Melodics™

Setting up your Roland V-Drums with Melodics.

Roland + M Melodics™

Level up your timing. Play along with classic breaks. Mix it up with modern styles.

Melodics – the critically acclaimed beat training software, helping over 100,000 producers, DJs, and finger drummers build their skills – now supports Roland V-Drums!

This manual will guide you through setting up your V-Drums with Melodics so you can start practicing.

Melodics will:

- Give you instant feedback on your timing & accuracy.

- Help you play classic breaks step by step, and learn new techniques from modern styles.

- Build your drumming expertise, with lessons for all skill levels across great genres.

Step 1
Ensure that the appropriate USB driver is installed & up to date for your V-Drums.

Refer to the manual of your V-Drums for instructions on updating your drivers.
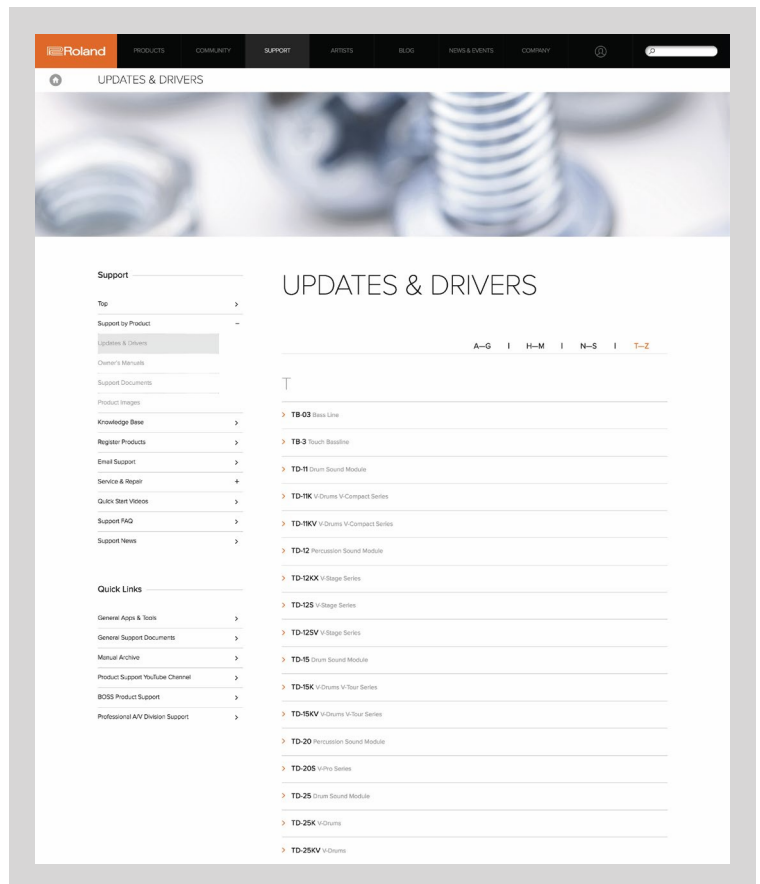
Step 2
Download & install the latest version of Melodics for your operating system.

Melodics is free to download! Just visit:

https://www.melodics.com/vdrums

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Step 3
Connect your V-Drums sound module to your computers USB port.

Melodics requires connection to your V-Drums via USB.

SOUND (HEADPHONES / SPEAKERS)

TO THE COMPUTERS "USB PORT"

