Edit Menu

The Edit Menu contains four layers of preset parameters that you can modify and then save as preset information in one of the user preset locations.

There are four instrument layers in the Edit menu. See the illustration on page 85 for a description of the Preset Layer model.

While the Edit menu is activated, all incoming MIDI preset changes on the selected channel are ignored.

▶ To Access the Edit Menu

Press the Edit button, lighting the LED. The Edit Menu screen displays the menu page most recently selected since powering up Proteus 2000. The cursor appears below the first character of the screen heading on line one.

▶ To Scroll through Layers

Place the cursor below the layer field. Rotate the Data Entry Control to select a layer (1-4).

If there is no "A" option in the Layer field, you must enable the "Edit All Layers" function in the Master Menu.

You can also select **All Layers** by choosing "A" in the layer field. When All Layers is selected, the existing parameter value for any field will be displayed if the values of all four layers are equal. If the values of all four layers are NOT equal, the value of layer 1 will be displayed with flashing characters. If you change the parameter value, all layers will assume the new value and the display will stop flashing.

▶ To Scroll through Pages

Place the cursor below the page title field. This will automatically be done when you press the Home/Enter button. Rotate the Data Entry Control to scroll through the pages.

▶ To Change a Parameter

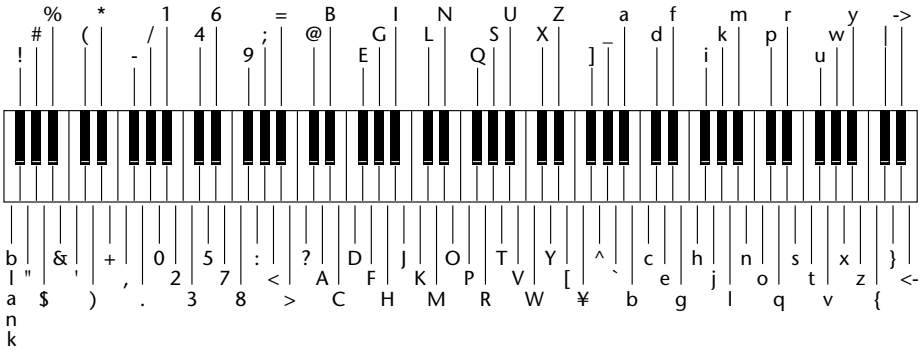
Place the cursor below the parameter field. Rotate the Data Entry Control to change the parameter value.

Preset Name

The Preset names consists of two parts: a 3 letter preset category and a 12 letter preset name. Position the cursor under the character location and use the data entry control to change the character.

The preset category is used in conjunction with the Sound Navigator feature. Using the Sound Navigator, a category is selected and the presets in that category are listed in alphabetical order. Creating categories makes it easier to find specific sounds when you need them. For more information on Sound Navigator, see Sound Navigator in Chapter 2: Operations.

The keyboard can also be used to select character. The charts below show the keyboard character assignments.



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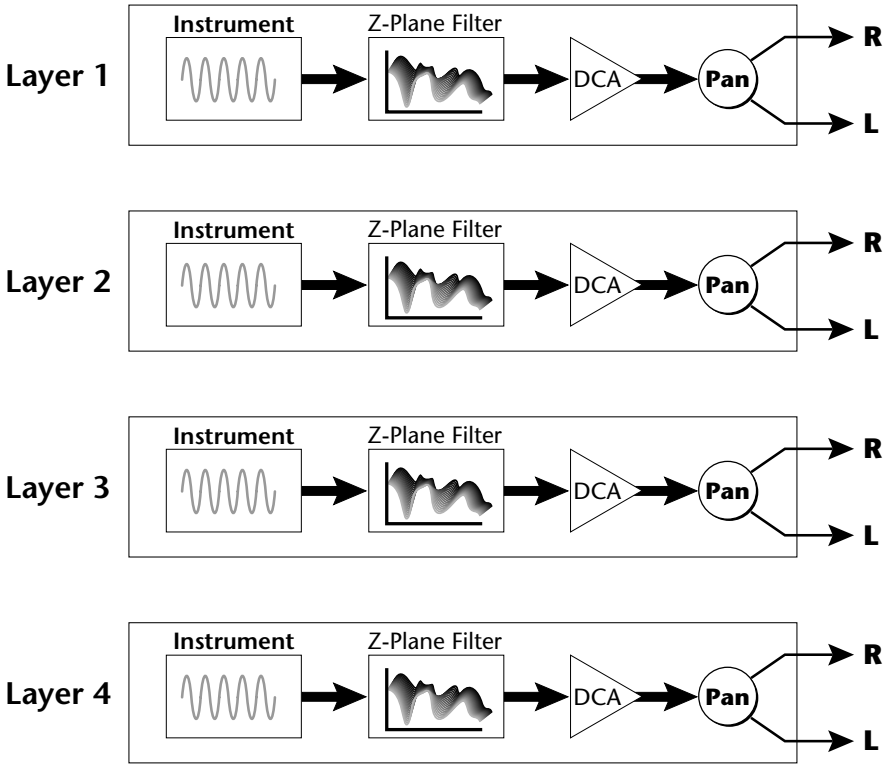
Pitch

Octave

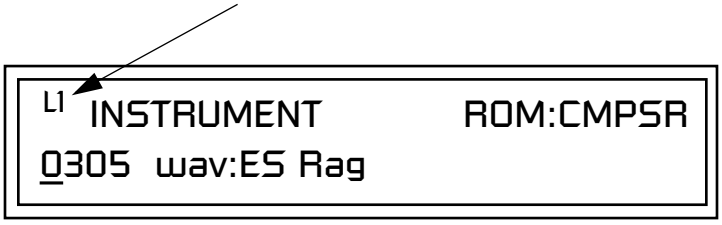
Four Layer Architecture

Proteus 2000 provides a 4 layer instrument structure. Each layer is a complete synthesizer voice with 17 filter types, over 64 modulation sources, more than 64 modulation destinations and 24 patchcords to connect everything together. In addition, the four layers can be crossfaded or switched by key position, velocity or any real-time modulation source.



Selecting Layers

In most of the Edit screens, the selected layer is shown in the upper left corner of the display. Layers 1-4 or All can be selected by positioning the cursor on this field and using the Data Entry Control to change the layer. In the screen shown below, Layer 1 is selected.



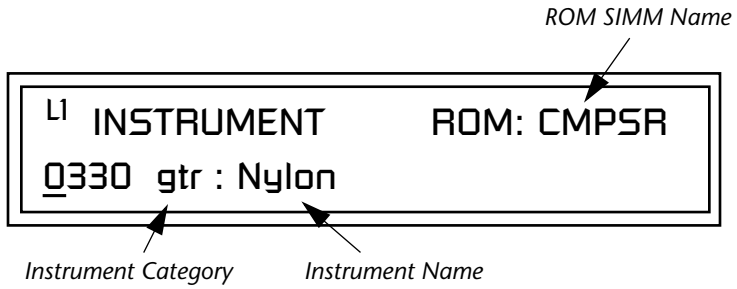
When "All Layers" (A) is selected, the existing parameter value for any field will be displayed if all layers are equal. If the layer parameter values are NOT equal, the value of Layer 1 will be displayed with flashing characters. If you move the Data Entry Control all values will be equal to this new value and the parameter value will no longer flash.

Defining Layer Parameters

Selecting an Instrument

The Edit menu parameters define the four layers and include the instrument assigned to the layer, the ranges of the layer, tuning, envelopes, filters, and patch cords. These parameters are defined for each layer on an individual basis (based on the currently selected layer). See "Common Preset Parameters" on page 115 for global preset settings.

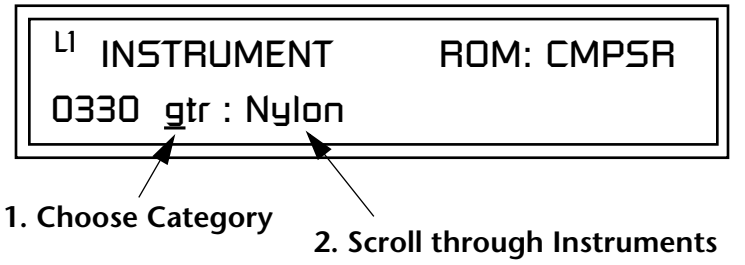
The Instrument parameter defines which of the available instrument sounds is played by the current layer.



To select an instrument for the selected layer(s), move the cursor to the bottom line of the display and change the instrument using the Data Entry Control.

Sound Navigator

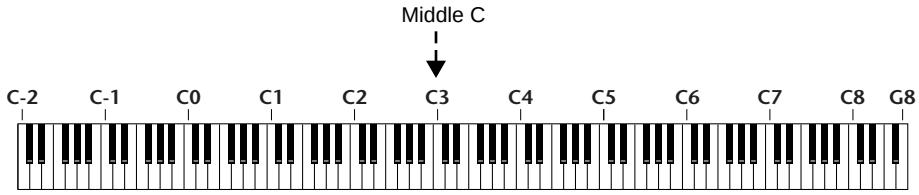
Sound Navigator also works to help select Instruments although the category names are predefined. When the cursor is on the Instrument Category field, turning the Data Entry Control selects different instrument categories. The Name Field will change to show the first instrument in each category. Move the cursor to the instrument name to select instruments in the selected category.



Selecting Categories of Instruments using Sound Navigator.

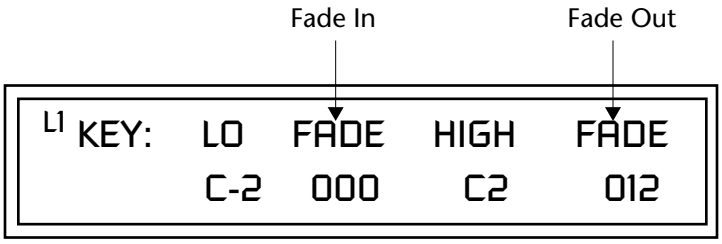
Defining Key Range

The Key parameter defines the range on the keyboard used by the current layer. The Key range is from C-2 through G8.

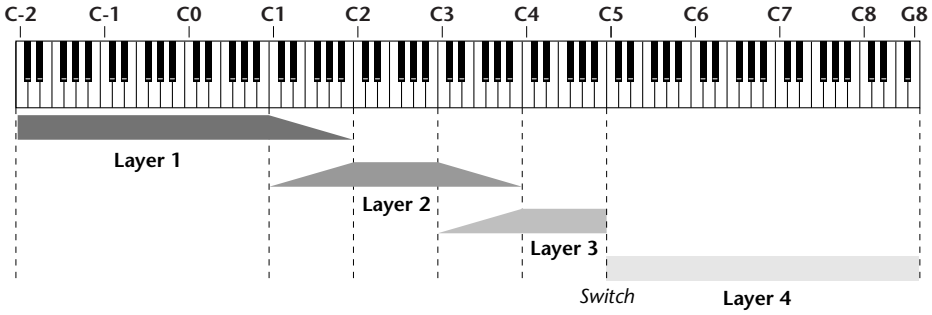


To define the range, set the low key value and the high key value.

You can select key numbers by simply pressing the desired keyboard key when the cursor is positioned on the low or high key field n the display.



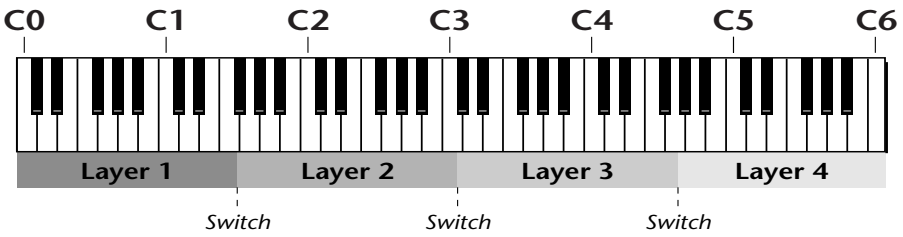
Layers can be crossfaded according to key position by adjusting the Low and High Fade parameters. The first Fade field determines how many semitones it takes the layer to Fade In from the low key. The second Fade field determines how many semitones it takes the layer to Fade Out to the high key. The screen shot above and the diagram below show Layer 1 being faded out over a one octave range.



With a High Fade value of zero (as in layer 3 of the diagram), the layer simply switches off at the high key.

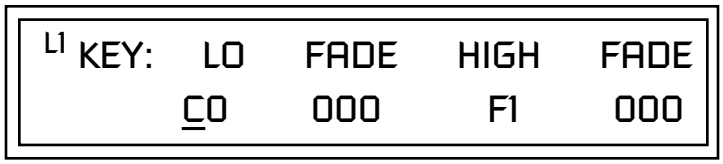
▶ To Switch Layers According to Key Position

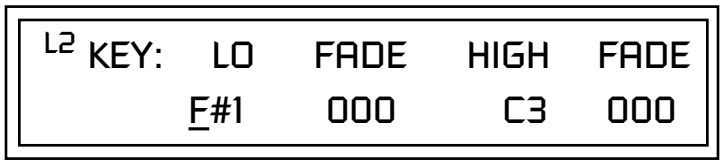
The Key Range parameter allows you to create a "split" keyboard with up to four sounds adjacent to each other on the keyboard. This is shown in the diagram below.

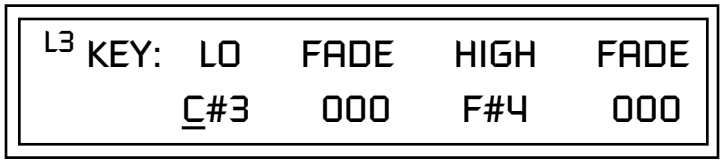


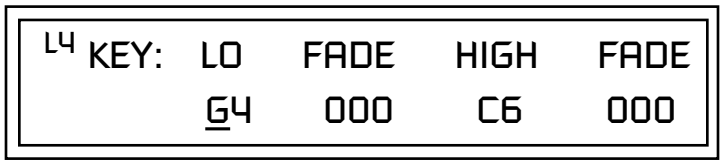
Just assign the low and high key range for each of the four layers with Fade set to zero. Set the Low and High Keys so they don't overlap other layers.

You can select key numbers by simply pressing the desired keyboard key when the cursor is positioned on the low or high key field n the display.





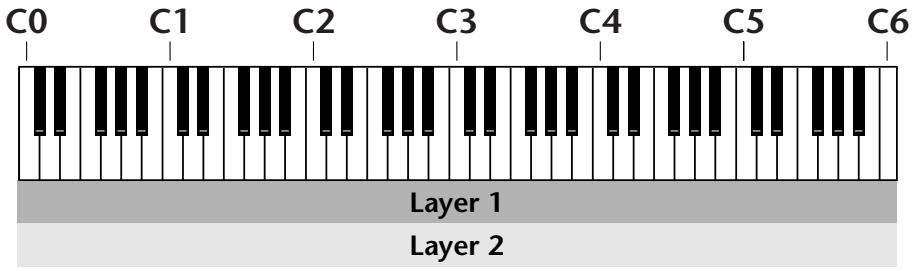


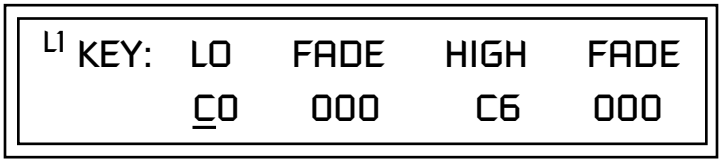


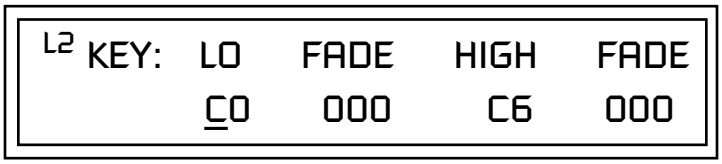
If two layers do overlap, both will play as shown in the next example.

▶ To Stack Layers

If the ranges of two or more Layers overlap it is called *stacking layers*. All Layers assigned to a key sound when the key is played. This is shown in the following diagram. It's very easy to stack layers. Simply duplicate the key ranges for any layers you want to stack.



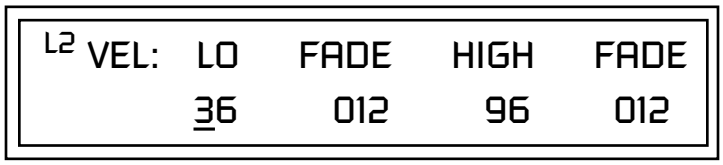




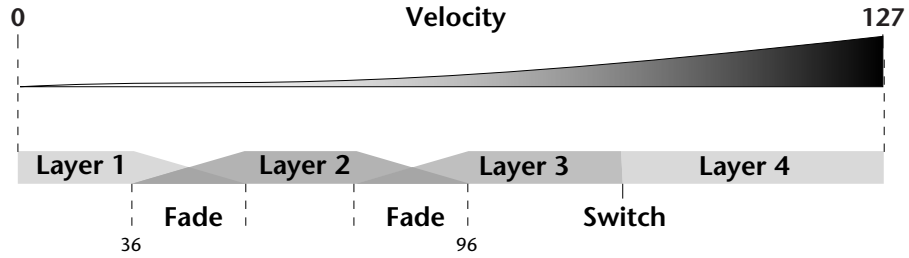
Defining the Velocity Crossfade Range

Velocity is a measure of how hard the key is pressed. Velocity Range lets you control the volume of the layers using velocity. Using this function you can crossfade or cross-switch between layers according to how hard you play the keyboard.

Set the velocity range of the layer by defining the high and low velocity values. Values range from 0 (off) to 127 (hardest).



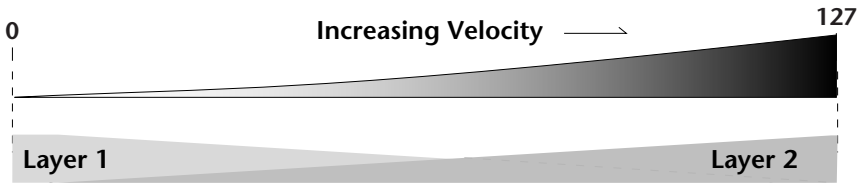
The Fade fields define the velocity crossfade range for the currently selected layer. The first Fade field defines the Fade In range for the low velocity value. The second defines the Fade Out range for the high velocity value.



With soft playing, Layer 1 sounds. As you play harder, Layer 1 gradually fades out and Layer 2 fades in. When the keyboard is played hard, Layer 3 plays.

▶ To Set Up a Velocity Crossfade Between Layers

Set the velocity fades so that layer 1 fades out with higher key velocity, while layer 2 fades in. At a velocity of 64, the two sounds are equal volume. You may want to adjust the fade in and fade out points to achieve a natural sounding crossfade. These parameters vary depending on the sounds.



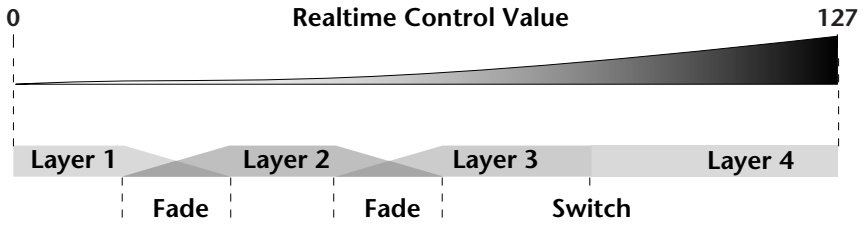
L1 VEL:	LO	FADE	HIGH	FADE
	000	000	127	127

L2 VEL:	LO	FADE	HIGH	FADE
	000	127	127	000

Defining the Real-time Crossfade Range

The Real-time Crossfade window lets you control the volume of the four layers using a real-time controller such as a front panel knob, a pedal or an LFO or Envelope generator. The controller is defined by the PatchCord parameter (see "PatchCords" on page 111).

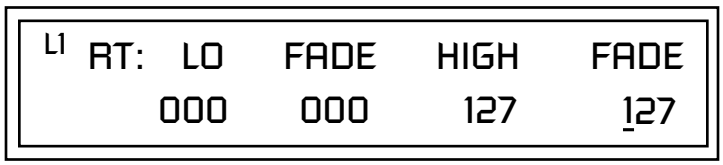
The Fade fields define the crossfade range in velocity for the currently selected layer. The first Fade field defines the Fade In amount for the low Real-time Control value. The second defines the Fade Out amount for the high Real-time Control value. The Fade value range is from 0 to 127.

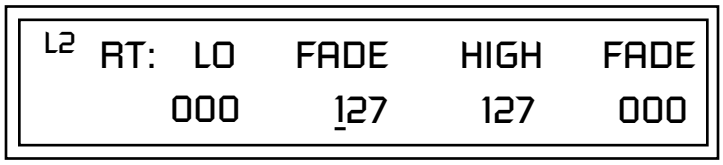


After the Ranges and Fades have been adjusted for each layer in the Real-time Crossfade screen, you must assign a real-time controller to RTXfade (Real-time Crossfade) **on each Layer** in the PatchCord screen. Set the PatchCord Amounts to +100.

▶ To Set Up a Real-time Crossfade Between Two Layers

As the real-time control (knob, pedal, LFO, etc.) is increased, Layer 1 fades out as Layer 2 fades in. This example only uses two of the possible four layers. Refer to the screen diagrams below.





1. Select a preset.
2. Press the Edit button to access the Edit menu.
3. Go to the Instrument page and select instruments for Layers 1 and 2.

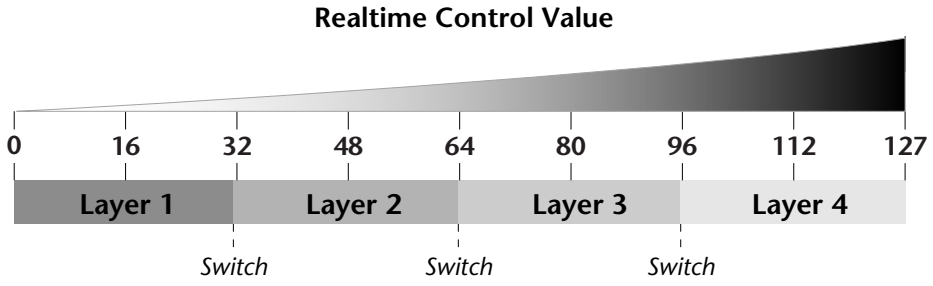
4. Press Enter, then use the Data Entry Control to advance to the Real-time Crossfade page.
5. Define the High and Low range of each Layer. In this example the entire range of 0-127 is used.
6. Define the Fades for each Layer. This is just an initial setting. The Range and Fade parameters may have to be adjusted later to get a smooth crossfade.
7. Press Home/Enter and use the Data Entry Control to advance to the PatchCord page. Select Layer 1.
8. Select the modulation source for the crossfade (knob, pedal, LFO, Envelope) and set the destination to RTXfade. Set the Cord Amount to +100.
9. Select Layer 2. Select the same source and destination for the crossfade and set the Cord Amount to +127.

10. Play the keyboard while adjusting the real-time controller. Go back to the Real-time Crossfade screens to fine tune the crossfade if necessary. Decreasing the fade size will narrow the region where both layers are sounding.

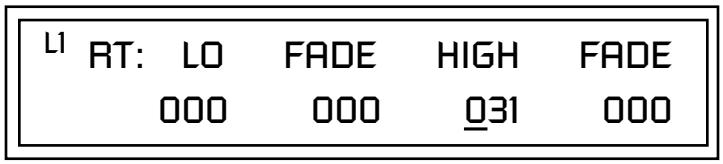
▶ To Randomly Cross-Switch Between Four Layers

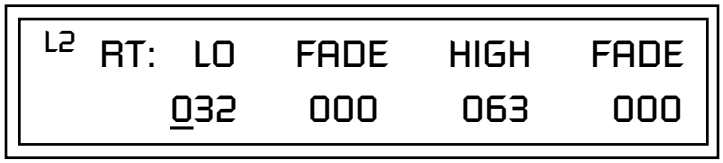
In certain situations, you may want to switch between several layers randomly. **Crossfade Random** is a modulation source specifically designed to handle this situation. Unlike the other random sources, Crossfade Random generates one random number for all layers each time a key is pressed.

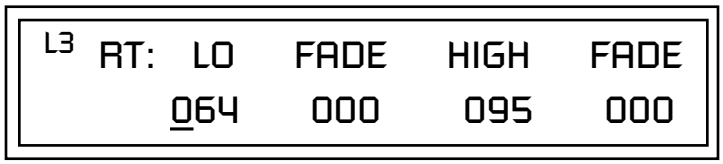
To set up a four layer Cross-Switch, simply assign each of the four layers to a different Real-time Crossfade range, then assign XfdRnd to RTXfade in the PatchCords for each layer.

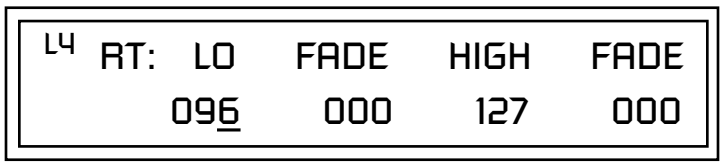


1. Press the Edit button to access the Edit menu.
2. Go to the Instrument screen and select Instruments for Layers 1 through 4.
3. Press Enter, then use the Data Entry Control to advance to the Real-time Crossfade page.

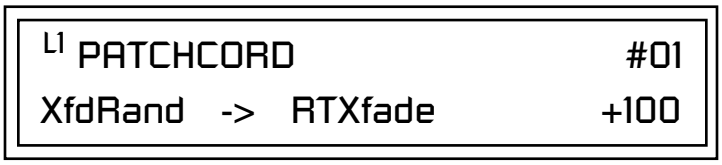








4. Define the High and Low range of each Layer as shown above.
5. Press Home/Enter and use the Data Entry Control to advance to the PatchCord page. Select Layer 1.
6. Select XfdRnd as the modulation source and RTXfade as the destination. Set the Cord Amount to +100.
7. Repeat step 6 for the remaining three layers.



8. That's it! Now set each Layer up the way you want. Try radically different instruments, filter settings, or tunings. Or you can make each layer just slightly different for a more natural effect. Try adjusting the Fades or overlapping the ranges if you want more than one layer to play at once.

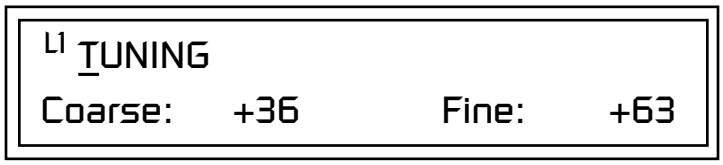
Transposing the Instrument

The Transpose parameter lets you transpose the key of the current layer's Instrument. Transpose works by shifting the keyboard position in semitone intervals relative to middle C. Use this parameter to transpose different layers apart by semitone intervals. For example, by transposing one layer by +7 semitones, it will track other layers at a perfect fifth interval.

The range of transposition is -36 to +36 semitones.

Tuning

The Tuning parameter changes the pitch of the key in semitone and 1/64 semitone intervals.

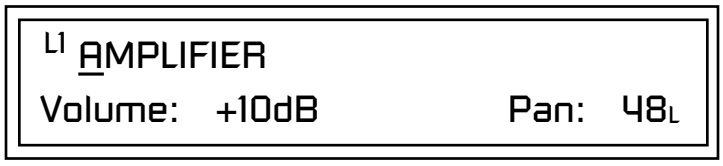


Use the Coarse field to shift the tuning by semitone intervals. Use the Fine field to shift tuning by 1/64 semitones (or 1.56 cents) intervals.

Background: Transpose vs. Coarse Tuning
Transpose works by shifting the keyboard assignment of the Instrument (as if you were sliding the keyboard up and down with the Instrument remaining in the same position). Coarse Tuning keeps the instrument placement on the keyboard and actually tunes the samples up using a digital process called interpolation. Use Course Tuning on drum instruments to change the pitch while keeping sample placement constant. Coarse Tuning can also be useful to slightly change the timbre of the instrument.

Amplifier

This parameter sets the initial volume and pan position of the current layer. These values can be changed using any Real-time Controller set up in the PatchCords. The value range for the volume is from -96 dB to +10 dB. 0 dB is the default setting. Routinely turning the volume up to +10 dB is not recommended because it doesn't allow other modulation sources to increase the volume further.



This field determines the initial Pan value for the current layer. The value range for Pan is from 64L to 0 (left) and 0 to 63R (right). Pan adjusts the volume into the left and right output channels relative to the Pan setting in the main Preset Select screen (see "Channel Pan" on page 28). So, if you, for example, set the Pan value in the Preset Select screen to 64L and set this Pan value to 63R, the actual pan amount would be 0 as these two pan parameters are relative to each other.

Volume Envelope

An envelope can be described as a "contour" which is used to shape the sound over time. The *Volume Envelope* controls the volume of the sound in the current layer over time. The way the volume of a sound evolves has a profound effect on how we perceive the sound.

Each instrument has its own Factory preset Volume Envelope setting. The Volume Envelope allows you to program your own envelope settings.

Selecting the Mode

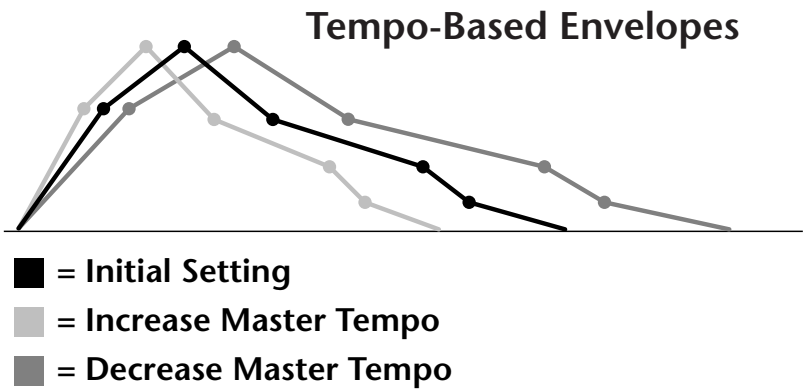
The Mode field determines whether the layer will use the instrument's default envelope (Factory) or use the user-programmed Volume Envelope. There are three mode options and repeat.

Factory Mode is useful for Instruments containing multiple drums, since each drum can have its own envelope settings.

- **Factory**: Uses the factory preset envelope contained in each instrument. If you select the "Factory" mode, the Volume Envelope parameters are disabled and the factory defined settings are used instead.

If two adjacent segments have the same level in a "time-based" envelope, the segment will be skipped. Adjacent segments must have different levels for the rate control to work.

- **Time-based**: Defines the Volume Envelope rates from 0 to 127 (approximately 1 ms to 160 seconds). The Master clock has no affect on time-based rates.
- **Tempo-based**: The Volume Envelope times vary based on the master tempo setting. Note values are displayed instead of a number when the time corresponds to an exact note value. Tempo-based envelopes are useful when using external sequencers and arpeggiators because the envelope rates compress and expand according to the Master Tempo setting, keeping the envelopes in sync with the sequence or arpeggio.

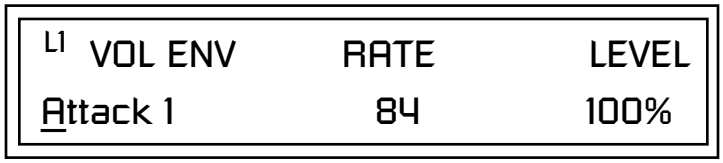


Tempo-based envelope rates change according to the Master Tempo rate.

See the Programming Basics section of this manual for detailed information about how the Envelopes work.

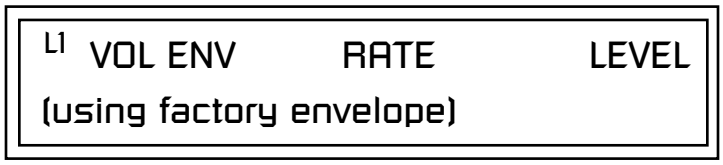
Defining the Volume Envelope

The Volume Envelope controls the volume of the layer over time. The Volume Envelope has six stages to the contour: Attack 1, Attack 2, Decay 1, Decay 2, Release 1 and Release 2. When a key is pressed, the Envelope goes through the first four stages. If you continue to hold down the key, the envelope holds at the Decay 2 level. When the key is released, the envelope continues through the Release stages ending at the Release 2 level.

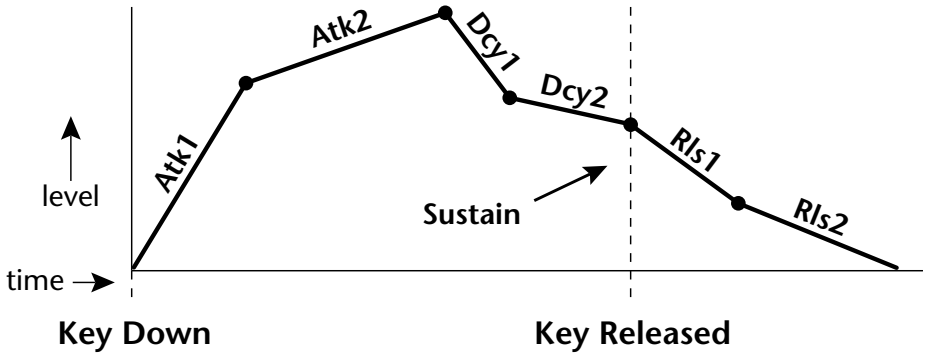


As soon as the Attack 1 level is reached, the Attack 2 phase begins. When the Attack 2 Level is reached, the Decay 1 phase begins. When the key is released, the envelope immediately jumps to the Release 1 stage, then the Release 2 stage finally ending at the Release 2 level.

If you have selected the factory mode, the Volume Envelope parameter screen looks like the following illustration.



If the Release 2 level is set at a value other than zero, the note will continue to sound after the key is released. This might be useful for drone effects, but the channel won't stop sounding until all channels are used up.

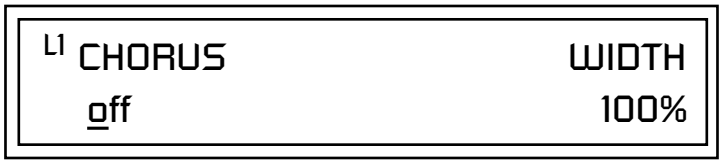


On the Volume Envelope, levels can only be set to positive values. The value range is from 0 to +100.

Chorusing the Layer

***WARNING**: Because it works by doubling instruments, Chorusing halves the number of notes you can play.*

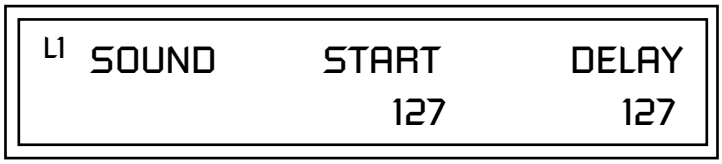
Chorusing "thickens" the sound by doubling the sound in stereo and then detuning it. Every layer with chorus turned on uses twice the polyphony for that layer.

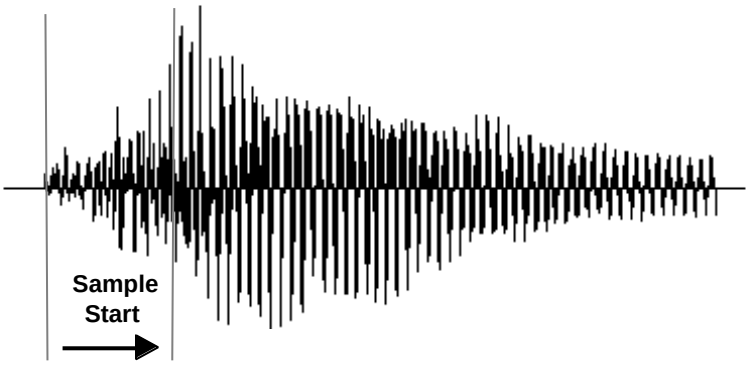


The first field in this screen turns Chorus On or Off and allows you to adjust the amount of detuning (1 to 100%). The *Width* parameter controls the stereo spread. 0% reduces the chorus to mono and 100% provides the most stereo separation.

Sound Start Offset and Delay

Sound Start sets where the instrument begins playing when you hit a key. Setting the Start Offset amount to "0" plays the sample from the beginning. Higher values move the Sample Start Point further into the sample toward the end. There is also a PatchCord source which can be used to change the Sound Start point at note-on time.





Controlling the Sound Start using Key Velocity (< Amt -) brings in the attack of the wave only when you play hard. This is especially effective with percussion instruments.

Delay defines the time between when you hit a key (note-on) and the onset of the current layer's note and the start of the envelopes (if applicable). Delay values below zero are *Tempo-based* values, meaning the time is based on the Master Tempo setting. Note values are displayed by adjusting the Delay Time value below zero. The sound will be delayed by the selected note value based on the master clock.

Non-Transpose Mode

This function turns keyboard transposition On or Off for the current layer. With Nontranspose "on," the keyboard will not control the pitch of the instrument. This is a useful function for drones, attack "chiffs," or other sound effects which you may not want to track the keyboard.

Solo Mode

Provides the playing action of a monophonic instrument such as a lead synthesizer by preventing more than one note from sounding at once. There are eight different solo modes provided. Try setting up different layers with different solo mode and glide rates or combine solo mode with polyphonic playing modes.

In order to define a monophonic glide (see the Portamento parameter), you must be in Solo mode.

The Solo modes are:

Multiple Trigger: Last note priority. No key-up action. Retriggers envelopes and samples when a key is pressed.

Melody (last): Last note priority. No key-up action.

First solo note: Envelopes start at Attack segment from zero. Samples start at the beginning.

If previous note is releasing: Envelopes start at Attack segment, but from current level. Samples start at the beginning.

When playing "Legato": Envelopes continue from current segment and level. Samples start at the loop or the beginning if unlooped.

Melody (low): Same as Melody (last), but with low note priority. Newly played keys which are higher than the lowest solo key held do not sound.

Melody (high): Same as Melody (last), but with high note priority. Newly played keys which are lower than the highest solo key held do not sound.

Synth (last): Similar to Melody (last) but this mode has key-up action. When you release the currently sounding solo key while holding other keys down, the highest held solo key sounds in a Legato fashion.