select the part that you wish to play.
3. As you listen to the song or pattern, strike the step keys to play along.


 Each part is a monophonic synthesizer. It is not possible for a single part to sound two or more notes simultaneously.

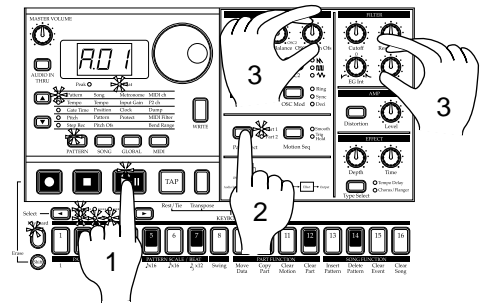


Modify (edit) the sound along with a song or pattern

1. In Song mode or Pattern mode, press the Play/Pause key to begin playback.
2. Press the Part Select key to select the part whose sound you wish to edit.
3. Use the knobs and keys of the Synthesizer section to modify the sound. The sound of the part that is playing will be modified as you move the knobs or keys.

To save the pattern sounds that you modify here, use the Write operation (refer to p.17 "Saving a pattern that you create").
If you re-select a pattern or turn off the power without performing the Write operation, the sound will return to its unedited state.

 It is not possible to write the sounds you edit in a Song. Only in a Pattern can you write the edited sounds.



Modifying (editing) a phrase pattern

What is a Phrase Pattern?

A phrase pattern consists of a trigger (note location), pitch, and gate time (note length) at each step. You can modify the phrase pattern for each part by using the sixteen step keys (or by realtime input along with the playback). (Refer to p.22 "Pattern mode.")

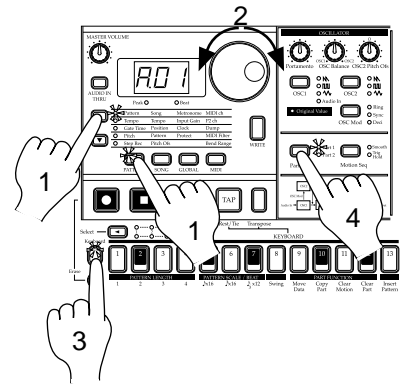
Phrase pattern

	Timing of sounds → Time															
Note trigger	On 1	Off 2	Off 3	On 4	On 5	Off 6	Off 7	Off 8	Off 9	On 10	Off 11	Off 12	Off 13	On 14	Off 15	Off 16
Pitch	C4			E4	C4					A3				C4		
Note value	♪			♪	♪					♪				♪		

A phrase pattern can be edited in three ways.

- Realtime recording
While you playback a pattern, use the Keyboard function to record a new phrase along with the playback.
- Step recording
With pattern playback stopped, input pitches one at a time to create a phrase.
- Event editing
Edit the data (trigger, pitch, gate time) for individual steps to create a phrase.

6. Press the Rec key to enter recording mode. At this time, pressing the PLAY key will not start playback.
7. Use the step keys to input the pitch for each note of the phrase. (The target step will automatically advance by one step each time you do so.)
8. Recording will end when you input the last step or press the Stop/Cancel key (the Rec key will go dark).

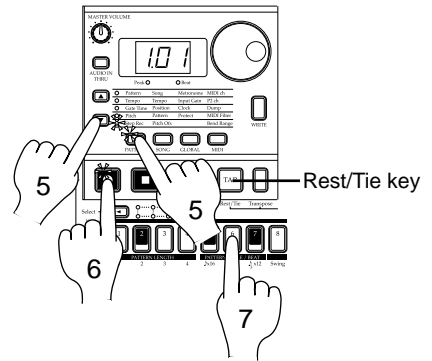


To input a rest, press the Rest/Tie key. To enter a tie, continue holding down the step key (the sound will continue) and press the Rest/Tie key.

During recording, you can rotate the dial to move the target step forward or backward. You can jump to a specific step by holding down the Shift key and pressing the desired step key.

If you wish to save the completed pattern, press the Write key. (Refer to p.17 "Saving a pattern that you create.")

In step recording, the trigger and pitch are recorded simultaneously, but it is not possible to make detailed settings for the gate time. If you wish to create a pattern in more detail, use Event Edit (refer to p.28 "Event editing") to re-adjust the trigger and pitch, or to adjust the gate time.



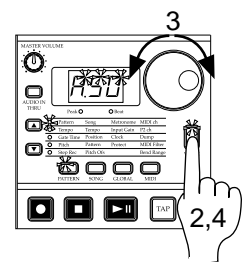
For details on the target step, refer to p.27 "Target step."

Saving a pattern that you create

With the factory settings, memory protect will be on, and it will not be possible to save data. Before you save data, you must turn off the Memory Protect settings in Global mode. (Refer to p.40 "Protect settings.")

Please be aware that when you save data, the pattern in the save destination will be overwritten.

1. Edit a pattern as described in "Modifying the sound" or "Modifying (editing) a phrase pattern."
2. Press the Write key once (the key will blink). The display will blink to indicate the pattern number.
3. Rotate the dial to select the pattern number in which the data will be saved (i.e., the "save destination").
4. Press the Write key once again to begin saving the data. While the data is being saved, the key will blink. When saving is complete, the key will go dark.



If you decide to cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key. If you do not wish to save the pattern you created, simply select a different pattern without performing the Write operation.

Never turn off the power while data is being saved to memory (i.e., while the Write key is lit). Doing so may damage the data.

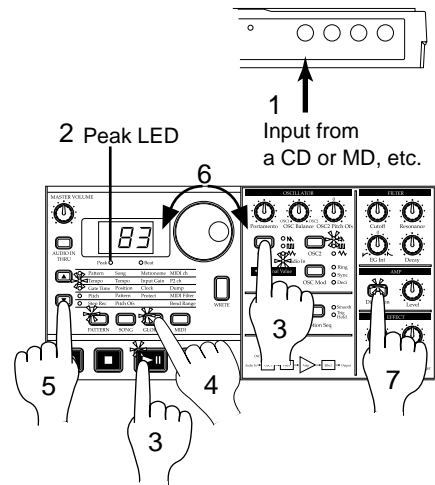
It is not possible to Write data during playback or recording.

Connecting various sources to the audio input

Let's try connecting various types of audio device (radio, or MD or CD player) or tone generator to the audio input jack.

Try out various types of sounds or music. Depending on the content, you may discover unexpectedly interesting results.

1. Connect an audio device etc. to the audio input of the EA-1. The input jack is monaural, so you may need to use a stereo-mono adapter plug, depending on the device you are connecting.
2. Adjust the output level of the connected device so that the peak LED lights only at the maximum levels. At this time you can turn on the Audio In Thru key (the key will light) to hear the input sound.
3. Select the pattern or song whose volume you wish to adjust, press the **OSC1** key to select **Audio In**, and begin playback.
4. Press the mode key to enter Global mode.
5. Use the cursor [**▲**][**▼**] keys to set the parameter select LED to **Input Gain**.
6. Rotate the dial to adjust the input volume to create a balance with the volume of the other part.
7. Move the knobs and keys of the Synthesizer section to apply filtering or effects to the input signal.



⚠ If you wish to use the audio input for the **OSC1**, you must turn the **Audio In Thru** key off (key is dark).

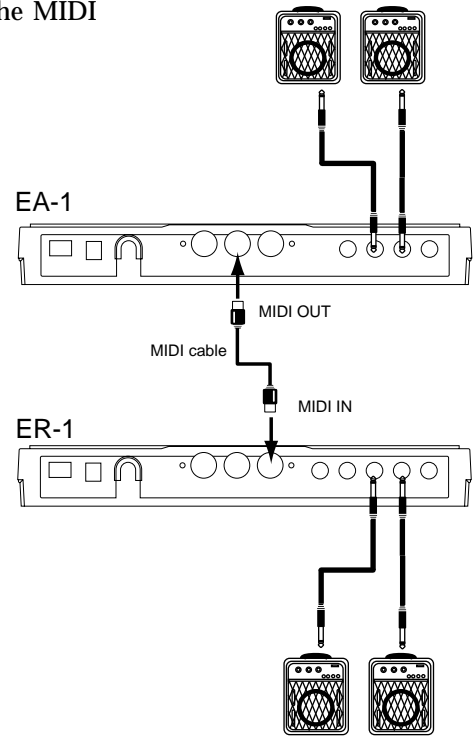
Line-level input is recommended for the audio input. It is not possible to directly connect a mic or turntable etc.

If the **Input Gain** setting is too high, the sound may be distorted.

Synchronized playback with the ER-1

By synchronizing the **Electribe EA-1** and **ER-1** you can enjoy even greater performance possibilities. Here's how you can make the **ER-1** playback in synchronization with the tempo of the **EA-1**. Use a MIDI cable to connect the **MIDI OUT** connector of the **EA-1** to the **MIDI IN** connector of the **ER-1**. Connect the part output jacks of the **EA-1** and the line output jacks of the **ER-1** to your mixer or powered monitor system (amplified speakers).