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "USB COMPUTER" PORT
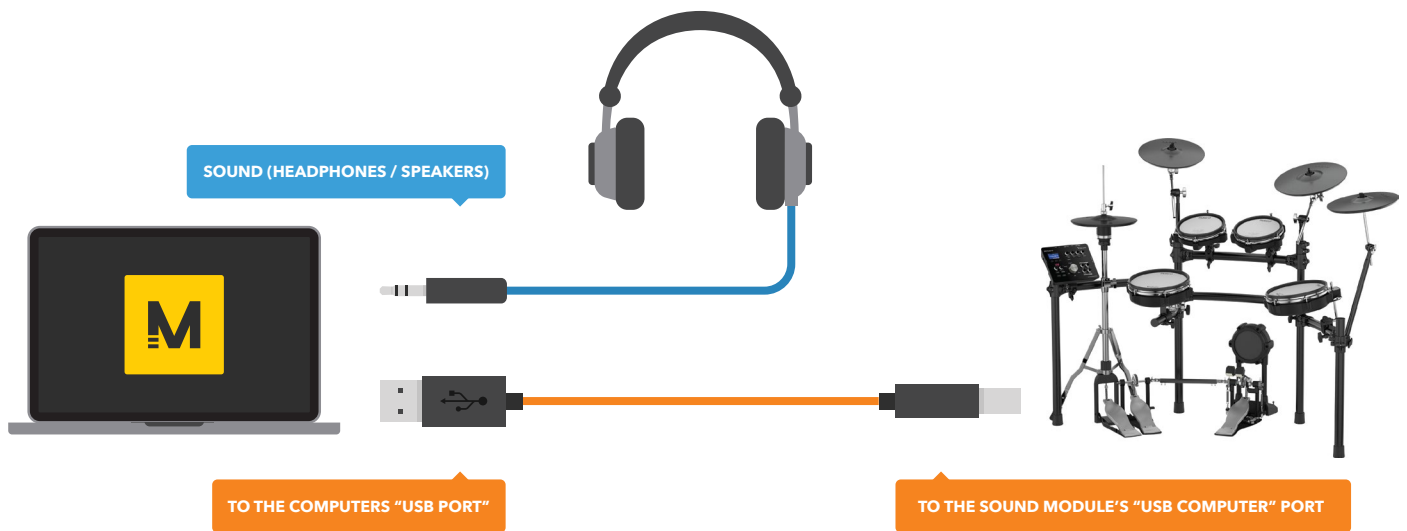
IN THIS SETTING, THE DRUM SOUND IS CREATED BY THE COMPUTERS INTERNAL SOUND ENGINE.
TO USE THE V-DRUMS SOUND MODULE'S DRUM SOUND REFER TO "ADVANCED SETUP" ON PAGE 6.

Step 4
Ready to play some drums?
Go ahead and launch the Melodics app!

When you start Melodics with your V-Drums connected, you'll unlock extra free lessons, thanks to Roland.

Ensure your V-Drums are connected and turned on before launching Melodics.

Tom Placement: If you use your V-Drums kit with 1 front tom and 2 floor toms, you need to change the arrangement to "2 front toms". Please refer to the manual of your V-Drums kit.

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To start the performance, you can hit spacebar OR hit tom1 & tom2 while simultaneously pressing the kick & hi-hat pedals.

This combination shortcut lets you start, restart, and move on - so you don't need to reach for your computer!
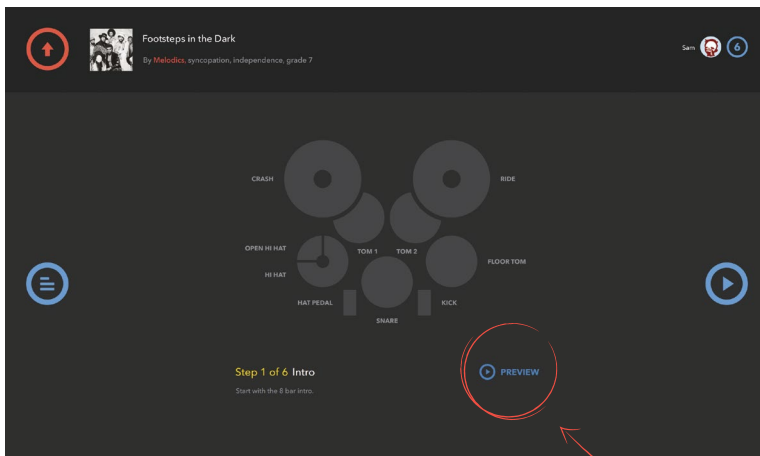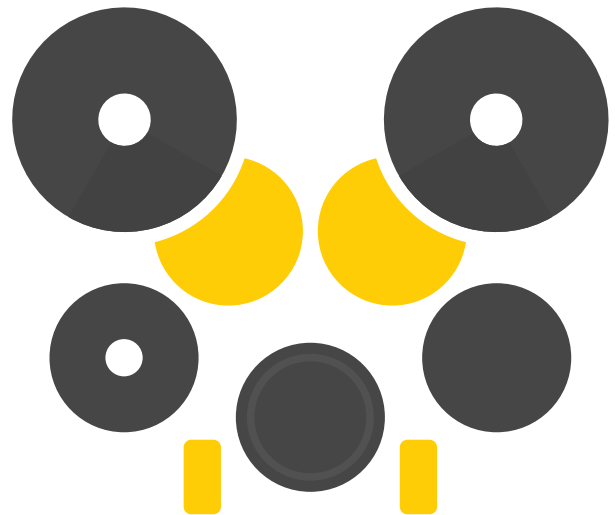
Use Preview to listen to each step before you play it.

