KAWAI
Personal Keyboard
FS900

Owner's Manual

■ Thank you for your purchase of the KAWAI FS900 Personal Keyboard

How to use this manual

This manual is divided into two sections: Basic Operation and Advanced Operation.

The Basic Operation section will help you become familiar with the basic, but extremely powerful, features of the FS900. By the time you're through with this first section, you will have a clear understanding of how to select Tones and Rhythms, adjust Tempo, use Auto-Accompaniment, Arrangement Expander, Recorder functions, and operate ONE FINGER AD-LIB.

The Advanced Operation section will help you explore FS900's more advanced features such as combining Tones, adding Effects, using the Synthesizer and MIDI, and programming Accompaniments or ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases. To get the most from your FS900, please read this entire manual carefully -- beginning with the important information on page B – 1.

Should you have any trouble getting the FS900 to perform properly, please refer to the Table of Contents (on the next page) and review the pertinent section of this instruction manual.

Have fun learning to play your FS900!

■ Note:

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.

■ This instrument complies with the limits for class B digital apparatus, pursuant to the Radio Interference Regulations, C.R.C., c. 1374.

■ Table of Contents

■ Before Using the FS900

1. Cautions

● Do not subject the FS900 to severe shocks.
● Do not expose the FS900 to direct sunlight, or high temperatures such as inside your car on a warm day.
● Do not use the FS900 where there is excessive moisture or dust.

● Do not disassemble or attempt to modify the FS900.
● Should the FS900 become soiled, clean it using a soft, dry cloth. If this does not remove the stain, wet the cloth slightly before wiping. Never use alcohol or thinner to clean the FS900.
● Do not allow foreign matter to enter the gaps between the keys or around the buttons.
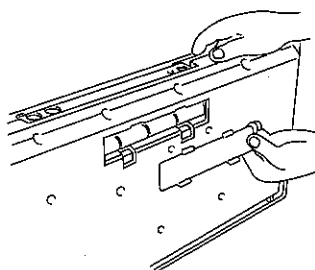
2. Connecting the Power Supply

The FS900 can use either your home AC power outlet or dry cell batteries as a power source.

■ To insert batteries:

1. Turn the unit over and remove the battery cover.
2. Insert six Size D dry cell batteries. Be sure they are aligned in the proper direction.
3. Replace the battery cover.

As the batteries begin to run down, the FS900 will become quieter and the sound quality will begin to deteriorate. The unit may begin to malfunction. You may also see the small LED lamp located at the bottom of the display (between first and second digits) begin to light. At that time, you should replace all six of the batteries.

Do not mix battery types (or new batteries with old ones), as this may cause problems such as battery fluid leakage.

Remove the batteries when not using the FS900 for long periods of time.

■ To use an AC power outlet:

Connect a PS-102 (or PS-101) adaptor to the adaptor terminal on the rear panel of the FS900. Then, connect the adaptor to a wall socket.

⚠️ *We recommend that you use a KAWAI AC adaptor (10 volt 1000 mA) with the FS900. If you decide to use a universal adaptor (from another manufacturer) be sure that the voltage selector on that adaptor is set 10 volt 1000 mA. The polarity selector must be set to "negative" (–) polarity. If your universal adaptor is set on "positive (+)", your FS900 will not operate (or will run on batteries until the batteries are drained).*

■ Connecting the FS900 to an audio device

To enjoy listening to the sound of your FS900 through your home stereo system or other external audio device, purchase a standard connecting cord (Stereo RCA pins) at an electrical goods shop or an audio specialty store. Use it to connect the FS900's LINE OUT jacks to the LINE IN or AUX IN jacks on your audio system.

■ About the FS900's internal memory

The contents of the FS900's internal memory such as song data will be kept stored by a battery built into the unit for a period of up to five years.

Note that if you turn the power switch ON while holding down keys C and E at the left end of the keyboard, all of the contents of the memory will be erased, and the keyboard's factory settings will be restored.

⚠️ *You cannot back up the internal memory once the battery built into the FS900 is drained. So, we recommend that you save your important data into an external sequencer (see "Using the MIDI Functions" section). For a replacement battery, contact your authorized KAWAI dealer.*

■ Protective plastic covering on front panel

Your FS900 comes equipped with a thin plastic covering over the front panel, designed to protect the panel from dust and scratches. If you want to remove this covering, carefully use a fingernail to lift up one of the corners. Then, slowly peel off the covering and discard it.

■ Trouble shooting on your FS900

| Problem	Check the following

No sound from your FS900.	1) Check your power adaptor. We recommend that you use a KAWAI 9- or 12-volt adaptor.
	 2) If using another brand of adaptor:
	    — Does the voltage range from 9-12 volts?
	    — Is it set to negative (–) polarity?
	    — Is it rated above 1000 mA?
	 3) Have you tried six fresh batteries?
	 4) Are all the batteries aligned in the proper direction?

All the FS900's sounds have a "wavering" quality to them.	Make sure that the modulation wheel is set to "off". The white line should be rotated downward to the lowest position (closest to you).
You notice that the front panel has a "cloudy" finish or has begun to "bubble" or "peel". This is not a defect.	There is a thin plastic film applied to the glossy panel (where the sounds and rhythms are printed) for protection during shipping. You can remove this film at any time. Use a fingernail to carefully lift up one of the edges, then peel off the protective film.
You are using the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to select a two-digit number, but a single-digit number appears in the display.	You may be taking too long to enter the second digit. Once you enter one digit, the FS900 waits for four seconds to see if a second digit follows. If the second digit is not entered within that time, the FS900 assumes that you meant to enter a single-digit number. Be sure to enter all two-digit numbers in rapid succession.
The rhythm will not start when you press the yellow **START/STOP** button.	Press the **TEMPO UP** button to see if someone has inadvertently activated the TEMPO "SYNC." mode. The display will read "5 Y[" if this is the case. The **START/STOP** button will not operate in TEMPO "SYNC." mode. To escape SYNC mode, press the **TEMPO UP** button until a number appears in the display.
The DUAL feature does not combine certain sounds.	Are you trying to combine any of the SPLIT sounds? These cannot be used with the DUAL feature, since they already contain two sounds.
The RECORDER will not record.	The recorder will not record when there is already a song in memory. Use the ERASE procedure (press both the **REC/END** and **PLAY/STOP** buttons simultaneously) for that song to clear a particular song. Then try recording again.
The keyboard only plays drum sounds.	The **HAND PERCUSSION** button has been activated. Press the button again to deactivate the Hand Percussion feature.
The AUTO function is not working properly.	Check to see if someone has set your FS900 to operate in AUTO 2, AUTO 3, or AUTO 4 modes. All of these alternative modes are different from the normal AUTO 1 style of accompaniment. (Please refer to the "Advanced Use of Auto-Accompaniment" section of this manual.)
The FS900 is not sending "automatic" note information via MIDI.	See the MIDI section of this manual. The ACCOMPANIMENT MIDI OUT function must be set to "on". Otherwise, the FS900 will only send "note" information (notes that are actually played) via MIDI.

■Overall Diagram and Explanation

■ Operation panel

■ Rear panel

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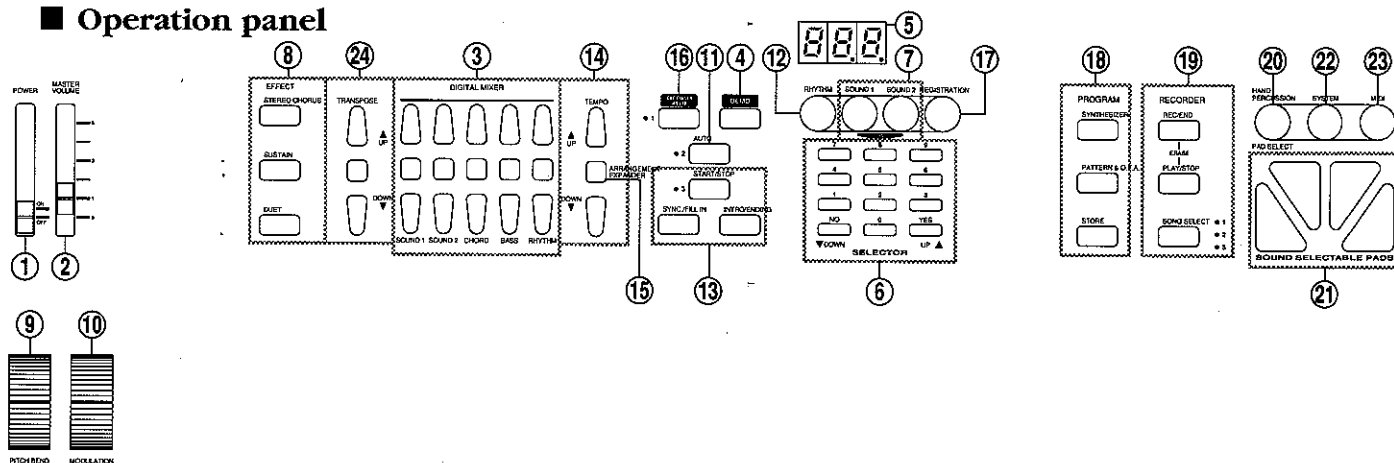
■ Keys
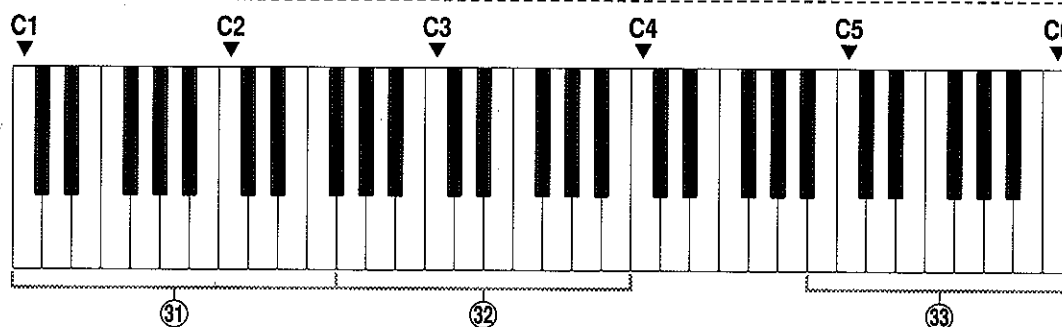
■ Operation panel

① POWER Switch
The Power Switch turns the FS900's power on and off. When the power is turned on, the display window will light, showing the number 01.

② MASTER VOLUME Slider
The master volume slider control overall volume of all notes played on the keyboard.

③ DIGITAL MIXER Section
Sound 1, Sound 2, Chord, Bass, and Rhythm volumes can be adjusted individually using these buttons. Holding down the **UP** button for a particular part raises the volume for that part. Holding down the **DOWN** button lowers the volume for that part. Pressing the middle button will establish a preset volume for that part which is in "balance" with the other parts of the accompaniment.

④ DEMO button
There are 2 Demo Songs in the FS900. When you press this button, the Demo Songs will start with Song #1. After Demo Song #1 is concluded, Demo Song #2 will play and then return to Song #1 to begin the "cycle" again. The Demo Songs will continue until you press the **DEMO** button a second time to stop them. To select Demo Song #2 directly, press **#2** with the numeric keys just after pressing the **DEMO** button. Again, that Demo Song will continue to play until you press the **DEMO** button a second time.

⑤ Display
The display window shows which sound or rhythm is currently selected. The window is also used to display a wide variety of other information which will be described later in this manual.

⑥ Selector buttons
a) **Numeric** buttons (Ten keys)
Used to enter the number that appear in the LED display. To enter a number from 1 to 9, just press the number you desire. The FS900 will wait for 4 seconds to see if you're going to press another digit. After this brief pause, the display will show the number you selected (01 to 09). To enter a number from 1 to 9 without the 4 seconds pause, put a "zero" before the number. For example, you would press "0" and "6" to select sound number "6" immediately (with no pause).

To enter a two-digit number, enter the two digits in rapid succession. For example, to enter sound number 25, press 2 followed quickly by 5. If you wait more than 4 seconds to enter the second digit, the FS900 will think you meant to enter a one-digit number. Referring again to the "25" example, if you wait too long to enter the second digit "5", the FS900 will think you meant to enter a "2" and then changed your mind to enter "5". The display will end up showing "5" instead of "25". BE SURE TO ENTER TWO-DIGIT NUMBERS IN RAPID ORDER.

b) **"DOWN", "UP"** button.
These buttons are used to increase or decrease the numbers in the display window by a value of 1. The same buttons are also used as **"NO"** or **"YES"** buttons for storing or transmitting MIDI data. This latter function will be described later in this manual

⑦ **SOUND 1** and **2** buttons
These buttons are used to select from among the one hundred sounds stored in the FS900.

⑧ **EFFECTS** buttons
These buttons allow you to add variety to the FS900's one hundred sounds by adding effects such as Sustain, Stereo Chorus, and Duet harmony to them.

⑨ **PITCH BEND WHEEL**
Rotating this wheel up or down allows you to change the pitch of a sound.

⑩ **MODULATION** wheel
This wheel can be used to apply vibrato to a sound.

⑪ **AUTO** button
The **AUTO** button is used to select between two "playing modes" for the nineteen keys on the left end of the keyboard (which we will refer to as the Lower Keyboard). In "Normal Mode" (when the AUTO light is off), the Lower Keyboard plays the same sound selected for the Upper Keyboard.

In "AUTO Mode" (which is in effect when the AUTO light is lit), the Lower Keyboard can be used to control the FS900's Auto-Accompaniment.

⑫ **RHYTHM** button
This button is used when selecting from among the one hundred rhythm and accompaniment patterns stored in the FS900's memory.

⑬ **RHYTHM CONTROL** button
The FS900's Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment section gives you four types of patterns to work with: Intro Patterns that can be used at the start of a song; Fill-in Patterns, to add contrast and variety during a song; Ending Patterns; and Basic Patterns which will be the foundation of any song using Auto-Accompaniment. These four types of patterns are controlled using these buttons. Lastly, the SYNC. button lets you start when you press a key in the Lower Keyboard.

⑭ **TEMPO** buttons
The tempo buttons can be used to control changes in Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment tempo.

⑮ **ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER** button
Adds variety to the auto-accompaniment by increasing the complexity of the accompaniment.

⑯ **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button
This feature allows you to sound like a "pro" with the touch of a finger.

⑰ **REGISTRATION** button
Complete front panel set-ups can be stored and recalled with this button.

⑱ **PROGRAM** buttons
These buttons allow users of the FS900 to:
a) create new sounds (with the synthesizer);
b) create Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment Patterns (Basic, Intro, Fill-in, and Ending) with Pattern Maker; and
c) create ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases.

⑲ **RECORDER** Section
These buttons allow you to record the songs you write or perform on the FS900.

⑳ **HAND PERCUSSION/PAD SELECT** button
Pressing this button transforms the entire keyboard into a complete percussion ensemble. When Hand Percussion is on, you can also use the keys of the keyboard to assign a percussion sound to one of the four SOUND SELECTABLE PADS. Holding down a pad while pressing a key assigns that key's percussion sound to the pad.

㉑ **SOUND SELECTABLE PADS**
These pads allow you to add drum solos or fills to the rhythm and automatic accompaniment. As mentioned above, these pads can be assigned any of the percussions sounds pictured above the Lower Keyboard notes.

㉒ **SYSTEM** button

㉓ **MIDI** button

㉔ **TRANSPOSE** buttons
You can use the TRANSPOSE function to adjust the FS900's pitch by one full octave upward or downward (that is, -12 half steps to +12 half steps). As you press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons in the TRANSPOSE Section, the display will briefly flash to tell you the number of half-steps you've moved above or below the "normal key". When you press the middle **TRANSPOSE** button (between the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons), the FS900's pitch goes back to the "normal key".

Rear Panel

㉕ MIDI IN/OUT/THRU jacks

These jacks are used to connect the FS900 to other MIDI instruments and equipment.

㉖ PEDAL 1 (DAMPER Pedal) jack

This jack allows you to connect an optional footswitch (model F-1, available separately) to the FS900. When the footswitch is depressed, notes played on the keyboard will play continuously for as long as the footswitch is held down. It operates like a sustain pedal on a piano. (This pedal has no effect on Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment performance.)

The jack can also be programmed to let an optional footswitch (model F-1, available separately) function in different styles. Refer to the "Using the SYSTEM Functions" for details.

㉗ PEDAL 2 (Accompaniment Hold) jack

The jack allows you to use the optional F-1 footswitch in a different way from above. When connected to the Accompaniment Hold jack, the F-1 footswitch can be depressed to add variety to Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniments. The jack can also be programmed to let an optional footswitch (model F-1, available separately) function in different styles. Refer to the "Using the SYSTEM Functions" for details.

㉘ OUTPUT jacks

These jacks are used to send the FS900's sound through external speakers or a home stereo system.

㉙ STEREO PHONES jack

When stereo headphones are connected to this jack, the sound from the speakers is cut off. This allows you to play the FS900 at night and at other times when you might be concerned about disturbing others.

㉚ DC IN jack

This jack is used when connecting a Power Adaptor (model PS-101 or PS-102).

⚠ *See page B-2 for special instructions if you are using a universal AC adaptor or other brand of adaptor.*

Keys

㉛ Lower Keyboard (C1 ~ F#2)

Used as a specific set of keys when the AUTO (chord detection) or Hand Percussion functions are selected.

㉜ ONE FINGER AD-LIB keys (G2 ~ B3)

Used to play One Finger Ad-Lib phrases when the ONE FINGER AD-LIB function is selected.

㉝ User program keys (B4 ~ C6)

Used for programming Synthesizer sounds, Auto-Accompaniments (with Pattern Maker), and ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases.