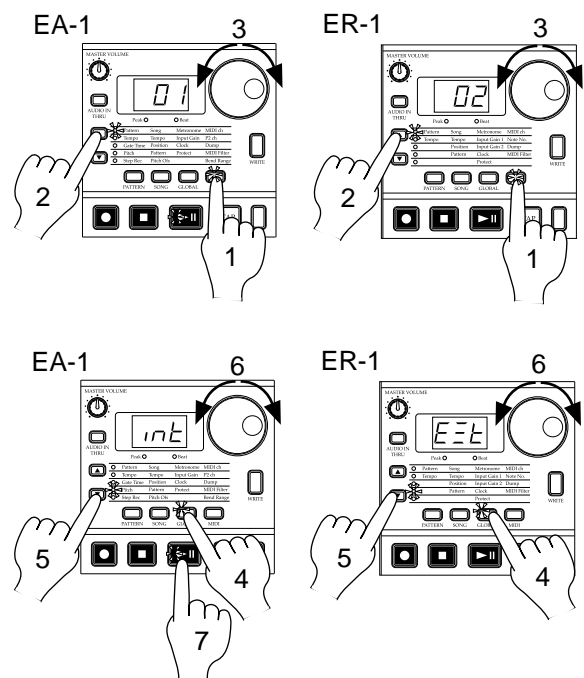
1. Press the MIDI mode key to move to MIDI mode.
2. Use the cursor [▲][▼] keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **MIDI ch.**
3. Set the **EA-1** channel to "**01**," and the **ER-1** channel to "**10**." (Refer to p.41 "Setting the MIDI channel of part 1.", "Setting the MIDI channel of part 2.")
4. Press the Global mode key to move to Global mode.
5. Use the cursor [▲][▼] keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Clock**.
6. Set the **EA-1** to "**int**," and the **ER-1** to "**Ext**." (Refer to p.39 "Synchronizing the EA-1 with external MIDI device.")
7. Press the Play/Pause key of the **EA-1** to start a pattern or song. (The Play/Pause key will light.) The **ER-1** will play the pattern in synchronization with the tempo of the **EA-1**.



If you want the **EA-1** and **ER-1** to play the identically-numbered pattern in synchronization, make the following settings.

- Synchronizing the **ER-1** to the **EA-1** as master. (Set the **EA-1** to "**int**," and the **ER-1** to "**Ext**.")
- Set the **EA-1** and **ER-1** to the same MIDI channel (for example, set both to "**01**").
- On the **EA-1** and **ER-1**, set the MIDI filter setting "**P**" to "**O**" (refer to p.42 "MIDI filter settings").
- On the **ER-1**, set the MIDI note number setting to **C-1...A-1** or **A#8...G9**. (This will prevent the **ER-1** from being sounded unintentionally when note-on messages are received.)

It is also easy to make the **EA-1** playback in synchronization by connecting it to a sequencer or synthesizer that can transmit and receive MIDI Clock messages.



Selecting a pattern

You can use the Part Select key to switch the part that will be edited or played using the Keyboard function.

When you select a Part, the LED for that part will light, and you can edit it in the Synthesizer section, or edit a phrase pattern. At this time if the Keyboard function key is off (dark), the step keys will indicate the trigger locations (refer to p.28) of the phrase pattern for that part.

If the Keyboard function key is on (lit) while a pattern is playing back, the step keys will light in succession to indicate the pitch that the currently selected part is sounding. If the Keyboard function key is off (dark), the step keys will indicate the trigger locations for the phrase pattern of the currently selected part, and the step that is currently playing.

Creating a pattern

There are two ways to create a pattern. You can start with a pattern that is similar to the desired result and then edit it, or you can create a sound and phrase pattern for each part from scratch. Either way, the EA-1 makes it easy for you to create your own original patterns.



If you wish to save a pattern you create, you must perform the Write operation before you select a different pattern or turn off the power.

Editing the sound of a part

Select a pattern that is close to what you have in mind (or a pattern which contains no sound or phrase). Use the Part Select key to select the part that you wish to edit. Then operate the knobs and keys to edit the sound. At this time, the Original Value LED will light when the knob etc. that you are currently moving reaches the same value as the original sound of the pattern. Referring to the example sounds in the appendix (p.46) will help you learn how to create your own sounds.

You can also edit while playing back a pattern. It is also possible to use an external MIDI device to control the value of each knob (refer to p.43 "About MIDI").

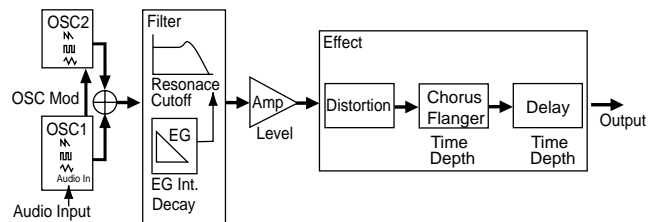


If the sound does not change when you rotate a knob or switch the setting of a key, either another knob or key has been set so that the parameter you are attempting to adjust has no effect, or the Motion Sequence function (p.29 "Motion Sequence") is operating.

Synthesizer parameters

OSCILLATOR

This specifies the basic waveform and pitch of the sound.



Portamento

0...100

This parameter creates a smooth change in pitch from one note to the next. As this knob is turned further toward the right, the pitch will change more slowly.

If portamento is raised excessively, a certain amount of time will elapse before the destination pitch is reached.

OSC Balance (oscillator balance)

OSC1...OSC2

Adjust the volume balance between the two oscillators. Rotating the knob all the way to one side will cause the level of the other oscillator to be 0. If you wish to hear the result of **OSC Mod**, set this knob in the **OSC2** position.

OSC2 Pitch Ofs (OSC2 pitch offset)

-1 octave ... 4 octaves

Specify the pitch of **OSC2** relative to the pitch of **OSC1**. The pitch of **OSC2** can be adjusted in the range of -1 octave to 4 octaves from the pitch of **OSC1**.

The pitch of **OSC1** will be the pitch that sounds when you use the keyboard function or the pitch specified for a phrase pattern.

OSC1 Wave

Audio In

Specify the basic waveform of **OSC1**.

↘ (sawtooth wave)

This waveform is rich in overtones, and is suitable for bass or synth lead sounds.

▣ (square wave)

This waveform contains only the odd-numbered harmonics, and produces a tone typical of electronically produced sound.

△ (triangle wave)

This waveform is more mellow than the sawtooth wave or square wave, and is suitable for sub-bass sounds etc.

Audio In

The audio signal input from the audio input jack will be used as **OSC1**.

So that they will be particularly suitable for bass sounds, the waveforms of **OSC1** have a slightly heavier sound (fundamental) than the waveforms of **OSC2**.

OSC2 Wave

↘, ▣, △

Specify the basic waveform of **OSC2** (refer to **OSC1 Wave**).

⚠ When **OSC Mod** is set to **Deci**, the basic waveform selection will have no effect.

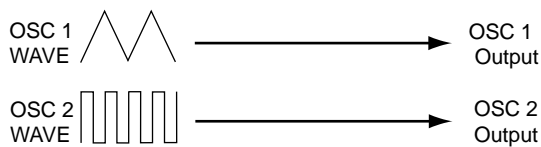
OSC Mod (oscillator modulation)

off, Ring, Sync, Deci

Select the type of modulation that will occur between the oscillators. Since **OSC2** will be modulated (i.e., it will be the slave), the results of the modulation will be output from **OSC2**.

For either of the types of oscillator modulation, using a motion sequence etc. to change the pitch of **OSC2** will produce timbral changes.

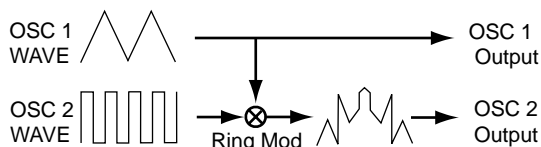
• Off (When the OSC Mod LED is dark)



When **OSC Mod** is off, the oscillators will not modulate each other.

By using **OSC2 Pitch Ofs** to create a slight difference in pitch between the oscillators, you can produce a spacious detune effect. Setting a one-octave difference in pitch is effective when you wish to create thick synth-bass sounds etc.

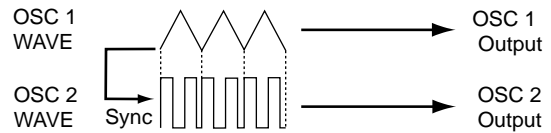
• Ring Modulation



This type of modulation generates a frequency consisting of the sum and difference of the **OSC1** and **OSC2** frequencies. When you move the **OSC2** pitch offset knob the timbre will change, producing metallic sounds or sound effects. The modulated sound will be output from **OSC2**.

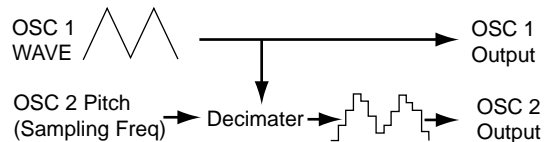
⚠ The tone and volume of Ring Modulation may vary depending on the phase difference between **OSC1** and **OSC2**.