This will give you a feel for what you're going to be playing, and how to move around your VDrums.

Preview is found on the pre-play screen, beneath the V-Drums graphic.


Use Practice Mode to to slow down & loop the arrangement.

When playing, click practice mode in the top left to lower the BPM, and get to grips with tricky sections & fills.

Auto-BPM will raise the speed by 10 BPM automatically after a successful loop. Wait mode pauses playback until you hit the correct drum.
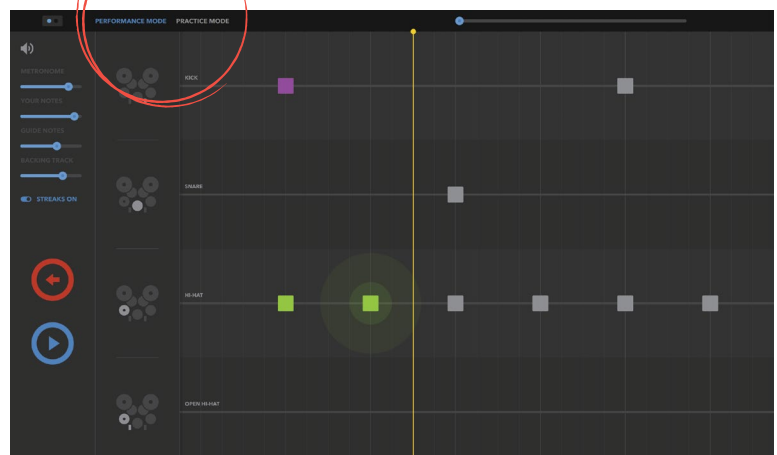
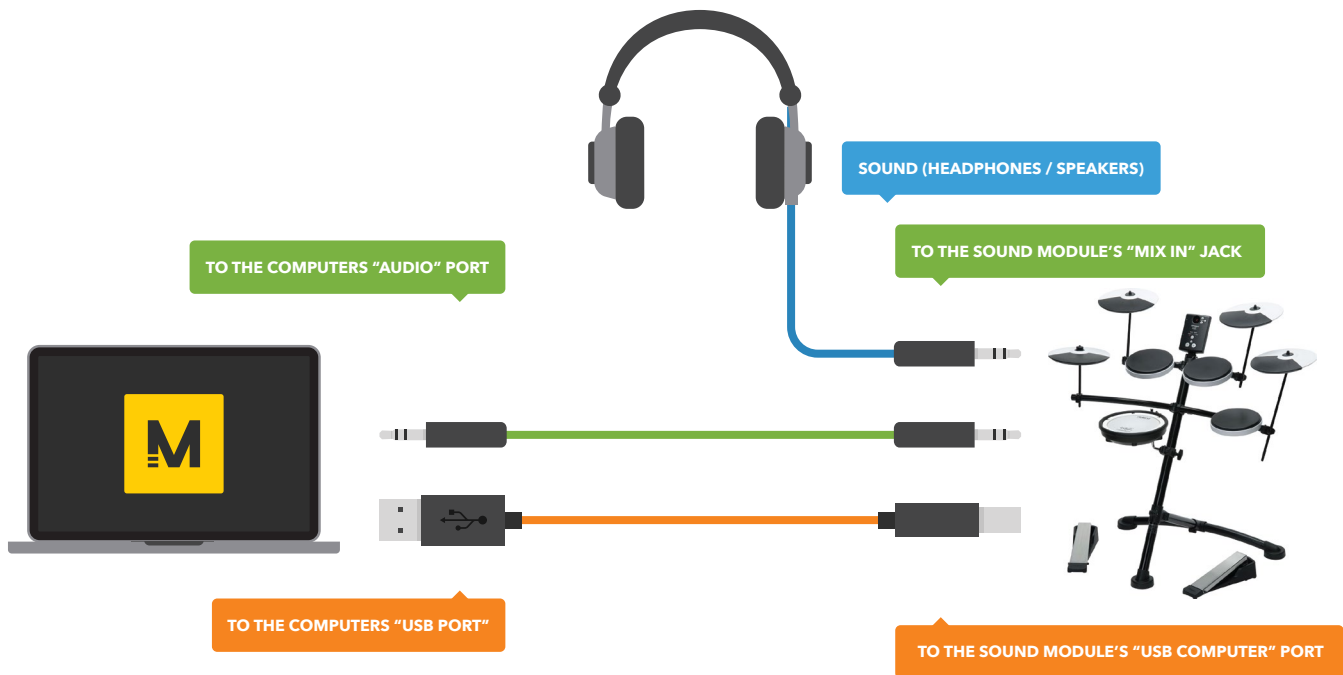To combine the amazing drum sound from your Roland Sound Module with Melodics, follow these steps:

