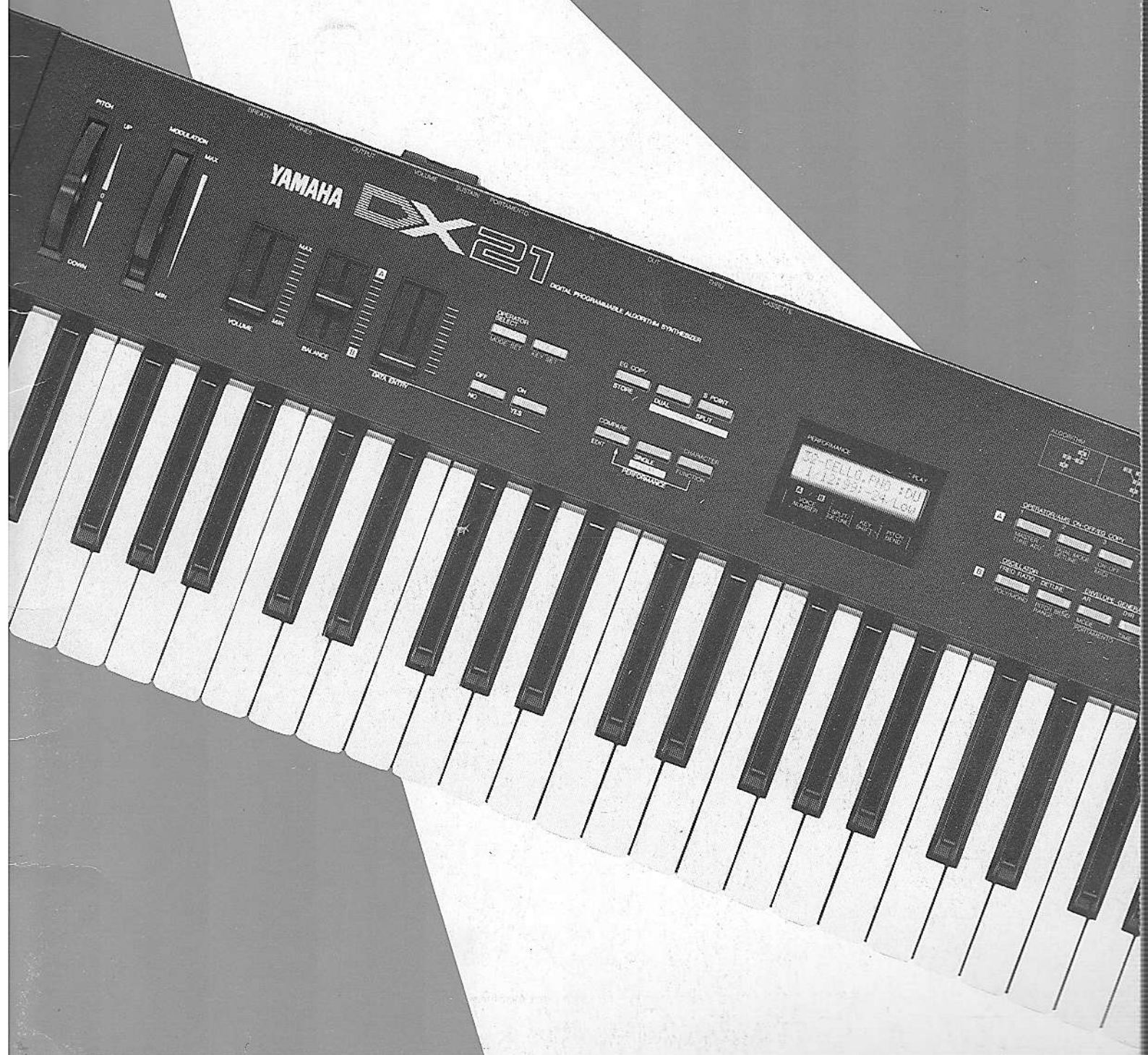


YAMAHA **DX21**

# PLAY BOOK

〈Manual〉



# ■ INTRODUCTION

Fig. 1-1 The Connection of the DX21

First of all, some basic techniques should be mastered to make the most of the DX21.

The DX21 uses a Frequency Modulation sound source just as the rest of the series of the DX synthesizers.

The DX21 has three Modes in order to make the best use of the FM sound source; **Single Mode**, **Dual Mode**, and **Split Mode**.

PLAY MODE	CHARACTERISTICS
Single Mode	The Mode to play with a single voice.
Dual Mode	The Mode to play with two different voices at the same time. Special effect can be gained by slightly changing the pitches of the two voices.
Split Mode	The Mode to use when you choose a certain point on the keyboard and select one voice for the higher part and another voice for the lower part. For example, you may select the bass voice for the lower part and the piano voice for the higher part.

The following controllers of the DX21 have very characteristic usages.

## PITCH BEND WHEEL

## MODULATION WHEEL

## FOOT CONTROLLER

## BREATH CONTROLLER

The DX21 also contains the **KEY SHIFT** function, which transpose pitch to a selected interval. In addition to these special functions, the DX21 is equipped with a "Performance Memory". This is used to store DATA in special voice and functions combinations.

So this manual and the cassette tape will show you the **BASIC TECHNIQUES** of the DX21. The following three points will be stressed so that you can learn to handle the DX21's functions.

- ① Basic operations of the DX21.
- ② How to use the "Performance Memory".
- ③ Creating sounds with the DX21.

In order to understand the DX21 fully, listen to the cassette and follow the charts and figures on the following pages.

The cassette tape explains the three points mentioned above. The cassette tape also contains voice data, which will be loaded into the memory of the DX21 with the use of a Data Recorder or an ordinary cassette tape recorder. The tape will indicate when this data should be loaded. Sometimes the loading methods and other operations are not mentioned on this manual and the tape, so please refer to the DX21 owner's manual for further information. It will be necessary to keep the DX21 owner's manual at hand while listening to the tape. Now, let's start!

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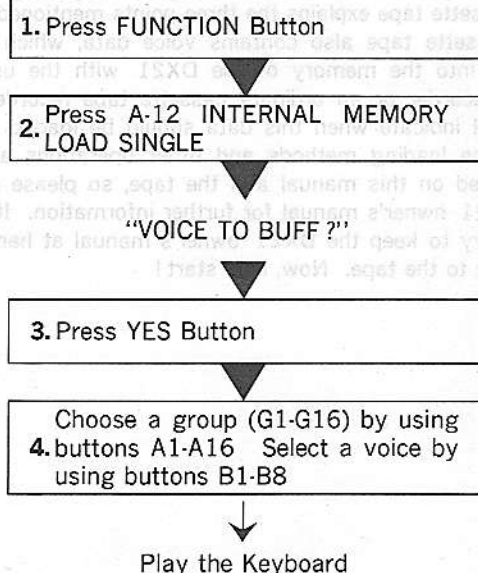
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# ■BASIC OPERATIONS

