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THE DIRTY DRUMMER TASTER KIT

FOR MODERN MPCs & AKAI FORCE



INSTALLATION & USER GUIDE

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Dirty Drummer Taster Kit: Introduction

- **The Dirty Drummer Taster Kit** features a drum kit built from a selection of articulations taken from all volumes in the Dirty Drummer Series, perfect for creating incredibly realistic, authentic sounding vintage breaks in your MPC.
- Each drum and percussion articulation is recorded with a variety of timbres to ensure a more realistic sound when playing. We've also included some ready-made MIDI patterns to give you some instant sequenced breaks to play with.
- The Expansion is fully compatible with all modern MPCs, Akai Force, MPC Software & MPC Beats. If you like this taster kit check out the full Dirty Drummer collection featuring 67 fat & gritty drum kits and matching MIDI drum patterns:
<https://www.mpc-samples.com/product.php/309/dirty-drummer-complete/>

Expansion Edition: What's Inside?

This taster expansion includes a single drum kit built from a selection of articulations taken from the many kits found in the Dirty Drummer Complete Collection. It also includes an additional patch built using different FX and program parameters.

All active pads in all kits are colour coded to represent the type of drum sound assigned to that pad; **red** = kick, **blue** = snare, **green** = hat, **yellow** = cymbal, **pink** = tom, **purple** = percussion.

The layout of each kit is very 'finger drumming friendly' and is identical to the layout found in all the kits across all volumes of the Dirty Drummer series, so if you record a sequence with one Dirty Drummer kit you can later assign the other kit to that same sequence and it will work just as well. The kit layout is shown below:



We've placed the main 'bread and butter' sounds that you'll need for all breaks (the main kick, snare, closed hat and open hat) on the second row (A5 to A8), which

gives you easy access to all the funky ghost notes, snare rolls and cymbals on rows 1 and 3. On the top row you'll find various percussion sounds; slightly different percussion is provided in each kit, with pads A13 and A14 set to maracas or cabasa (A13 is the 'down' shake, A14 is the 'up shake'), A15 is a triangle or stick, and pad A16 is a tom.

Round Robins & Timbre

When you hit a real acoustic drum such as a snare, it sounds slightly different each time it is played. This subtle change in character is referred to as a change in 'timbre'.

So rather than using a single snare sample in the Dirty Drummer kits, we record multiple 'takes' of each drum, each one with its own unique timbre. Then we configure the pads in the kit to play back a different one of these samples each time it is hit; this often called a 'round robin'.

As such, the pad sounds subtly different each time it is played, just like a drum in a real drum kit. This gives the Dirty Drummer kits a very life-like and organic quality, especially when used in combination with the dedicated 'ghost' notes and other

unique articulations we've provided.

Previews & Patterns

Each kit and patch in the expansion features its own unique browser 'preview' which is a short pre-recorded drum loop made using that particular kit – you can hear this preview whenever you tap on a kit in the MPC browser (make sure the 'audition' button is set to 'auto').

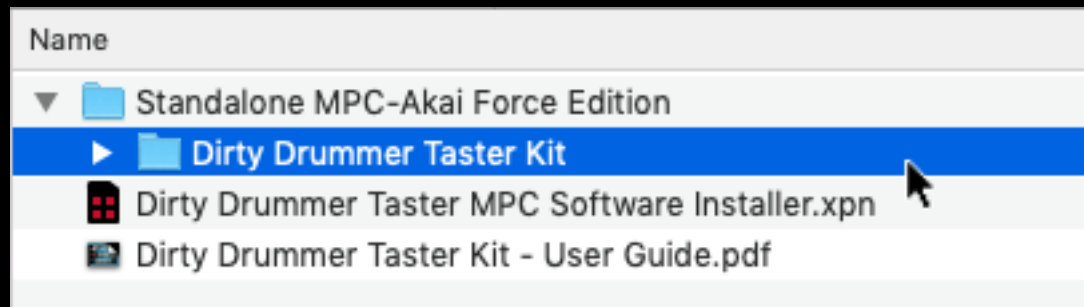
The MIDI sequences used to create those previews have also been included as separate MIDI 'patterns' and MIDI sequences. You can use these patterns to quickly build your own breaks from any of the Dirty Drummer kits (we'll show you how to load patterns later in this guide).