⚠ *Of course, the keys in the special keyboard sections named above also function as a normal keyboard when all automatic settings are off.*
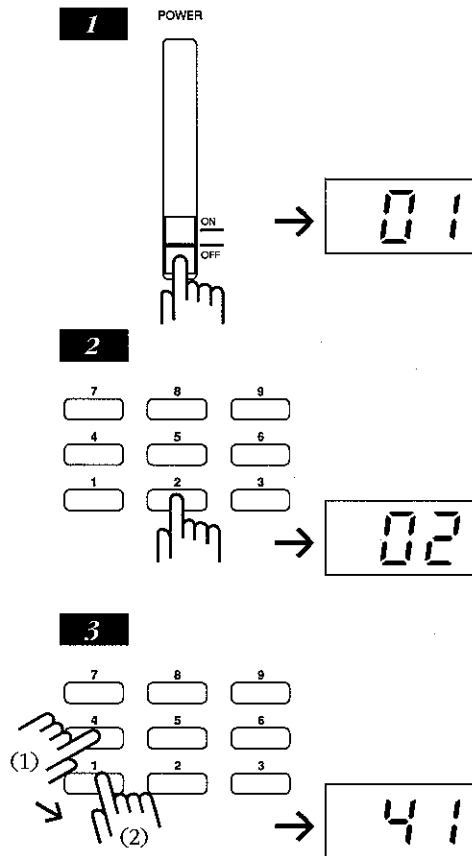
⚠ *Throughout this manual, the keys on the FS900 will be referred to in the following manner:*

C1 stands for "the first C" on the keyboard, counting from the left.

B2 stands for "the second B" on the keyboard from the left.

The total range of the FS900 is C1 to C6.

■ Getting Started on your FS900: Selecting Sounds

This section will show you how to select and play any of the sounds listed in the "100 SOUND LIBRARY" on the FS900's front panel.

1. First, check to be sure that the **POWER** switch is turned ON. The display should be lit, showing the number $0 \ 1$.

   Try pressing one of the keys on the keyboard. You should hear the sound which is numbered 01 (PIANO 1). The FS900 features Dynamic Touch Response which allows you to control the volume of each note by playing hard or soft. Try playing a few notes. You'll notice that the harder you strike the keys, the louder they will sound. The orerall volume for the entire keyboard can be controlled with the **MASTER VOLUME** slider.

2. Check to be sure that the lamp above the **SOUND** button is lit. (If not, press the **SOUND** button). Next, look at the numeric keys and find the button marked **#2**. If you press it, the number shown in the display should change to 02.

   When you press one of the keys on the keyboard, you will hear sound number 02 (PIANO 2).

   You can use the numeric keys to choose any of the FS900's one hundred sounds quickly and easily. The **UP** button adds one to the number in the display, while the **DOWN** button subtracts one from the number. The number shown in the display is the number of the sound currently selected.

3. Press **#4** and then **#1** with the numeric keys to select sound number 41. If you select one of the SPLIT sounds, which are numbered 41 through 50 in the "100 SOUND LIBRARY," you will find that the 19 keys on the left end of the keyboard (the Lower Keyboard) produce a different sound from the rest of the keys to their right.

   ◇ *When you use the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to select a two-digit number, enter the two numbers in rapid succession. A single-digit number will be automatically entered if you take too long to enter the second digit.*

■ Getting Started with Rhythms
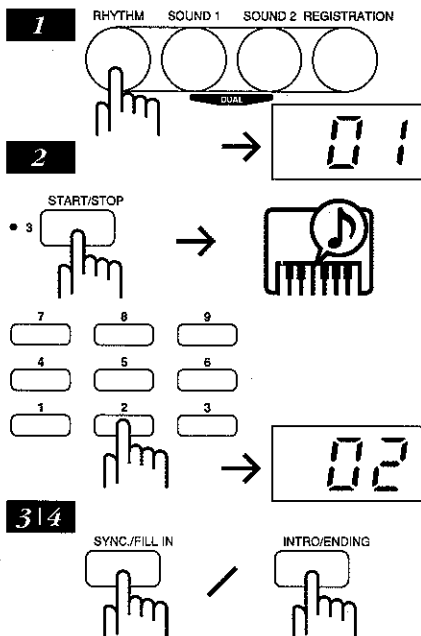
This section will show you how to select and play any of the rhythms listed under the "100 RHYTHM LIBRARY" on the FS900's front panel.

1. Begin by pressing the **RHYTHM** button. The lamp above the switch will light, and the display will change to read *0 1*.

2. If you press the **START/STOP** button at this point, rhythm number 01 (DANCE 1) will begin to play. Now find the numeric keys and press the **#2** button. The display will change to read *02* and the rhythm will change to number 02 (DANCE 2).

   You may use the numeric keys in this way to select any rhythm you desire. The number in the display will change to indicate the number of the rhythm currently selected.
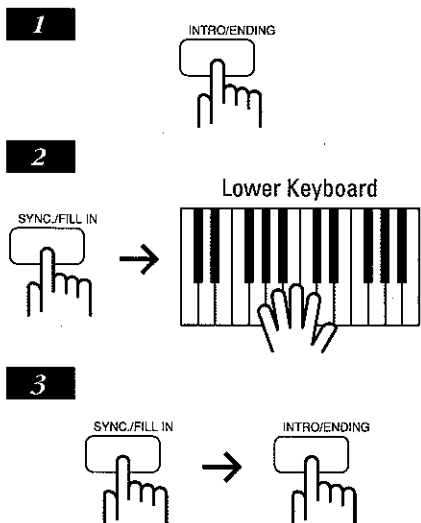
3. Try pressing the **SYNC./FILL IN** button while the rhythm is playing. The FS900 should play a "Fill-in" pattern suited to the rhythm currently selected. The Fill-in function is very effective when used to add variety within a song.

4. Next, press the **INTRO/ENDING** button. An Ending Pattern which matches the currently selected rhythm will play, and the rhythm performance will end. You can use this Ending Pattern to bring a song to an ending. Or, if you want the rhythm to end without the Ending Pattern, simply press the **START/STOP** button.

◆ Other Important Rhythm Functions

1. If you press the **INTRO/ENDING** button while the rhythm is off, you will hear an Intro Pattern, after which the Basic Pattern for the rhythm selected will begin to play.

2. If you press the **SYNC./FILL IN** button while the rhythm is off, the button functions as a **SYNC.** button only. When **SYNC.** button is pressed, the rhythm will begin to play the moment you press a key on the Lower Keyboard. The rhythm will synchronize with your touch of the keyboard.

3. If you press the **SYNC./FILL IN** button and then the **INTRO/ENDING** button, the rhythm will begin to play (starting with the appropriate Intro Pattern) the moment you press one or more of the keys on the Lower Keyboard.

4. Try pressing the **INTRO/ENDING** button while the rhythm is playing. In this case, it operates as an **ENDING** button. You will hear an Ending Pattern in a few seconds after pressing the button.

◆ Changing Rhythm Tempo
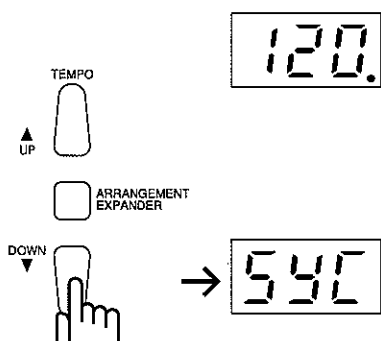
You can use the **TEMPO** buttons to change the tempo of a rhythm pattern. The **UP** button causes the tempo to increase. The **DOWN** button causes the tempo to decrease. The display will show the current tempo each time you use the **TEMPO** buttons and the small LED lamp at the bottom right of the display will blink in time with the tempo.

If you continue to press the **TEMPO DOWN** button to minimum tempo, the display will change to read "*SYC*" which is an abbreviation for "SYNC." or "synchronized". This setting is a MIDI-related function and is discussed on page A-24 in the Advanced Operation section of this manual. The **START/STOP** button will not operate in this mode. To escape this mode, press the **TEMPO UP** button until a number appears in the display.
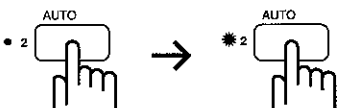
■ Using Auto-Accompaniment

The FS900's Auto-Accompaniment section is one of the most powerful found on any portable keyboard. It has the capability of working in four different "modes". In this Basic Operation section of the manual, however, we will deal only with the first mode called "AUTO 1".
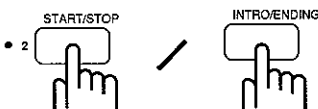
When your FS900 is turned on, it is automatically set to AUTO 1 operation. In AUTO 1 mode, you can play chords with your left hand (which will generate full accompaniment) while playing the melody with your right hand. Let's try the Auto-Accompaniment section in this mode.
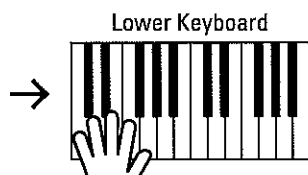
◆ Explanation of AUTO1

This Auto-Accompaniment mode (AUTO 1) allows you to create a realistic ensemble performance by simply pressing and holding left hand chords as you play the melody.

The nineteen keys on the left end of the keyboard (which we call the Lower Keyboard) are used to play the chords which control the Auto-Accompaniment. Up until now we have used the Lower Keyboard as a regular keyboard.

1

AUTO → AUTO

1. First, prepare the Lower Keyboard for chord use.

    Press the **AUTO** button. The small lamp beside the button will light up.

2

START/STOP / INTRO/ENDING

2. Select a rhythm using the **RHYTHM** button and the **SELECTOR** buttons. Then, start the rhythm by pressing the **START/STOP** button or the **INTRO/ENDING** button.

3. Use the Lower Keyboard to activate Auto-Accompaniment.

3

Lower Keyboard

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Now, try pressing one or more of the keys on the Lower Keyboard. You should hear the Auto-Accompaniment begin to play.

Try using the **SYNC./FILL IN** button and the **INTRO/ENDING** button. The tempo of the Auto-Accompaniment can be controlled using the **TEMPO** buttons. See page Ap-1 for a chart of the chords that FS900 can recognize.

The other three modes of Auto-Accompaniment are discussed in the Advanced Operation section of this manual.

◆ Using the Arrangement Expander
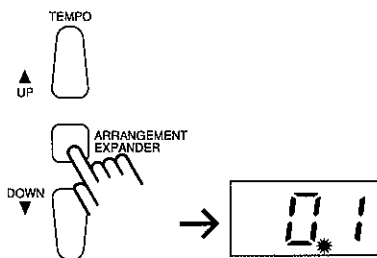
The Arrangement Expander feature is used to add excitement to the built-in rhythm and auto-accompaniment patterns. It's an easy way to add variety to your performances. Variations can be easily accessed by using the **ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER** button or the optional F-1 foot switch.

TEMPO

▲ UP

ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER

DOWN ▼

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1. Press the **ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER** button (between the **TEMPO UP** and **DOWN** buttons) while the Auto-Acc ompaniment is playing. The small LED at the bottom between two-digit and one-digit of the display 1 will light up and the auto-accompaniment will become more complex and more exciting.

2. Press the **ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER** button again. The small LED at the bottom between two-digit and one-digit of the display 1 will go off and the auto-accompaniment will return to its original form.

◇ *You can also use the ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER function with a F-1 footswitch (available separately). Refer to page A-17 for details. The ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER does not work if you select one of the USER rhythms, which are numbered 96 throug 00 in the "100 RHYTHM LIBRARY".*

■Using ONE FINGER AD-LIB to play like a "pro"!

By now, we hope you've become very familiar with the Auto-Accompaniment function of the FS900. But you may be wondering what you can do to spice up the melody a bit. Well, the ONE FINGER AD-LIB function is just for you! This feature separates KAWAI keyboards from all others.

What is ONE FINGER AD-LIB?

ONE FINGER AD-LIB is a feature which allows anyone, any level of musical ability, to sound like a "pro". With the touch of a finger, you can play hundreds of impressive ad-lib melodies with full Auto-Accompaniment and chord progressions. It's great fun!

The ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases are determined by rhythm you select. For example, there are funky ad-lib phrases for rhythm number 07 (SLAP FUNK), and some exciting rock'n roll phrases that go well with number 29 (R&R1). There are seventeen preset ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases for each of the FS900's one hundred rhythms: a total of 1,700 phrases in all!

How does ONE FINGER AD-LIB work?

1. Use the **RHYTHM** button and the **SELECTOR** buttons to select a rhythm.

   Next, press the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button. The small dot lamp beside the button will light up. (See illustration 1-b).

2. Now, press and hold down one of the keys in the ONE FINGER AD-LIB section of the keyboard (shown in the drawing at left). By holding down a single key, you can play an entire ad-lib phrase! Try other ONE FINGER AD-LIB keys. Note that each key plays a different phrase and that some keys use different sounds than other keys.

3. **Adding Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment.**

   Next, press the **AUTO** button. The small dot lamp beside the button will light up.

   Start the Rhythm using the **INTRO/ENDING** button or the **START/STOP** button. The Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment should begin to play. Listen closely! Notice that the Auto-Accompaniment chords are changing automatically. The FS900 has been programmed so that each Rhythm is accompanied by an authentic sounding chord progression that plays automatically.

4. Now hold down one of the keys in the ONE FINGER AD-LIB section of keyboard. The ad-lib phrase will play. If you hold the AD-LIB key down, you'll notice that the phrase changes automatically with the chord progression!

5. If you decide that you'd like to change the preset chord progression, play any chord on the Lower Keyboard. This will override the preset progression. Then, the ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases will change to match your own chords.

6. To return to the preset chord progression, press the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button twice.

A note about the ONE FINGER AD-LIB chord progressions

When you start the Auto-Accompaniment with the ONE FINGER AD-LIB function turned ON, the chord progression that plays is in the key of C. For example, the progression for rhythm number 01 (DANCE 1) is as shown at left.

Cm   Bb   Ab   Bb
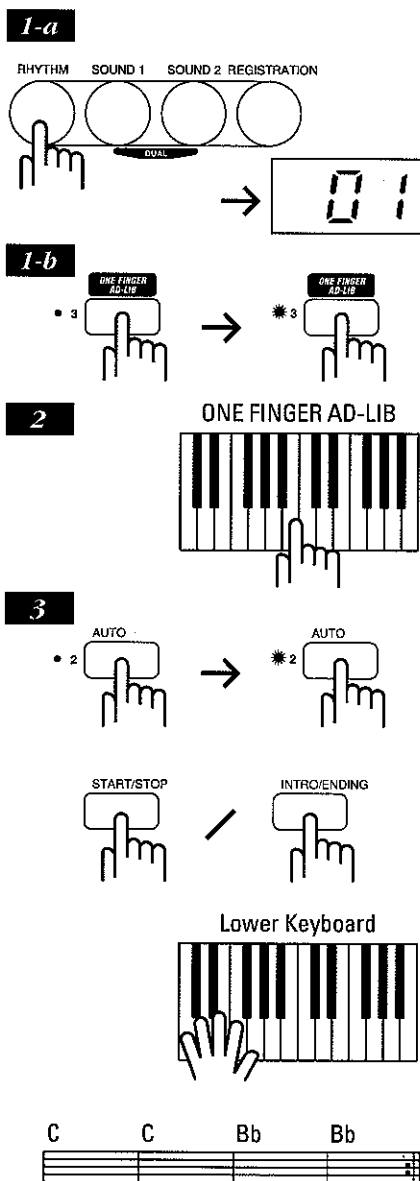
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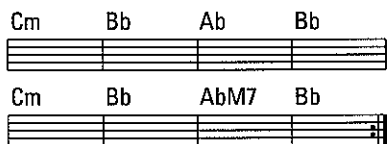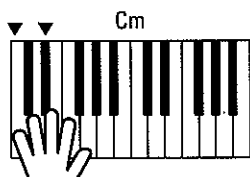
Changing Keys

Some of you might be happier if the chord progression for DANCE 1 were in a minor key. To do this, you can perform an operation like the one described below (again, you should stop the rhythm first):

1. Check that the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button and the **AUTO** button have both been turned ON.
2. Play a Cm chord as shown in Illustration at left.
3. Then press the **INTRO/ENDING** button or the **START/STOP** button to start the Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment. The chord progression should now be in the key of "C minor" as shown at left.

There are two ONE FINGER AD-LIB chord progressions for each Rhythm -- one in a major key and one in a minor key. If you would prefer that the chord progression play in the key of Am, just perform that the operation above playing an Am chord instead of the Cm chord we used in the example.

Now select different Rhythms and begin exploring the 1700 ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases built into the FS900! Have fun!

◆ Special Use of ONE FINGER AD-LIB

We've recorded some special melodies into the FS900 for use with ONE FINGER AD-LIB. These melodies can be found on the ONE FINGER AD-LIB notes associated with Rhythms 91 through 94 (Ballet, Bolero, Campanella, and Nocturne). Here's how to play them:

1. First, select a rhythm. Let's try #92 (BOLERO).
2. Next, make sure that the ONE FINGER AD-LIB function is turned on -- and the AUTO function is on.
3. Press **START** button to get the rhythm going.

   You may want to set the "standard tempo" for BOLERO by pressing either of the **TEMPO** buttons at this time.
4. Now, hold down the lowest ONE FINGER AD-LIB key (G2). Make sure that your initial hit of the G2 key is on the main beat (if you listen to the rhythm for awhile, you'll hear this main beat). Can you hear the first melody notes of BOLERO playing when you hold down G2?
5. The rest of the melody can be played as you move up the ONE FINGER AD-LIB keys in chromatic fashion (G2, G#2, A2, A#2, etc). Each successive key is programmed with three full beats of the BOLERO melody.
6. Now, let's try putting the whole melody together. Make sure the BOLERO rhythm is playing. On the main beat, hold down the G2 key for three beats. Then, immediately hold down the G#2 key for the next three beats; then the A2 key for the next three beats; and so on, until the entire melody is played. By the time you reach the end of the ONE FINGER AD-LIB region, you should have played BOLERO!

This same process works for Rhythms #91, #93, and #94 with the following changes in the process:

● **Rhythm #91 (Ballet)**
The "Swan Lake" theme used on these notes is based on four-beat phrases. So, hold down each ONE FINGER AD-LIB notes for four beats instead of three. Also, the BALLET rhythm requires that you press the G2 key at the same time that you press the **START** button. If you press these at different times, the ONE FINGER AD-LIB melody notes will not match the preset chords.

● **Rhythm #93 (Campanella)**
Campanella is based upon "three-beat" phrases. So, hold down each note for three beats. Start with the G2 key. Again, the Campanella rhythm requires that you press the G2 key at the same time that you press **START** button.

● **Rhythm #94 (Nocturne)**
Start on G2. Hold each ONE FINGER AD-LIB note for six beats, since NOCTURNE is based on six-beat phrases. Press the G2 key at the same time that you press **START** button.