# HERE WE GO!

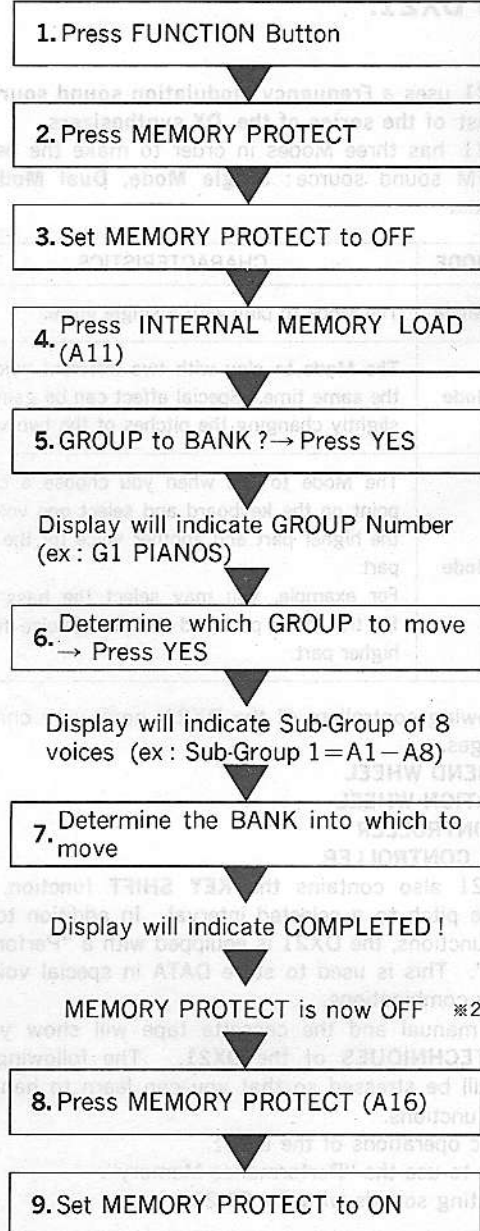
## ●How to recall the preset voices

First, connect the DX21 as indicated in Fig 1-1. Then follow the instructions shown below to listen to the preset voices.



\* GROUP is indicated by a "G" followed by group number in upper LCD. VOICE is indicated by number and name in lower LCD.

## ●How to transfer preset voices to the Panel



※ 1 See the DX21 owner's manual for a list of the group of preset voices.

※ 2 If it doesn't matter whether the voice already stored will be erased, keep the MEMORY PROTECT off from the beginning.



- How to recall the preset voices
- How to transfer preset voices to the Panel

Fig. 1-1 The Connection of the DX21

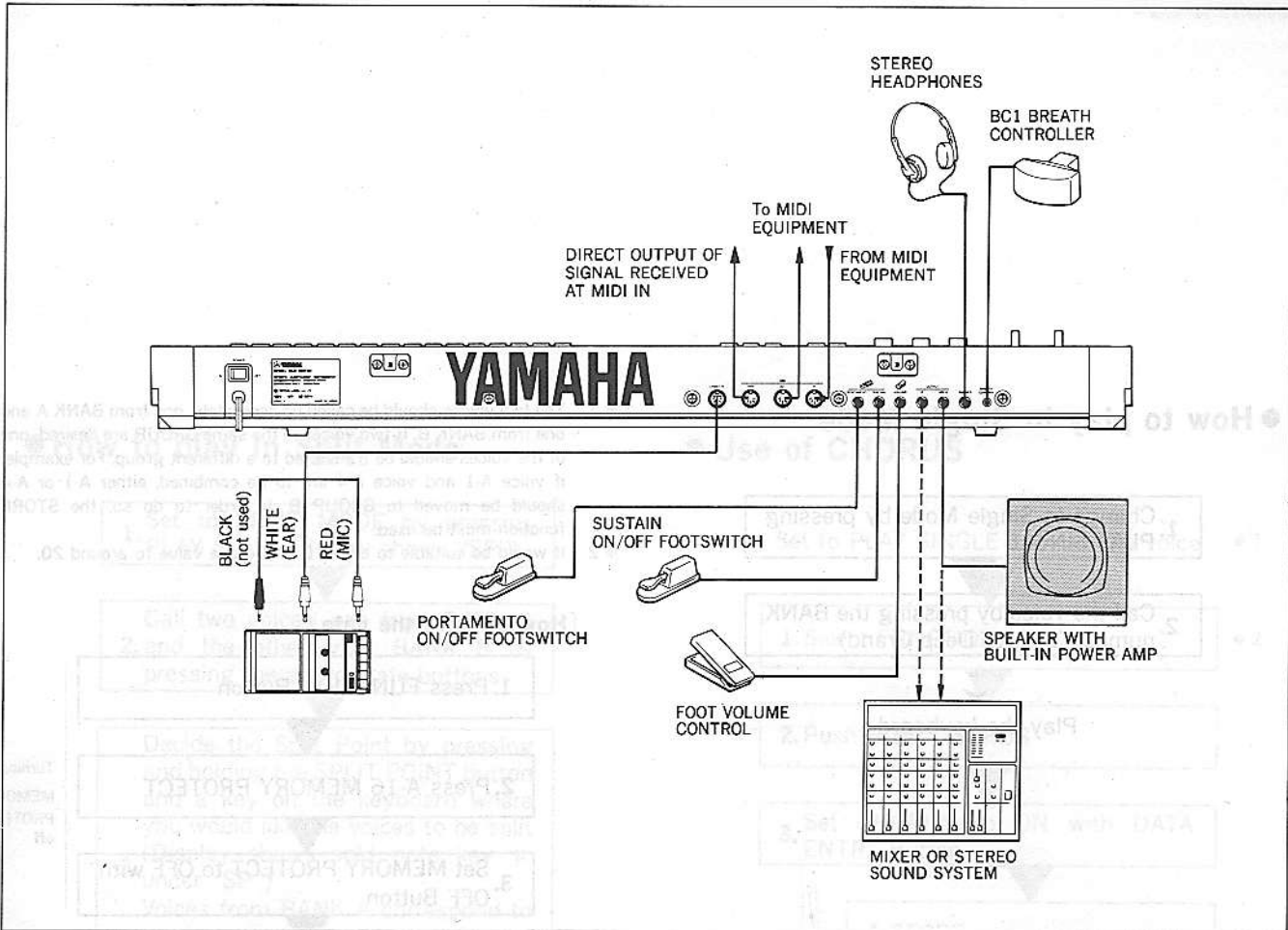
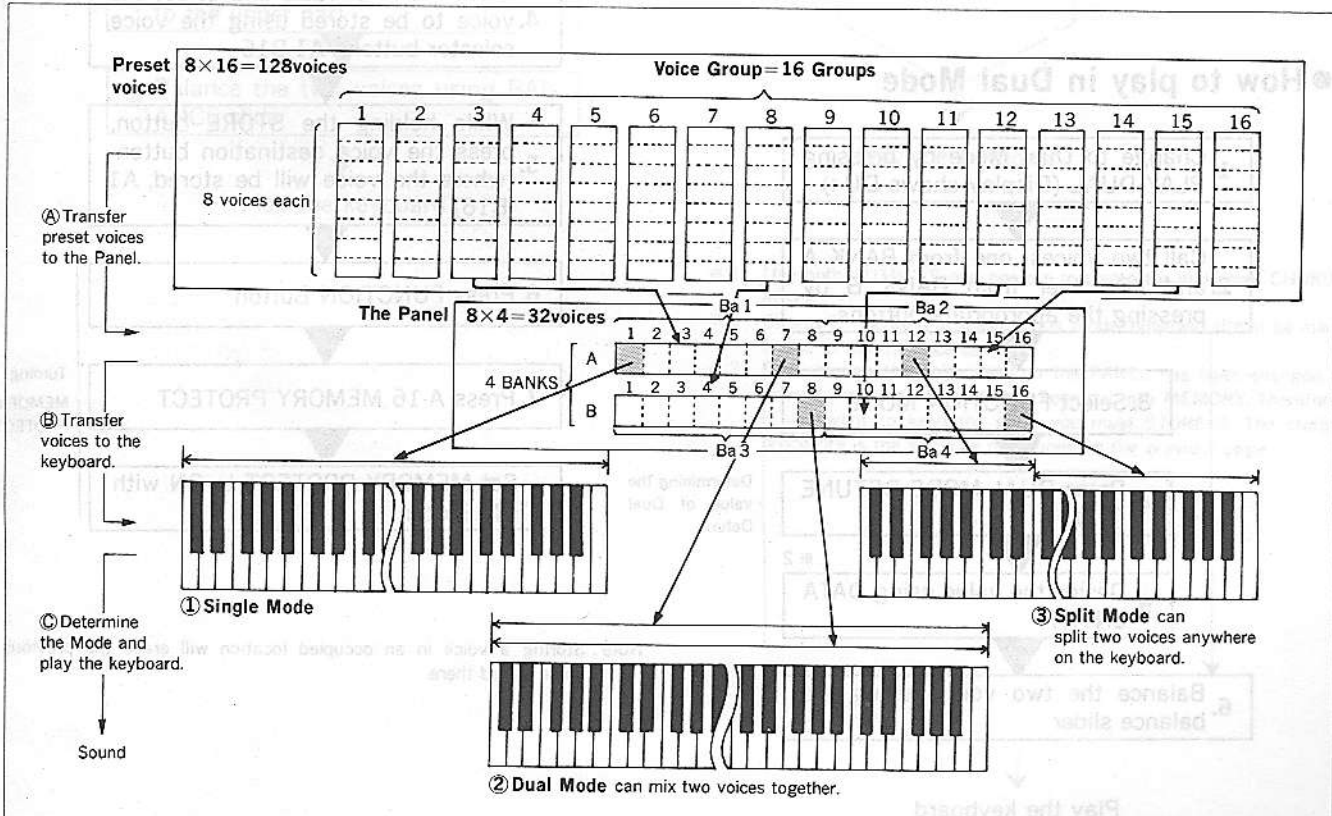
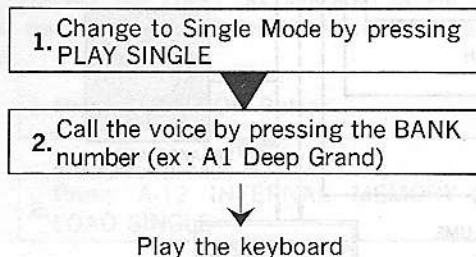