Install: Standalone MPC & Akai Force

*The following instructions are suitable for installing expansions in any modern MPC running in 'standalone' mode (e.g. MPC X/Live/One), as well as the **Akai Force**.*

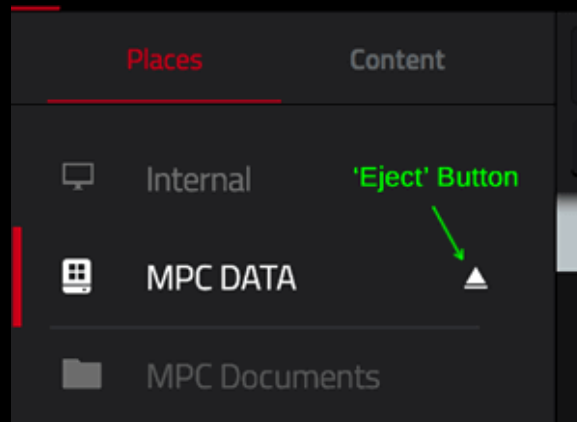
First download the expansion from your File Bank and unzip using your computer's zip application.

Enter the '**Standalone MPC-Akai Force Edition**' folder and inside you'll see a sub folder '**Dirty Drummer Taster Kit**'— this is the folder we're going to transfer to your standalone MPC or Force.



Akai require that third party expansions are installed to an 'attached disk', such as an SD card, USB drive or internal SATA drive. For this example, let's assume you use an SD card in your MPC/Force called 'MPC DATA'

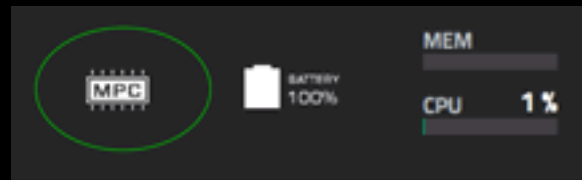
One option is to temporarily remove the SD card from your MPC/Force and connect it directly to the SD card slot on your computer. Remember, if your MPC/Force is currently switched on, first 'eject' the disk from your machine via **BROWSER > Places:**



You can now put the SD card in your computer's SD card reader.

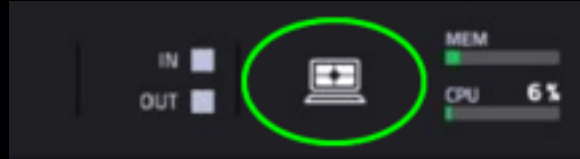
Alternatively, you can connect via '**Controller Mode**' (or '**Computer Mode**' in the Force). This is also the only practical option if you are connecting to an internal SATA drive - **please note that at the time of writing, this method is not supported by the MPC One.**

First connect the 'square' USB port on your MPC/Force to a USB port on your computer using a standard USB cable. **MPC** users should then go to the **MENU** screen and click on the '**MPC Chip**' icon at the top of the page:



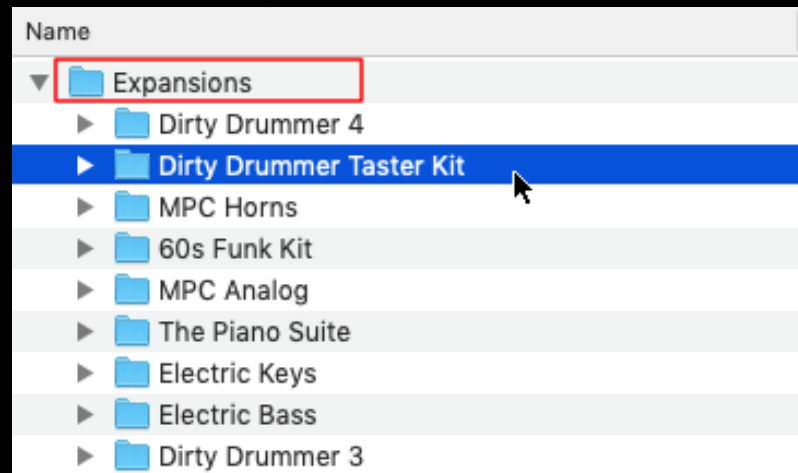
This will bring up the '**ENTER CONTROLLER MODE**' screen. Click on the **CONTROLLER MODE** button at the bottom of the page.

