## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

# HOW POCKET SEQUENCER

Pocket Sequencer<sup>™</sup> records all MIDI data including not. , controller and system exclusive data in a linear, tape recorder style format with a resolution of 96 parts per quarter note. Each of it's 16 tracks corresponds to one MIDI channel. New parts can be punched-in or continuously overdubbed on to individual tracks and then quantized. A temporary edit buffer assures that the most recent take does not overwrite the last until it is "Accepted".



Connect as shown in the diagram. Avoid touching to so in the RAM card. If your keyboard has a LOCAL ON/OFF function, turn it OFF. Pocket Sequencer™ has a soft THRU. Set the MIDI channels of your keyboard and sound module(s) to the same MIDI channel. (Channel 1 is a good place to start) Note. In order to access all the tracks of Pocket Sequencer™ your keyboard must be able to reassign it's MIDI OUT channel. If it cannot, you will need a Pocket Channel™. If everything has been properly connected, playing notes on your keyboard will cause the LED on Pocket Sequencer™ to blink and you will hear the notes from your sound modules.

#### RECORDING TRACKS

TO **RECORD**: Tap Rec. button on the left side of the CONTROL BAR. The LED will light indicating RECORD READY mode. When you are ready, tap Play on the right side of the CONTROL BAR. Pocket Sequencer™ will give you a count-off of 1 bar indicated by the dual beep tone and the LED's. Record something! Tap Stop on the control bar when you've finished. Press Play to listen to the track from the beginning. If you're satisfied with the track, proceed to "ACCEPTING TRACKS" below. If not, repeat.

#### ACCEPTING TRACKS

The ACCEPT function involves the use of a temporary edit buffer that allows you to audition your most recent take and determine whether or not you would like to save it into permanent memory. After recording the Rec. LED will flash slowly indicating data in buffer. You may do multiple takes or check the quantization before you ACCEPT. TO ACCEPT: Press and hold the Rec. button until it beeps once. The LED will flash indicating ACCEPT mode. The more dense the track the longer ACCEPT will take.

#### TRANSPORT CONTROLS

TO PLAY: (Accessible only from STOP mode) Tap the Play button and the song will start from the beginning. If there is no data on any of the tracks PLAY will not function.

TO REWIND: (Accessible only from PLAY mode) Press and hold the Rec. button. The green LED will indicate REWIND mode. REWIND is not an audible function.

TO FAST FORWARD: (Accessible only from PLAY mode) Press and hold the Play button. The FAST FORWARD function is an audible function and playback tempo will continue to accelerate as the button is held. Releasing the button will play from current location.

TO CONTINUE: (Accessible only from STOP mode) You may start playback from any point in the song by pressing the Stop/Cont. button from STOP mode.

#### **OVERDUBBING**

This mode is not to be confused with MULTI TRACK recording (See below). When in OVERDUB mode, new data is merged with existing data on the same track. IO OVERDUB: (Accessible only from STOF mode) Tap Rec. button and then tap Play. Bar count off will begin and you can add your new part from the beginning of the song. If you would prefer to OVERDUB in the middle of the song, first locate the area where you wish to add new data using the TRANSPORT CONTROLS, tap the Rec. button and then the Stop/Cont.button. Count off will begin and you can add new data as soon as you hear the original track. When satisfied, press and hold Rec. button to accept into memory.

## PUNCHING-IN TRACKS

If your track is great except for a few areas, you will need to PUNCH-IN only the areas that are unsatisfactory and leave the rest intact.

TO PUNCH-IN: (Accessible only from STOP mode) Tap the Rec. button twice rapidly. The red LED will flash indicating PUNCH-IN READY. Tap Play and the count off will begin. Let the song play until the desired point then start playing the new part. PUNCH-IN begins only when data (ie. note, patch change etc.) is received from your keyboard. If you wish to PUNCH-IN later on in the song, locate the area with the TRANSPORT CONTROLS, tap the Rec. button twice rapidly, then tap the Stop/Cont. button. TO PUNCH-OUT: Tap Stop/Cont. button or the footswitch. When the take is successful, remember to ACCEPT!