Fig. 1-2 Process of transferring voices as a group

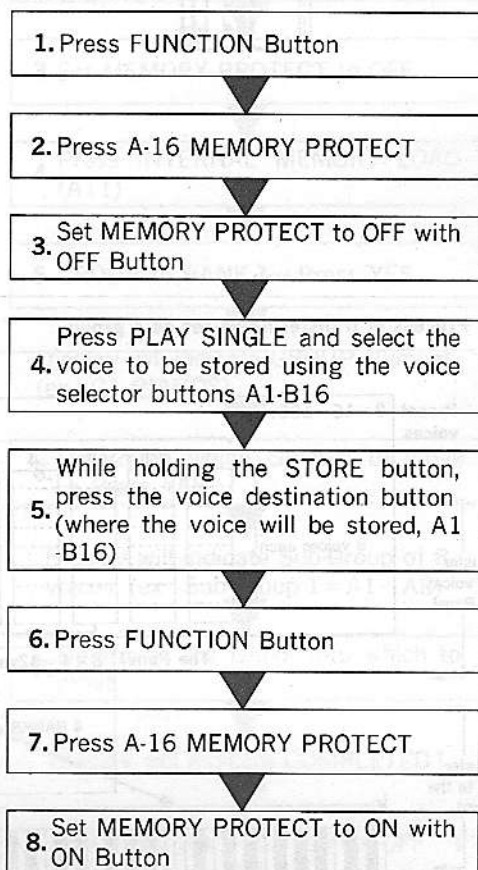


## ● How to play in Single Mode



- ※ 1 The two voices should be called up separately, one from BANK A and one from BANK B. If two voices in the same GROUP are desired, one of the voices should be transferred to a different group. For example, if voice A-1 and voice A-4 are to be combined, either A-1 or A-4 should be moved to GROUP B. In order to do so, the STORE function must be used.
- ※ 2 It would be suitable to adjust Dual Detune value to around 20.

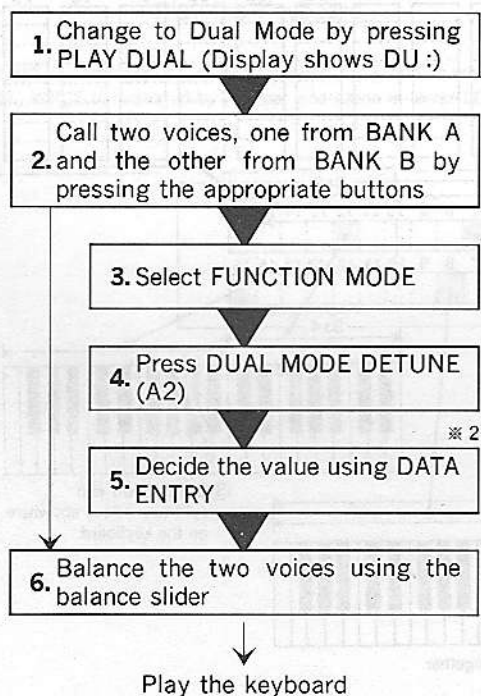
### [How to store the data]



Turning  
MEMORY  
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off

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on

## ● How to play in Dual Mode



※ 1

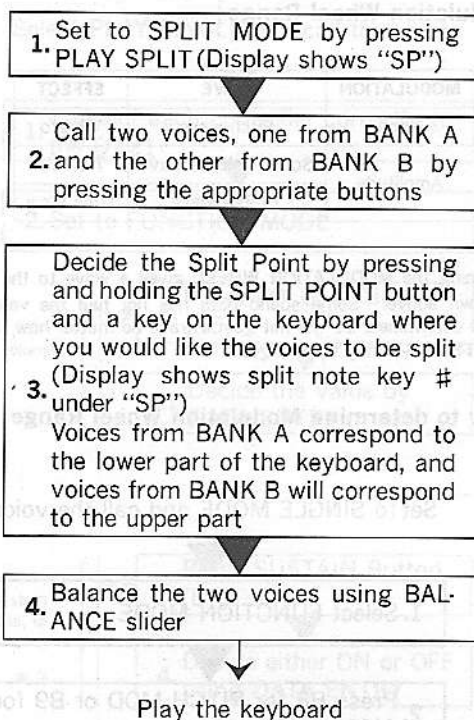
Determining the  
value of Dual  
Detune

※ 2

Note: Storing a voice in an occupied location will erase the previous voice stored there.