Akai Force users should go to the **MENU** screen and tap on the '**Laptop**' icon in the top right of the screen (this time select '**COMPUTER MODE**').



Whichever connection method you use, your MPC/Force disk will now appear as a 'removable' drive in your computer's file manager (e.g. 'Finder' on a Mac, 'Explorer' on a PC).

Click on the drive to open its file system and if it doesn't already exist, create a folder called '**Expansions**' in the root of your disk - now copy the '**Dirty Drummer Taster Kit**' folder inside this 'Expansions' folder.

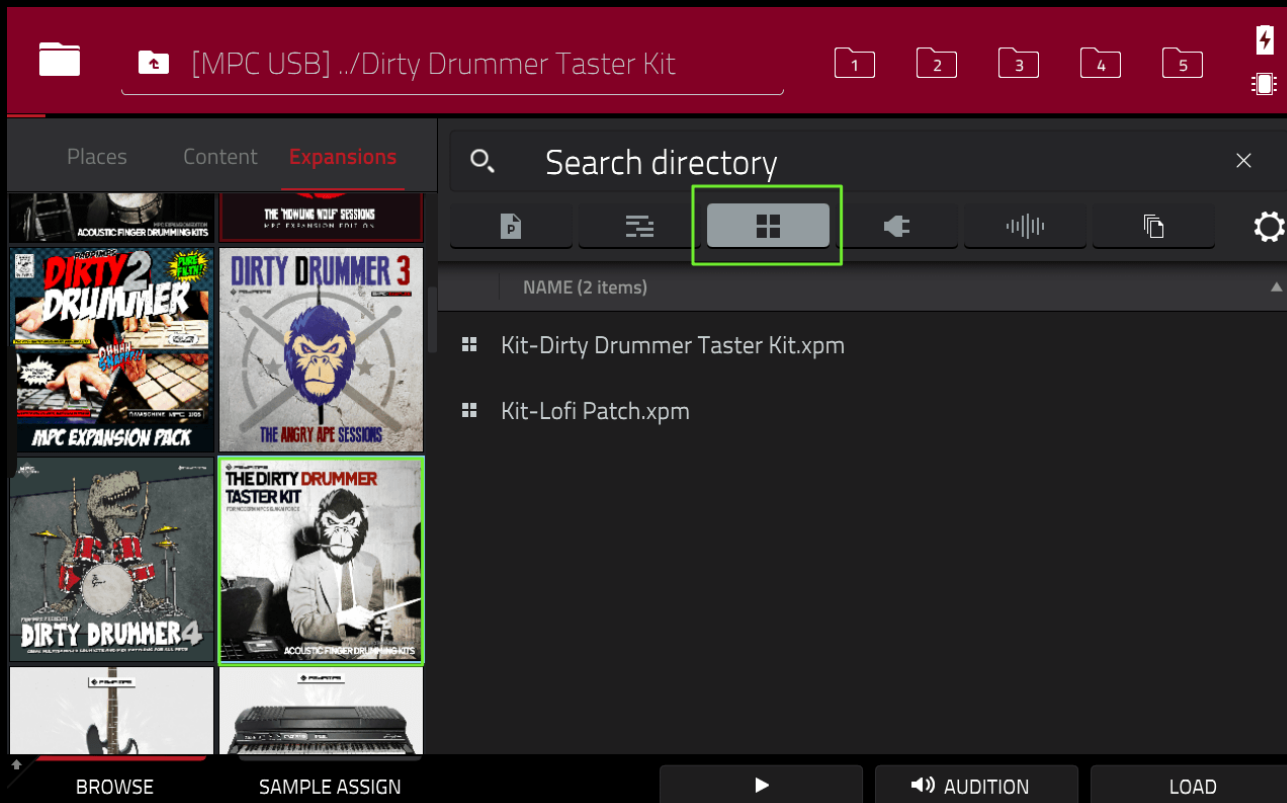


All done! If you had physically transferred the MPC disk to your computer you should now eject the disk from your computer and put the disk back in your MPC.