All USB models except TD-1

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TO THE COMPUTERS "USB PORT"

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "USB COMPUTER" PORT
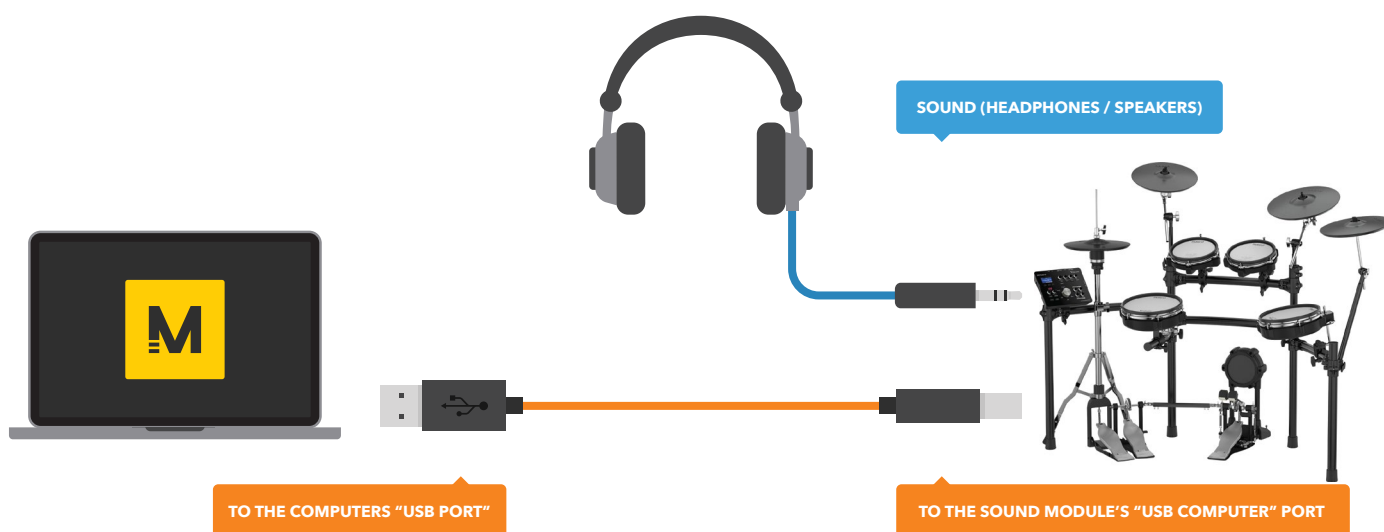
- Set the V-Drums Sound Module as USB MIDI and USB Audio can be used. Please refer to the manual of your V-Drums.

- In the Settings screen in Melodics, choose the Roland Sound Module as the selected device under audio output.