- How to play in Single Mode
- How to play in Dual Mode
- How to play in Split Mode
- Use of CHORUS

## ● How to play in Split Mode



## ● Use of CHORUS

Set to PLAY SINGLE and call the voice ※ 1

1. Select FUNCTION MODE ※ 2

2. Push B-14, CHORUS

3. Set CHORUS to ON with DATA ENTRY Button

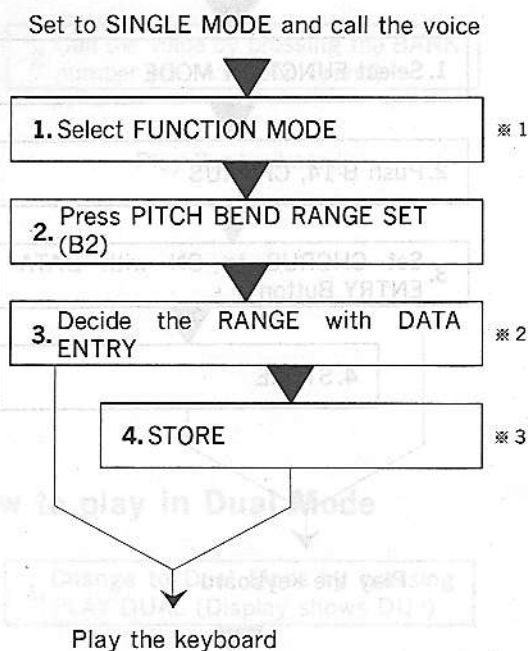
4. STORE ※ 3

Play the keyboard

- ※ 1 Use both OUTPUTS and operate in stereo for maximum CHORUS effect.
- ※ 2 Chorus is operated in the function mode, however, it can be memorized as one of voice data.
- ※ 3 Even though the voice data on the PANEL has been changed, it doesn't mean that the data has been put into MEMORY. Therefore, if you want to keep the data, you must STORE it. The storing procedure is the same as mentioned on the previous page.

## ● Use of Pitch Bend Wheel

[How to determine Pitch Bend Range]



- ※ 1 PITCH BEND RANGE is operated in the function mode, however, it can be memorized as one of voice data.
- ※ 2 PITCH BEND RANGE can be adjusted from a semitone to an octave.
- ※ 3 PITCH BEND RANGE, which is also one of the parameters of voice data, doesn't remain unless it is stored.

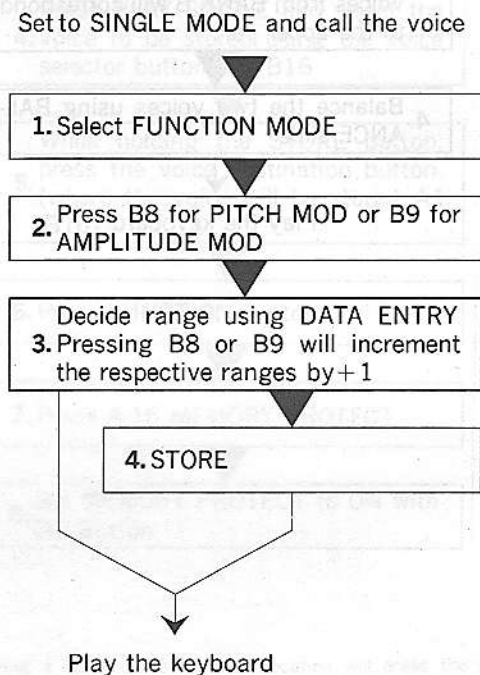
## ● Use of Modulation Wheel

[Modulation Wheel Range]

MODULATION	WAVE	EFFECT
Pitch	Pitch wave	Vibrato
Amplitude	Sound volume wave	Tremolo
	Timbre wave	Wow Wow

- ※ Turning the MODULATION WHEEL gives a wave to the voice as shown above. Some sound data has not had the value of the LFO determined, So will not gain a wave no matter how the Range of B-8 or B-9 may be changed.

[How to determine Modulation Wheel Range]

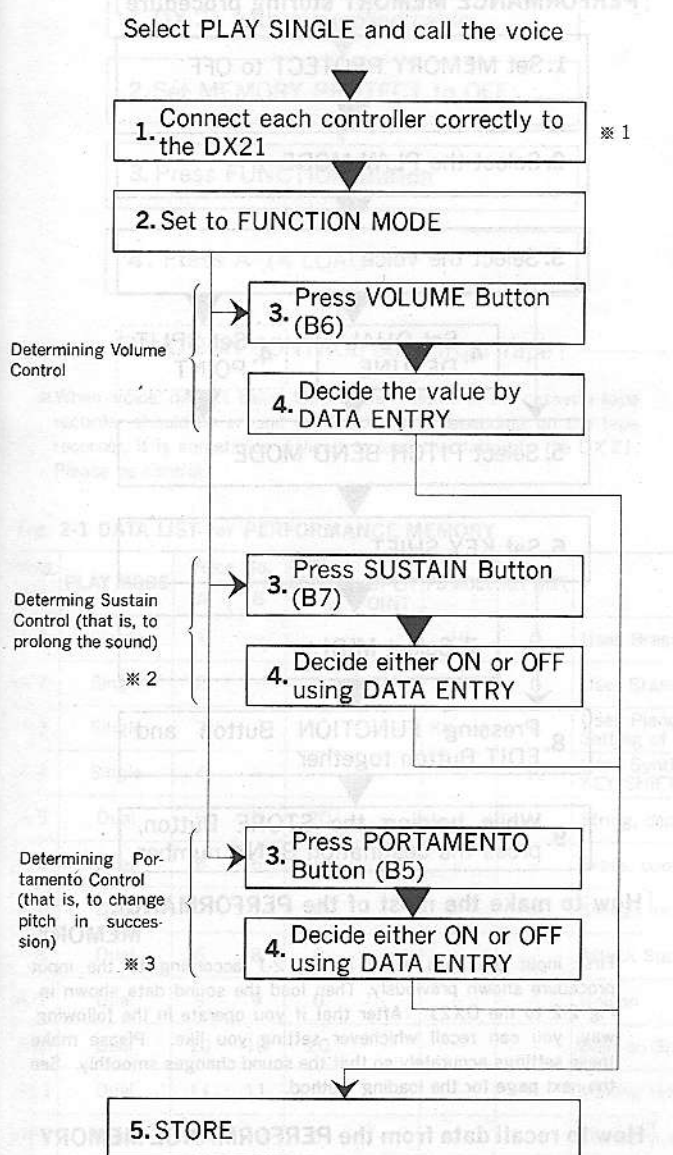


- \* MOD WHEEL range is accessed from the FUNCTION MODE. However, it can be stored as voice data.



- Use of Pitch Bend Wheel
- Use of Modulation Wheel
- Use of Foot Controller
- Using of Breath Controller

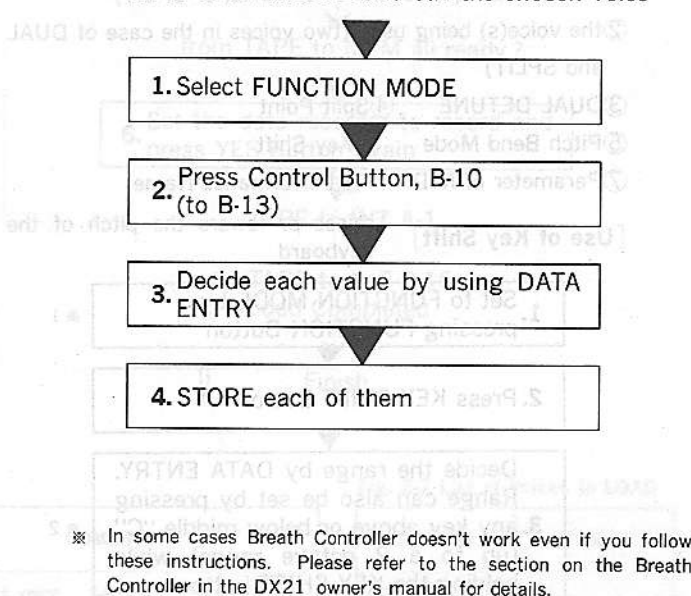
## ● Use of Foot Controller



- ※ 1 Though operated in FUNCTION MODE, all of these are voice data.
- ※ 2 Depending on the setting of the EG, there are some voices which cannot get a sustain effect with this operation only.
- ※ 3 There are some voices which do not have a portamento effect. In this case PORTAMENTO TIME must be set.