Alternatively, if you used USB transfer then go back to **MENU** and select the computer icon to return to standalone mode - *don't forget to eject/unmount the MPC from your computer first, this avoids any potential data loss.*

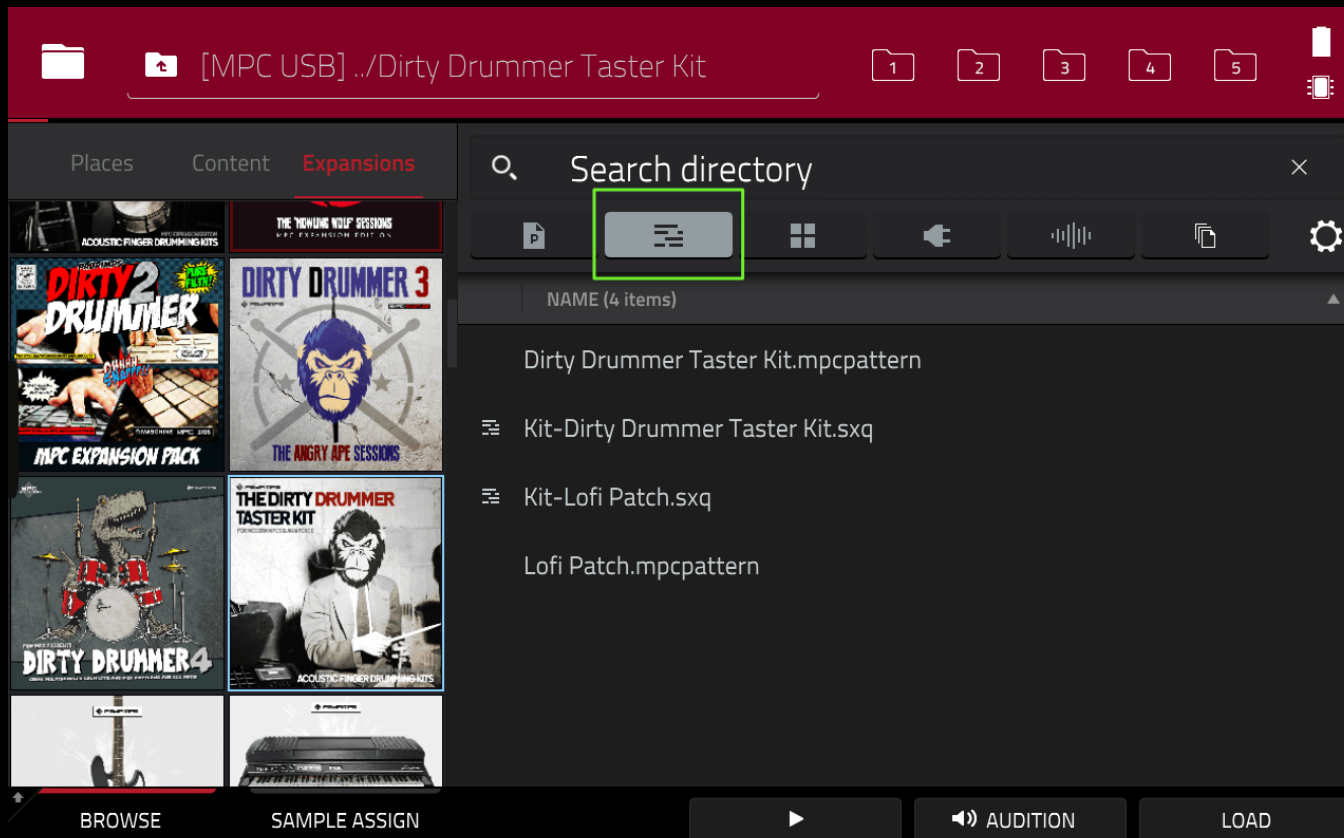
Loading Kits & MIDI (Standalone MPC/Force)

Go to '**MENU > BROWSER > Expansions**' and tap on the '**Dirty Drummer Taster Kit**' thumbnail. On the right, select the **PROGRAM** filter to view all the available kits:



If you have '**AUDITION > AUTO**' enabled (bottom right of BROWSER screen) you can tap a program file to hear a preview of each patch before you load it. Double tap to load the kit into your project and assign it to a '**DRUM**' type track in your current sequence in **MAIN**.