• Oscillator Sync



This type of modulation forcibly resets the **OSC2** waveform by synchronizing its pitch to the pitch of **OSC1**. Moving the pitch of **OSC2** will produce the popular "sync lead" sound. The modulated sound will be output from **OSC2**. Differences in the **OSC1** waveform will not affect the output of **OSC2**.

• Decimator



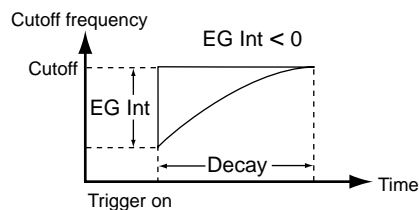
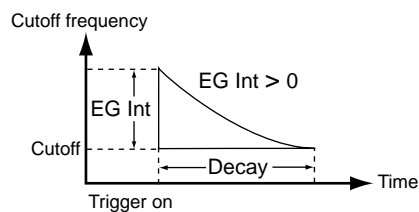
This type of modulation reproduces the **OSC1** waveform at the sampling frequency of **OSC2**. The digitized **OSC1** waveform will be output from **OSC2**. This is effective when creating electric bass sounds etc.

⚠ If **OSC1** is a square wave, Decimator will have little effect.

When **OSC Mod** is set to **Decimator**, the basic waveform of **OSC2** will be ignored.

Filter

The filter processes the sound produced by the oscillator to make it less bright, etc.



Cutoff

0 Hz ... 20,000 Hz

Set the cutoff frequency of the low-pass filter. Overtones higher than the cutoff frequency will be cut, making the sound more mellow.

⚠ If **Cutoff** and **EG Int** are set to 0, you will hear virtually no sound.

Resonance 0...100

This parameter adds character to the sound by boosting the region around the cutoff frequency. If you raise the resonance and turn the **Cutoff** knob (or adjust **EG Int** and **Decay**), you will hear the typical "meow-ing" sound typical of analog synthesizers.

If the resonance is raised, the sound may be distorted depending on the cutoff frequency or on the pitch that you play.

EG Int (EG intensity) -100...0...100

Specify the depth and direction of the effect that the EG (envelope generator) will have on the cutoff frequency. The EG will start when trigger-on occurs (the instant you play the keyboard). If this knob is in the center position, the EG will have no effect.



If the gate time length of a step extends beyond the point at which the next step is sounded, the EG will not be re-triggered for the next step.

Decay 0 msec ... 10 sec

Specify the time over which the EG will decay. In conjunction with the **Cutoff** and **EG Int** parameters, this controls the way in which the sound will change over time. If EG Int is set to a negative (-) setting, Decay Time can be used in place of Attack Time.

AMP

These parameters adjust the volume level and distortion effect.

Distortion On, Off

Turn distortion on/off. Distortion is an effect that intentionally distorts the sound to produce a hard sound even from a mellow waveform. It is highly effective to raise the resonance and use distortion.

Level 0...100

Adjust the volume.

Effect

Here you can apply effects to the sound.

Type Select Tempo Delay, Chorus/Flanger

The **Depth** and **Time** knobs will edit the effect that is selected by **Type Select**.

Tempo Delay settings

Set the **Type Select** button to **Tempo Delay**, and adjust the delay. Delay is an effect that plays back a time-delayed version of the original signal, and is also known as "echo." **Tempo Delay** is a delay that can automatically synchronize the delay time to the tempo of a pattern. If the MIDI Clock parameter is set to "Ext" (external), the delay time can also be synchronized to the clock of an external device. (Refer to p.39 "Synchronizing the EA-1 and an external MIDI device.")

• **Depth (delay depth)** 0...100

Adjust the depth of the delay and the amount of feedback (the number of delay repeats). Rotating the knob toward the right will increase the level of the delayed sound and the amount of feedback.



Raising the Depth excessively may cause the sound to distort.

• **Time (delay time)** 1/4...8

Set the delay time. Rotating the knob toward the right will lengthen the delay time.

If you have selected Tempo Delay as the effect type, this parameter will let you set the tempo in terms of sixteen different multiples of the step: 1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 1, 1.33, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.



Depending on the tempo setting, it may be impossible to set the delay time. In such cases, set the delay time to half the desired value.

Chorus/Flanger settings

Set the **Type Select** button to **Chorus/Flanger**, and adjust the chorus/flanger. Chorus creates minute differences in the pitch to produce an ensemble effect, and Flanger adds a "swooshing" modulation to the sound.

• **Depth (chorus/flanger depth)** 0...100

Adjust the depth of the chorus/flanger effect. Rotating the knob toward the right will change from a chorus effect to a flanger effect.



Raising the depth excessively may cause the sound to distort.

Time (LFO rate) 0.2 Hz ... 5,000 Hz

Adjust the LFO speed of the chorus/flanger. Rotating the knob toward the right will speed up the LFO.

Length, Scale/Beat settings

You can set the length (the length of the entire pattern) and the basic beat (time signature). The Length and Scale/Beat you specify here will affect the correspondence between step keys and note values, and the maximum number of steps as shown in the following diagram.

While you hold down the Shift key, the step keys will light to indicate the length and beat of the current pattern.

To change the Length, hold down the Shift key and press a Step Key 1...4.

To change the Beat/Scale, hold down the Shift key and press a Step Key 5...7.



It is not possible to view or change the Length or Beat/Scale during playback or recording, or during Pattern Set Play.

• If you select triplets ($\frac{1}{3}$ x 12) for Beat/Scale, step keys 13...16 will have no function.

Length	Maximum number of steps	
	$\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 or $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16	$\frac{1}{3}$ x 16
1 Shift + step key 1	16	12
2 Shift + step key 1	32	24
3 Shift + step key 1	48	36
4 Shift + step key 1	64	48

Scale/Beat	Correspondence between step keys and note values
$\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 Shift + step key 5	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p>
$\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 Shift + step key 6	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p>
$\frac{1}{3}$ x 12 Shift + step key 7	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p>

What is Length?

In this context, "Length" refers to the length of the rhythm pattern.

The "Length" of the pattern will be either 16 steps or 12 steps, depending on the Scale and Beat settings of the pattern. A rhythm pattern in triple meter will be shown in triplets. Depending on the Length and Beat settings, a single pattern can have up to 64 steps.

Swing settings

By adjusting the Swing settings you can offset the note timing of the steps. For example, you can change a straight 16-beat by adding a slight "bounce" or shuffle. The Swing value can be adjusted from 50 to 75 (%), and will affect the note timing of even-numbered steps. A setting of 50 will produce a perfect 16-beat, and a setting of 66 will produce a shuffle.

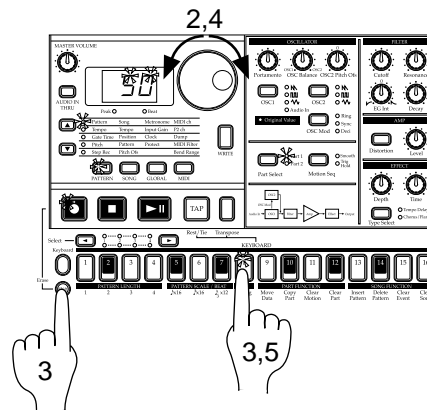
1. If a pattern is playing back, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Rotate the dial to select the pattern for which you wish to make Swing settings.
3. Hold down the Shift key, and press step key 8 (**Swing**). Key 8 will light.
4. A value will blink in the display. Rotate the dial to set the Swing value.
5. Once again press step key 8 to execute the Swing setting (key 8 will go dark).

If you decide to cancel without making the setting, press the Stop/Cancel key.



If the Length and Beat/Scale settings are set to triplets ($\frac{1}{3}$ x 12), the Swing setting has no effect.

It is not possible to view or adjust the Swing parameter during playback or recording, or during Pattern Set Play.



Creating a phrase pattern

There are three ways to create a phrase pattern.

Realtime recording

Use the Keyboard function to play the step keys at the exact timing you wish to record them.

Step recording

Use the Keyboard function to specify the pitch of the note for each target step to create the phrase.

Event editing

Edit the data (trigger, pitch, gate time) for each step to create the phrase.

If you wish to erase the phrase of each part before you create your own rhythm data, refer to p.29 "Erasing phrase data from a part."

Realtime recording

Please refer to "Realtime recording (Using the Keyboard function to create a phrase)" (p.16) in chapter 3. Basic operation (Quick Start).

Step recording

Please refer to "Step recording (Using the step keys to create a phrase)" (p.16) in chapter 3. Basic operation (Quick Start).

About the Target Step

Target Step 1.01...4.16

The value shown in the display when the parameter select LEDs indicate Step Rec is called the "target step." The value shown in the display indicates the location of a certain step in the phrase pattern. To change the target step, you can use the dial or press one of the sixteen step keys. Alternatively, you can hold down the Shift key and use the Select keys to move forward or backward in single steps.



The maximum number of steps will depend on the length and scale/beat settings.

