

Excelsior Mini Sample Pack 1 (March 2024)

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Excelsior Digiszyer Accordion

I decided to add accordions to my sonic arsenal. I am far from being a great accordion player, but I find it fun and useful to create soundscapes and sonic textures.

Last February, I was very lucky to find a vintage Excelsior Digiszyer accordion at an affordable price. It has a marvelous sound. I sometimes record it while I am learning and taming it. The samples in this pack are extracted from one of these recordings. Even though the Digiszyer has built-in mics, I used a Tascam DR-05X stereo mics to record it.

This is a collection of 47 one-shot samples (33.5 MB) and not an extensive multi-sampled pack. Not all the keys and buttons have been sampled. There are a few single notes, but I mainly extracted bits that I find interesting from my sessions. Samples with names ending with NR2 are a second version of the sample with the same name in which I have removed the noises specific to the accordion (keyclicks, growls).

They include short sequences of notes or chord/notes combinations that sound good.

Possible uses: one-shot to spice up a piece, looped to create an ambient pulse or mood, thrown in a granular sampler or any other sample mangler.

This first offering of accordion samples is divided in 2 small packs. One is this pack and the second one (20 samples, 28 MB) is exclusively available to my Patreon paying patrons.



More info about the Digisyser:

Excelsior is a top accordion brand, and this model is a high-end full acoustic accordion with an integrated control panel that connects to an external tone generator. The tone generator not only provides accompaniment but also tones that can be played from the accordion. The generator has 4 audio outputs. I've read it was made by Kawai.

It dates from the early 1980s and pre-MIDI, it uses a proprietary control interface system. Note that the one I bought didn't have its tone generator, so I could not test this feature.

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