To view the available patterns, tap on the 'MIDI' filter:



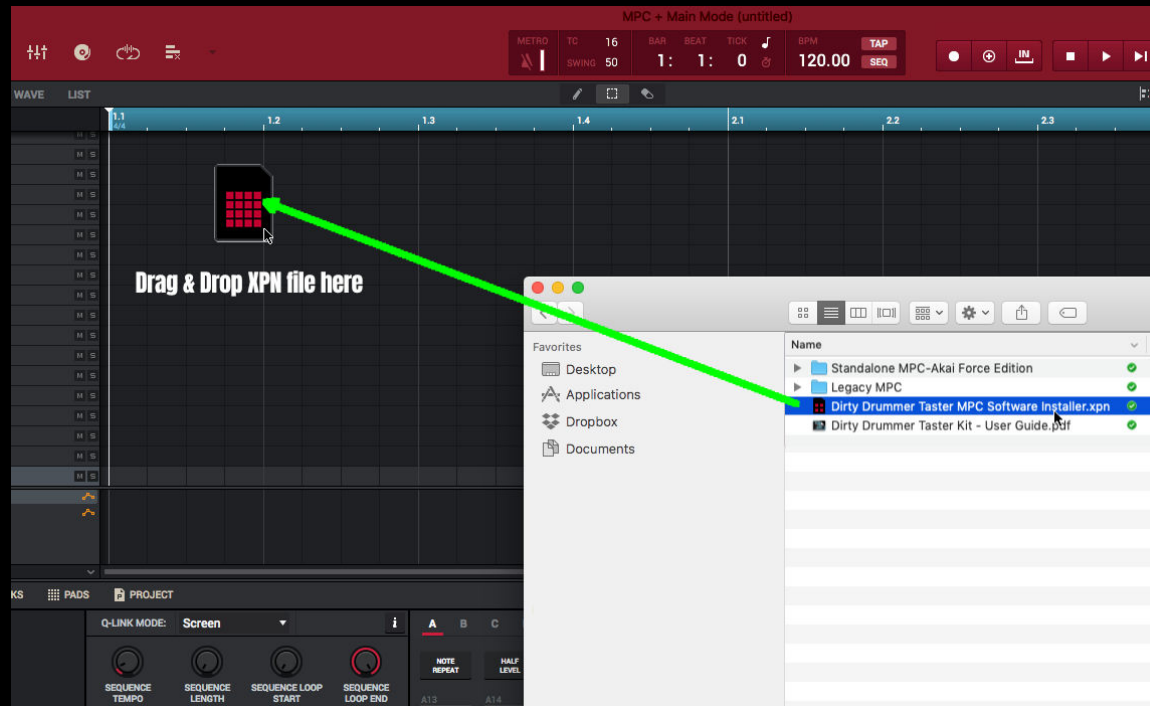
If you have **AUDITION: AUTO** enabled, tapping a pattern will play a short audio preview of groove contained in the pattern. Double tap a pattern to load it - loading occurs in the 'silently' background, there's no on screen confirmation.

Your pattern will be loaded to the next available 'unused' track in your current sequence. Make sure this track is set up as a **DRUM** track and assign a kit to this track. Hit PLAY START to hear your pattern in action.

