

Compared to the original Roland R-8 drum machine with 35 built-in sounds, the follow-up Roland R-8 mkII drum machine has a whopping 200 sounds. Of these, 52 were completely new ones, and 113 were taken from the existing range of expansion cards.

The overview below lists how many of the expansion cards' sounds are included in the mkII version of the Roland R8 drum machine. Thus, using cards 01, 02, 09, and 10 benefits the least, and 05-08 the most.

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| <b>Card</b>                      | <b>Sounds<br/>contained</b> | <b>of which<br/>in R8mkII</b> |      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| SN-R8-01 Contemporary Percussion | 26                          | 24                            | 92%  |
| SN-R8-02 Jazz Brush              | 26                          | 17                            | 65%  |
| SN-R8-03 Sound Effects           | 26                          | 3                             | 12%  |
| SN-R8-04 Electronic              | 26                          | 11                            | 42%  |
| SN-R8-05 Jazz                    | 26                          | 1                             | 4%   |
| SN-R8-06 Ethnic Percussion       | 26                          | 0                             | 0%   |
| SN-R8-07 Mallet                  | 26                          | 0                             | 0%   |
| SN-R8-08 Dry                     | 26                          | 1                             | 4%   |
| SN-R8-09 Power Drums U.S.A.      | 26                          | 26                            | 100% |
| SN-R8-10 Dance                   | 26                          | 26                            | 100% |
| SN-R8-11 Metallic Percussion     | 26                          | 4                             | 15%  |