

The electronic drum and the MIDI or USB connection

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Abstract: *Along with the synthesizers (digital pianos) frequently used to create studio music, the electronic drum was another revolutionary instrument. Even though its purpose is to imitate an acoustic drum, there are significant differences. The electronic drum particulars are its small size; the metallic frame which supports the stands to which the elements of the drum are attached; the material these are made of – silicon or rubber – which renders the sound extremely silent. The genuine sound of the instrument can only be rendered by adequate monitoring (headphones or monitors) and it requires a MIDI or USB connection to its module².*

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² It is only this very module of the drum that can be connected (via USB) to a computer or to an external soundboard