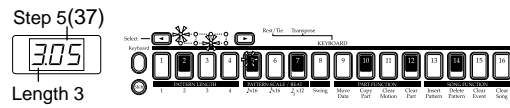
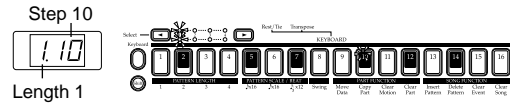
In the case of a pattern with a length of 2 or greater, you can use the Select keys to move the select LED in the lower line (red) in order to change the length that is shown by the step keys, and verify or modify the trigger locations.

Length	Select LED display	Area shown by the step keys	
		For ♩ x 16, ♪ x 16	For ♩ 3 x 12
1		Steps 1...16	Steps 1...12
2		Steps 17...32	Steps 13...24
3		Steps 33...48	Steps 25...36
4		Steps 49...64	Steps 37...48



When the Keyboard function key is on, the step keys will not indicate the target step. When the Keyboard function is off, the step key corresponding to the target step will blink.

Example display



Event editing

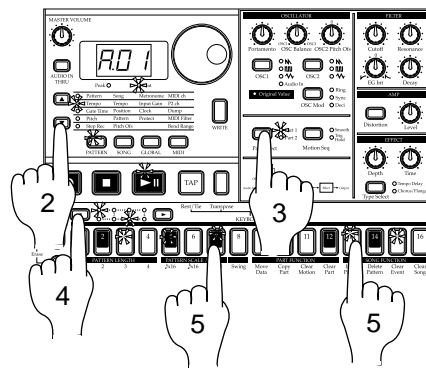
A phrase pattern consists of the following three data items for each step. For each step, you can set these three items.

- Trigger: Whether or not a note will sound
- Pitch: The pitch that will be sounded
- Gate time: The duration of the sound

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Trigger	On	On		On	On	On				On	On		On	
Pitch	C2	G2		F2	D2	D2				A1	E2		A2	
Gate time (duration of the sound)	1.25	2.00		0.5	0.5	4.00				1.50	2.00		1.00	

Changing the trigger settings

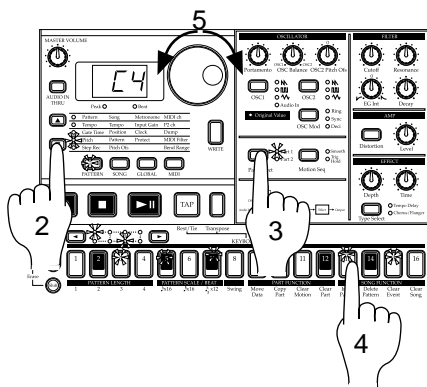
1. Turn off the Keyboard function key (the key will be dark).
2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate either **Pattern**, **Tempo**, or **Step Rec**.
3. Use the Part Select key to select the part that you wish to edit.
4. For a pattern with a pattern length of 2 or more, you can use the Select keys to move the red select LEDs to left or right to change the length location that you will edit.
5. The step keys will light to indicate the trigger locations of the pattern for that part. You can press each key to switch the trigger on/off for that step. Each time you press a step key, the trigger will alternate on (lit) and off (dark).



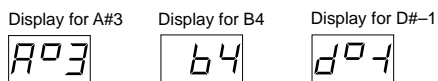
Changing the pitch

- Pitch C-1...G9
1. Turn off the Keyboard function key (the key will go dark).
 2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pitch**.
 3. Use the Part select key to select the part that you wish to edit.
 4. The step keys will light to indicate the trigger locations of the pattern for that part. Press the step key for the step whose pitch you wish to edit (the key will blink). By pressing a step key where a trigger exists, you can audition its pitch.
 5. Rotate the dial to modify the pitch of that step.

When the display is showing the **Pitch**, pressing a step key will not switch its trigger on/off. Changing the pitch of a step whose trigger is off will have no effect. If you turn that trigger on, the specified pitch will be used. If you wish to transpose the pitch for one part of the entire pattern, refer to p.30 "Changing the pitch data of a part (Pitch Shift)."



The pitch will be shown in the display as follows.



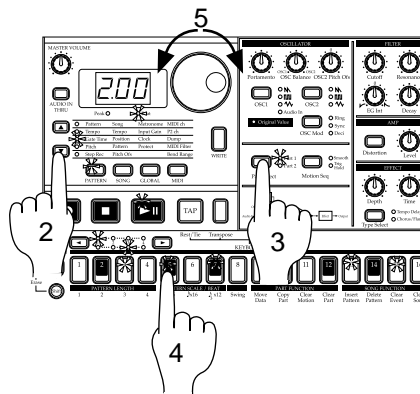
Changing the gate time

- Gate Time 0.25...64.0
1. Turn off the Keyboard function key (the key will go dark).
 2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Gate Time**.
 3. Use the Part select key to select the part that you wish to edit.
 4. The step keys will light to indicate the trigger locations of the pattern for that part. Press the step key for the step whose gate time you wish to edit (the key will blink). By pressing a step key where a trigger exists, you can audition its pitch.
 5. Rotate the dial to modify the gate time of that step.

The value shown in the display is the gate time length in units of a step. For example if the gate time is set to **1.0**, the gate time will be exactly as long as one step.

If the gate time length extends into the timing of the next note, the filter EG of the next note will not be retriggered.

When the display is showing the **Gate Time**, pressing a step key will not switch its trigger on/off. Changing the gate time of a step whose trigger is off will have no effect. If you turn that trigger on, the specified gate time will be used.



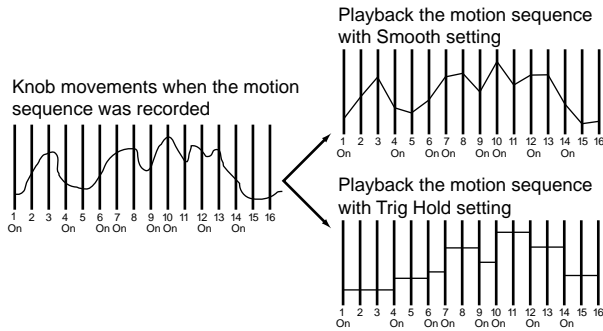
Motion sequence

Playing a motion sequence

A motion sequence can be played back in one of the following two ways, and you can select the playback method independently for each part.

Smooth: Knob values will be connected smoothly, and the sound will change smoothly.

Trig Hold (trigger hold): The value of the motion sequence knob will be held at the note timing of that part.



There will be no effect when the Motion Sequence LED is dark (off).

Recording a motion sequence

You can record knob movements (motion sequence) for each part. When recording a motion sequence, only one knob is valid for each part. If you record a motion sequence on the same part using a different knob, the effect of the previously recorded knob will disappear.

For the recording procedure, refer to p.18 "Using a motion sequence" in section 3. Basic operation (Quick Start).

Motion sequences are recorded in realtime while you listen to the playback. It is not possible to partially modify a motion sequence after it has been recorded. You will need to keep trying until you record a motion sequence to your liking. (Refer to p.31 "Erasing motion sequence data from a part.")

Checking motion sequence data

Hold down the Shift key and press the Motion Sequence key. If motion sequence data has been recorded in the selected part, step keys 1, 2, 3, 4 will light.

It is not possible to check for motion sequence data during playback, recording, or Pattern Set Play.

Convenient functions for editing patterns

If you wish to save the pattern you edit using these functions, you must perform the Write operation before selecting a different pattern or turning off the power.

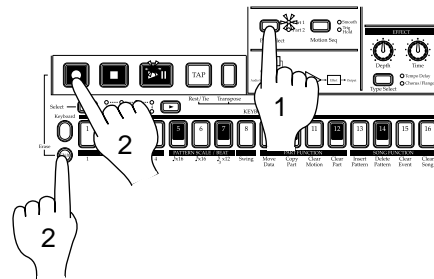
Erasing phrase pattern data from a part

To erase the phrase pattern data for the selected part, you can use one of the following two methods in addition to turning each of the sixteen step keys off.

Erasing data during playback or recording (Erase)

1. Press the Part key to select the part from which you wish to erase data.
2. During playback or recording, hold down the Shift key and press the Rec key. As long as you continue holding these keys, trigger data will be automatically be erased from the selected part.

Performing this operation will not affect the pitch and gate time data.



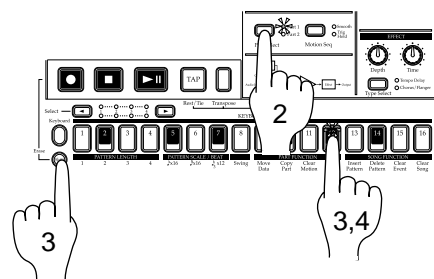
Erasing all data from a part (Clear Part)

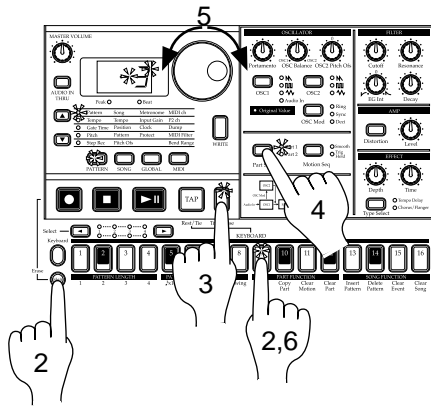
This operation erases all phrase pattern and motion sequence data at once.