You can view and manipulate the MIDI data in **LIST EDIT** or **GRID VIEW**

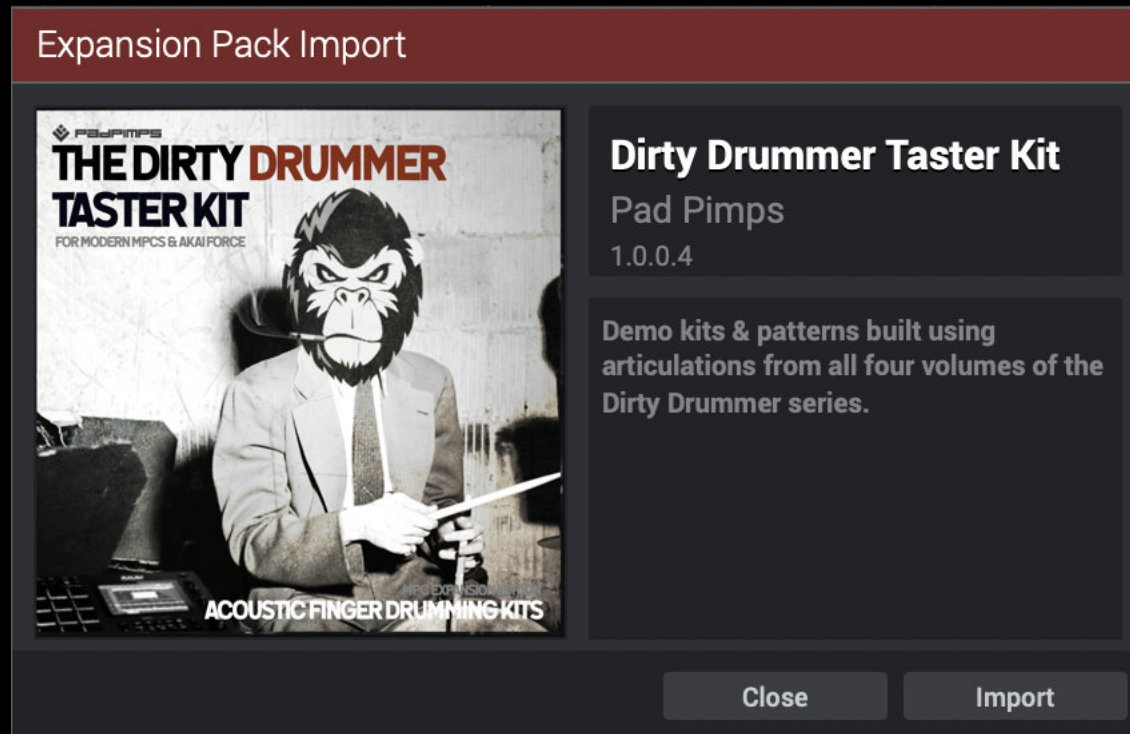
Install: MPC Software Expansion Browser

Locate the 'MPC Drummer Taster MPC Software Installer.XPN' file and drag & drop it directly into the MPC Software UI from your computer's File Explorer/Finder:



Please note that an XPN file **cannot** be installed from the MPC Browser, nor can it be installed by double clicking.

After dragging the XPN into the software UI you should see the following:



Select '**Import**' and once installed, open the **Expansion Browser** ('X' on your keyboard), and click on the '**Dirty Drummer Taster**' thumbnail to view:



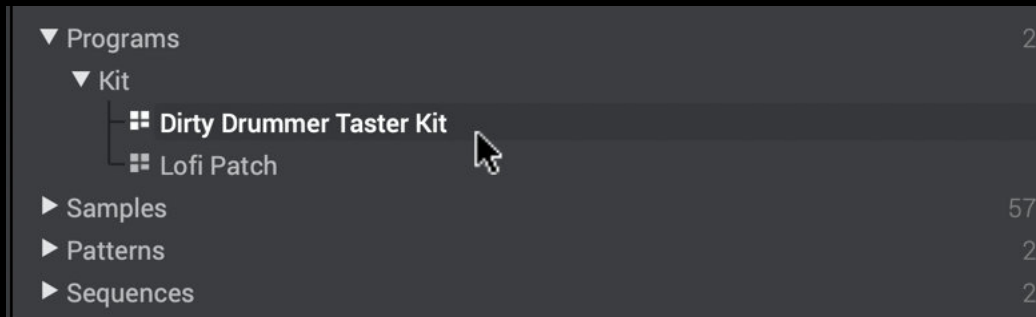
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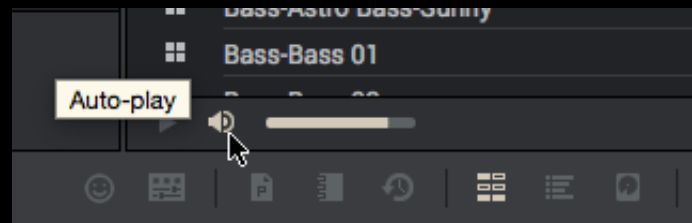
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You will find all the kits within the '**Programs > Kit**' group.