■The Digital Mixer Section
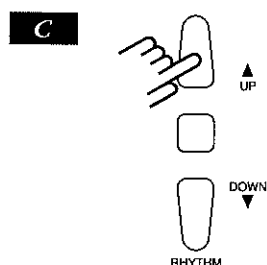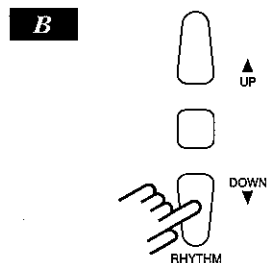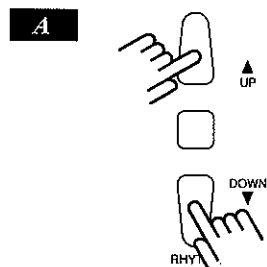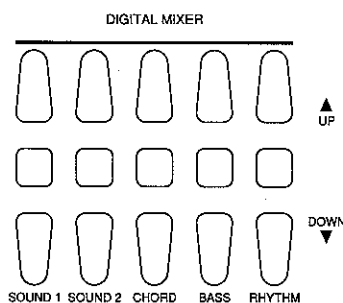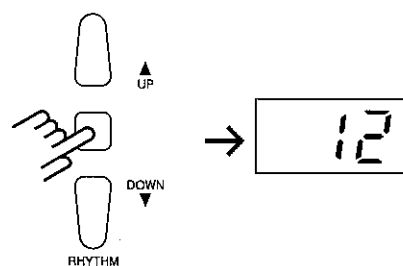
So far, we have covered the basics of the FS900's Rhythm, Auto-Accompaniment, and ONE FINGER AD-LIB functions. This section will show you how to use the Digital Mixer.

The volume of each individual part can be adjusted using the **VOLUME** buttons in this section. The **UP** button increases the volume of a part when it is held down. The **DOWN** button decreases volume. The middle button sets a "normal" volume for that part which is "in balance" with the other parts of that accompaniment.

Volumes may be set to any of seventeen levels ranging from 0 to 16 (16 being the loudest). The current volume for a specific part will appear briefly on the display each time a volume button is pressed.

a) SOUND 1 volume buttons
These buttons control the volume of Sound 1.

b) SOUND 2 volume buttons
These buttons control the volume of Sound 2.

c) CHORD volume buttons
These buttons control the volume of the Auto-Accompaniment Chords.

d) BASS volume buttons
These buttons control the volume of the Auto-Accompaniment Bass part.

e) RHYTHM volume buttons
These buttons control the volume of the Rhythm (drum) part.

The Digital Mixer will help you keep the various "parts" of your music in "balance" with each other.

The LED lamps in the Digital Mixer section are divided into five segments to show the volume levels for each part. When musical parts are being played (either by hand or with automatic accompaniment) the volume levels for each part are shown in real-time (that is, as you hear them).

Muting a part:

Simultaneously pressing both the **UP** and **DOWN** volume buttons for any part (Sound 1, Sound 2, Chords, Bass or Rhythm) causes the volume of that part to be turned off. This procedure for turning the volume of a particular part off is called "muting" a part. (See illustration A).

You can immediately return a muted part to its original volume (the volume just prior to muting) by pressing the **DOWN** button for that part (see Illustration B).

Pressing the **UP** button also restores the muted part, but its volume will be at near zero. Holding down the **UP** button for that part lets you increase the volume gradually (see Illustration C).

⇒ *The volume can also be controlled by MIDI input, as shown in the following chart: (See page A-23 for the detail)*

SOUND 1 volume.................1 ch (N ch)
SOUND 2 volume.................2 ch (N+1 ch)
CHORD volume ....3 ch (N+2 ch)
BASS volume......................4 ch (N+3 ch)
RHYTHM volume................10 ch (D ch)

Using REGISTRATION Memory

What does the REGISTRATION memory do?

Imagine that you want to use a quiet sixteen beat pattern for the majority of your song, but need to switch to another rhythm for the climax. Of course, it would be nice to raise the volume at that time, too. Such variations are not uncommon and add a lot to a song -- but you might find it hard to press all of those buttons! In these types of situations, you will find the REGISTRATION memory: very useful.

Up to 20 front panel set-ups can be stored in REGISTRATION memory. The following musical elements can be stored in REGISTRATION memory.

a) Volume for each part

b) Sound number to be selected

c) Rhythm number to be selected

d). The "on or off" status of the following buttons:
ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER button, **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button, **EFFECT** buttons, and **AUTO** button.

e) TRANSPOSE setting

f) DRUM PADS assignment

g) TEMPO setting

How to use the REGISTRATION memory:

As an example of the way REGISTRATION memory can be used, we will show you how to set the FS900 so that you can use the Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment patterns for Tango and Habanera in a single song.

1. Establish your panel setting (REGISTRATION).

   Use the **RHYTHM** button and the **SELECTOR** buttons to select rhythm number 68 (TANGO). Start the Auto-Accompaniment (using notes on the Lower Keyboard), and use the **VOLUME** buttons to adjust the volume of each part to a level that balances with the others. Also, select the number of the sound which you would like to use for the melody. Now press the **START/STOP** button to stop the accompaniment before going to step 2. The result of all these changes is a complete front panel "set-up" (or "setting") which can be stored in REGISTRATION memory.

2. Storing your panel setting in REGISTRATION memory.

   Press the **REGISTRATION** button. The lamp above the button will light up and the display should change to read r - - . The "r " stands for REGISTRATION.

   The FS900 can remember twenty set-ups using the REGISTRATION memory. Each set-up is given a number from 01 to 20. Press the **STORE** button and display will change to read u0 1.

   Now press the **#2** button of the **numeric keys**. The display should change to read u02.

   You are now ready to store the current panel setting to REGISTRATION memory number 02.

   Press the **STORE** button a second time and the display will change to read r 02. This means that the rhythm number, sound number, and volume settings that you selected in step 1. above have been stored as REGISTRATION number 02.

3

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2 REGISTRATION

→ | r - - |

STORE

→ | uＯ l |

→ | uＯ ∃ |

STORE

→ | r Ｏ ∃ |

4

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2 REGISTRATION

→ | r Ｏ ⊇ |

5

→ | r Ｏ ∃ |
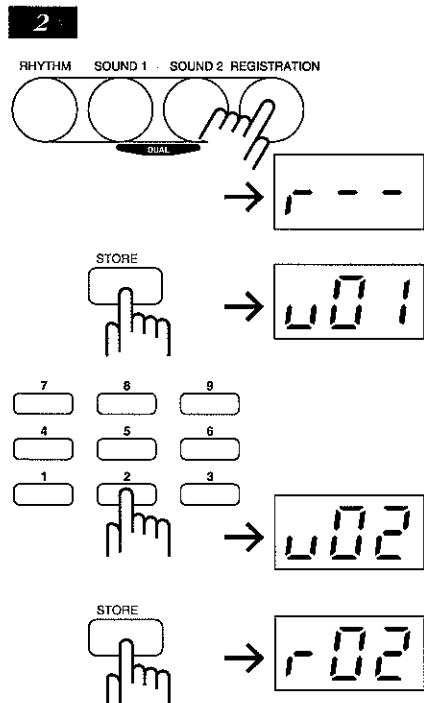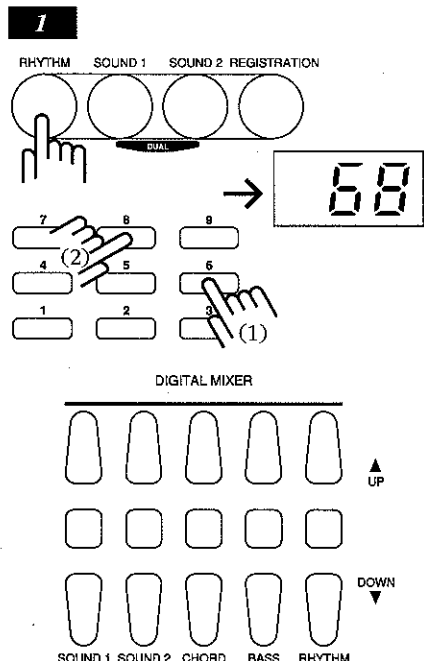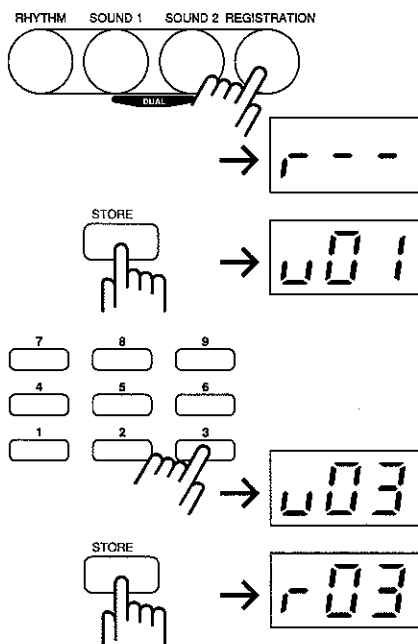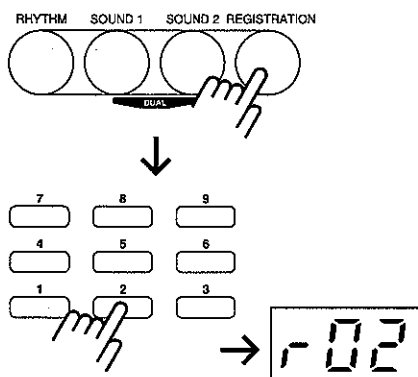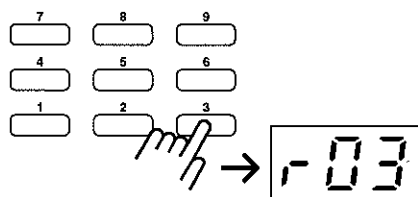
3. Storing a second REGISTRATION setting

   Next, select rhythm number 69 (HABANERA1). Choose the melody sound number and set the volume of each part as you did in step 1. Stop the rhythm using the **STOP** button. Then press the **REGISTRATION** button once again. Press the **STORE** button and the u Ｏ l in the display will begin to flash. Use the numeric keys to change the display to read u Ｏ ∃. Press the **STORE** button once again, and the display will stop flashing. The new rhythm number, sound number, and volume settings that you just selected have been stored as REGISTRATION number 03.

4. Using your REGISTRATION setting in a song.

   Now press the **REGISTRATION** button. Then, use the **numeric keys** to change the display to read r Ｏ ⊇ once again. Press either the **START/STOP** button or the **INTRO/ENDING** button to start the Rhythm pattern.

   The rhythm that you hear should be rhythm number 68 (TANGO). When you press one or more of the keys on the Lower Keyboard, you will hear the Auto-Accompaniment for that pattern at the volume you set in step 1. above.

5. Now, while the TANGO rhythm is playing, press the **#3** button or **UP** button. The display should change to read r Ｏ ∃ and the HABANERA rhythm should begin to play. The volume levels should be as you set them in step 3. above.

6. Once you have stored several "set-ups" in the REGISTRATION Memory, you can access them at any time by simply pressing the **REGISTRATION** button and using the **numeric keys** to select the Registration number that you want to use (r Ｏ l through r ⊇ Ｏ).

■ Using the Real-Time RECORDER

To record your performances:

This section will show you how to record the songs you perform using the FS900's RECORDER feature. The RECORDER allows you to record up to three different songs.

Here are the steps:

1. First, set up the FS900 for your performance.

   Begin by selecting the Sound, Rhythm, and Lower Keyboard mode settings that you will require to perform your song. If you want to make changes in Sounds, Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment patterns, or Volume during your song, you should use the REGISTRATION function.

2. Press the **REC/END** button. You will hear the sound of the metronome. (If the metronome does not start, see step 7. below).

3. Start playing! Everything you play including ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases and changes in Sounds or Rhythms, will be recorded as you played it. That's what we mean by "Real-Time". What you play is what you get.

4. When you are done with your song, press the **REC/END** button once more. The recording will end, and your song will be recorded as SONG 1.

5. Now let's try playing the song back. Press the **PLAY/STOP** button. The song you just recorded should begin to play. If you would like to stop the performance without listening through to the end, just press the **PLAY/STOP** button once more.

6. Next, if you would like to record a different song, press the **SONG SELECT** button. Check that the lamp beside the **SONG SELECT** button changes to indicate SONG 2. Then record your next song using the procedure described on the previous page.

7. If you would like to record over a song which has already been recorded, it is necessary to erase that song first. If, for example, you would like to record over SONG 1, you might try pressing the **REC/END** button; but you would find that the metronome will not start. (This is to prevent you from accidentally recording over a song which you would like to keep!)

   In order to erase a song, use the **SONG SELECT** button to change the lamp so that it indicates the song you want to erase. Then, press the **REC/END** button and the **PLAY/STOP** button simultaneously. The song will be erased instantly.

   ⚠ *When recording songs using the RECORDER, the tempo information will not be recorded. This allows you to record songs at a slow tempo and play them back at a fast tempo.*
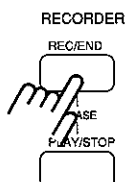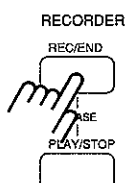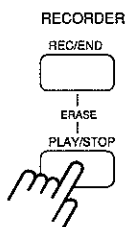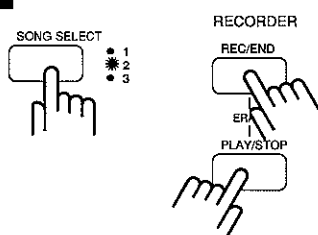
■ Congratulations!

You've finished learning the FS900's Basic Operations.
Now have more fun exploring the Advanced Operations section.

This completes the Basic Operation section of the FS900 instruction manual.
We trust that this first section has given you a good basic knowledge of FS900's powerful features.
But you've only just begun to explore the full capability of the FS900!
The Advanced Operation section will help you to learn how much more can be done with this powerful instrument.

■Advance Use of Sounds:
◆Combining Two Sounds

1

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2   REGISTRATION

→ $\boxed{0 \ 1}$

2

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2   REGISTRATION

→ $\boxed{02}$

3

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2   REGISTRATION

→ $\boxed{d00}$

4

→ $\boxed{d01}$
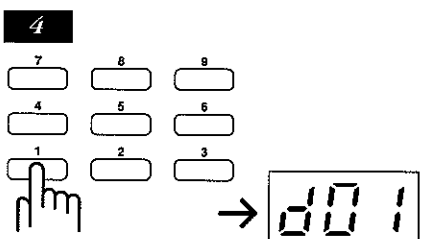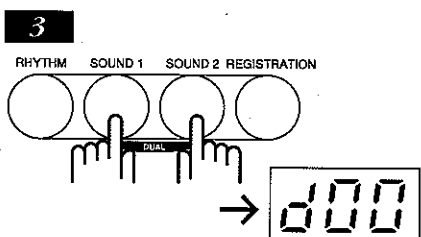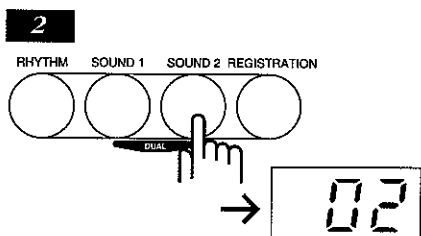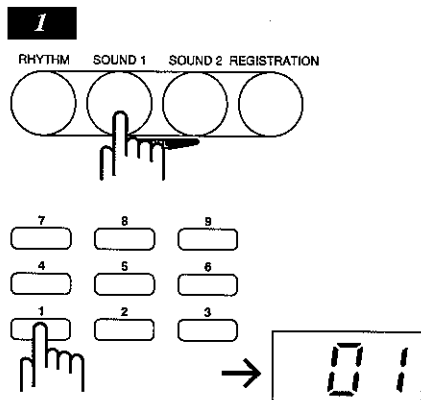
As a first step in this Advanced Operation section, let's try combining two of the sounds listed in the FS900's "100 SOUND LIBRARY," for a rich DUAL sound effect.

1. First, select any sound you like using the **numeric** keys . As an example, we will choose sound number 01 (PIANO 1).

2. Next, press the **SOUND 2** button. The lamp above the button will light up. Now, select another sound.

   [We will choose number 02 (PIANO 2) for our example.]

3. Now press both the **SOUND 1** button and the **SOUND 2** button simultaneously. The lamps above these buttons should light up and the display should change to read $d00$.

   If you press one of the keys on the keyboard, you will hear the combination of sounds 01 and 02, PIANO 1 and PIANO 2.

— What does $d00$ mean? —

When two sounds are played at once, varying the pitch of the sounds slightly with respect to each other makes the combined sound much richer. This varying of the pitch of two sounds is called "Detuning." The FS900 allows you to detune two sounds when combining them using the DUAL effect. The "d" in the display therefore stands for "Detune," and the "00" following it represents the difference in pitch between SOUND 1 and SOUND 2.

4. Press the **#1** button. The display should change to read $d01$. Now, when you press a key on the keyboard, you will hear a slightly richer sound. You can use the **numeric** keys to set a detune value of 00 to 07. The higher the number is, the greater the difference in pitch becomes. When our PIANO 1/PIANO 2 combination is set to a detune value of 07 ($d07$), the result is a "honkytonk" sounding piano. Using the DUAL effect with 8 levels of detune, you have up to 32,400 different DUAL sound variations available.

   You can control the volume of the SOUND 1 and SOUND 2 respectively with the **SOUND 1 volume** buttons and **SOUND 2 volume** buttons in the DIGITAL MIXER section. (See "The Digital Mixer Section" for details.)

◆ Adding Effects

The FS900 has a variety of effects which can add realism or excitement to your selected sound.
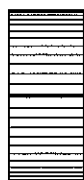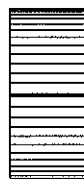
PITCH BEND

MODULATION

STEREO CHORUS

SUSTAIN

DUET

a) PITCH BEND Wheel:
Pitch bend is an effect by which the pitch of a sound is bent smoothly up or down. It is useful for copying the sound of a guitar being played with a "Choking" technique. Try rotating the Pitch Bend Wheel while holding down one of keys on the keyboard. The pitch of the sound should bend smoothly up when you rotate the pitch wheel away from you — or down when you rotate the wheel toward you.

b) MODULATION Wheel:
The Modulation Wheel is used to add vibrato depth of a sound. When you do not want to use vibrato, rotate the Modulation Wheel downward (toward you) as far as possible. This minimizes the vibrato effect. Turn the wheel upward (away from you) to increase vibrato depth.

c) STEREO chorus:
Pressing the **STEREO CHORUS** button adds a deep stereo richness to the currently selected sound. Pressing the button a second time cancels the effect.

d) SUSTAIN:
Pressing the **SUSTAIN** button lengthens the duration of notes played on the keyboard. Pressing the button a second time cancels the effect.

e) DUET:
When the **DUET** button is pressed, the FS900 will add a harmonizing note to each melody note that is played on the keyboard, so you can enjoy a duet performance while playing only one melody note at a time. This function is extremely effective when used together with the Auto-Accompaniment function. Pressing the button a second time cancels the DUET effect.