## ● Using of Breath Controller

Set to PLAY SINGLE and call the chosen voice





# ■ PERFORMANCE MEMORY

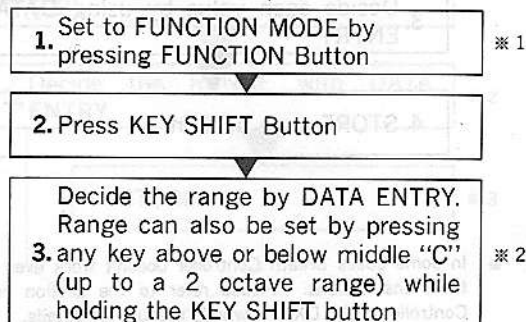
# LET'S PLAY & ENJOY!

## ● PERFORMANCE MEMORY

[List of items which can be memorized in  
PERFORMANCE MEMORY]

- ① PLAY MODE (either SINGLE, DUAL, or SPLIT)
- ② the voice(s) being used (two voices in the case of DUAL and SPLIT)
- ③ DUAL DETUNE      ④ Split Point
- ⑤ Pitch Bend Mode      ⑥ Key Shift
- ⑦ Parameter of MIDI      ⑧ Performance Name

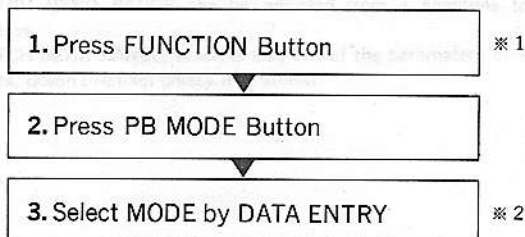
[Use of Key Shift] raises or lowers the pitch of the keyboard



※ 1 KEY SHIFT is performance data, but it is operated in the FUNCTION MODE.

※ 2 The range covers from 2 octaves up to 2 octaves down.

[Selecting of PITCH BEND MODE]



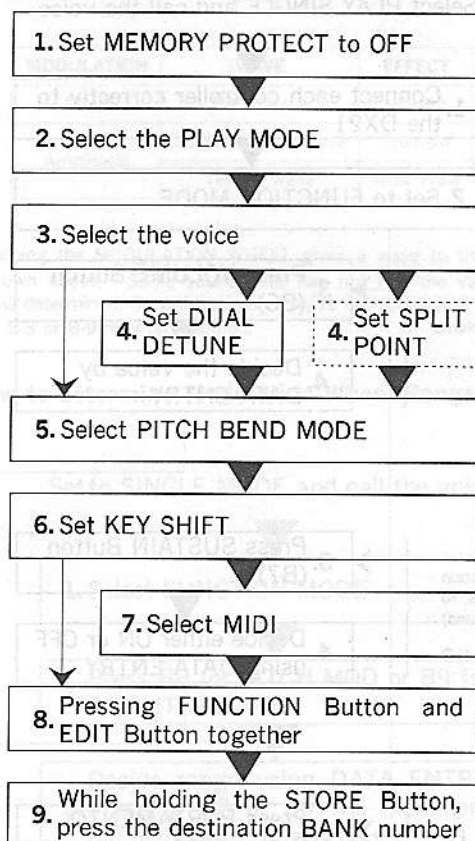
※ 1 PITCH BEND MODE is performance data, but it is operated in FUNCTION MODE.

※ 2 There are three types of PITCH BEND MODES.

Key on (Display shows "Kon")	
Hi	Has an effect on all the key(s) being pressed.
Low	Has an effect only on the highest of the keys being pressed.
	Has an effect only on the lowest of the keys being pressed.

## ● Use of PERFORMANCE MEMORY

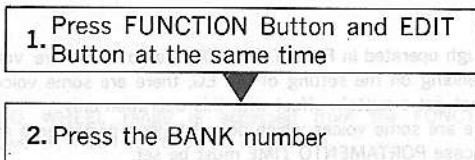
[PERFORMANCE MEMORY storing procedure]



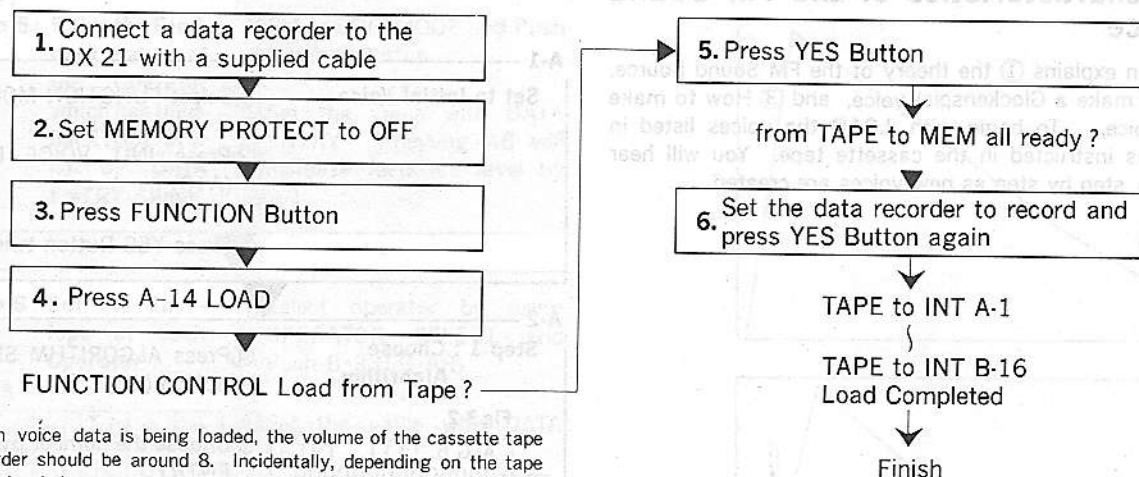
[How to make the most of the PERFORMANCE MEMORY]

First input the data listed in Fig 2-1 according to the input procedure shown previously. Then load the sound data shown in Fig 2-2 to the DX21. After that if you operate in the following way, you can recall whichever setting you like. Please make these settings accurately so that the sound changes smoothly. See the next page for the loading method.

[How to recall data from the PERFORMANCE MEMORY]



### [How to Load the voice data]



※When voice data is being loaded, the volume of the cassette tape recorder should be around 8. Incidentally, depending on the tape recorder, it is sometimes difficult to load the data into the DX 21. Please be careful.