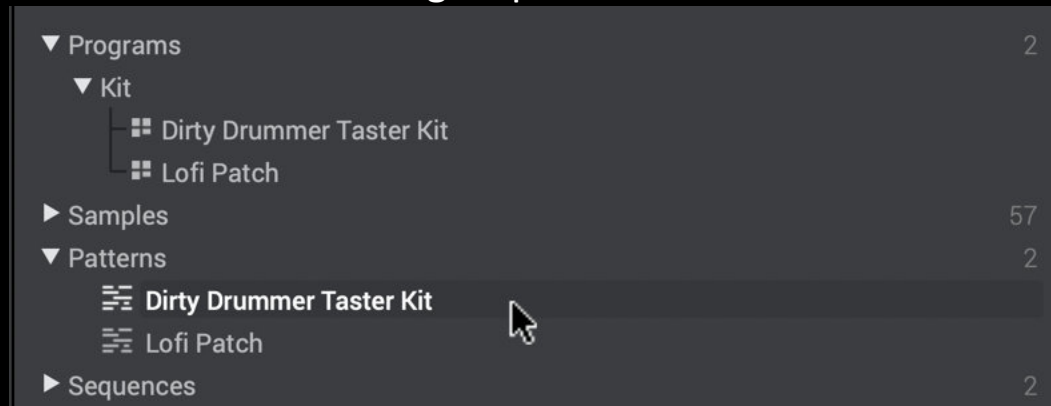


In addition to the taster kit we've also created a bonus 'Lofi' kit patch which uses different FX and program parameters - this can be found in the 'Patch' group.

Single click the program to hear a preview (requires '**Autoplay**' enabled).

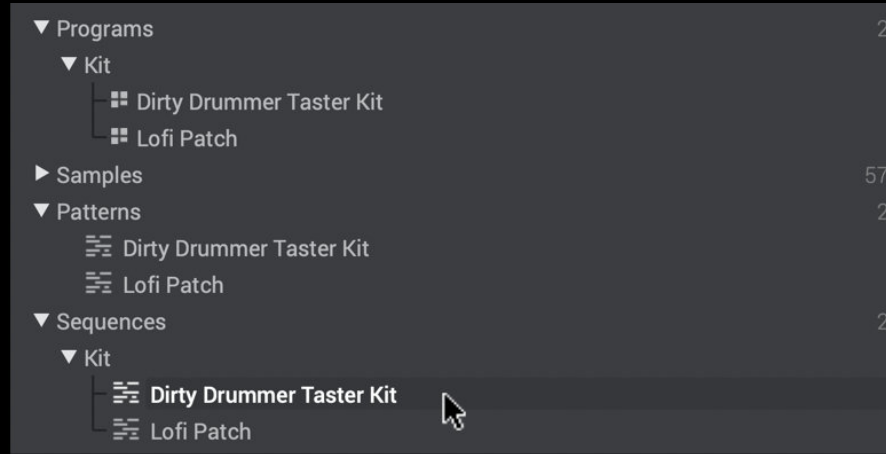


To load a kit, simply double-click the program or drag and drop it to a '**DRUM**' type track in your MPC sequence. The expansion also includes the MIDI pattern files - these can be found in the 'Patterns' group:



To load a pattern, simply drag it from the browser into the current sequence – this will import the MIDI pattern data into the next available blank track.

Finally we have also included the patterns as full 'demo sequences', found in the '**Sequences**' group.



To load the, simply double click the sequence file (don't drag it) and this will simultaneously load the associated drum kit and while creating a new sequence containing the demo MIDI data.

Further Resources

The '**Dirty Drummer Collection**' is a bundle containing all four volumes of Dirty Drummer, with a total of 67 multisampled drum kits & MIDI drum patterns included. Grab the discounted bundle here:

<https://www.mpc-samples.com/product.php/309/dirty-drummer-complete/>

To learn more about creating your own MPC programs, sequences, sounds and expansions, please refer to MPC-Tutor's range of **MPC tutorial** books at:

<https://www.mpc-samples.com/section.php/8/0/mpc-tutorials-courses/>

Dirty Drummer is one of our huge range of Expansions and samplepacks for all MPC models – check out our entire range here, with loads of kits, more Dirty Drummer kits, instruments, loops, breaks & much, much more:

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