1. If the pattern is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Press the Part key to select the part whose data you wish to erase.
3. Hold down the Shift key and press step key 12 (Clear Part). (Key 12 will blink.)
4. Once again press step key 12 to clear the data.

To cancel without clearing the data, press the Stop/Cancel key.

When you perform this operation, the pitch of all steps will be set to "C4," and the gate time to "1.00."





Copying a part (Copy Part)

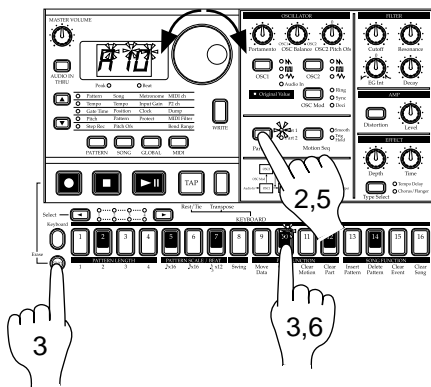
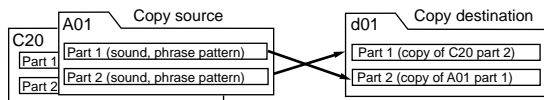
You can copy the sound settings and phrase pattern data (including motion sequence) from a selected part to another part.

1. If the pattern is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Press the Part key to select the copy destination part (the LED will light).
3. Hold down the Shift key and press step key 10 (Copy Part). (Key 10 will blink.) The display will begin blinking.
4. Rotate the dial to select the copy source pattern number.
5. Use the part key to select the copy source part. (The copy source LED will blink, and the copy destination LED will be dark.)
6. Press step key 10 once again to execute the Copy Part operation.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.

For details on data copy within the same part, refer to the following section "Data Copy within a part."

Example



Data Copy within a pattern

Phrase pattern data (including motion sequence data) that you create for a pattern of length 1 can be copied to the steps of lengths 2...4. This function is a convenient way to create a pattern that uses similar phrases repeatedly.

1. Create a pattern with a length of 1, and Write it into memory. (Refer to p.32 "Saving a pattern.")
2. At this point, the same data as in length 1 will automatically be copied to the steps of lengths 2...4.
3. Change the pattern length to the desired length. (Refer to p.26, "Length, Scale/Beat settings.")
4. The steps of lengths 2...4 will contain the same data as length 1. Now you can edit the data of lengths 2...4 to complete the pattern.

The data will be copied in a similar way when the pattern length is 2 or 3 (refer to the table below). If you shorten a pattern you create, the data will be copied according to the shortened length.

Copy Pattern data

Pattern length	Pattern data before writing	Pattern data after writing
1	A	A A A A
2	A B	A B A B
3	A B C	A B C C

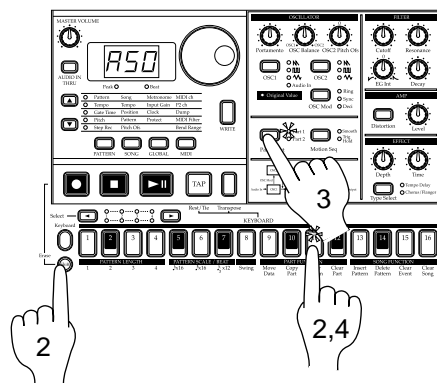
The data that is copied automatically when you Write a pattern does not force the pattern length (1-4) to change. If the length is 4, data will not be copied within the pattern.

Erasing motion sequence data from a part (Clear Motion)

This operation erases all the motion sequence data of a part.

1. If the pattern is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Hold down the Shift key and press step key 11 (Clear Motion). (Key 11 will blink.)
3. Use the Part Select key to select the part whose motion sequence you wish to erase.
4. Press step key 11 once again to clear the motion sequence data.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.



Saving a pattern (Write)

If you wish to keep the pattern data that you create, you must perform this Write operation. When you perform the Write operation, "Data Copy within a pattern" (p.31) will occur automatically, depending on the pattern length.

If you intentionally want to discard your edits and revert to the original pattern data, simply select a different pattern without Writing.

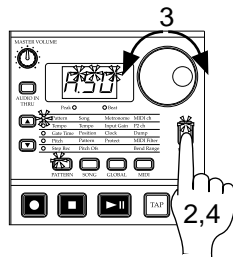
1. If the pattern is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern**.
2. Press the Write key once (the key will blink). The pattern number will blink in the display.
3. Rotate the dial to select the writing destination pattern number.
4. Press the Write key once again to write the data.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.



If the Global mode Memory Protect setting is on, it will not be possible to Write. In this case, you must turn off the Global mode Memory Protect setting before you execute the Write operation.


Never turn off the power during the Write operation. This can damage the data.



Creating a song

Creating a song from scratch

Here's how to create a song by placing patterns in the desired order.

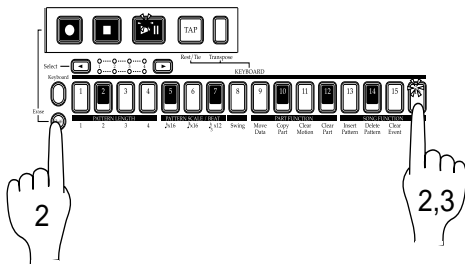
 If you switch to a different song while editing a song, your edited data will be lost. If you wish to keep the edited song, you must perform the Write operation to save the song data.

Erasing song data (Clear Song)

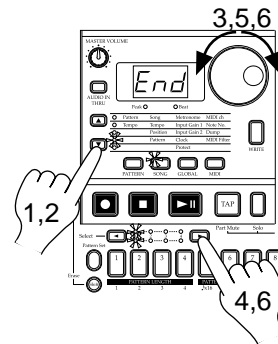
1. If the song is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback. Then select the song that you wish to erase.
2. Hold down the Shift key and press step key 16 (Clear Song). (Key 16 will blink.)
3. Press step key 16 once again to erase the song data.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.

If you erase the song data by mistake, rotate the dial to re-select the song before you save it. This will restore the data to its original condition.



To playback the completed song from the beginning, press the Play/Pause key once, and then press the Stop/Cancel key. Alternatively, use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Position**, and rotate the dial or use the select keys to set the position to "001." Then press the Play/Pause key.



If you wish to view the order of patterns in the song, or to re-select the pattern for a specific position, make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern**. Each time you press a select key, you will move to the next or previous position. You can use the dial to change the pattern number that is displayed.

Use the select keys to move through the positions, and use the dial to select patterns

Pattern **A01** - **A13** - **A22** - **b01** - **b30** - **b60** - **End**

Alternatively, you can make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Position**, and use the dial or select key to select the position you wish to check. Then make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern**, and view or change the **pattern**.

At the Position setting use the select keys or dial to move; then select Pattern and use the dial to select or view the pattern.

Position **001** - **002** - **003** - **004** - **005** - **006** - **007**
 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
 Pattern **A01** **A13** **A22** **b01** **b30** **b60** **End**

Specifying a pattern for each position

Position 001...256
 Pattern A01...d64

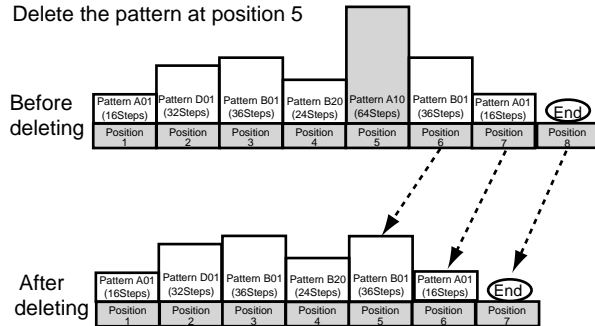
Specify a pattern for each position. When doing this, please turn the Keyboard function key off (the key will go dark).

1. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Position**. Notice that the display indicates "001."
2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern**.
3. Rotate the dial to select the pattern that you wish to assign to position "001."
4. Press the select [▶] key to advance to the next position. The display will indicate "End."
5. Rotate the dial to select the pattern. The pattern you select here will be the pattern for position "002."
6. When you select a pattern for the "End" position, the "End" will move to the next position. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to assign as many patterns as you wish.

Deleting a pattern from a specified position (Delete Pattern)

You can delete a pattern from a specified position, and subsequent patterns will be moved forward (toward the beginning of the song).

Delete the pattern at position 5

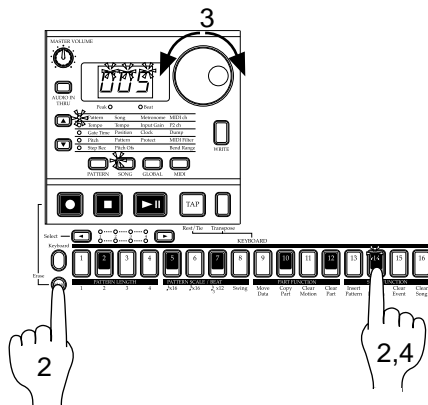


1. If the song is playing, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Hold down the Shift key and press step key 14 (**Delete Pattern**). (The 14 key will blink.)
3. The position indication in the display will blink. Rotate the dial to select the position from which you wish to delete the pattern. (For example if you wish to delete the pattern from position 5. make the display blink "005.")
4. Press step key 14 once again, and the pattern will be deleted.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.