Fig. 2-1 DATA LIST for PERFORMANCE MEMORY

P.M. No.	PLAY MODE	Voice No.		DUAL DETUNE	SPLIT POINT	PB MODE	KEY SHIFT	COMMENTS
		A	B					
A 1	Single	1	—	—	—	Hi	0	Uses Brass voice. Setting of PB MODE=Hi
A 2	Single	2	—	—	—	Low	0	Uses Brass voice. Setting of PB MODE=Low
A 3	Single	3	—	—	—	Key on	0	Uses Piano voice. Setting of PB MODE=KEY ON
A 4	Single	4	—	—	—	—	12	Uses Synthesizer voice. KEY SHIFT adjusted at 12
A 5	Dual	5	5	20	—	—	—	String, depth
A 6	Dual	6	6	20	—	—	—	Brass, depth, DETUNE
A 7	Dual	7	7	0	—	—	—	Strings, octave
A 8	Dual	8	8	0	—	—	—	Attack Sound plus timbre
A 9	Dual	9	9	0	—	—	—	Unison
A10	Dual	10	10	20	—	—	—	Built on 3rd and 5th interval
A11	Dual	11	11	0	—	—	—	Making timbre (using 2 algorithms)
A12	Dual	12	12	0	—	—	—	Stereo, in a slightly different timbre
A13	Split	13	13	—	68	—	—	Timpani roll sound
A14	Split	14	14	—	68	—	—	play with both hand at the same time
A15	Split	15	15	—	68	—	—	play one voice with right hand and another with left hand (Bass, Piano)
A16	Split	16	16	—	68	—	—	play one voice with right hand and another with left hand (Piano, Brass)

Fig. 2-2 List of Voices to LOAD

A Voices		B Voices	
A 1	BRASS 1	B 1	—
2	BRASS 2	2	—
3	PIANO 1	3	—
4	SYN LEAD	4	—
5	STRINGS 1A	5	STRINGS 1B
6	BRASS 1A	6	BRASS 1B
7	STRINGS 2A	7	STRINGS 2B
8	ATTACK	8	VOICE 1 ※
9	UNISON A	9	UNISON B
10	HARMONY A	10	HARMONY B
11	VOICE 2 ※	11	VOICE 3 ※
12	STEREO A	12	STEREO B
13	TIMPANI A	13	TIMPANI B
14	VOICE 4 ※	14	VOICE 5 ※
15	BASS 1	15	PIANO 2
16	PIANO 3	16	BRASS 3

※VOICE 1—5 mean sample voices.

# ■ Examples of Creating Voices-EDIT MODE

# LET'S EDIT!

## ● The characteristics of the FM Sound Source

This section explains ① the theory of the FM Sound Source, ② How to make a Glockenspiel voice, and ③ How to make a Brass voice. To begin with, LOAD the voices listed in Fig. 3-1, as instructed in the cassette tape. You will hear each voice step by step as new voices are created.

Fig. 3-1 List of Voices to LOAD

No.	Voice	No.	Voice
A 1	INIT VOICE	B 1	BR STEP 1
2	FM STEP 1	2	BR STEP 2
3	FM STEP 2	3	BR STEP 3
4	FM STEP 3	4	BR STEP 4
5	FM STEP 4	5	BR STEP 5
6	FM STEP 5	6	BR STEP 6
7	FM STEP 6	7	BR STEP 7
8	BRASS CLA	8	BR STEP 8
9	GLOC STEP 1	9	BR STEP 9
10	GLOC STEP 2	10	BR STEP 10
11	GLOC STEP 3	11	BR STEP 11
12	GLOC STEP 4	12	BR STEP 12
13	GLOC STEP 5	13	BR STEP 13
14	GLOC STEP 6	14	BR STEP 14
15	GLOC STEP 7	15	BR STEP 15
16	GLOCKEN	16	BRASS

A-1

Set to Initial Voice

- ① Select FUNCTION MODE
- ↓
- ② Press INIT VOICE Button (A10)
- ↓
- ③ Press YES Button twice

A-2

Step 1 : Choose Algorithm

Fig3-2

ALG 5 1111  
0000000000000000

This will be changed according to the setting when the power is turned off.

- ④ Press ALGORITHM SELECT Button (A5)
- ↓
- ⑤ Choose the number by DATA ENTRY  
Pressing A5 will advance algorithm by +1

A-3

Step 2 : Set the Output of each Operator

- ⑥ Press OPERATOR OUTPUT LEVEL (B8)
- ↓
- ⑦ Choose the OPERATOR using OPERATOR SELECT and Set the OUTPUT LEVEL by DATA ENTRY Pressing B8 will increase output by +1

A-4

Step 3 : Set the FREQ. RATIO of each Operator

- ⑧ Push B-1 FREQ. RATIO
- ↓
- ⑨ Choose the Operator using OPERATOR SELECT and set the OUTPUT LEVEL by DATA ENTRY Pressing B1 will increase ratio

A-5

Step 4 : Adjust the OUTPUT LEVEL of each Operator again



Fig. 3-6 Voice DATA List of BRASS CLX

A-6

**Step 5 : Raise the Feedback value of the Operator which has feedback (Operator 4) by DATA ENTRY Slider**

- ⑩ Set to EDIT MODE and Push the A-6 Button
- ⑪ Set the value with DATA ENTRY Pressing A6 will increase feedback level by +1

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**Step 6 : Set the Envelope of each Operator**

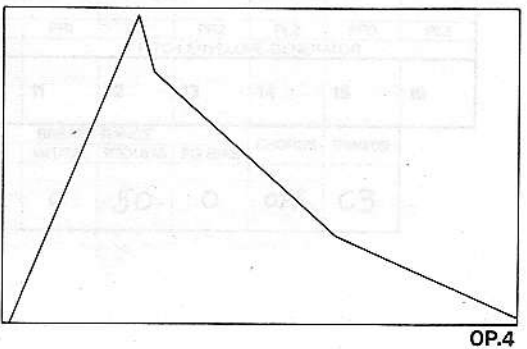
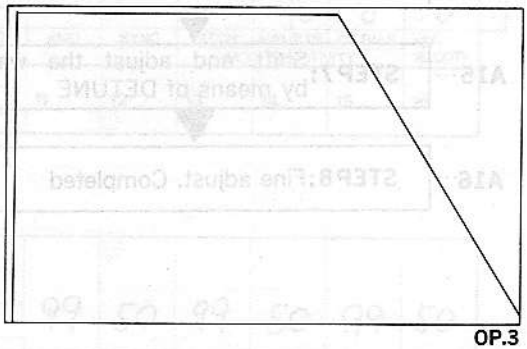
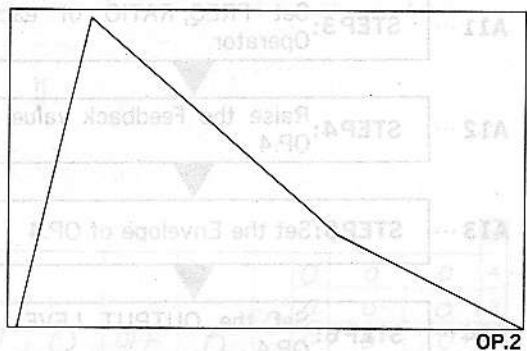
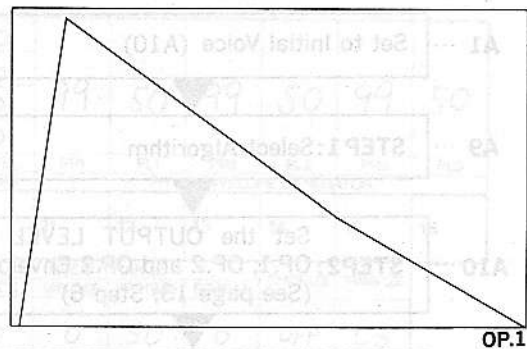
Fig. 3-3

4	14	21	14	9	7
3	31	31	15	0	7
2	17	31	15	10	9
1	20	31	15	6	8
OP.	AR	D1R	D1L	D2R	RR
ENVELOPE GENERATOR					

**AR :** the speed of the sound from when keyboard is pressed until volume reaches maximum.  
**D1R :** the speed of the sound from the maximum volume until the volume reaches the value of D1L.  
**D1L :** After the volume reaches maximum value, it will resolve to the level which is determine here, by D1L.  
**D2R :** If you want to make a big difference between D1L volume and the volume when you remove your hand from keyboard, you must put a large value here.  
**RR :** To add sustain after you remove your hand from keyboard.