⚠ *When you choose the DUAL sound effect or the STEREO CHORUS effect, the number of notes that can be heard at the same time (polyphony) will be reduced.*

The DUAL sound effect is cannot be activated when one of the SPLIT sounds (numbered 41 through 50) is chosen as SOUND 1 or SOUND 2.

All of the above effects are applied only to the SOUND 1 or SOUND 2 and not to the Auto-Accompaniment (RHYTHM, BASS, and CHORD parts).

If you press the DUET button while using the DUAL sound effect, the harmonizing note will be SOUND 1.

The DUET effect cannot be activated when LOCAL CONTROL is set to "OFF" (Refer to page A-19 for details).

■Advanced Use of Auto-Accompaniment Section:

The FS900's Auto-Accompaniment section is one of the most powerful found on any portable keyboard. It has the capability of working in four different modes. In the Basic Operation section, we discussed only the first mode, AUTO 1, which is the standard operational mode for most portable keyboards. In this Advanced Operation section, we will introduce the remaining three modes: AUTO 2, AUTO 3, and AUTO 4.

Having four different Auto-Accompaniment modes allows the FS900 to be enjoyed by people at all levels of musical of musical ability -- from beginners to experienced professionals.

Let's outline the four modes of Auto-Accompaniment offered by the FS900:

a) AUTO 1:

Lets you play single-finger or fingered chords with your left hand while playing the melody with your right. Your left hand chords trigger the Auto-Accompaniment. For a review of AUTO 1 operation, see the Basic Operation section.

b) AUTO 2:

Lets you trigger the Auto-Accompaniments using traditional, two-handed piano-style playing. The lowest note of your left hand (in the Lower Keyboard) triggers the Auto-Accompaniment bass line. The notes you play with your right hand trigger the Auto-Accompaniment chords. With Auto 2, you will hear both the right hand chords that you play and the preset Auto-Accompaniment chords.

c) AUTO 3:

This mode is similar to Auto 2 in that your lowest left hand note triggers the Auto-Accompaniment bass line and your right hand chords trigger the Auto-Accompaniment chords. The difference with Auto 3 is that the preset Auto-Accompaniment chords do not play. This allows you total freedom to select more complex chords for your Auto-Accompaniment (without clashing with any preset chords).

d) AUTO 4:

The mode to use when you're not sure what chords to play. AUTO 4 has a preset chord sequence for each rhythm (the same sequence used with ONE FINGER AD-LIB). You can play through the entire chord sequence by playing successive notes (in order starting with C1) in the Lower Keyboard with your left hand.

Let's try using these three new Auto-Accompaniment modes, beginning with AUTO 2.

⚠ *ONE FINGER AD-LIB is not operational when the FS900 is in AUTO 2 or AUTO 3.*

◆Explanation of AUTO 2

AUTO 2 is an advanced form of Auto-Accompaniment which lets you trigger the Auto-Accompaniment bass line and chords by playing in traditional piano style.

How is AUTO 2 different from AUTO 1? In AUTO 1, the Auto-Accompaniment chords are triggered only by the chords you play with your left hand. In AUTO 2, your right hand notes trigger the chords and your left hand triggers the bass line of the Auto-Accompaniment.

1

$$P02 \rightarrow Aut$$

$$01$$

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

PAD SELECT

2-a

7   8   9
4   5   6
1   2   3

$$\rightarrow 02$$

2-b   DEMO

3

AUTO   AUTO
• 2   ※ 2

4

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2   REGISTRATION

DUAL

$$\rightarrow 03$$

7   8   9
4   5   6
1   2   3

RHYTHM   SOUND 1   SOUND 2   REGISTRATION

$$\rightarrow 04$$

7   8   9
4   5   6
1   2   3
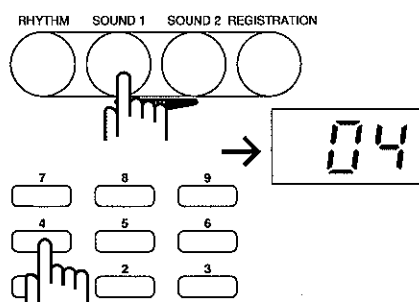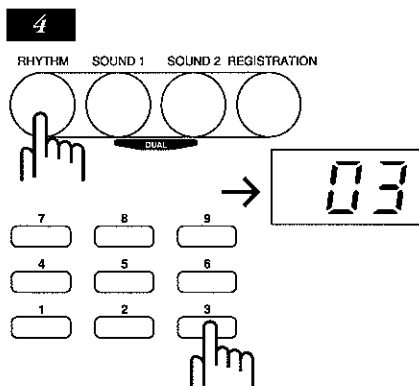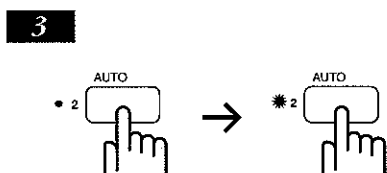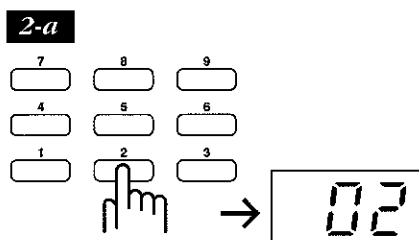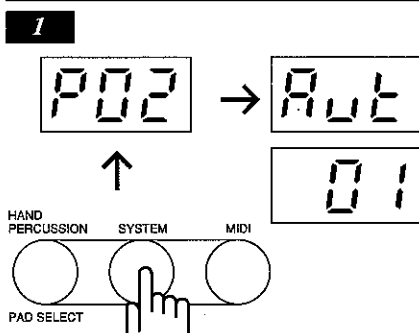
Why is AUTO 2 valuable? There are two primary reasons:

a) Many people feel more comfortable playing chords with their right hand rather than their left. AUTO 2 suits that playing style better than AUTO 1 does.

b) With certain songs, AUTO 2 allows you to play notes directly from sheet music and still trigger the Auto-Accompaniment. Some songs will work better than others using AUTO 2.

It is important to note that the preset Auto-Accompaniment chords continue to play in AUTO 2. That is, you will hear the chords you play with your right hand plus the chords of the Auto-Accompaniment. Remembering this will help you to see the difference between AUTO 2 and the other Auto-Accompaniment modes.

Let's see how AUTO 2 works:

1. With the rhythm stopped, press the **SYSTEM** button twice. The display will briefly flash "*P02*" and then begin to alternate between "*Aut* " and the number "*0 1*". This shows that the Auto-Accompaniment is currently set to AUTO 1.

2. Press **#2** of the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number in the display to *02*. This tells you that you have selected AUTO 2. Now press the **DEMO** button to escape from SYSTEM mode.

3. Press the **AUTO** button so that the LED lamp is lit. Also, press the **STEREO CHORUS** button to add some richness to the sound.

4. Select a rhythm using the **RHYTHM** button and the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons. This time, try Rhythm pattern number 03 (SOFT FUSION). Select sound number 04 (E. PIANO 2) using the **SOUND 1** button and the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons.

5. Press the **START/STOP** button. The rhythm will start. Try playing the music at left along with the rhythm.

6. As you play the example, notice that you can hear both the notes you're playing and the chords of the preset accompaniment. Most of the time, these will not clash. As you begin to play more advanced chords, you may find that the preset accompaniment chords cannot follow you.

Your "played" chords will begin to clash with the preset chords. To remedy this situation, use the DIGITAL MIXER section to mute the preset accompaniment chords (press both the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons simultaneously for the CHORD part). This will leave only your chords, bass, and rhythm.

The result will be much more pleasing.

Note: Here's some playing information about AUTO 2:

a) The Auto-Accompaniment changes when you press four or more keys (total) on the Lower and Upper Keyboards. See page Ap-1 for a chart of the chords that FS900 can recognize.

b) When you press only one key on the Lower Keyboard, only the Auto-Accompaniment bass part will change.

c) If you press more than one key on the Lower Keyboard, the bass part will respond to the lowest key pressed.

d) When only keys on the Upper Keyboard are pressed, pressing four or more keys will cause the Auto-Accompaniment to change. Pressing less than 4 keys in the Upper Keyboard will <u>not</u> affect the Auto-Accompaniment. This frees you to play melody lines without changing chords. When you're ready for a chord change, just play a complete chord along with your melody line.

e) When AUTO 2 is activated, neither ONE FINGER AD-LIB nor DUET will function.

◆Explanation of AUTO 3

The key aspect of AUTO 3 is "freedom in choosing chords."

Like AUTO 2, this third Auto-Accompaniment mode lets you trigger the Auto-Accompaniment chords with your right hand and the Auto-Accompaniment bass line with the lowest note of your left hand. AUTO 3 is different in that the preset Auto-Accompaniment chords do not play. Rather, the chords you play with your right hand actually become part of the Auto-Accompaniment.

Furthermore, with AUTO 2, you are limited to only the chord forms that the FS900 can recognize as part of the Auto-Accompaniment system. If you play a chord that cannot be recognized in AUTO 2, the FS900 will do its best to match your chord, but you may not end up with the chord you wanted. With AUTO 3, any chord form you play can be recognized and become part of the Auto-Accompaniment. You have total freedom in choosing chords.

AUTO 3 is perfect for people who want to sing a melody as they play a background Auto-Accompaniment. You simply play block chords (or rhythmic chords) with both hands while you sing. The Auto-Accompaniment will follow the chords you play and respond with full Auto-Accompaniment.

Which AUTO Mode should I use?

Use AUTO 2 if you plan to use standard chords that can be recognized by the FS900 (see page Ap-1 for a chart of the chord forms that can be recognized). With AUTO 2, the preset Auto-Accompaniment chords will provide good rhythmic and harmonic support for the standard chords you play with your right hand.

Use AUTO 3 when you plan to use complex chords that cannot be recognized by the FS900. Your complex chords will become part of the Auto-Accompaniment, and the preset Auto-Accompaniments chords (which do not play in AUTO 3) will not clash with chords you play with your right hand.

Let's try AUTO 3:

1. With the rhythm stopped, press the **SYSTEM** button twice. The display will briefly flash _PO2_ and then begin to alternate between "_Aut_ " and the number "_O1_" (or _O2_ if you were just in AUTO 2).

2. Press **#3** of the **numeric SELECTOR** buttons to change the number in the display to _O3_. This indicates that you have selected AUTO 3.

   Now, press the **DEMO** button to escape from the SYSTEM mode.

3. Press the **AUTO** button so that the AUTO lamp is lit.

4. If you haven't already done so in our AUTO 2 example, use the RHYTHM button and the numeric keys to choose Rhythm number 03 (SOFT FUSION). Also, select sound number 04 (E. PIANO 2) using the SOUND 1 button and the numeric keys.

5. Press the **START/STOP** button. The rhythm will start. Try playing the music at left along with the rhythm.

6. Try playing the music to one of your favorite songs and sing the melody. You'll like the result! Plus, AUTO 3 will allow the FS900 to follow every chord you play.

⚡ _When AUTO 3 is activated, neither ONE FINGER AD-LIB nor DUET will function._

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◆Explanation of AUTO 4

1

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P02 → Aut
  ↑        O1
```

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

PAD SELECT

2-a

```
7    8    9
4    5    6
1    2    3
        → O4
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2-b

DEMO

3

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AUTO        AUTO
• 2    →    #• 2
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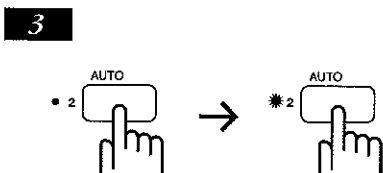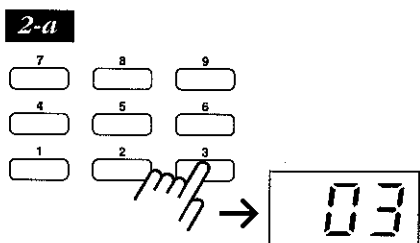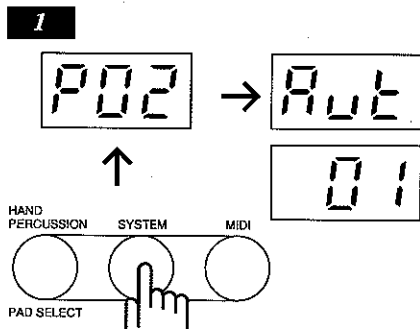
AUTO 4 is the best Auto-Accompaniment mode when you're not sure what chords to play. The FS900 has a preset chord sequence (the same one used with ONE FINGER AD-LIB) for each of the 100 Rhythms. You activate the preset sequence by pressing the notes of the Lower Keyboard (beginning with C1) in successive order. Here are the steps:

1. With the rhythm stopped, press the **SYSTEM** button twice. The display will briefly flash "P02" and then begin to alternate between "Aut" and the number "O1". This shows that the Auto-Accompaniment is currently set to AUTO 1.

2. Press **#4** of the **numeric SELECTOR** buttons to change the number in the display to O4. This tells you that you have selected AUTO 4. Now press the **DEMO** button to escape from SYSTEM mode.

3. Press the **AUTO** button so that the LED lamp is lit. Also, press the STEREO CHORUS button to add some richness to the sound.

4. Select Rhythm number 03 (SOFT FUSION) and sound number 04 (E.PIANO 2) as you did in the previous pages.

5. Press the **SYNC./FILL IN** button. The rhythm will not start until you press a key in the Lower Keyboard.
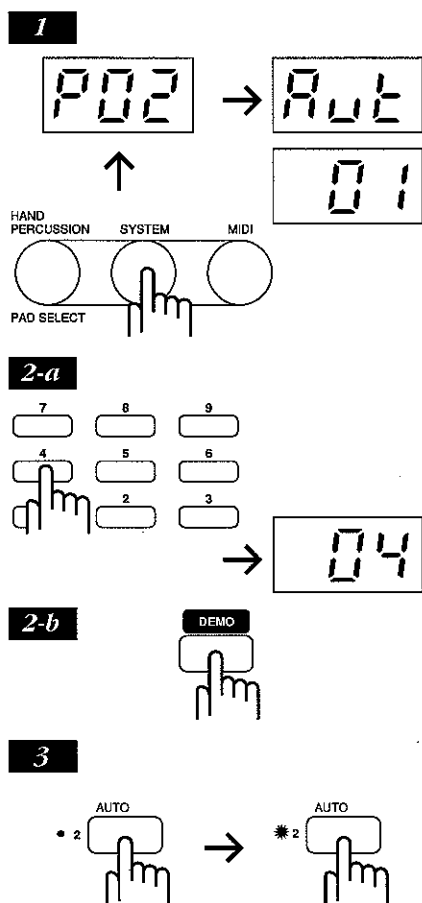
6. Now, count "ONE. . . TWO. . . THREE. . . FOUR" at the same tempo as the blinking red "Tempo" dot in the display. These are the "Beats" of the Auto-Accompaniment. Starting with the lowest "C" (called C1), hold each note of the Lower Keyboard in successive order (C. . . C#. . . D. . . D#) for four beats. You'll hear the chord sequence change as you move up the chromatic scale.

   With AUTO 4, you won't have to worry about chords. It lets you concentrate on making great melodies with your right hand.

◆Introducing Accompaniment Hold

Accompaniment Hold is an exciting new feature from KAWAI that allows you to control the rhythmic placement of Accompaniment Chords while you play. To operate Accompaniment Hold, you'll need to purchase a foot switch (model F-1, sold separately).

1. Connect the F-1 foot switch to the Accompaniment Hold jack on the rear panel.

2. Whenever you depress the foot switch pedal, the bass drum, open hi hat, bass, and chord will play in unison.

3. If you hold the pedal down, the bass and chord sounds will be held until you release the pedal.

When will the Auto-Accompaniment Hold feature be most useful?

a) When you want to add rhythmic variety to your accompaniment by holding some chords and letting others play normally;

b) When you want to add syncopation to an accompaniment; and

c) When you want to add accents to an accompaniment.

Try Accompaniment Hold with several different Auto-Accompaniments to see how effectively it can add interest and excitement to your performances.

⟨!⟩ *Before moving on to the next section, press the **SYSTEM** button twice and use the numeric keys to return to AUTO 1.*

■Using Hand Percussion and Sound Selectable Pads

Lower Keyboard
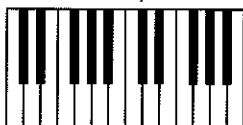
Key	MIDI key #	Instruments
C1	36	Bass Drum
C#1	37	Rim Shot
D1	38	Low Snare
D#1	39	Hi Clap
E1	40	Hi Snare
F1	41	Synthe Percussion 1
F#1	42	Hi-hat Close
G1	43	Low Tom
G#1	44	Low Clap
A1	45	Low Conga
A#1	46	Hi-hat Open
B1	47	Mid Tom
C2	48	Hi Conga
C#2	49	Crash Cymbal
D2	50	Hi Tom
D#2	51	Ride Symbal
E2	52	Low Cymbal
F2	53	Synthe Percussion 2
F#2	54	Small Cymbal

In addition to its use with Auto-Accompaniment, the Keyboard can also be used to play percussion instruments.

Press the **HAND PERCUSSION/PAD SELECT** button. The letters "_ on " will briefly appear in the display.

Now, when you press any of the keys on the Lower Keyboard, you will hear the sound of the instrument pictured above that key. This feature allows you to enjoy playing simple drum solos in time with the rhythm. Of course, these drum sounds can be played even when the rhythm is turned off. The drum sounds are assigned to the keys of the Lower Keyboard as shown in the chart at left.

The keys of the Upper Keyboard will also produce drum sounds -- even though there are no pictures above them. Drum phrases are assigned to the five keys from G#5 to C6 instead of drum sounds. Theses drum phrases can also be assigned the four Sound Selectable Pads.

Pressing the **HAND PERCUSSION/PAD SELECT** button again turns off the Hand Percussion feature so that the Lower Keyboard will function as a Normal Keyboard once again.