When you delete a pattern, the event data (refer to the following page) at that position will also be deleted.

Data following the inserted pattern will be moved forward.




Changing the pattern for a specific position

1. If you are playing back, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback.
2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Position**.
3. Use the dial to select the position that you wish to modify.
4. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Pattern**.
5. Use the dial to select the pattern that you wish to assign to the selected position.

If you wish to audition the patterns as you select one, press the Pattern mode key to enter Pattern mode, and listen to the playback. To return to Song mode, press the Stop/Cancel key to stop playback, and then press the Song mode key.

6. Global mode

In Global mode you can set parameters such as Metronome or Protect. Press the Global mode key to enter Global mode. To execute Global mode, press a different mode key.

 The settings you make in Global mode will be cancelled if you turn off the power without Writing. If you wish to save the settings you make, you must perform the Write operation (refer to p.40 "Saving the settings you modify in Global mode").


Metronome settings

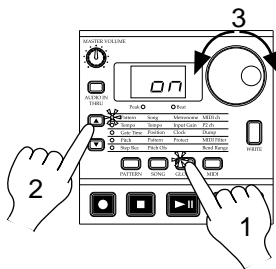
Metronome **oFF, r-0, r-1, r-2, on**

Specify how the metronome will function. If you will be using realtime recording to create a pattern from scratch, it is convenient to use the metronome. The metronome will sound at quarter-note timing.

- oFF:** The metronome will not sound.
- r-0:** The metronome will sound only during recording (when the Rec and Play/Cancel keys are lit).
- r-1:** When recording, a one-measure count will be sounded before recording begins. The metronome will sound only during recording.
- r-2:** When recording, a two-measure count will be sounded before recording begins. The metronome will sound only during recording.
- on:** The metronome will sound during playback and recording. There will be no count before recording begins.

1. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Metronome**.
2. Rotate the dial to make the metronome setting.
3. Press the Pattern or Song key to return to the previous mode.

 The metronome setting cannot be written. When you turn on the power, it will always be "oFF."



Adjusting the volume of the Audio In

Input Gain **0...100**


These parameters adjust the volume that is input to the Audio In jacks. For the procedure, refer to p.19 "Connecting various sources to the audio inputs" in section 3. Basic Operation (Quick Start).

Synchronizing the EA-1 with external MIDI devices (MIDI Clock)

Clock **int, Ext**

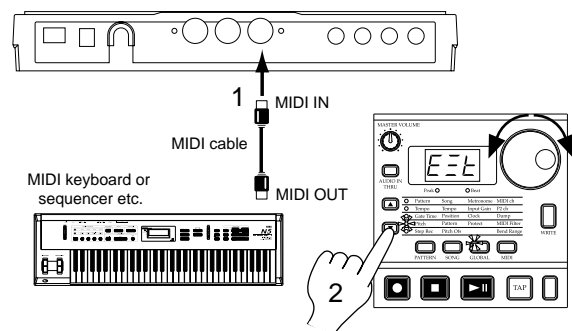
The Global mode **Clock** setting allows the tempo of the EA-1 to be synchronized with the tempo of an external MIDI device that is able to send or receive MIDI Clock messages.


For details on synchronization settings of your external MIDI device, refer to the owner's manual for your device.

 Even if you set Clock to Ext, the EA-1 will operate with its own internal clock if no MIDI Clock messages are being received at its MIDI IN connector.

Synchronizing the EA-1 to a master external MIDI device (Ext)

1. Use a MIDI cable to connect the **MIDI IN** connector of the EA-1 to the **MIDI OUT** connector of the external MIDI device (sequencer or synthesizer etc.).
2. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Clock**.
3. Rotate the dial to select "**Ext**" (external clock).
4. Make settings on the external MIDI device (master) so that it will transmit MIDI Clock messages.
5. Return to Pattern mode or Song mode.
6. When you start the sequencer of the external MIDI device, the EA-1 will simultaneously begin playback.
7. If MIDI Clock data is being received at the **MIDI IN** connector, you can make the EA-1 playback in synchronization with the external MIDI device by pressing the EA-1's Play/Pause key.



 If the MIDI Clock parameter is set to "Ext" and the EA-1 is synchronized to the external MIDI clock, it will synchronize to the tempo of the external sequencer, and it will not be possible to change the tempo on the EA-1.

If a MIDI Start message is received while the EA-1 is already playing in synchronization with MIDI Clock, the EA-1 will begin playback from the beginning of the currently playing pattern (or in the case of a song, from the beginning of the pattern that was playing when the Start message was received).

7. MIDI mode

In MIDI mode you can make MIDI-related settings, and dump exclusive data. To enter MIDI mode, press the MIDI mode key. To leave MIDI mode, press a different mode key.



If you turn off the power without Writing, the settings you made in MIDI mode will be lost. If you wish to keep the modified settings, you must execute the Write operation (refer to p.42 "Saving the settings you modify in MIDI mode").

Setting the MIDI channel of part 1 (MIDI ch)

MIDI ch

1...16

This sets the MIDI channel of part 1. The same MIDI channel is used for both transmission and reception. With the factory settings this will be "1."

1. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **MIDI ch**.
2. Rotate the dial to select the channel.



Program changes and exclusive data will be transmitted and received on the MIDI channel you specify here.

Setting the MIDI channel of part 2 (P2 ch)

P2 ch

1...16

This sets the MIDI channel of part 2. The same MIDI channel is used for both transmission and reception. With the factory settings this will be "2."

1. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **P2 ch**.
2. Rotate the dial to select the channel.

If part 1 and part 2 are set to the same channel, the sounds of part 1 and part 2 will be heard simultaneously when controlled from an external MIDI device.

Transmit/receive dump data (MIDI Data Dump)

Dump

Ptn, SnG, ALL

Transmission

Here's how system exclusive data (pattern data, song data, or Global mode settings) can be transmitted from the **EA-1** to an external MIDI data filer or computer connected to the **MIDI OUT** connector.

1. Connect the **MIDI OUT** connector of the **EA-1** to the **MIDI IN** connector of an external MIDI device that is able to receive MIDI data dumps (another **EA-1**, or a computer that is running a MIDI data filer program or editing program, etc.).
2. Set the MIDI channel of the external MIDI device and the **EA-1** to match. However when transmitting to a data filer, it is not normally necessary to match the MIDI channel.
3. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Dump**.
4. Rotate the dial to select the data that you wish to transmit.
Ptn: All pattern data
SnG: All song data
ALL: All data (pattern data, song data, Global data)
5. Press the Play/Pause key to transmit the data dump.

Reception

Here's how **EA-1** system exclusive data can be received from an external MIDI data filer or computer connected to the **MIDI IN** connector.

1. Connect the **MIDI IN** connector of the **EA-1** to the **MIDI OUT** connector of the external MIDI device that will transmit the MIDI data dump (another **EA-1**, or a computer that is running a MIDI data filer program or editing program, etc.).
2. Set the MIDI channel of the external MIDI device and the **EA-1** to match. However when transmitting from a data filer, it is not normally necessary to match the MIDI channel.
3. Use the cursor keys to make the parameter select LEDs indicate **Dump**.
4. Transmit the data dump from the external MIDI device.

Details on data dumps are provided in the MIDI implementation chart of the **EA-1**.

Consult your local Korg distributor for more information on MIDI implementation



Do not touch the keys of the **EA-1** while a data dump is in progress.

When the parameter select LEDs indicate **Dump**, system exclusive data can be transmitted or received even if the MIDI Filter parameter "E" is set to "-."

If the MIDI Filter parameter "E" is set to "O," system exclusive data can be transmitted or received in any mode.

8. Appendices

About MIDI

1. MIDI channels

Similarly to a television, data can be received when the channel of the receiving device matches the channel on which the data is being transmitted.

The transmit/receive channel of the EA-1 is set by the MIDI channel setting in MIDI mode.

2. Note-on/off

When you use the Keyboard function and press a step key, the note number assigned to that step key will be transmitted as a Note-on message [9n, kk, vv] (n: channel, kk: note number, vv: velocity) on the MIDI channel specified for that part. On the EA-1, the vv: velocity value is fixed at 64H (100). When you release the step key, a note-off message [8n, kk, vv] is transmitted. However, most devices do not transmit note-off velocity, and neither does the EA-1. When note-on/off messages are received on the MIDI channel assigned to a part, that part will sound.

Note-on/off messages are transmitted and received on the MIDI channels that you specify for part 1 and part 2 in MIDI mode.