- **TD-17**, **TD-25**, **TD-50**: Set unit's USB Driver Mode to "VENDOR."

The sound will now come out of your V-Drums, while Melodics receives MIDI information for scoring and feedback.
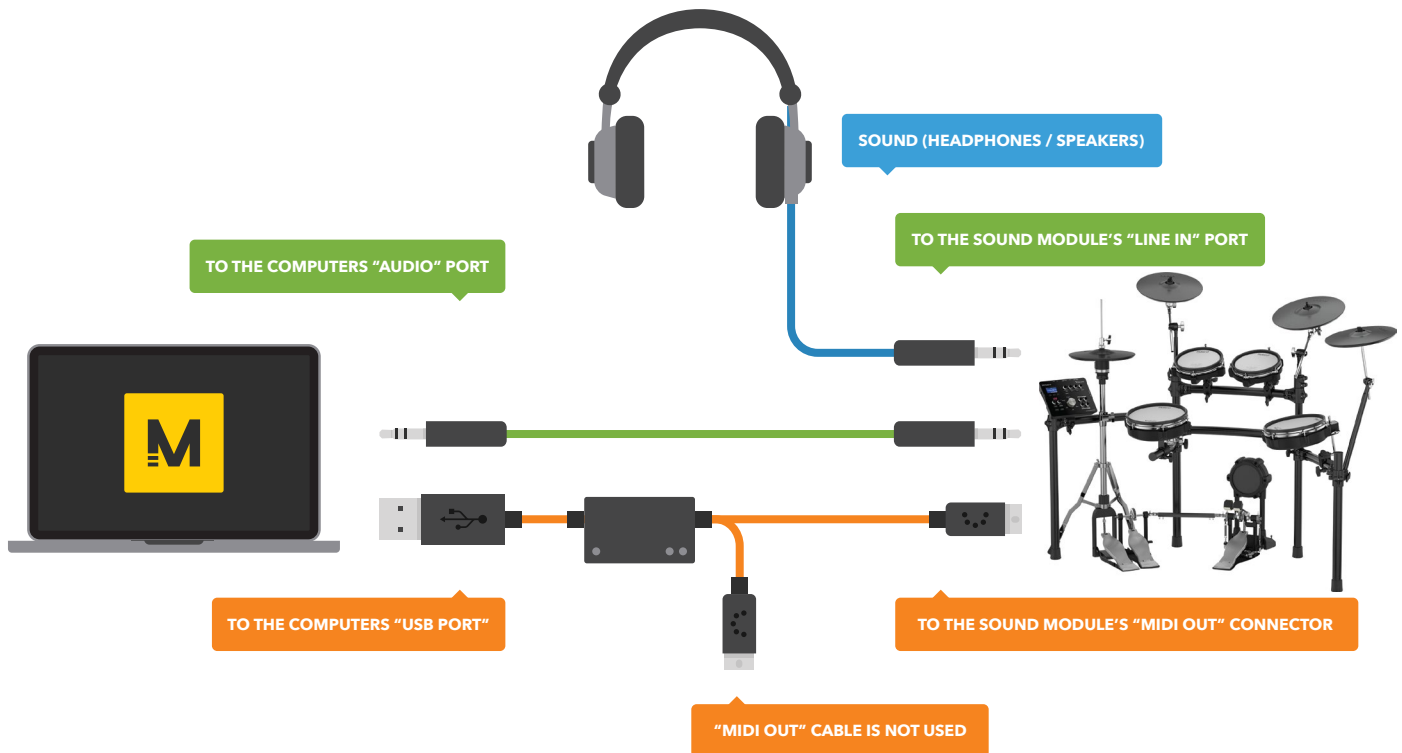
TD-1

SOUND (HEADPHONES / SPEAKERS)

TO THE COMPUTERS "AUDIO" PORT

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "MIX IN" JACK

TO THE COMPUTERS "USB PORT"

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "USB COMPUTER" PORT

- Use a 3.5mm stereo audio cable to connect the output of your PC to the mix in of your V-drums.

The sound will now come out of your V-Drums, while Melodics receives MIDI information for scoring and feedback.