Assigning Percussion Sounds to the Sound Selectable Pads

To assign percussion sounds to the Sound Selectable Pads, press the **HAND PERCUSSION/PAD SELECT** button to put the keyboard in the Hand Percussion mode. Then, hold down a pad while you press the key that contains the sound that you want assigned. For example, if you want to assign the "bass drum" sound to the first pad, hold down the pad while you press C1 on the keyboard (which has a picture of a bass drum over it). Be certain not to lift your finger off the pad until you've pressed C1. Now, the first pad should sound like a bass drum. You can assign percussion sounds to the other three pads in the same way.

■ Creating Your Own Sounds:

"A"

"B"
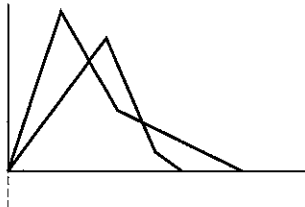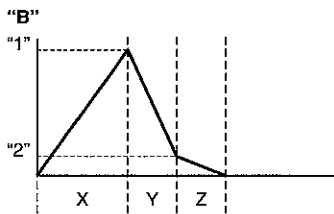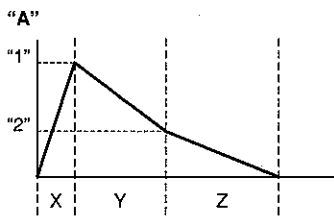
The Synthesizer Function:

What is the synthesizer function?

The built-in 13-parameter synthesizer allows you to create your own sounds and store them in the FS900's User Memory. Before discussing the actual use of the synthesizer, let's take a look at the way the FS900's one hundred sounds are constructed. This information will be very helpful when you start to create your own sounds.

How sound is created on the FS900.

The shape of each sound is determined by a variety of elements called "Parameters".

The figure shows the relationships between parameters and envelopes in the FS900's SYNTHESIZER mode.

PHASE 1 LEVEL ——————— "1"
PHASE 1 SPEED ——————— "X"
PHASE 2 SPEED ——————— "Y"
PHASE 2 LEVEL ——————— "2"
PHASE 3 SPEED ——————— "Z"

— "Z" must be approaching zero.
— RELEASE can be set separately.

Let's look at how each parameter affects the sound.

a) **WAVE SELECT:**
Use this parameter to select the WAVE Combination you wish to change. Every sound on the FS900 is composed of two waves, WAVE A and WAVE B. That's why we can refer to a "sound" as a WAVE Combination. When you select a sound, you're actually selecting two waves together. You cannot select each wave separately using the WAVE SELECT parameter. Each of the two waves has its own "shape" (or envelope) which determines the character of its sound.

b) **PHASE 1 LEVEL:**
This parameter controls the PHASE 1 volume levels of WAVEs A and B. PHASE 1 LEVEL can be defined as "the maximum volume level for the first segment of a wave's shape."

c) **PHASE 1 SPEED:**
This parameter controls the amount of time it takes for WAVEs A and B to reach PHASE 1 volume levels (maximum volume) after the key is struck. Phase 1 SPEED is fast for sounds such as #87 (VIBES) and slow for sounds such as #17 (SLOW VIOLIN).

d) **PHASE 2 SPEED:**
This parameter controls the amount of time it takes for WAVEs A and B to change from PHASE 1 volume levels to their PHASE 2 volume levels. Phase 2 speed is fast for sounds such as 85 (XYLOPHONE) and slow for sounds such as 01 (PIANO 1).

e) **PHASE 2 LEVEL:**
This parameter controls the PHASE 2 volume levels. PHASE 2 LEVEL can be defined as "the maximum or minimum volume level for the second segment of a wave's shape." If the PHASE 2 segment is part of the "attack" of a sound, PHASE 2 LEVEL will be a maximum volume level. If the PHASE 2 segment is part of the "decay" of a sound, PHASE 2 LEVEL will be a minimum volume level. For sounds such as #85 (XYLOPHONE), where the sound fades even while the key is being depressed, the PHASE 2 volume level is generally zero. For sounds such as #31 (JAZZ ORGAN), where the sound continues for a long time, the level can be adjusted.

f) PHASE 3 SPEED:
This parameter controls the amount of time it takes for the PHASE 2 level for WAVEs A and B to reach zero volume. For sounds such as #31 (JAZZ ORGAN), the amount of time is very long.

g) RELEASE SPEED:
This parameter controls the amount of time it takes for the sound to disappear after the keys are released. Sounds such as #76 (COSMIC) have a long release.

◆ Changing the Parameters

Now that you understand the way sound is created on the FS900, let's discuss the method with which you can change parameters to create your own sounds. Parameters are selected using keys B4 through F5 on the right side of the keyboard. Once a parameter has been selected, its value can be changed using the numeric keys.

First, use the numeric keys to select the sound which you would like to modify. Let's try changing the parameters for sound #11 (BOW.STRINGS).

Use the **numeric SELECTOR** buttons to select sound #11.

Begin by pressing the **SYNTHESIZER** button. The display will begin to flash alternately between "_ ப ப" and " ï ï". The "_ ப ப" represents a W, the first letter in WAVE. The number ï ï indicates that WAVE Combination #11 has been selected. (Remember that each of the sounds in the FS900's "100 SOUND LIBRARY" is actually a combination of two WAVEs, WAVE A and WAVE B.) The WAVE SELECT key (B4) can be pressed at any time to remind you which WAVE Combination you are editing.

The WAVE number can be changed using the **WAVE SELECT** key and the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons. For example, if WAVE Combination #100 is selected, the display will flash alternately between "_ ப ப" and "ᒪᒪᒪ".

■ Changing the PHASE 1 LEVEL

Press the **C5** key. The display should begin to flash alternately between "ᕼᒪ ï" and the number ï ï. The "ᕼ" in the display means WAVE A, and the "ᒪ ï" stands for "PHASE 1 LEVEL." Thus, the PHASE 1 LEVEL is 11. If you press the **UP** button (in the SELECTOR Section) once, the number shown in the display should change to read ïᔓ.

Next, try pressing the **C5** key once again. The display should begin to flash alternately between "ᕐᒪ ï" and the number " ïᒪ". Again, the "ᕐ" is a lower case letter "B" indicating WAVE B, and the "ᒪ ï" stands for "PHASE 1 LEVEL". This indicates that the PHASE 1 LEVEL of WAVE B is 10. Use the **UP** button to change the number to ïᒪ.

You have now made WAVE B (at ïᒪ) louder than WAVE A (at ïᔓ).

A—9

C#5

$A5 \ 1$

↕

→ 10

C#5

$b5 \ 1$

↕

→ 09

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D5

$A52$

↕

→ 04

D5

$b52$

↕

→ 00

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D#5

$AL2$

↕

→ 06

D#5

$bL2$

↕

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E5

$A53$

↕

→ 00

E5

$b53$

↕

→ 05
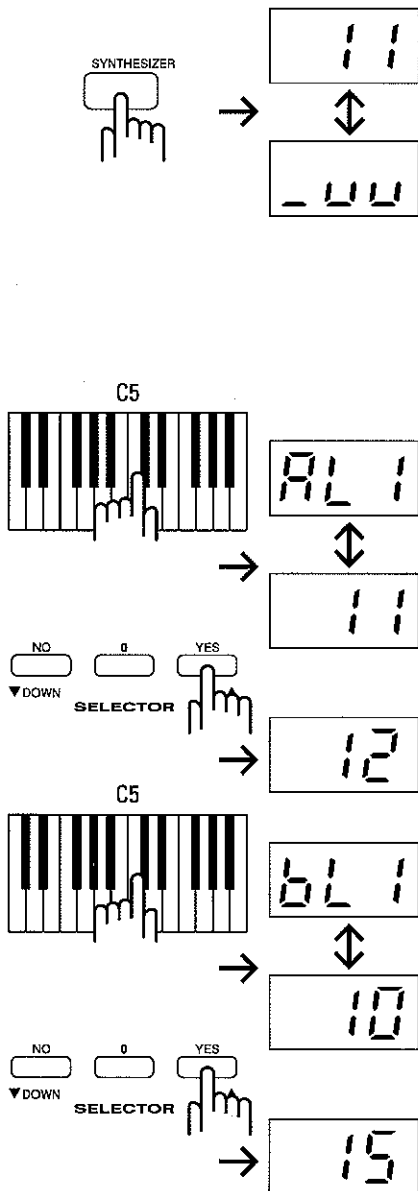
■ Changing the PHASE 1 SPEED

Press the **C#5** key. The display should begin to flash alternately between $A5 \ 1$ and the number 10. The "A" in the display means WAVE A, and the "$5 \ 1$" stands for "PHASE 1 SPEED". Thus, the PHASE 1 SPEED of WAVE A is 10.

Since the maximum PHASE 1 SPEED would be a value of 15, we can say that WAVE A reaches its maximum volume level fairly quickly. Use the **DOWN** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 02. This will make WAVE A reach its maximum volume much more slowly.

Next, press the **C#5** key once again. The display should begin to alternate between "$b5 \ 1$" and the number "09". This indicates that the PHASE 1 SPEED of WAVE B is 9. Use the **DOWN** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to $0 \ 1$. Now, WAVE B will also reach its maximum volume level very slowly.

Play a lower key on the FS900 (away from the PROGRAM section). You'll hear that the BOW.STRINGS sound now has a much slower "attack" than it did previously.

■ Changing the PHASE 2 SPEED

Press the **D5** key. The display should begin to flash alternately between "$A52$" and the number "04". The "A" in the display means WAVE A, and the "52" stands for "PHASE 2 SPEED." Thus, the PHASE 2 SPEED of WAVE A is 4. Use the **DOWN** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to $0 \ 1$.

Next, try pressing the **D5** key once again. The display should begin to alternate between "$b52$" and the number "00". This indicates that the PHASE 2 SPEED of WAVE B is 0. Use the **UP** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 10.

Hold down one of the FS900's lower keys (away from the PROGRAM section). It will take 6-7 seconds for the sound to reach peak volume (because of the changes we made in Steps 1 and 2 above). After holding for about ten seconds, you'll hear WAVE B drop suddenly in volume. That's because you have assigned it a faster PHASE 2 speed than WAVE A.
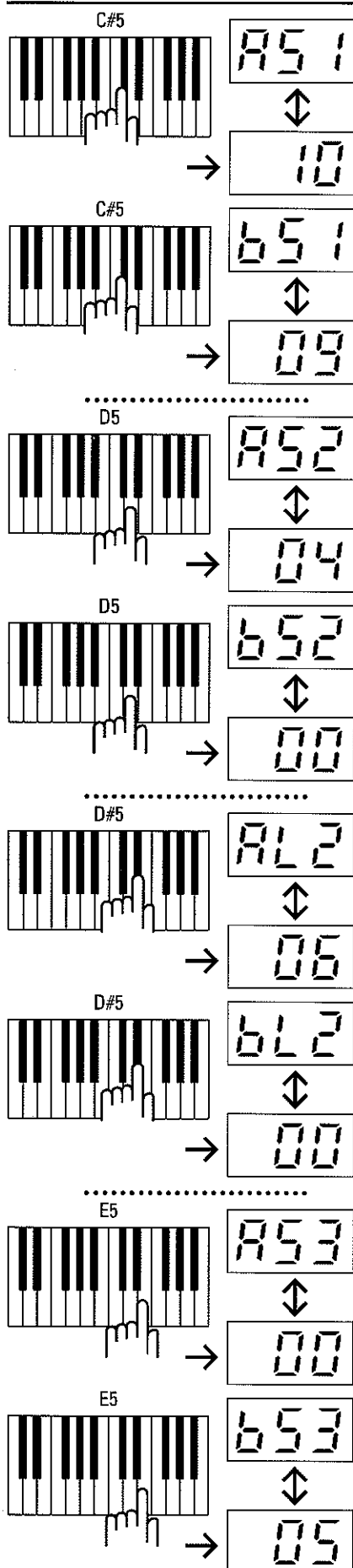
■ Changing the PHASE 2 LEVEL

Press the **D#5** key. The display should begin to alternate between "$AL2$" and the number 06. The "A" in the display means WAVE A, and the "$L2$" stands for "PHASE 2 LEVEL". Thus, the PHASE 2 LEVEL of WAVE A is 6. Use the **UP** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 08.

Next, press the **D#5** key once again. The display should begin alternate between "$bL2$" and the number "00". This indicates that the PHASE 2 LEVEL of WAVE B is 0. Use the **UP** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 08.

Hold a lower key once again. After about one second, you'll notice that the volume of WAVE B drops suddenly — but not as low as WAVE A's volume level.

■ Changing the PHASE 3 SPEED

Press the **E5** key. The display should begin to alternate between "$A53$" and the number 00. The "A" in the display means "wave A", and the "53" stands for "PHASE 3 SPEED". Thus, the PHASE 3 SPEED of WAVE A is 0. Use the **UP** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 03.

Next, try pressing the **E5** key once again. The display should begin to flash alternately between "$b53$" and the number "05". This indicates that the PHASE 3 SPEED of WAVE B is 5. Use the **UP** button or the numeric **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to 09.

◇ *Some sounds do not allow you to change the value of PHASE 3 SPEED.*

A – 10

F5

F5
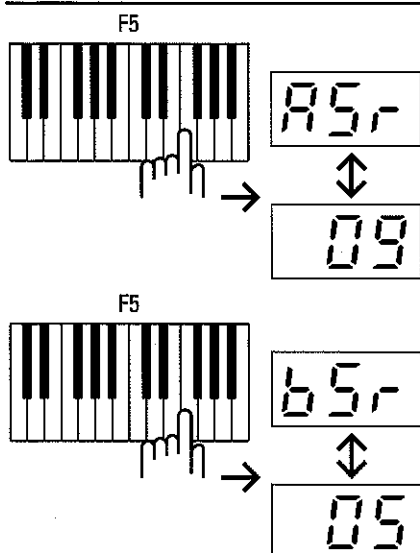
■ Changing the RELEASE SPEED

Before we change the RELEASE SPEED, hold down one of the FS900's lower keys and then release the key after 3 seconds. You should hear the sound disappear quickly after you lift your finger from the key. Now, let's give this sound a longer RELEASE.

Press the **F5** key. The display should alternate between "*ASr*" and "*09*". The "*A*" in the display means WAVE A, and the "*rS*" stands for "RELEASE SPEED." Thus, the RELEASE SPEED of WAVE A is 9. Use the **DOWN** button or the **numeric SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to *04*.

Next, press the **F5** key once again. The display should begin to alternate between *bSr* and the number *05*. This indicates that the RELEASE SPEED of WAVE B is 5. Use the **DOWN** button or the **numeric SELECTOR** buttons to change the number to *02*.

Now, hold down the same lower key as before and release it after 3 seconds. The sound will linger for several seconds after your finger leaves the key. You have lengthened the RELEASE SPEED of WAVE A and WAVE B.

◆ Storing Your New Sound:
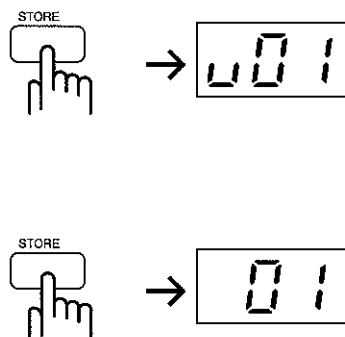
Now you're ready to store your newly created sound in the FS900's user memory.

STORE

1. Press the **STORE** button. The display should change to read *u01*.

   It is possible to store up to five sounds created using the synthesizer function. Those five sounds will be stored as sounds 96 through 00, which are listed as USER 1 through USER 5 in the "100 SOUND LIBRARY" on the FS900's front panel. Therefore, the number "*u01*" in the display indicates that USER 1 has been selected. You can use the numeric keys to change this number to any value between 1 and 5. Let's leave it at 1 for now.

STORE

2. Press the **STORE** button one more time. The sound you just created will be stored as sound number 96 (USER 1). Try using the numeric keys to select this sound. When you press a key, you should hear the sound you just created.

A – 11

■The Pattern Maker: Creating Rhythm and Auto-Accompaniment Patterns
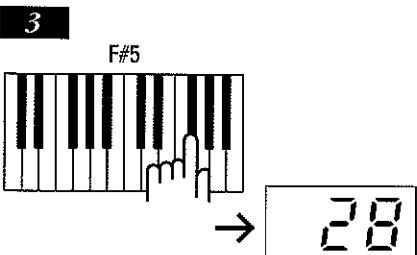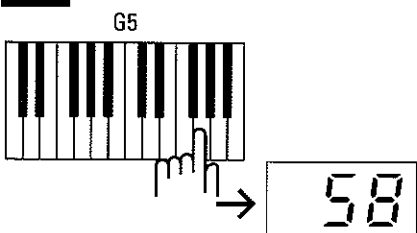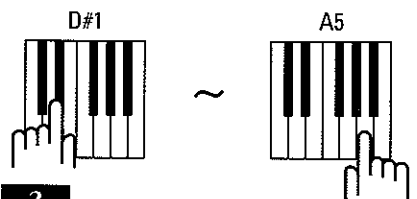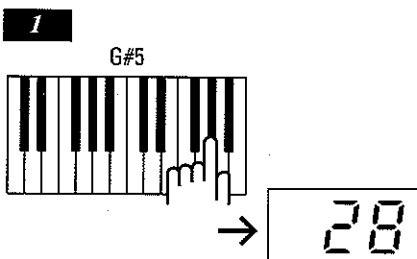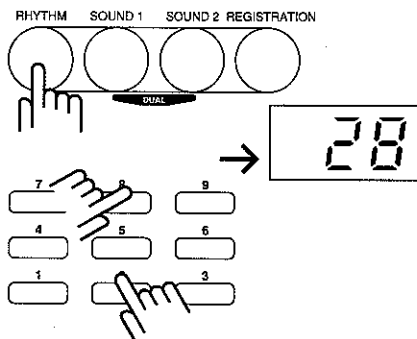
Have you ever wished you could take your own musical ideas and put together a dynamite Auto-Accompaniment pattern of your own? With the FS900, you can!

Using the programming functions of the FS900, it is possible for you to create Intro, Fill-in, Ending, and Basic patterns for each of the FS900's Auto-Accompaniment parts: rhythm, bass, and chords. You can build these patterns from scratch, or you can alter one or more elements (chord, bass, drums) of a preset pattern. This is an extremely powerful feature that offers you tremendous creative freedom!

As an example, let's try making a few changes to Rhythm number 28 (POP ROCK) to develop a new pattern.