- ⑫ Select operator by using OPERATOR SELECT and Push B-3 (EG-AR)
- ⑬ Set the value with DATA ENTRY
- ⑭ Push B-5 (EG-D1L)
- ⑮ Set the value with DATA ENTRY
- ⑯ Push B-4 (EG-D1R)
- ⑰ Set the value with DATA ENTRY
- ⑱ Push B-6 (EG-D2R)
- ⑲ Set the value with DATA ENTRY
- ⑳ Push B-7 (EG-RR)
- ㉑ Set the value with DATA ENTRY

Envelope of each Operator



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**Step 7 : Adjust the OUTPUT LEVEL of each Operator**

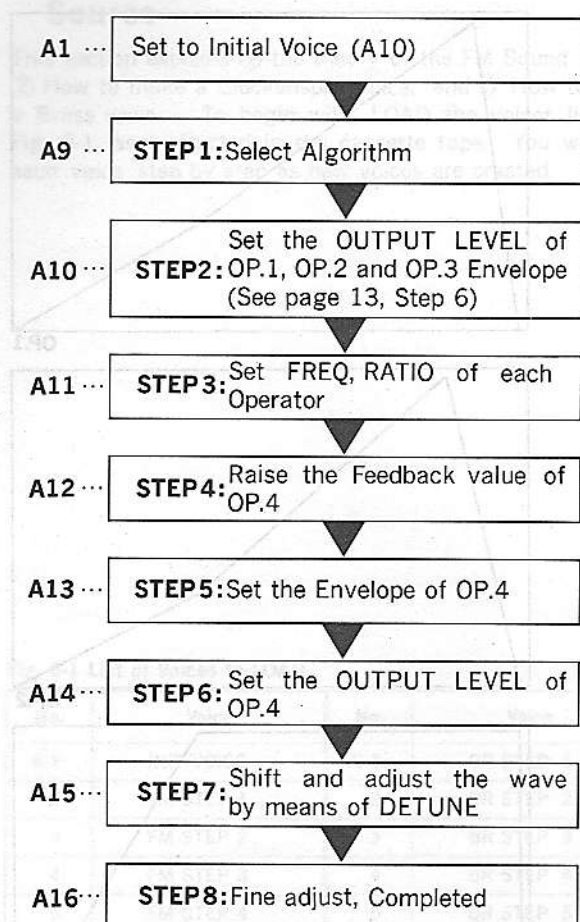
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- ㉒ Press OPERATOR OUTPUT LEVEL
- ㉓ Choose Operator using OPERATOR SELECT and set the OUTPUT LEVEL by DATA ENTRY



## LET'S EDIT!

### ● How to make Glockenspiel Voice



Select No.6

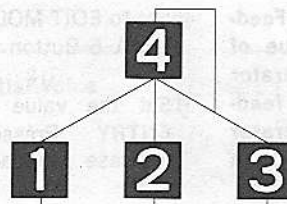


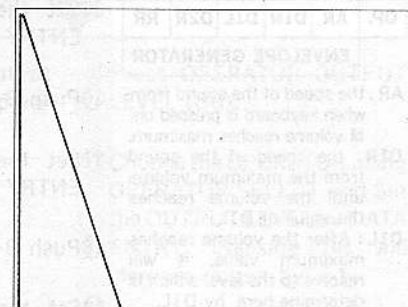
Fig. 3-4

4	0
3	99
2	99
1	99
OP.	OUTPUT LEVEL

Fig. 3-5 FREQ. RATIO

2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00
OP.1	OP.2	OP.3	OP.4

Set at 7



**Operator:** the basis of the voice which produces sine wave. The DX21 has 4 operators.

**Algorithm:** the combination of operators.

**Carrier:** the lowest operator(s) in Algorithm.

**Modulator:** operator(s) in the Algorithm besides the Carrier(s).

**FREQ. RATIO:** it determine the pitch of the sound.

**OUTPUT LEVEL:** determines the volume of each operator.

Fig. 3-6 Voice DATA List of BRASS CLA.

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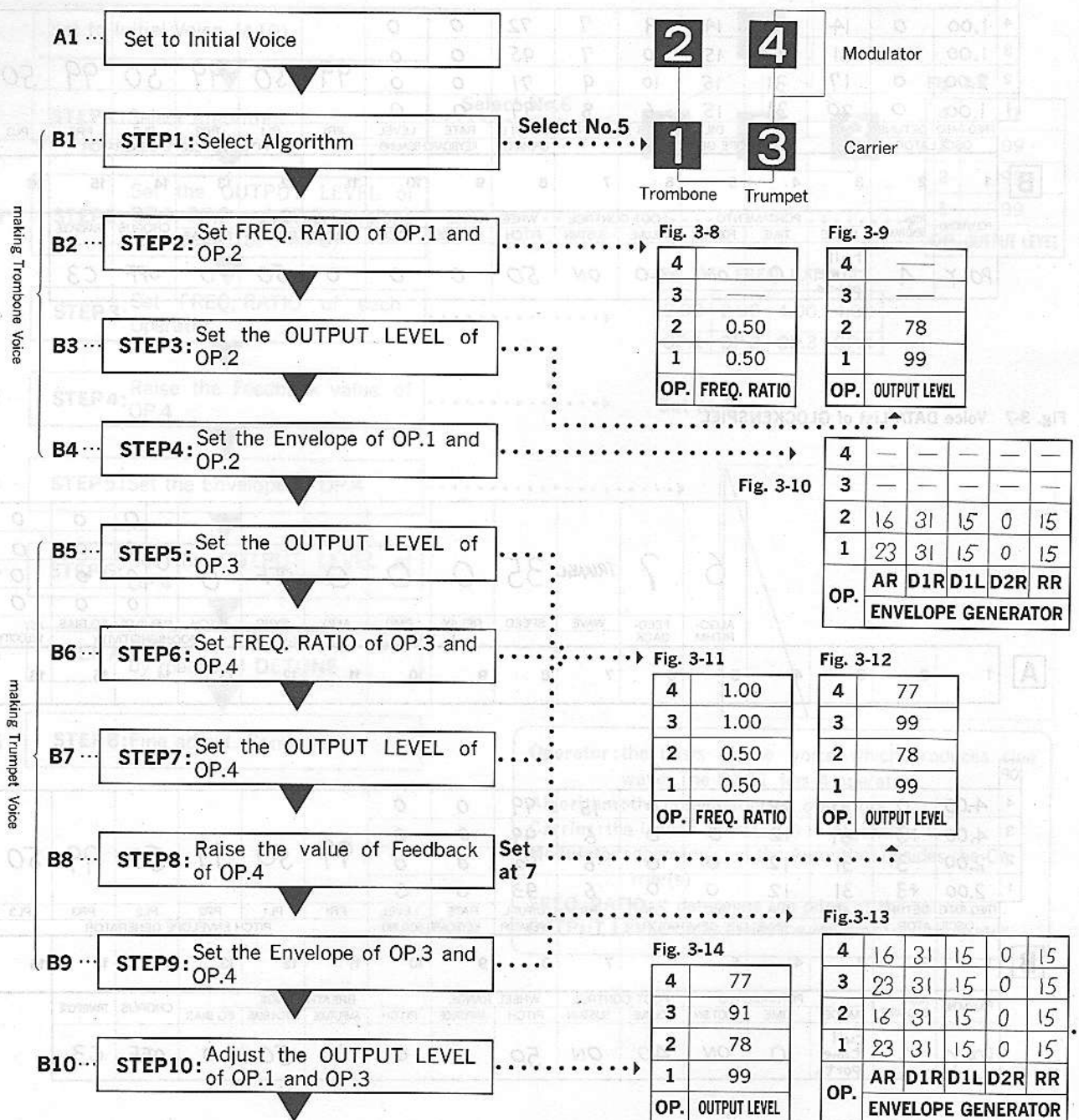
**Fig. 3-7 Voice DATA List of GLOCKENSPIEL**

