# OPERATION\_1 CIRCUIT PACK

## **USER GUIDE & MANUAL**

#### **Patches**

Each 2-letter patch prefix (CL, DG, DN...) corresponds to an OP-1 engine (Cluster, Digital, DNA...). Each engine contains 16 patches. With these 8 engines, there are a total of 128 patches. Below are the descriptions of each engine.

From the OP-1 manual:

Cluster – up to six oscillators chained in a cluster

Digital – pure digital raw engine

DNA - cpu id noise synthesis

Dr Wave – raw 8-bit style engine

DSynth – dual oscillator

String – physical modeling of a string instrument.

FM – frequency modulation synthesis made easy. this is the type of engine that is found in the classic DX7 synthesizer.

Phase – phase distortion type engine.

Pulse – square wave engine.

Patch numbers groups on OPERATION\_1:

#01-16 - CL: Cluster #17-32 - DG: Digital #33-48 - DN: DNA #49-64 - DR: Dr Wave #65-80 - DS: DSynth

#81-96 - FM: FM

#97-112 - PH: Phase

#113-128 - PU: Pulse

Note: Planned for future release: ST: String

VO: Voltage

For each patch, the goal was to get maximum musical expressiveness, with the original sounds as the starting point. That means that each sound was crafted to be as close as the original patch on the OP-1. For movements or textures where the Circuit Tracks engine couldn't emulate, effort was made to make it come as close as possible, yet still maintain the usefulness of the sound i.e. to make it as usable as possible for music creation.

The OP-1 approach was not to describe the sounds of each of the patches, apart from hints in their names. It's an effective way to encourage creative exploration, and best approached with a 'discover and be inspired' mindset, where each patch doesn't have a preconceived notion of what it sounds like.

#### **Macros**

Each macro knob is meant to give maximum range for exploring sounds in a musical way, and can change the sound quite drastically.

The macros are meant to be explored - the settings were designed to get you knob twiddling and finding out how the sounds change and you get a large range of tonality and texture.

All 8 macros correspond to the labelling on the Circuit Tracks, so they're easy to remember.

#### Macro 1 (Oscillator)

Affects Oscillator 1 in some way. Examples are density, detune, vibrato.

## Macro 2 (Oscillator Mod)

Affects Oscillator 2 in some way. Examples are density, detune, vibrato. For some patches, it introduces an oscillator in a separate octave. Does not necessarily match the same parameter as Macro 1 for Oscillator 1.

#### Macro 3 (Amp Envelope)

Affects the amp envelope. For slow attacks, it increases attacks. Sometimes it shortens releases. Try tapping a note continually and turning the knob to see what happens.

#### