KORG PA2X / Pa800

Protected PCM USB Memory Sticks

With KORG Pa2X and Pa800, protected PCM samples can be distributed on special USB memory sticks. These special devices can be created by sound developers, with a little help from Korg. Thanks to the inexpensive support, this allows for even the smaller firms to create their own sound add-ons for the Pa2X and Pa800.

Here is how to use your newly purchased PCM USB Memory Stick.

- The USB Memory Stick contains a .SET folder containing protected PCM samples. Immediately make a backup of the USB Memory Stick on your PC's, Pa2X's or Pa800's internal hard disk, a CD, or any other device. This will be useful in case you damage the original .SET folder.
- If you have the HD installed we suggest you use the protected PCM samples from the internal hard disk, so copy the .SET folder there. Please remember you need the USB Memory Stick as a protection key, so don't forget it home when leaving for a tour!
- When you want to use protected PCM samples, insert the original USB Memory Stick into one of the USB Host ports of your Pa2X or Pa800. You can later remove the USB Memory Stick, since protection is only read once, and stays in memory until you turn the instrument off. If turning the instrument on again, you must insert the USB Memory Stick again before loading back the protected PCM samples.
- In case the PCM Autoload option is turned on, and protected PCM samples should be automatically loaded when the instrument is turned on, please insert the original USB Memory Stick into one of the USB Host ports of your Pa2X or Pa800 before turning the instrument on.
- Please keep in mind that loading protected PCM samples is a bit slower than loading ordinary PCM samples, due to the time needed for decrypting data.
- You can mix ordinary and protected PCM samples. For example, you can build multisamples or drum kits making use of both internal PCM samples, and protected PCM samples originated from one or more USB Memory Sticks.
- Protected PCM samples cannot be exported. When exporting mixed data, a message warns you that protected samples will not be exported.
- While in Sampling mode, protected PCM samples are shown in grey, and cannot be selected for editing. Waveforms cannot be seen.
- While in Sampling mode, you can delete protected PCM samples, to make space for other samples. In case you want to save the resulting .SET folder over the original .SET folder, be sure you have a backup copy of your original protected PCM samples.
- Protected PCM samples can be managed as any other PCM data; only, be sure to keep the original USB Memory Stick safe, since it also works as a protection key.

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