3. Switching patterns

When you switch patterns, Program Change and Bank Select messages [Bn, 00, mm] (control change #00), [Bn, 20, bb] (control change #32) (mm: bank number upper byte, bb: bank number lower byte, together allowing 16,384 banks to be selected) will be transmitted.

If a Program Change is received on the MIDI channel of the EA-1, patterns will be switched within the same group (e.g., from A01 to A02). After a Bank Select has been received, the next-received Program Change will be able to switch to a pattern of a different group (e.g., from A01 to C01).

Transmission and reception of Program Change messages can be controlled by the MIDI mode MIDI Filter setting.

Bank Select		Program Change	Pattern number
MSB	LSB		
00	00	0...127	A01...b64
00	01	0...127	C01...d64

4 Applying pitch bend

Pitch bend messages [En, vv, vv] (vv, vv: lower and upper bytes of the value, together expressing 16,384 steps, where 8192 (vv, vv = 00H, 40H) is the center value) are not transmitted, but can be received to apply a pitch bend effect. The range of pitch bending is specified by the Pitch Bend Range setting of MIDI mode.

5. Using NRPN messages to edit

NRPN (Non Registered Parameter No.) messages are messages to which manufacturers are free to assign their own functions. On the EA-1, NRPN messages are assigned to all knobs and keys of the Synthesizer section other than Motion Seq.

To edit, first use NRPN (LSB) [Bn, 62, rr] and NRPN (MSB) [Bn, 63, mm] (control change #98 and 99) (rr, mm: lower and upper

bytes of the parameter no.) to select the parameter. Then transmit Data Entry (MSB) [Bn, 06, mm] and Data Entry (LSB) [Bn, 26, vv] (control change #06 and 38) (mm, vv: upper and lower bytes of the value, together expressing 16,384 steps) to set the value. The EA-1 uses only the MSB value (128 steps) of the Data Entry message.

6. If "stuck notes" occur

If for some reason a note fails to stop sounding, you can usually switch modes to stop the sound. If a note played via MIDI fails to stop, you can simultaneously press the Shift key and the Stop/Cancel key to perform a MIDI Reset.

7. About synchronization

Two or more sequencers can be connected via MIDI and made to playback in synchronization. Messages used for synchronization (realtime messages) include Timing Clock [F8], Start [FA], Continue [FB], and Stop [FC].

In a synchronized system, one synthesizer (the master) will transmit these messages, and the other sequencer(s) (the slave(s)) will receive these messages. The slave devices will playback according to the tempo specified by the Timing Clock messages transmitted by the master. Twenty-four Timing Clock messages are transmitted for each quarter note. When the EA-1's Global mode parameter Clock is set to INT, it will be the master device, and will transmit these realtime messages. When Clock is set to EXT, it will be the slave device, and will receive these realtime messages. However even when Clock is set to EXT, the EA-1 will operate according to its own internal clock if no Timing Clock messages are being received. The Start message specifies when playback will begin. When the Start/Pause key is pressed on the master device, it will transmit a Start message. Slave devices that receive this Start message will synchronize to the Timing Clock messages subsequently received, and will begin playback from the beginning. If the Start/Pause key is pressed on the master devices when it is paused, the master will transmit a Continue message. When a slave device receives the Continue message, it will resume playback from the point where it is currently stopped. If the Stop key is pressed during playback, the master will transmit a Stop message. Slave devices will stop playback when they receive a Stop message.

8. Synchronization in Song mode

In Song mode, the EA-1 can transmit and receive Song Select and Song Position Pointer messages. When you switch songs, a Song Select [F3 ss] message will be transmitted (ss: song number, where one of 128 songs can be selected. On the EA-1 you can select 16 songs.) If the EA-1 receives a Song Select message in Song mode, it will switch songs. Transmission and reception of Song Select messages can be restricted by the MIDI Filter settings of MIDI mode. If you change the current position on the master device (i.e., the device whose Clock is set to INT) when the song is stopped, a Song Position Pointer message [F2 pp pp] will be transmitted. (pp: the number of MIDI beats from the beginning of the song; i.e., the number of Timing Clocks divided by six.) Song Position Pointer indicates the location at which the sequencer is currently stopped. When Song Position Pointer is received in Song mode by a slave device (i.e., a device whose Clock is set to EXT), it will change the location at which its song is currently stopped to match the location of the master. However on the EA-1, the length of each pattern may be different, so the master and slave will not necessarily be in

the same location. When the Start/Pause key is pressed on the master device, a Continue message is transmitted, and the song will begin playback from the currently selected position. When the slave device receives the Continue message, it will synchronize to the Timing Clock messages and begin playback from the current point in the song. In the same way as synchronizing the playback from the beginning of the song, you can specify the location at which playback will start, and then playback in synchronization. If you use the dial or Select keys to fast-forward or rewind while the song is playing, Song Position Pointer messages will not be transmitted. Be aware that if you perform these operations during synchronized playback, the synchronization will be lost. Also, even if Song Position Pointer messages are received during playback, the playback location will not change.

9. About system exclusive messages

Manufacturers are free to use system exclusive messages in any way they choose, and these messages are used mainly to transmit and receive parameters that are specific to particular devices, such as sound data and editing data.

The system exclusive message format of the EA-1 is [F0, 42, 3n, 51, ... F7] (n: exclusive channel).

However, some system exclusive messages have been defined for use in a specific way, and these are called "universal system exclusive messages."

Of the several different universal system exclusive messages, the EA-1 supports the following one.

- When an Inquiry Message Request [F0, 7E, nn, 06, 01, F7] is received, the EA-1 will transmit an Inquiry Message [F0, 7E, nn, 06, 02, (nine bytes), F7] that means "I am a Korg EA-1 and my system version is ..."

10. Transmitting sound setting data (Data Dump)

Song, Pattern, or All (song, pattern, global) data can be transmitted as MIDI exclusive data, and stored on an external device. This data is transmitted by the MIDI mode Dump command. The channel used for transmission and reception of this data is set by the MIDI mode MIDI ch setting. Data dumps are also transmitted when a Data Dump Request message is received.

11. Editing sounds etc.

By sending MIDI exclusive data dumps, you can rewrite all patterns or individual programs. By using NRPN messages in Pattern mode, you can edit the knobs that are active for each part.

Troubleshooting

The display does not light up when I press the Power switch!

- Is the AC adapter connected?
- Is the AC adapter plugged into an AC outlet?

No sound!

- Is your amp, mixer, or headphones connected to the correct jack? (Can you playback a pattern? If so, the connections are correct.)
- Are your amp or mixer powered-on and set correctly?
- Is the master volume knob of the EA-1 raised?

Sound does not stop!

- When a pattern is played back, it will continue playing repeatedly. When you are finished listening to a pattern, press the Stop/Cancel key (p.13).

Sounds or operations are different than when I edited!

- Did you perform the Write operation after editing? (p.33, 38) After you have edited, you must perform the Write operation before switching songs or patterns, or turning off the power.
- Did you edit the selected pattern or song after writing it?

Can't control via MIDI!

- Is the MIDI cable or special cable connected correctly?

When playing the EA-1 from an external device

- Has the EA-1 been set to receive MIDI data on the channel on which the data is being transmitted? (p.41)
- Is the MIDI mode MIDI Channel parameter set to the desired channel? (p.41)
- Are the MIDI mode MIDI Filter settings set appropriately? (p.42)

When playing an external device from the EA-1

- Does the MIDI channel of the EA-1 match the MIDI channel of the receiving device? (p.41)

Cannot write a pattern or song!

- Is the Global mode Protect setting turned "on"? (p.40)

Playing the step keys does not sound the specified sound!

- After editing the sound of a part, did you perform the Write operation? (p.33)
- Is the Keyboard function turned on?
- Is a motion sequence being used? (p.29)

Error messages

- Er.1** Data could not be written.
- Er.2** When writing a song to a different song number, the maximum number of recordable events was exceeded. Use the Clear Event operation to erase unwanted events from the song.
- Er.9** Protect was turned "on" for the memory into which you attempted to write data. In Global mode, turn the Protect setting "oFF" (p.40).
- Full** When event-recording on a song, event data memory has filled up. If you attempt to record additional events, the "memory full" message will appear immediately. Either use Clear Event to delete unwanted events from a song, or record blank data to clear the memory.

Restoring the factory set data

The pattern and song data with which the EA-1 is shipped from the factory is referred to as the "preloaded data," and you can restore this preloaded data back into the memory of the EA-1. When you do this, the patterns you created and the songs which use these patterns will be erased, and replaced by the preloaded data. If you wish to keep the patterns and songs you created, you must save the data on a data filer etc. before you load the preloaded data.

1. While simultaneously pressing the **Transpose** key and the **Write** key, turn on the power.
2. The display will indicate "PLd," and the Play/Pause key will blink.
3. To load the factory preloaded data, press the blinking Play/Pause key.

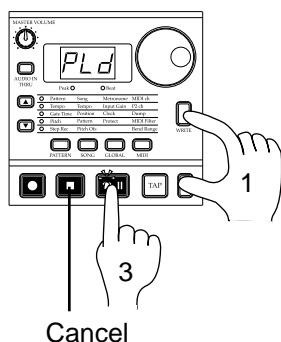
This will require approximately 15 seconds.