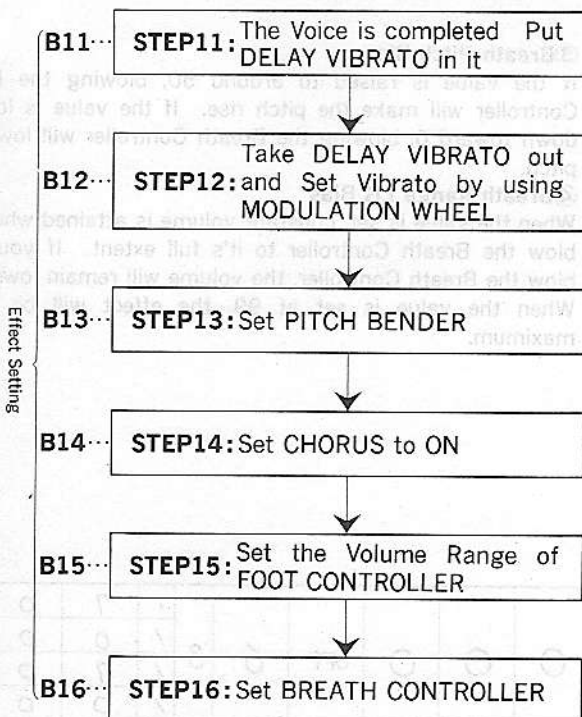
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																0	0	0	3
																0	0	0	2
																0	0	0	1
ALGO-RITHM	FEED-BACK	WAVE	SPEED	DELAY	PMD	AMD	SYNC	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	EG BIAS	KEY-VELOCITY								
L F O																MOD. SENSITIVITY			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				

OP																
4	4.00	0	31	28	0	0	15	99	0	0	99	50	99	50	99	50
3	4.00	+3	31	12	0	0	6	99	0	0						
2	2.00	-3	31	12	0	0	6	92	0	0						
1	2.00	+3	31	12	0	0	6	93	0	0						
	FREQ. RATIO	DETUNE	AR	D1R	D1L	D2R	RR	OUTPUT L	RATE	LEVEL	PR1	PL1	PR2	PL2	PR3	PL3
OSCILLATOR			ENVELOPE GENERATOR				OPERATOR		KEYBOARD SCALING		PITCH ENVELOPE GENERATOR					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
POLY/MONO	RITCH-BEND RANGE	PORTAMENTO		FOOT CONTROL		WHEEL RANGE		BREATH RANGE		CHORUS	TRANPOSE					
		MODE	TIME	FOOT SW.	VOLUME	SUSTAIN	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	PITCH BIAS	EG BIAS				
POLY	4	Full time porta	0	ON	40	ON	50	0	0	0	50	0	OFF	C3		

## ● How to make BRASS Voice





[EG COPY / Envelope Generator Copy]

When you want to produce the same kind of voices for both groups, or when you intend to set the same Envelope both for CARRIER and for MODULATOR, there is a Simple process. It is possible to COPY all five Parameters that determine the Envelope from one Operator to another in the following way.

1. Select EDIT MODE

2. Call the Parameter of which OPERATOR SELECT is possible

3. Call the Operator which you want to COPY by using OPERATOR SELECT

Hold STORE Button and press the 4. number of the Operator to which you want to COPY

Completed

※The Buttons for the Operators are as follows

Operator	1	2	3	4
Button	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4

Fig. 3-15 Voice DATA LIST of BRASS

LFO	WAVE	TRIANGL				
	SPEED	32				
	DELAY	32				
	PMD	21				
	AMD	0				
	SYNC	OFF				
MOD. SENSI- TIVITY	PITCH	6				
	AMPLITUDE	0				
		0	0	0	0	
		EG BIAS	0	0	0	0
		1	2	3	4	OP



# [Parameter of the BREATH CONTROLLER]

## ①Breath Range Pitch

The value of the LFO pitch determines the depth and speed of vibrato. The higher the value, the deeper the vibrato. Once the value is determined, vibrato can be added by blowing into the Breath Controller.

## ②Breath Range Amplitude

The value of the LFO amplitude determines the depth and speed of tremolo and wow wow. If the LFO affects a carrier, tremolo will result. If the LFO affects a modulator, wow wow will result. The higher the value, the deeper the effect. Once the value is determined, wow wow and tremolo can be added by blowing into the Breath Controller.

## ③Breath Pitch Bias

If the value is raised to around 50, blowing the Breath Controller will make the pitch rise. If the value is lowered down toward 0, blowing the Breath Controller will lower the pitch.

## ④Breath Range EG Bias

When the value is set, constant volume is attained when you blow the Breath Controller to it's full extent. If you don't blow the Breath Controller, the volume will remain lower. When the value is set at 99, the effect will be at its maximum.

Fig. 3-16 Voice DATA List of Brass

A

5	7	TRIANG	33	0	0	0	OFF	6	3	/	7	0	/	0	0	/	7	0	/	0	0
ALGO-RITHM	FEED-BACK	WAVE	SPEED	DELAY	PMD	AMD	SYNC	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	EG BIAS	KEY-VELOCITY										
				L F O				MOD. SENSITIVITY													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16						

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4	1.00	0	16	31	15	0	15	77	0	0						
3	1.00	0	23	31	15	0	15	91	0	0						
2	0.50	0	16	31	15	0	15	78	0	0	99	50	99	50	99	50
1	0.50	0	23	31	15	0	15	99	0	0						
FREQ. RATIO	DETUNE	AR	D1R	D1L	D2R	RR	OUTPUT L	RATE	LEVEL	PR1	PL1	PR2	PL2	PR3	PL3	
OSCILLATOR			ENVELOPE GENERATOR				OPERATOR		KEYBOARD SCALING			PITCH ENVELOPE GENERATOR				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
POLY/MONO	PITCH-BEND RANGE	MODE	PORTAMENTO		FOOT CONTROL		WHEEL RANGE		BREATH RANGE				CHORUS	TRANPOSE	
			TIME	FOOT SW.	VOLUME	SUSTAIN	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	PITCH	AMPLITUDE	PITCH BIAS	EG BIAS			
POLY	7	Full time porta	0	ON	70	ON	99	0	0	0	50	75	ON	C3	

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