## **OUANTIZING TRACKS / SETTING TEMPO**

TO **QUANTIZE**: (Accessible only from STOP mode) Press and hold the Stop/Cont. button until it beeps. The beeper will sound the tempo, ignore this for now. Check the TIME SIGNATURE/QUANTIZE chart to select which quantization level you prefer. Exit this function by pressing and holding the Stop/Cont. button until it beeps. Before you ACCEPT, you may experiment with different levels of quantization and then ACCEPT. Note: Once QUANTIZE is invoked, it is always active in PLAY until reset for each track.

TO **SET TEMPO:** Enter Quantize mode as above. Pocket Sequencer™s metronome will beep at the default tempo of 120 BPM. The new tempo may be tapped from MIDDLE C, the CONTROL BAR, or the footswitch. Tempo can also be changed within this mode by moving the MOD wheel on your keyboard. The range is from 40 BPM to 280 BPM and there is one tempo only available per song that it is saved into memory once set. Exit as above.

TO **SET TIME SIGNATURE**: Enter Quantize mode as above. Pocket Sequencer™s metronome will beep at the last tempo set. Consult the Quantize/Time Signature chart for the correct key to press on the keyboard to change Time Signature. One only is available per song and it is saved to memory once set. Exit as above.

## **MULTI-TRACK RECORDING**

Note: To take full advantage of Pocket Sequencer\*\*s multi-track capability, you should have a keyboard capable of changing it's MIDI transmit channel and a sound module capable of making at least two sounds at once.

TO **RECORD:** Select the MIDI transmit channel on your keyboard to access the particular track on Pocket Sequencer™ you wish to record on (1 to 16). Set one of your sound modules to receive on that channel. RECORD, QUANTIZE, OVERDUB and PUNCH-IN as above.

- ERASE ALL MEMORY—Double tap the Rec. button from STOP mode. A 2 tone beep will sound indicating that all data will be erased if the button is held. A long beep will sound after a few seconds indicating cleared memory. ERASE can be aborted at any time before this by releasing the button.
- ERASE SINGLE TRACK—Enter ERASE as above. Select MIDI channel from keyboard to select track to ERASE. Play one note on keyboard. ERASE as above.
- TOGGLE BETWEEN NEW TAKE/ORIGINAL TAKE—After recording, press play to hear most recent take. To hear original, tap the Rec. button twice slowly then play.
- LOOP MODE—Pocket Sequencer™ can be set to loop in PLAY mode by tapping the Play button twice rapidly. It will always loop from a downbeat assuring seamless loops.
- FOOTSWITCH CONTROL—Many of Pocket Sequencer™s functions can be operated from a momentary footswitch. (See Chart). When power is applied, Pocket Sequencer™ automatically determines the polarity of the footswitch. Latching type footswitches are not suitable.
- SYNCHRONIZATION—(RECEIVING) Pocket Sequencer™ can be synchronized to external MIDI clock and responds to SONG POSITION POINTER. SYNCHRONIZATION—(TRANSMITTING) Pocket Sequencer™ transmits MIDI CLOCK, START, STOP, CONTINUE and SONG POSITION POINTER.
- MEMORY SPECIFICATIONS—The RAM card has a capacity of 32k bytes or 256k bits some of which is occupied by the operating system. This yields a note capacity of
  approximately 7000 notes and 25k bytes of System Exclusive data. The life of the card is approximately 5 years.
- MEMORY FULL ALARM—When recording, a 2 tone alarm tone will sound when the memory becomes full. Recorded data previous to the alarm will remain intact.

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#### PLAY FROM BEGINNING TAP FOOTSWITCH STOP MODE LOOP PLAY DOUBLE-TAP FOOTSWITCH STOP MODE STOP TAP FOOTSWITCH from STOP OR PLAY MODE TEMPO/TIME SIG SET<sup>3</sup> HOLD FOOTSWITCH from ANY MODE RECORD START4 TAP FOOTSWITCH from RECORD-READY MODE

**FOOTSWITCH COMMANDS**