1. Use the **RHYTHM** button and the Selector buttons to select the POP ROCK pattern (number 28).

2. Let's begin by changing the Basic pattern.

   With the rhythm turned OFF, press the **PROGRAM PATTERN & O.F.A.** button. The display will change to read _ b R, which is short for "Basic." This indicates that the Basic pattern has been selected.

1. First, let's change the Rhythm pattern

Find the **USER PROGRAM** keys at the right end of the keyboard which are identified by PATTERN MAKER above the keys (F#5 to A5). These are the **USER PROGRAM** keys for changing accompaniments.

Press the **G#5** key (labelled "RHYTHM CLEAR"). The display should change to show the number of the POP ROCK pattern (that is, number 28).

The basic Rhythm pattern for the POP ROCK pattern is at left:

Let's try adding the high clap sound on top of the snare drum. Just press the **D#1** key, which controls the high clap sound, in time with the snare drum (on beats 2 and 4).

Feel free to add other rhythm sounds as you like.

If you make a mistake with one sound for example, (high clap), use the **RHYTHM ERASE** key (A5) to remove the mistake. Hold down the **RHYTHM ERASE** key (A5) while you press the "high clap" key (D#1). All high clap sounds will be instantly erased.

2. Next, let's change the Bass part

If you're finished with the Rhythm pattern, let's move on to the bass pattern. Press the **G5** key (labelled "BASS CLEAR") on the keyboard twice (see note at bottom of page). The bass pattern should disappear, and the display will change to show the number 58. This indicates that sound number 58 (E. BASS) is the sound being used for the bass part in this pattern.

Let's create a bass part like the one given at left. Use the keys from C1 to B4 to input the bass part. If you want to use a sound other than E. BASS for the bass part, select the sound you prefer using the numeric keys to change the sound number shown in the display. You should also use the **BASS volume** buttons to set the volume of the bass part at this time.

3. Last, let's change the Chord part

Press the **F#5** key (labelled "CHORD CLEAR"). The number 28 should appear in the display. This indicates that sound number 28 (FAT BRASS 2) is being used for the Chord part.

The basic Chord part for the POP ROCK pattern is as shown at left. Let's try adding the eighth notes shown at left to the last beat of the second measure. Use the keys from C1 to B4 to input the Chord part.

If you want to use a sound other than FAT BRASS 2 for the Chord part, select the sound you want using the numeric keys to change the sound number shown in the display. You should also use the **CHORD volume** buttons to set the volume of the Chord part at this time.

Thus far, we have changed each of the elements (rhythm, bass, chord) of the POP ROCK Basic pattern --- but we have not yet stored the revised pattern in the FS900's user memory. Before we cover the procedure for storing, let's change the Fill-in and Intro/Ending patterns as well.

> *As you've probably observed by now, pressing the USER PROGRAM PAT-TERN MAKER keys (F#5, G5, G#5) once lets you add to that portion of the existing pattern. Pressing the same key a second time erases that portion of the pattern allowing you to rebuild it from scratch.*

◆ Creating Fill-in and Intro/Ending Patterns:
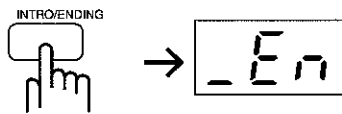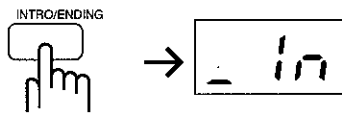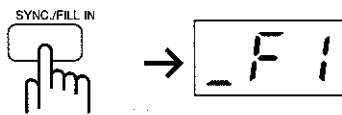
Fill-in and Intro/Ending patterns can also be changed using the same procedure that you used to change the Basic pattern in the previous page.

1. Let's try changing the Fill-in pattern

With Rhythm #28 (POP ROCKS) still selected, press the **SYNC./FILL IN** button. You should hear the POP ROCK Fill-in pattern. Try to change this Fill-in pattern to suit your taste using the same procedure that you used to change the Basic pattern.

2. Last, let's change the Intro and Ending patterns

If you press the **INTRO/ENDING** button, you will hear the POP ROCK Intro pattern. Press it once more and you will hear the Ending patterns. Go ahead and edit these patterns as you like using the same procedure as before.

> *When creating difficult patterns, feel free to slow down the tempo for input, then speed it up again when performing.*
>
> *The same bass and chord sounds will be used for all four pattern types (Basic, Intro, Fill-in, and Ending) of a single Auto-Accompaniment pattern. The last sounds you choose for the Bass and Chord parts are the ones that will be memorized when you store the pattern. For example, if you had chosen E. BASS for the bass part sound when creating the Basic pattern, but later changed it to A. BASS when creating the Ending pattern, then A. BASS will be memorized as the bass part sound for all four of the patterns. Note also that the SPLIT sounds, those numbered 41 through 50, cannot be chosen as the Bass or Chord part sounds.*
>
> *If you incorrectly enter one or more notes while creating any part of the Auto-Accompaniment pattern, just press the CLEAR key for that part and all of the notes that you input will be erased. (For example, if you press the G5 key while creating the bass part for a pattern, the entire bass line will disappear.) You can use the RHYTHM ERASE key to remove individual rhythm sounds from a Rhythm pattern. (For example, to remove only the closed hi-hat sound from a Rhythm part, hold down the A5 key and press the F#1 key, which controls the closed hi-hat sound. That sound will be removed from the Rhythm pattern.)*
>
> *As mentioned in an earlier note, the CLEAR key for each part operates in two ways. When pressed once, the original pattern for that part remains unchanged and you can actually add notes to the part.*
>
> *When you press the CLEAR key a second time, all the notes for that part will be erased --- allowing you to build an entirely new part from scratch. If you want to change the original pattern to something entirely different, however, press the CLEAR key two times to erase the entire part.*

◆Storing Your New Patterns
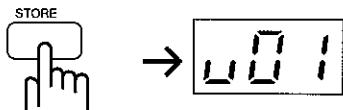
Now that we've create an entirely new pattern, let's store it in the FS900's user memory using the following procedure:

1. With your new pattern set just the way you want it, press the **STORE** button. The display should change to read ʋ☐ ı.

   It is possible to store up to five patterns which you create. Those five patterns will be stored as patterns 96 through 100, which are listed as USER 1 through USER 5 in the "100 RHYTHM LIBRARY" on the FS900's front panel. Therefore, the number "ʋ☐ ı" in the display indicates that USER 1 has been selected. You can use the **SELECTOR** buttons to change this number to any value between 1 and 5. Let's store our pattern as number 1 this time.

2. Press the **STORE** button one more time. The pattern you just created will be stored as pattern number 96 (USER 1). Try using the **RHYTHM** button and the numeric keys to select this pattern. Now, when you press a note in the Lower Keyboard with Auto-Accompaniment on, you should hear the pattern you just created.

■Programmable ONE FINGER AD-LIB:
◆Creating Phrases

1

PATTERN & O.F.A.

ONE FINGER
AD-LIB

• 1

→ $\_ Ad$

2

C6

3

B5

4

A#5
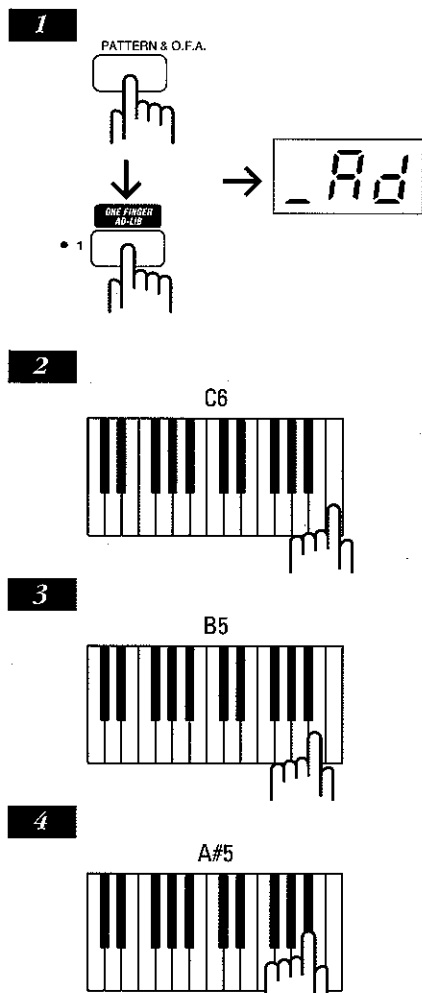
With the FS900's new programmable ONE FINGER AD-LIB capability, you have the power to create up to 85 different ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases of your own. Here's how:

1. Begin by choosing a rhythm using the **RHYTHM** button and the **SELECTOR** buttons.

   Then, press the **PATTERN & O.F.A** button. Next, press the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button. The letters _Ad, which are short for "Ad-lib," will appear in the display.

   The Ad-lib phrase for the **G2** key should also begin to play.

2. Select the phrase which you want to modify by pressing the key for that phrase in the ONE FINGER AD-LIB section of the keyboard.

   The Ad-lib phrase you've selected will begin to play.

   The sound number for that phrase will be shown in the display. When you're ready to erase the phrase you've selected, press the **C6** key (PHRASE CLEAR) and that phrase will disappear.

3. **Inputting the new phrase.**

   Use the keys from C1 to A#4 to input the new phrase.

   If you find that this range isn't high or low enough to play the Ad-lib phrase you have in mind, press the **B5** (OCTAVE SHIFT) key. This key can be used to shift the range played by the keys from C1 to A#4 up or down an octave, as shown in the diagram left.

   Pressing the **OCTAVE SHIFT** key one time causes the keyboard to shift up one octave. Pressing a second time causes the keyboard to shift down one octave. Pressing a third time restores the keyboard to the normal pitch.

   You can also use the **SOUND 1 volume** buttons to set the volume of the Ad-lib phrase which will be memorized when you store the phrase.

4. **Inputting additional Ad-Lib phrases.**

   Suppose you want to input a second Ad-Lib phrase. To do this, make sure that your first customized Ad-Lib phrase (from Step 3 above) is finished. Now, press the **POINT SELECT** key (A#5). This tells the FS900 that you are done with the current phrase.

   Now, repeat Steps 2 and 3 above to input a new Ad-Lib phrase. When you are done with this second phrase, press the **POINT SELECT** key again. You can continue this process until all 17 Ad-Lib keys have been programmed with your own customized phrases.

The next section will show you how to store your newly created AD-LIB phrases.

◆ Storing Phrases
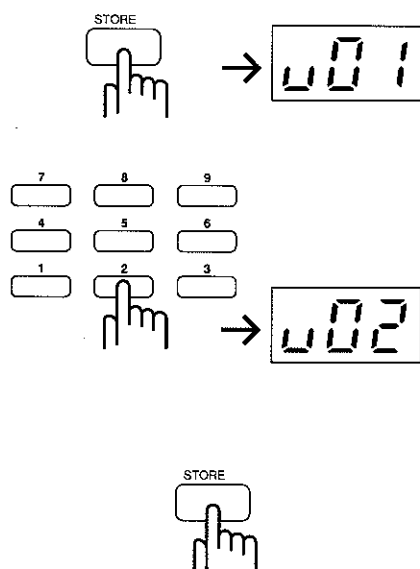
Now use the numeric keys to select a voice for the phrase. The length of a ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrase is limited to one measure. You can change any number of ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases for a given rhythm --- up to seventeen for each Rhythm pattern. When you're finished changing the phrases, you can store them for future use using the procedure below.

Storing ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases

1. Press the **STORE** button. The display should change to read _u0 1_.

   The ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases you create must be stored with the Rhythm patterns that accompany them.

   (Therefore, if you also want to change the rhythm pattern, you should refer to the Pattern Maker section and change the Rhythm now before showing the new phrases).

   It is possible to store up to five patterns (and their accompanying ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases) which you create. Those five patterns will be stored as patterns 96 through 00, which are listed as USER 1 through USER 5 in the "100 RHYTHM LIBRARY" on the FS900's front panel. Therefore, the number "_u0 1_" in the display indicates that USER 1 has been selected. You can use the numeric keys to change this number to any value between 1 and 5. Let's store our new pattern as number 2.

2. Press the **STORE** button one more time. The pattern (with the new ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases you just created) will be stored as pattern number 97 (USER 2). Try using the **RHYTHM** button and the numeric keys to select this pattern. Make sure that the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** button and the **AUTO** button are in the ON position. Press **START/STOP** button. When you press the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** key on which you created the new phrase, you should hear your newly created phrase.

   ⟨!⟩ *The patterns listed as USER 1 through USER 5 in the "100 RHYTHM LIBRARY" section are used for storing both the Auto-Accompaniment patterns and the ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases that you create. Therefore, if you had saved the Ad-lib phrases created above as USER 1, the modified version of the POP ROCK rhythm pattern (which you created and stored as USER 1 previously) would be erased, and the Auto-Accompaniment rhythm pattern you selected in order to create the Ad-lib phrases would take its place. If you would like to create ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases to go with a rhythm of your own invention, then you should edit and store the rhythm in advance on one of the user memories. Then, select this user rhythm when you are ready to create the Ad-lib phrases.*

   It is possible to input up to about 300 notes for a single Auto-Accompaniment pattern (combined total for Basic, Intro, Fill-in, Intro and Ending patterns), and up to about 270 notes for all the ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases for a single pattern (combined total for seventeen phrases).

■ Using the SYSTEM Functions:
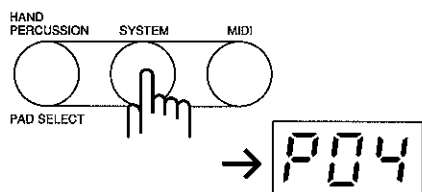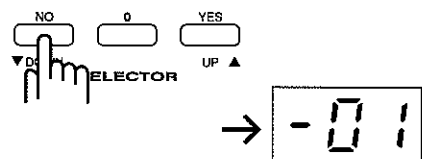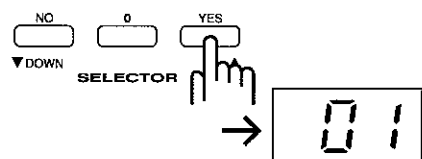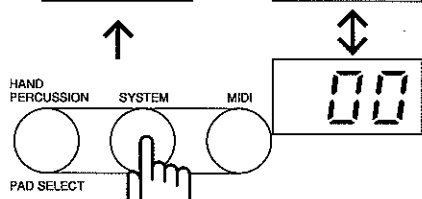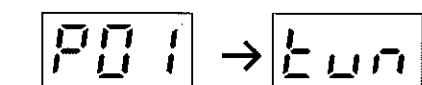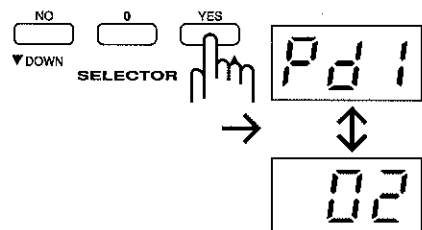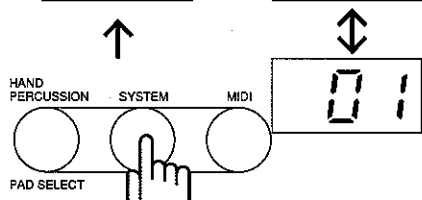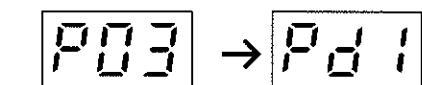
In this section, we will outline the FS900's SYSTEM functions (which deal with overall control of the FS900).

SYSTEM Functions

The SYSTEM Functions are divided into five sections which we will refer to as "pages". "PG l" means "Page 1". The pages include:

P01. SYSTEM TUNE:
For tuning control (pitch adjustment)

P02. AUTO TYPE SELECT:
Allows you to select among the four styles of Auto-Accompaniment. (Please see the section on "Advanced Use of Auto-Accompaniment" on page A-3.)

P03. PEDAL 1 FUNCTION SELECT:
Allows you to assign a function to the Pedal 1 jack.

P04. PEDAL 2 FUNCTION SELECT:
Allows you to assign a function to the Pedal 2 jack.

P05 TOUCH TYPE SELECT:
Allows you to select from among the three different touch settings.

In the SYSTEM mode, the page (in the display) changes every time you press the **SYSTEM** button. The display will show a different page with each press. If you want to select a page directly (without pressing from page to page), just press the page number you desire immediately after pressing the **SYSTEM** button.

Let's explore the various functions available in SYSTEM mode:

P01. TUNING CONTROL

Press the **SYSTEM** button once. The display will briefly flash PG l and then begin to alternate between the letters "tun" (short for "Tune") and the number "00".

If you press the **UP** button in the SELECTOR section one time, the number in the display will change to read "0 l" and the pitch will raise slightly. If you press the **DOWN** button instead, the number will change to "-0 l" and the pitch will drop slightly. You can use the TUNE function to adjust the FS900's pitch within a range of -08 to 07. Press the **DEMO** button to leave the SYSTEM mode.

P03. PEDAL 1 (Damper Pedal) Function Select

Press the **SYSTEM** button three times (or until the display reads $PG3$). The display will briefly flash $PG3$ and then begin to alternate between "$Pd l$ " and "0 l". You can select any one of the following functions. The "0 l" and "$Pd l$" lets you know that the optional F-1 footswitch will control the Damper function when it is connected to the Pedal 1 jack.

Use the **SELECTOR** buttons to change the number in the display to select the function you want.

0 l: Sustain pedal

02: Pedal functions like the **SYNC./FILL IN** button on the front panel

03: Pedal functions like the **ARRANGEMENT EXPANDER** button on the front panel

04: Accompaniment Hold pedal

Press the **DEMO** button to leave the SYSTEM mode.

