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Question How do I tell what version my Karma is?

Answer Watch the display as you turn it on. The software release number is displayed under "KARMA Music Workstation" at the bottom of the screen, next to KORG.

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Question My Karma freezes on start up what can i do?

Answer You may have attempted to load corrupted .PCG data, or some other similar problem. In any event, you can solve this problem by resetting your Karma: Turn off your Karma. Reset Internal Memory by holding both the [MENU] and [9] keys down, while turning the Power On. You will see "Now writing Into Internal Memory". Then you can release the keys. Note: THIS ERASES ALL INTERNAL DATA. Reload Preload .PCG from the Preload floppy disk that are included with KARMA, or reload your own data from your backup floppies.

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Question When I plug any of my standard sustain pedals in, nothing happens. Why?

Answer Obvious comment but please make sure you are you plugging it into the jack socket labeled "Damper", and not "Foot Switch"? Any standard momentary type foot switch will work. The only thing is that some foot switches have the polarity reversed. If you get sustain when you let off, and no sustain when you press down, it's backwards. You can switch this in: (6.1-1) Global -[Menu]-[Ctrl]-[Foot]->Damper Polarity

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Question How do I set the KARMA Knobs and Switches to generate MIDI events, so I can record them into my (external) sequencer?

Answer You can set all the knobs to generate MIDI CCs in the Global Mode: go to Global)then press [Menu]then [Ctrl] then [KARM1/2].

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Question I get "Sequencer Out Of Memory" messages when recording with the KARMA Function.

Answer The sequencer has a capacity of 200,000 events. When you enable multi-track record, the available memory is divided by the number of enabled tracks, and then by 2 (to allow for the compare function). In other words, a memory buffer is provided for each enabled track. If any track exceeds this buffer while recording, you get the out-of-memory situation.

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Question I downloaded the new Karma OS and put it on my Mac formatted floppies. I loaded it into my Karma. But the Karma doesn't read the disks!

Answer The Karma reads DOS (PC) formatted floppies. Use the Karma to format the disks first, then put them back into the Floppy Drive and transfer the files. (The Mac will read DOS formatted floppies). It's true that you can also format DOS floppies in the Mac, but in our experience, DOS formatted disks done by the Mac are sometimes difficult to read. Your safest bet is to format them in the keyboard itself.

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Question How do I load the Expansion Board Programs without overwriting my Karma data?

Answer You may have loaded ALL of the data (which is meant for a Triton) and

overwrote all your Karma Programs/Combis. What you want to do is just load 1 Bank (C or D, it doesn't matter, they're both the same on the EXB 001-005 disks).

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Question I bought EXB PCM03 – Future Loop Construction. Where are all the Drum Patterns and Loops?

Answer This board uses the RPPR function to create all the Drum Patterns. What you need to do is load the song file from the disk (Future Loops disk) that matches the bank that you loaded the loops into. Go into sequencer mode, enable RPPR and choose one of the 16 or 17 songs. The loops and hits are mapped across the keyboard.

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Question Is it possible in sequencer mode to assign more than one Insert Effect to a track?

Answer Yes, you can assign all 5 IFX (Insert Effects) to the same track/timbre if you want to. The way you do this is to assign the Bus Select to the first Insert Effect you want to use, and then "chain" its output into the next IFX. You do this on (7.2-1) [Menu]-[IFX]-[Setup]. The little "arrow" box routes each Insert Effect either into the next Insert Effect, or into the Master Effects.

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Question If I edit a G Bank Program, can I save it?

Answer Once you have edited the GM sound, you won't be able to save it in the same location, as this is a ROM (Read Only Memory) bank. You can save it in any other RAM (Random Access Memory) bank i.e. C or D like any other Program and use it from there. You will however write over the sound that is currently there.

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Question Can I load EXB data from disk for Expansion Boards that I do not have installed?

Answer If you load data, but do not have the board itself installed, the Programs can be selected and played, but they won't sound as intended. The Combi data will use Programs from the preloaded banks, and also many programs from the new bank. If the board isn't installed, many Combis will have timbres that sound wrong. So yes, it's technically possible you could load EXB data for which you do not have the expansion board however we would advise against this.