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For Non-USB V-Drums kits

SOUND (HEADPHONES / SPEAKERS)

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "LINE IN" PORT

TO THE COMPUTERS "AUDIO" PORT

TO THE COMPUTERS "USB PORT"

TO THE SOUND MODULE'S "MIDI OUT" CONNECTOR

"MIDI OUT" CABLE IS NOT USED

To send MIDI to Melodics from your USB V-Drums, you will need a USB MIDI interface. In this example we are using the Roland UM-ONE interface.

- Connect the MIDI in cable of your interface to the MIDI out port on your V-Drums.

- Connect the audio output of your PC to the mix in of your V-Drums.

The sound will now come out of your V-Drums, while Melodics receives MIDI information for scoring and feedback.

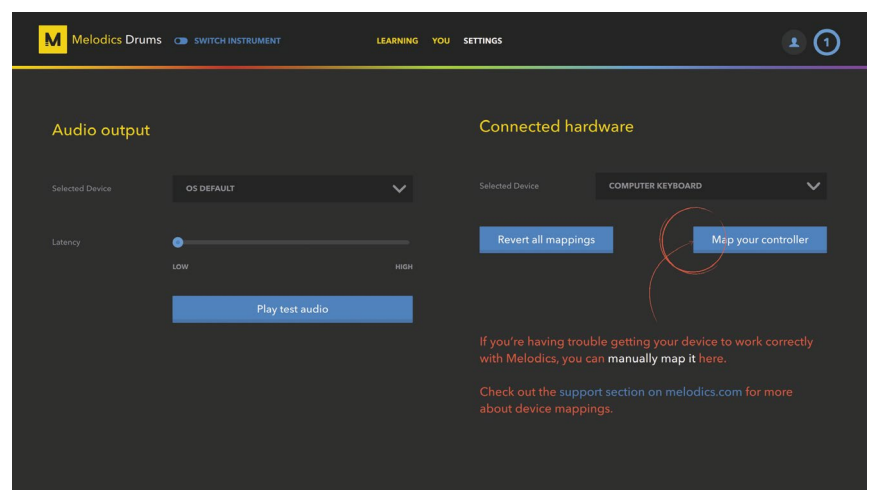Be sure to install the driver for the USB-MIDI Interface you use.

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! **IMPORTANT!**
Ensure your V-Drums are connected to your computer & powered on **before** launching the Melodics app!

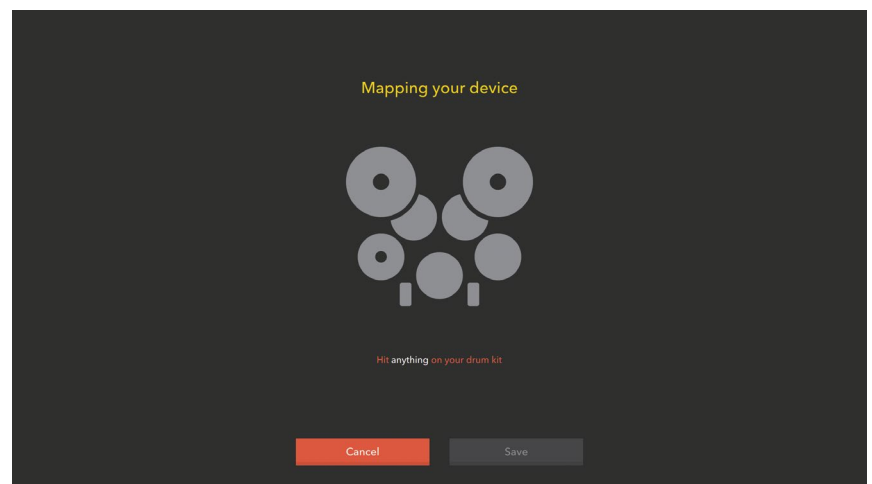## Mapping your V-Drums

Your V-Drums should be automatically detected & setup when launching Melodics.

If not, please go to the "Settings" page, and click "Map your controller".

Follow the on-screen instructions to manually map your V-Drums for Melodics.

If you require help with anything at all, please contact us at support@melodics.com