P04

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PD4  →  Pd2
 ↑       ↕
        D4
```

HAND PERCUSSION SYSTEM MIDI

PAD SELECT

NO   o   YES

SELECTOR   UP ▲

```
Pd2
 ↕
D3
→
```

P05

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PD5  →  tch
 ↑       ↕
        D1
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HAND PERCUSSION SYSTEM MIDI

PAD SELECT
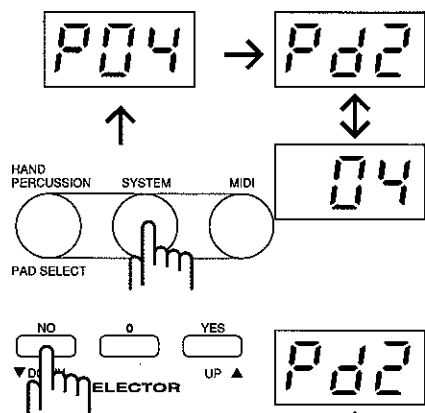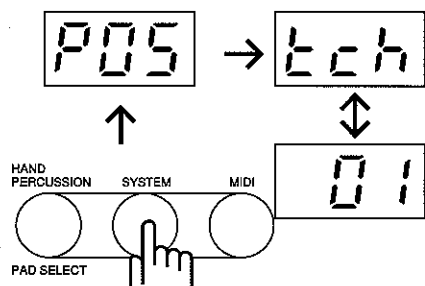
P04. PEDAL 2 (Accompaniment Hold Pedal) Function Select

Press the **SYSTEM** button four times (or until the display reads "PD4"). The display will briefly flash PD4 and then begin to alternate between "Pd2" and "D4". The "D4" and "Pd2" lets you know that the optional F-1 footswitch will control the Accompaniment Hold function when it is connected to the Pedal 2 jack.

Use the **SELECTOR** buttons to select the appropriate number, just as you did for PEDAL 1 above.

Press the **DEMO** button to leave the SYSTEM mode.

P05. TOUCH TYPE SELECT

You can select from the three different touch settings.

D1: For a wide dynamic range, providing greater contrast between loud and soft playing.

D2: Offers a narrow dynamic range with less contrast between loud and soft playing.

D3: Touch Response is de-activated. Each key will play at the same volume level no matter how you strike the key.

Press the **SYSTEM** button until the display reads PD5. The display will then begin to alternate between "tch" and "D1". The "tch" stands for "TOUCH TYPE" and "D1" lets you know that the current touch type is "01". Use the **SELECTOR** buttons to select the other two types of touch types.

Press the **DEMO** button to leave the SYSTEM mode.

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■ Using the MIDI Functions

MIDI Functions

In this section, we will outline the FS900's MIDI functions (which allow you to connect the FS900 to other MIDI instruments).

Upon seeing the word "MIDI," many people may think: "This section has nothing to do with me!" or "MIDI is too difficult to bother with!" However, if you try using the FS900's MIDI functions, you're sure to find that MIDI is a fun and useful tool for making music. The FS900 is loaded with MIDI functions. If you don't use them, you're missing out on a lot of the fun the FS900 has to offer!

However packed the FS900 may be with exciting MIDI functions, they are not much use if the FS900 is the only instrument you're using. These MIDI functions are used to connect the FS900 to other MIDI equipment. In this section we will give you some examples of how this is done.

■ Connecting the FS900 to another MIDI keyboard or tone generator module

First, connect the FS900 MIDI Out jack to the MIDI In jack of another keyboard or tone generator. Make sure that the FS900's MIDI transmit channel matches the MIDI receive channel of the tone generator or other keyboard. Then, pressing a key on the FS900's keyboard will cause both the FS900 and the other instrument to play a sound simultaneously. Or, if you connect the FS900 to a keyboard which has a multi-timbral function (which would allow it to receive signals over a number of different MIDI channels at once), you can play the FS900's Auto-Accompaniment and Rhythm patterns through the other instrument as well. (See page A – 7 for Rhythm key numbers.)

◆ Setting the Local Control ON/OFF

Using Local Control, you can determine whether or not the FS900 produces sound when the keys are played. Why would you want to turn off the FS900's sound? When using MIDI, the FS900 can operate as a "controller"; used to control the sound of another MIDI-equipped keyboard. In this situation, you may want to play the FS900's keys but hear only the sound of the "slave" keyboard that is being controlled through MIDI.

■ Using the MIDI Functions: Setting the Local Control ON/OFF

When Local Control is "ON", you will hear the FS900's sound when the keys are played. When Local Control is "OFF", MIDI note Information is still sent as you play, but no sound is heard through the FS900's speakers.

To select Local ON/OFF, use the following procedure:

a) **LOCAL CONROL ON**
Press the **MIDI** button until "P $I5$" flashes in the display. After stopping at P $I5$, the display will begin to flash alternately between "LCL" and "$\_on$". The "LCL" stands for Local Control; and the "$\_on$" indicates that Local Control is set to "on". In this setting, you will hear sound when the FS900's keys are played.

b) **LOCAL CONTROL OFF**
Next, try pressing the "NO" button. The display will change to flash alternately between LCL and $\_oF$. This indicates that the Local Control is off and no sound will be heard when the FS900's keys are played

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NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

$L\;\Gamma\,L$

→

$\updownarrow$

$\_\,\Box\,\Box$

d

DEMO
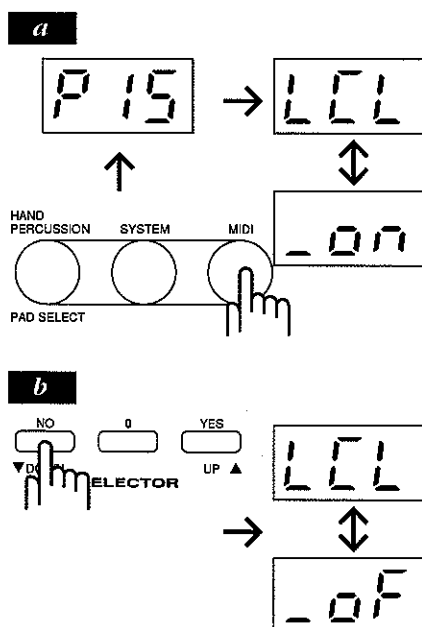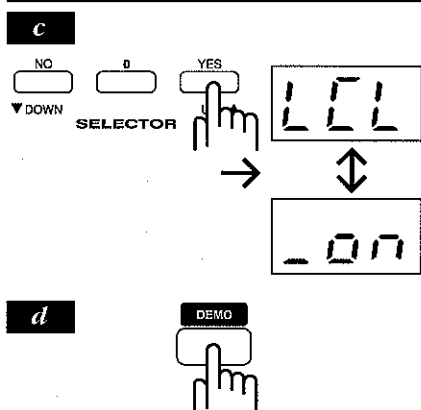
Remember, MIDI data is still sent when you play the FS900's keys. So, if the FS900 is connected to another keyboard through MIDI (the FS900's MIDI Out jack to the other keyboard's MIDI In jack with a MIDI cable), you should hear notes sounding on the other keyboard as you play keys on the FS900.

c) RETURNING TO LOCAL CONTROL ON
To turn Local Control "ON" once again, simply press the "**YES**" button. If your other keyboard is still connected via MIDI, you should hear both keyboards produce sound as you play keys on the FS900.

d) LEAVING THE LOCAL CONTROL ON/OFF MODE
To leave the Local Control mode, press the **DEMO** button.

◆ Setting the Program Change ON/OFF

■ **Setting the Program Change Control ON/OFF**

The FS900 continually transmits Program Change data through MIDI as you play. Additionally, you can set the FS900 to receive Program Change information from other instruments via MIDI. To accomplish this, use this procedure.

1

$P\;I\,\Box$ → $P\,\Gamma\;\Box$

↑ $\updownarrow$

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

○   ○   ○

PAD SELECT

$\_\,\Box\,\Box$

2

NO   0   YES
     UP ▲
▼D SELECTOR

$P\,\Gamma\;\Box$

→

$\updownarrow$

$\_\,\Box\,\Gamma$

3

NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

$P\,\Gamma\;\Box$

→

$\updownarrow$

$\_\,\Box\,\Box$

4

DEMO

1. PROGRAM CHANGE ON
Press the **MIDI** button until "$P\;I\,\Box$" flashes in the display. After stopping at $P\;I\,\Box$, the display will begin to flash alternately between "$P\,\Gamma\;\Box$" and "$\_\,\Box\,\Box$". The "$P\,\Gamma\;\Box$" stands for Program Change; and the "$\_\,\Box\,\Box$" indicates that Program Change is set on the "ON" position. In this setting, the sound of the FS900 will change when you send program change data from another keyboard via MIDI. The MIDI Out jack of the other keyboard must be connected to the MIDI In jack of the FS900 with a standard MIDI cable.

2. PROGRAM CHANGE OFF
Next, try pressing the "**NO**" button. The display will begin to flash alternately between $P\,\Gamma\;\Box$ and $\_\,\Box\,\Gamma$. This indicates that the Program Change function is set to the "OFF" position and the FS900 will not receive program change data.

3. RETURNING TO PROGRAM CHANGE "ON"
To allow the FS900 to receive Program Change information once again, simply press the "**YES**" button. If you have left the Program Change mode, repeat Step One above before pressing the "**YES**" button.

4. LEAVING THE PROGRAM CHANGE MODE
To exit the Program Change mode, press the **DEMO** button.

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■Creating Songs

1

MIDI CABLE

IN OUT   IN OUT

2

$P \, I \, I$ → $Ch r$

↑   ↕

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

○   ○   ◉

PAD SELECT

$U \, I$

7   8   9
4   5   6
1   2   3
(1) → $I U$

NO 0 YES
▼DOWN SEL UP ▲
(2)

3

$P \, I \, I$ → $Ch r$

↑   ↕

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

○   ○   ◉

PAD SELECT $I U$

7   8   9
4   5   6
1   2   3
→ $U \, I$
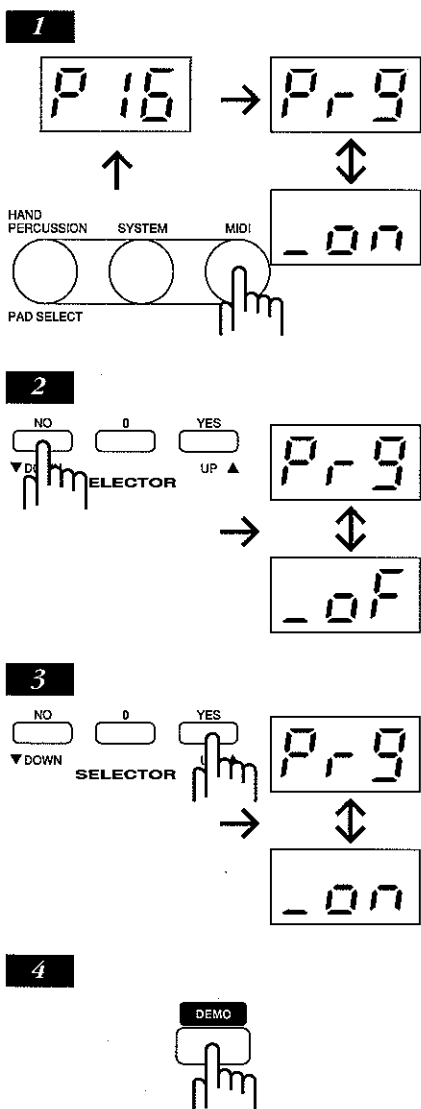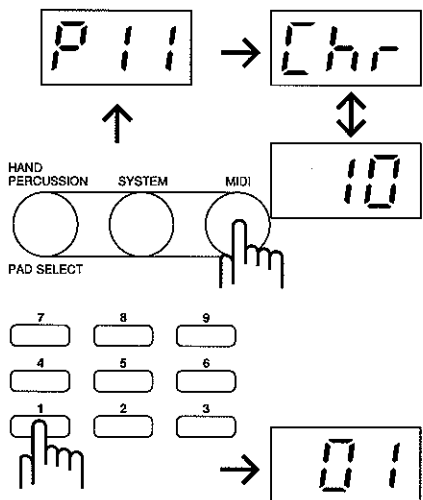
The FS900 can transmit any one of 16 MIDI channels. The process for selecting the MIDI Transmit Channel is described shortly.

The FS900 receives MIDI data on 5 fixed channels. Channels 1-4 are used for receiving sounds, and channel 10 is used for receiving drum/rhythm information.

Keeping this in mind, let's create a song using MIDI and an external sequencer:

1. First connect the FS900 to a sequencer

Connect as shown in the diagram at left.

2. Create a drum part

Press the **MIDI** button once (or until the display reads "$P \, I \, I$"). The display will briefly show $P \, I \, I$ and then begin to alternate between "$Ch r$" and "$U \, I$". "$Ch r$" stands for "MIDI Transmit Channel". The "$U \, I$" means that the current MIDI Transmit Channel is set to Channel 1.

Use the numeric keys to change the "$U \, I$" to "$I U$". This changes the FS900's MIDI Transmit Channel to channel 10. Now the drum data that you are about to record will be assigned to channel 10. On playback, the FS900 will receive that set of data on channel 10 and assign it to the drums. To exit the MIDI mode, press the **DEMO** button.

Activate the Hand Percussion function by pressing the **HAND PERCUSSION** button.

If you start the sequencer recording now, you can record a drum part using the percussion sounds on the FS900's keys. If you raise or lower the volume while recording using the **RHYTHM volume** buttons of the DIGITAL MIXER, these changes will also be recorded by the sequencer.

3. Creating other parts

If you have left the MIDI mode, press the **MIDI** button once (or until the display reads "$P \, I \, I$" again). The display will briefly flash $P \, I \, I$ and then alternate between "$Ch r$" and "$I U$".

Use the numeric **SELECTOR** button "1" to change the "$I U$" to "$U \, I$".

The FS900's MIDI Transmit Channel is now set to channel 1. (We could have chosen any channel from 1 to 4, since the FS900 receives sound data on any of these four channels.) To exit the MIDI mode, press the **DEMO** button.

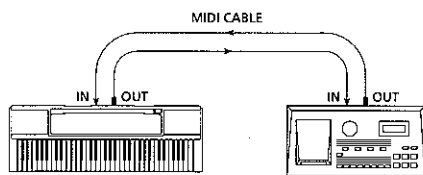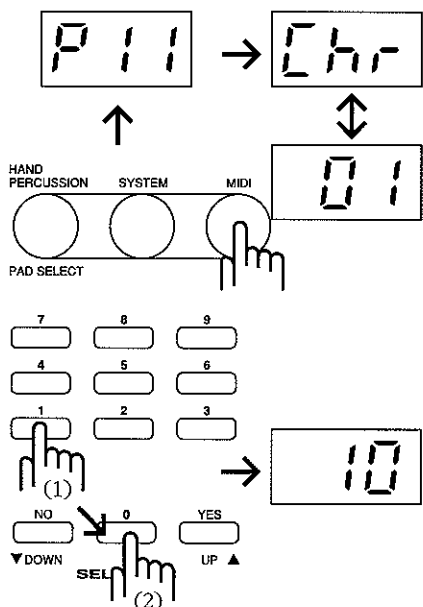If you press one of the keys on the keyboard, you will hear whatever sound is currently selected. Use the **SOUND** button and the numeric keys to select the sound of your choice.

Now you can use the sequencer to record the track for that sound. Volume changes made using the **VOLUME** buttons of the DIGITAL MIXER for each part will be recorded by the sequencer as before.

To record other parts, use the **MIDI** button and the numeric keys to change the MIDI Transmit Channel to any channel from 2 through 4. To exit the MIDI mode, press the **DEMO** button. Then, select the sound you will use for each new track and record it as before.

If you change the sound you are using in the middle of the recording, the sound change will also be recorded. Therefore, it is not necessary to assign three solos (for example: a sax solo, a guitar solo, and an organ solo) to three separate channels. You can record them all on one channel by simply changing the sound as you record.

To summarize, drums should be sent to your external sequencer on MIDI Transmit Channel 10. Other sounds should be recorded on MIDI Transmit channels 1 through 4. Then your tracks will be sent to the appropriate "Receive" channels on playback. This gives you five multi-timbral channels for recording separate tracks.

⚠️ *If you raise or lower the volume while recording using the MASTER VOLUME slider, these changes will not be recorded by the sequencer.*

◆Sending Automatic Functions

During normal operation, the FS900 does not send (transmit) automatic information (automatic notes that are not actually played by hand) via MIDI. You can, however, instruct the FS900 to send this information by using the MIDI button.

■ Using a sequencer to record the FS900's Automatic functions (Auto-Accompaniment, ONE FINGER AD-LIB)

Begin by pressing the MIDI button four times (or until the display reads P 14). The display will briefly flash "P 14" and then begin to alternate between the letters "ACC" and "$\_oF$". The "ACC" stands for Accompaniment.

The "$\_oF$" signifies that the FS900 is not currently sending "Automatic" information via MIDI.

If you press the YES button in the SELECTOR section, the "$\_oF$" should change to read "$\_on$". This indicates that the Auto-Accompaniment data will be transmitted via the MIDI connection. To exit the MIDI mode, press the DEMO button.

You may now start the sequencer recording and begin your performance. Each part will be sent to the sequencer by way of a different MIDI channel, as shown below:

Channel	Part
1	SOUND1 (Your melody, ONE FINGER AD-LIB)
2	SOUND2 (Your melody, ONE FINGER AD-LIB)
3	Chord part
4	Bass part
10	Rhythm part

On playback, your performance should sound exactly the same as it did when you recorded it.

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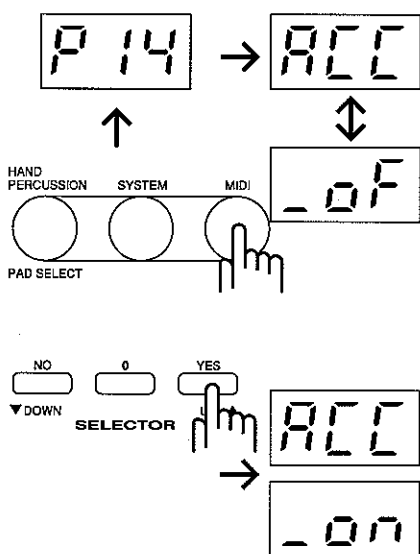
■ Changing MIDI Channels

At some point during recording, you may find it necessary to change the MIDI channel for a specific part. Here's how it can be done:

When the ACC is set to "_ o⌐ ", the FS900 receives MIDI data on several channels but transmits on only one MIDI channel (referred to as "⌐ "). The MIDI channel assignments are found below:

Transmit Channel =	r (see page A-21 to adjust the "r")
Receive Channel of Sound 1 =	n (see the following explanation to adjust the "n")
Sound 2 =	n+1
Chord =	n+2
Bass =	n+3
Rhythm =	d (see the following explanation to adjust the "d")

When the RCC is set to "_ on ", the FS900 will both transmit and receive MIDI data on the same MIDI channels. The channel assignments are:

Sound 1 = n, Sound 2 = n+1, Chord = n+2, Bass = n+3, Rhythm = d.

● **To change the Rhythm part channel**