To cancel, press the Stop/Cancel key.

When loading is complete, the EA-1 will return to its initial state. After several seconds the display will indicate pattern number "A01," and the EA-1 will be in Pattern mode.



Never turn off the power during the Load process. The data may be damaged.



Specifications

- System: Analog modeling
- Number of parts: 2 parts
- Memory capacity: 256 patterns, 16 songs
- Effects: Distortion, Tempo Delay, Chorus/Flanger
- Sequencer: Pattern
Maximum 64 steps per part
Motion sequence
One parameter for each part, 64 events
- Song
Maximum 256 patterns per song
Maximum approximately 65,500 events for event recording
- Connectors: PHONES
Stereo phone plug
Nominal level: 21 mW + 21 mW (32 ohms)
OUTPUT (PART1/MIX, PART2)
Phone jacks: mono x 2
Nominal output level: -10 dBu
Output impedance: 1 k-ohms
AUDIO IN (phone jack: mono x 1)
Nominal input level: -10 dBu
Input impedance: 47 k-ohms
MIDI (IN, OUT, THRU)
- Power supply: DC 9 V (AC adapter included)
- Power consumption: 8 W
- Dimensions: 300 (W) x 222.5 (D) x 53.4 (H) mm
(with rubber feet)
- Weight: 1.25 kg

Example sounds

Saw Bass

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Sub Bass

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Octave Bass

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Detuned Saw

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Distortion Lead/Bass

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Pulse Width Mod

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Sync Lead

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Ring Mod

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Decimator

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

5th Pad

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Deep Flange

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

AMP: Distortion, Level.

EFFECT: Depth, Time, Type Select, Chorus/Flanger.

Part Select: Part 1, Part 2, Smooth, Ring, Hold, Motion Seq.

Beam

OSCILLATOR: Portamento, OSC Balance, OSC2 Pitch Ofs, OSC1, OSC2, Audio In, Ring, Sync, OSC Mod, Deci.

FILTER: Cutoff, Resonance, EG Int, Decay.

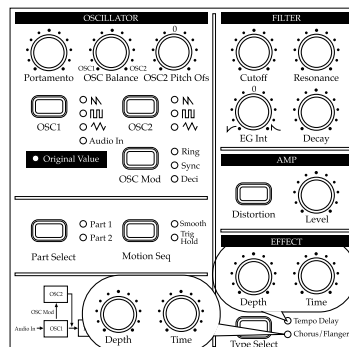
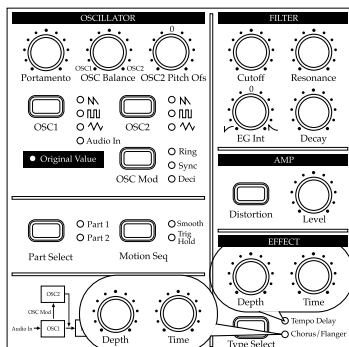
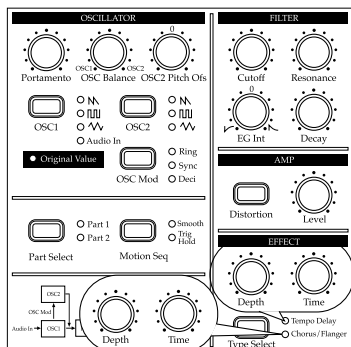
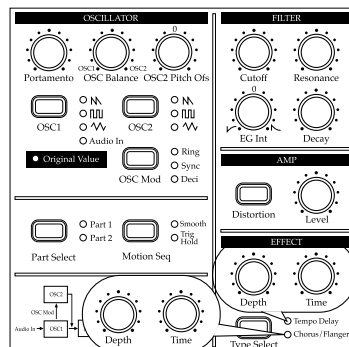
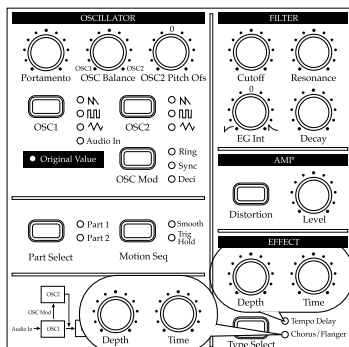
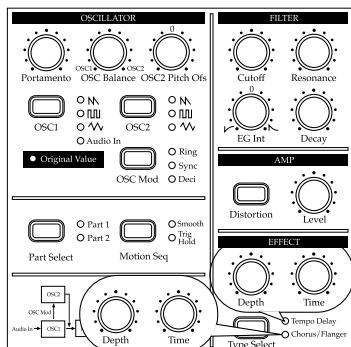
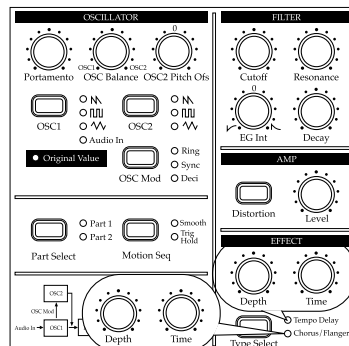
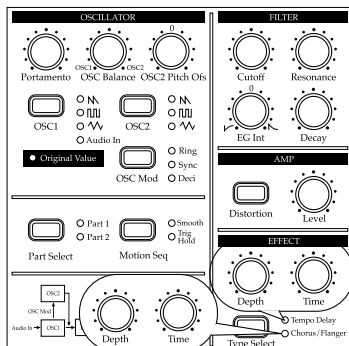
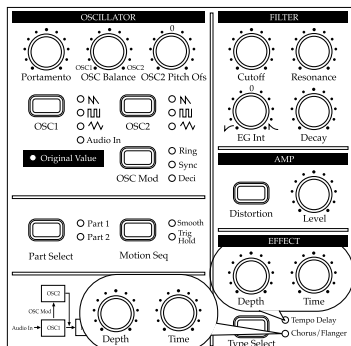
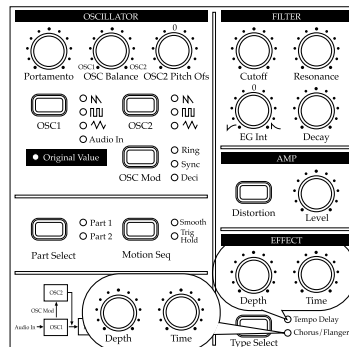
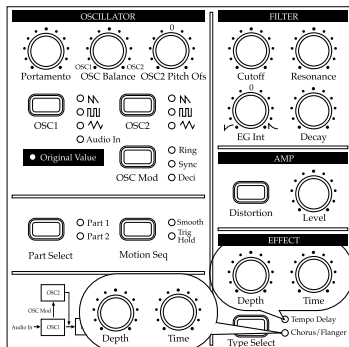
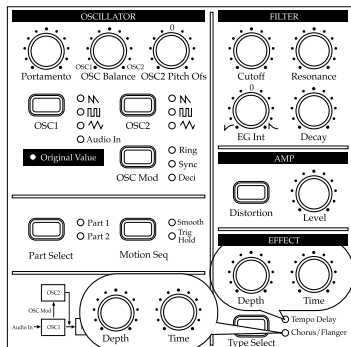
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When you have created a sound that you like, you can store the knob and key locations in this page.



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Function ...		Transmitted	Recognized	Remarks
Basic channel	Default Changed	1 - 16 1 - 16	1 - 16 1 - 16	Memorized
Mode	Default Messages Altered	×	3 ×	
Note number :	True voice	0- 127	9n, v=1- 127	
Velocity	Note ON Note OFF	× ×	× ×	
After Touch	Polyphonic Channel	× ×	× ×	
Pitch Bender		×	○	*C
Control Change	0,32 98, 99 8 121	○ ○ ○ ×	○ ○ ○ ○	Bank Select(MSB,LSB) *P NRPN(LSB,MSB) *C Data Entry(MSB) *C Reset All Controllers
Program Change :	True#	○ 0 - 127 *****	○ 0 - 127 0 - 127	Transmitted/received in Pattern mode *P
System Exclusive		○	○	Can always be transmitted/received in the MIDI Dump page *2 *E
System Common	: Song Pos : Song Sel : Tune	○ ○ 0 - 15 ×	○ ○ 0 - 15 ×	Transmitted/received in Song mode *1 *P
System Realtime	: Clock : Commands	○ ○	○ ○	*1 *1
Aux Messages	: Local ON/OFF : All Notes OFF : Active Sense : Reset	× × ○ ×	○ ○123-127 ○ ×	
Notes		<p>*P, *C, *E: Sent and received when MIDI mode MIDI Filter (P, C, E) respectively are set to "O"</p> <p>*1: Sent but not received when Global mode Clock is "Int."When set to "Ext," received but not sent.</p> <p>*2: In addition to Korg exclusive messages, also responds to Inquiry messages.</p>		

Mode 1: OMNI ON, POLY
Mode 3: OMNI OFF, POLY

Mode 2: OMNI ON, MONO
Mode 4: OMNI OFF, MONO

○ : Yes
× : No

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