Press the **MIDI** button three times (or until the display reads $P\ l3$). The display will briefly show $P\ l3$ and then begin to alternate between "Chd" (which is an abbreviation for "Channel, Drum") and $l0$. This indicates that the Rhythm part is being output through channel 10. If you use the numeric keys to change the number in the display to read $l\ l$, the Rhythm part will be output through channel 11.

● **To change the channels of the other parts**
Press the **MIDI** button twice (or until the display reads $P\ l2$). The display will briefly show $P\ l2$ and then begin to alternate between Chn and $0\ l$. This indicates that the melody and ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases you play using SOUND 1 will be output through channel 1. To exit the MIDI mode, press the **DEMO** button.
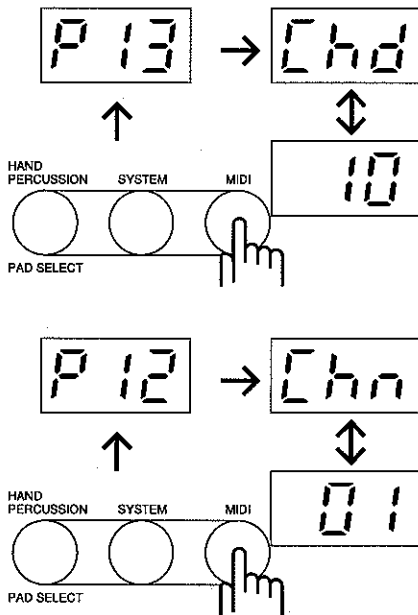
◆ Creating Patterns

If you use the numeric **SELECTOR** button "2" to change the display to read 02, then the melody and ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases you play using SOUND 1 will be output through channel 2; the melody and ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases you play using SOUND 2 will be output through channel 3; the Auto-Accompaniment Chord part will be output through channel 4; and the bass part will be output through channel 5.

You can see that the channel number for melody using SOUND 1 determines the channels for the other three sounds – which are assigned to the next three successive channels.

In other words, if the channel which outputs the melody and ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases is channel "N", then SOUND 2 outputs through channel N+1; the Chord part outputs through channel N+2; and the bass part outputs through channel N+3.

The number shown in the display is the channel number N.

Suppose you want to create a complete Accompaniment pattern on an external sequencer (such as KAWAI's professional MIDI sequencer, the Q-80) and store it in the FS900's user memory for use with the Auto-Accompaniment feature. Here's how it can be done:

■ **Recording Auto-Accompaniment patterns created with an external sequencer for use with the FS900**

⟨!⟩ *Quantize is set to ♩ = 24.*

1. First, program the Accompaniment pattern into your external sequencer. Remember that the Intro and Fill-in patterns you create should be one measure long. The Basic and Ending patterns should be two measures long.

2. Next, make sure that the external sequencer's Playback (Transmit) channels and Rhythm, Chord and Bass channels of the FS900 are the same. You can check or change the Rhythm channel by pressing the MIDI button three times as described in page A-23.

3. Use the **TEMPO DOWN** button to change the display until it reads 5𝑌𝐶 (short for "SYNC.").

4. Prepare the FS900 to record the pattern into user memory. Record the Rhythm part first. Begin by pressing the **PROGRAM PATTERN & O.F.A.** button, just as you did when you created an Auto-Accompaniment pattern. Then, select which of the four pattern types (Basic, Intro, Fill-in, or Ending) you are going to record from the sequencer. Then, select the Rhythm part by pressing the **G#5** key. Now the FS900 is set to record your pattern from the external sequencer. When you playback the Rhythm pattern from the external sequencer, the FS900 will begin recording in SYNC with the sequencer.

5. Record the other parts (chord, bass) once again, making sure that your Playback (Transmit) channels for chords and bass are matched with the appropriate channels on the FS900. The chords should be set to transmit from the external sequencer on channel N+2. The bass should transmit on channel N+3. (Refer to page A – 23 of this manual to review the channel assignment procedure for the FS900.)

   1) Repeat Steps 3 and 4 above to prepare the FS900 for recording. Select the appropriate pattern type. Remember that Intro and Fill-in patterns should be one measure long while Basic and Ending patterns should be two measures long.

   2) Now play back the pattern from your external sequencer. The complete pattern should now be ready to be assigned to a user memory location.

6. Storing your pattern. The final step is to store your new pattern on one of the five user memory locations using the **STORE** button and the numeric keys.

⟨!⟩ *If necessary see Page A – 12 of this manual to review this procedure*

◆ Creating ONE FINGER AD-LIB Phrases

You can also use the same procedure described in the preceding pages to create ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases on an external sequencer and store them in the FS900's user memory.

■ Recording ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases created with a sequencer for use with the FS900

1. First, program your ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrase into the external sequencer. Remember that ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases can only be one measure in length.

2. Prepare the FS900 to record.

   1) Use the **RHYTHM** and numeric keys to select the Accompaniment pattern you want as back-ground for your ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases.

   2) Make sure that the Playback (Transmit) channel of your external sequencer matches the FS900's Receive channel for Sound1 (the default is channel 1).

   3) Begin by pressing the **PROGRAM PATTERN & O.F.A.** button, just as you did when you were creating ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases.

3. Record the phrase

   Use the **TEMPO DOWN** button to change the display so that it reads 𝟝 𝟝𝟝 (which, you will recall, is short for "SYNC."). Now, when you play-back the phrase from the sequencer, it will be recorded as the ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrase for the **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** key that is currently selected.

4. By selecting different **ONE FINGER AD-LIB** keys, you can record different phrases from the external sequencer. When you are through recording new phrases, use the "storing" procedure (see page A – 16) to store the new Ad-Lib phrases in user memory along with the corresponding Accompaniment pattern.

◆Using Other Functions

P17

$$P.17 \rightarrow rE9$$

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HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI
PAD SELECT

NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ 5ur

NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ 5nd

P18

$$P.18 \rightarrow 5nd$$

↑

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI
PAD SELECT

NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ 5ur

NO   0   YES
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ rh9
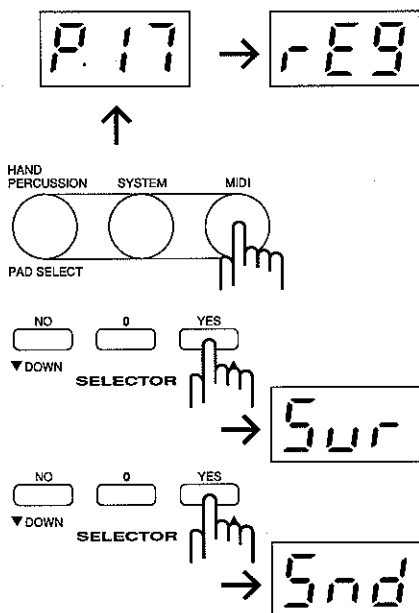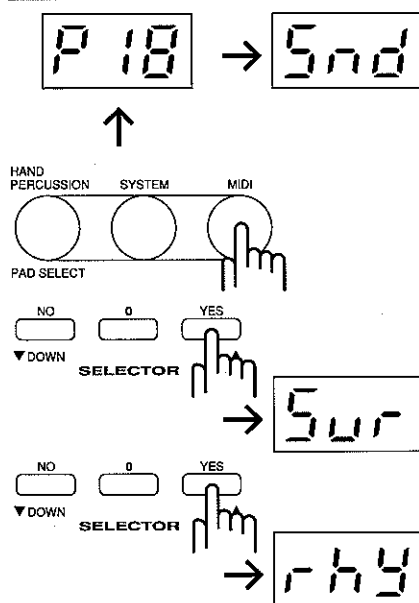
As you know, it is possible to store the sounds and patterns you create in the FS900's user memory. However, the number of sounds and patterns you can store in this way is limited to five each. To increase your stock of sounds and patterns, the FS900 allows you to store them in an external sequencer (such the Q-80, a data filer, or some other external MIDI device). You can store the following data using this function:

a) Five sounds created using the synthesizer function
b) Five Auto-Accompaniment patterns plus corresponding ONE FINGER AD-LIB phrases
c) Twenty sets of REGISTRATION data

■ **Storing REGISTRATION data you create for the FS900 in an external sequencer:**

1. If you press the **MIDI** button until "P 17" flashes in the display. After stopping at P 17, the display will change so that it reads rE9 (short for "REGISTRATION"). By this, the FS900 is asking whether you want to transmit your REGISTRATIONs to another MIDI device.

2. Since this is exactly what you want to do, press the **YES** button. The display will change to read 5ur, which means "Sure?". Press the **YES** button one more time, and the display change to read 5nd (short for "Sound"). Your data transmission is now complete.

■ **Storing other data you create for the FS900 in an external sequencer:**

Press the **MIDI** button until "P 18" flashes in the display. After stopping at P 18, the display will change to read 5nd (short for "Sound"). By pressing the **YES** button twice in the same way as for registration, you can send the musical data created with the synthesizer function to an external MIDI device.

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P19

$P \ 19 \rightarrow r h Y$

↑

HAND
PERCUSSION   SYSTEM   MIDI

○   ○   ○
PAD SELECT

NO   0   YES
⬚   ⬚   ⬚
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ $5 u r$

NO   0   YES
⬚   ⬚   ⬚
▼DOWN   SELECTOR

→ $t u n$

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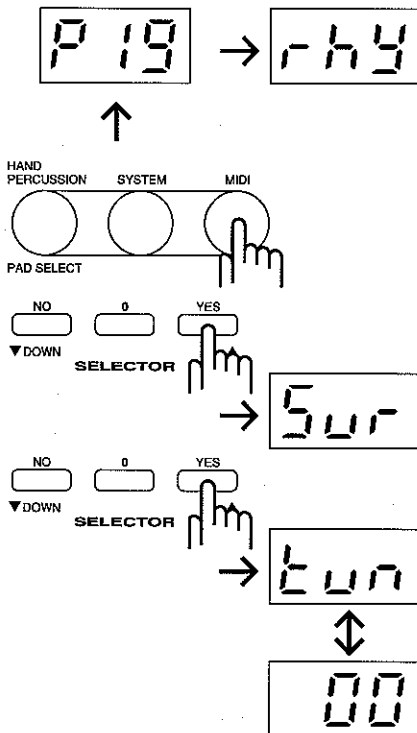
When you select "$P \ 19$", $r h Y$ (short for "rhythm") will begin to flash. Again, pressing the **YES** button twice lets you send rhythm or ONE FINGER AD-LIB data made with the pattern maker to an external MIDI device.

■ Sending stored data back to the FS900 from an external sequencer:

No special command is necessary to perform a data dump into the FS900. Simply command your external sequencer to transmit data to the FS900 while the rhythm and the recorder of the FS900 are off. The FS900 will receive this data automatically.

These are a few examples of the ways in which the FS900's MIDI functions can be used. There are sure to be many more interesting and enjoyable things you can find to do with MIDI.

Its possibilities are limitless!

■Appendices

How to play chords that FS900 can recognize (C root)

C Major	C Major	C Major	C (+5)	C6	C9	Csus4	
C7	C7	C7	CM7	CM7	C dim	C13	C-13
C minor	C minor	Cm7	Cm7	Cm6	Cm7 (-5)	CmM7	Cm9
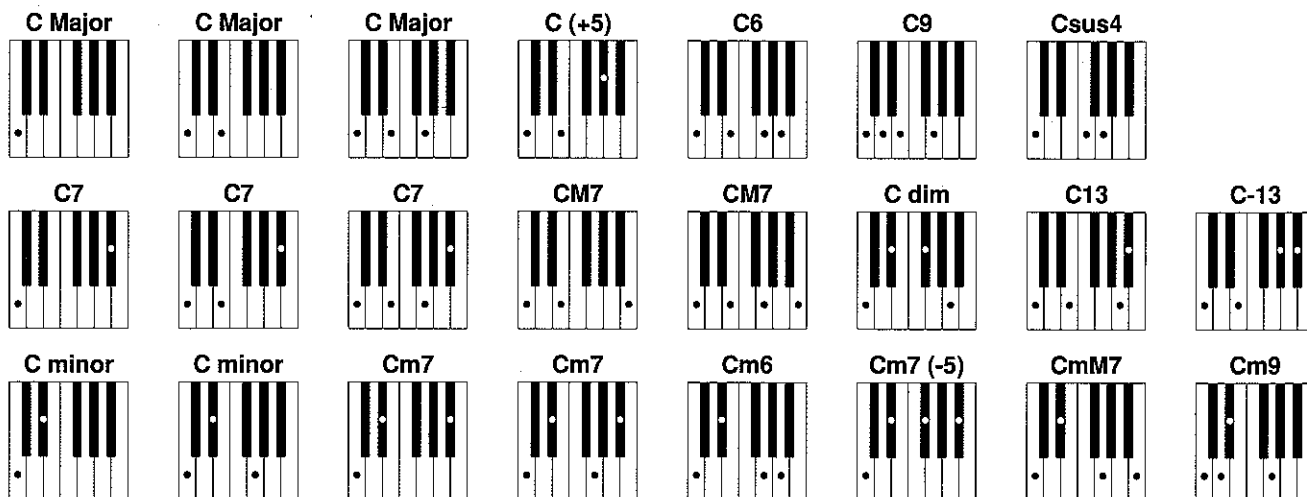
■Specifications

FS900

Keyboard:	61 keys, standard (Velosity sensitive)
Sounds:	100
Rhythms:	100
	Pitch bend wheel, Modulation wheel
Effects:	Stereo chorus button, Sustain button, DUET button
Rhythm controls:	START/STOP button, INTRO/ENDING button, SYNC./FILL-IN button, TEMPO button
Recorder:	REC/END button, PLAY/STOP button, SONG SELECT button
Auto-Accompaniment:	AUTO button
Program:	SYNTHESIZER button, PATTERN & O. F. A. button, STORE button, REGISTRATION button
Volume controls:	Master volume slider
DIGITAL MIXER:	SOUND 1 volume button, SOUND 2 volume button, CHORD volume button, BASS volume button, RHYTHM volume button
Miscellaneous controls:	TRANSPOSE slider, ONE FINGER AD-LIB button, Arrangement Expander button, DEMO button, SYSTEM button, MIDI button
Speakers:	12 cm x 2
Rated voltage:	9-12 V DC: six size D dry cell batteries or power adaptor (PS-102 or PS-101)
Accessory jacks:	MIDI IN/OUT/THRU, DAMPER PEDAL, ACC. HOLD PEDAL, RCA STEREO OUT, DC (9-12 V) IN, HEADPHONE
Accessories:	Music rack

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Model: FS900   **MIDI Implementation Chart**   Version : 1.0

Function...		Transmitted				
		Sound 1/2	Chord/Bass	Rhythm	System	Remarks
Basic Channel	Default Changed	1/2 1 – 16 (N/N+1)*	3/4 1 – 16 (N+2/N+3)*	10 1 – 16 (D ch)*	1 1 – 16 (R ch)	Memorized
Mode	Default Messages Altered	3 X * * * * * * *	3 X * * * * * * *	3 X * * * * * * *	3 X * * * * * * *	
Note Number	 True Voice	24 – 108 * * * * * * *	0 – 127 12 – 108	36 – 54 12 – 108	24 – 108 * * * * * * *	
Velocity	Note ON Note OFF	○ X 9n v = 0	○ X 9n v = 0	○ X 9n v = 0	○ X 9n v = 0	
After Touch	Key's Ch's	X X	X X	X X	X X	
Pitch Bend		○	○	X	○	
Control Changes	1	○ (N/N+1)	X	X	X	Modulation
	7	○ (N/N+1)	○	○	○	Volume
	64	○ (N/N+1)	○ *	○ *	○	Hold
	93	○ (N/N+1)	X	X	○	(Chorus)
Prog Change	 True #	○ 0 – 99	○ 0 – 99	○ 0 – 99	○ 0 – 99	
System Exclusive		* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	○ **	
Common	: Song Pos : Song Sel : Tune	* *	* *	* *	X X X	
System Real Time	: Clock : Commands	* * * * * * * * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * * * * * * *	○ *** ○	
Aux Messages	: Local ON/OFF : All Notes OFF : Active Sense : Reset	* *	* *	* *	X X ○ X	
Notes		* Enabled when "Auto Send" is ON. ** Turns panel buttons ON and OFF. *** Enabled when a rhythm is playing.				

Mode 1 : OMNI ON, POLY   Mode 2 : OMNI ON, MONO   ○ : Yes
Mode 3 : OMNI OFF, POLY   Mode 4 : OMNI OFF, MONO   X : No

Function...		Recognized				Remarks
		Sound 1/2	Chord/Bass	Rhythm	System	
Basic Channel	Default	1/2	3/4	10	1	Memorized
	Changed	1 – 16 (N/N+1)	1 – 16 (N+2/N+3)	1 – 16 (D ch)	1 – 16 (R ch)	
Mode	Default	3	3	3	3	
	Messages	X	X	X	X	
	Altered	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	
Note Number		0 – 127	0 – 127	36 – 54	* * * * * * *	
	True Voice	12 – 108	12 – 108	12 – 108	* * * * * * *	
Velocity	Note ON	○	○	○	* * * * * * *	
	Note OFF	X	X	X	* * * * * * *	
After Touch	Key's	X	X	X	* * * * * * *	
	Ch's	X	X	X	* * * * * * *	
Pitch Bend		○	○	X	* * * * * * *	5bit rese ±2semi
Control Changes	1	○ (N/N+1)	○	X	* * * * * * *	Modulation *
	7	○ (N/N+1)	○	○	* * * * * * *	Volume
	64	○ (N/N+1)	○	X	* * * * * * *	Hold
	93	○ (N/N+1)	X	X	* * * * * * *	(Chorus)
Prog Change		○	○	○	○	
	True #	0 – 99	0 – 99	0 – 99	0 – 99	
System Exclusive		○	○	○	○	
Common	: Song Pos	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	X	
	: Song Sel	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	X	
	: Tune	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	X	
System Real Time	: Clock	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	○	**
	: Commands	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	○	
Aux Messages	: Local ON/OFF	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	X	
	: All Notes OFF	○	○	○	X	
	: Active Sense	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	○	
	: Reset	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * *	X	
Notes		* Enabled when "Moduration" is Vibrato Depth				
		** Enabled when "Tempo" is SYNC.				

Mode 1 : OMNI ON, POLY   Mode 2 : OMNI ON, MONO   ○ : Yes

Mode 3 : OMNI OFF, POLY   Mode 4 : OMNI OFF, MONO   X : No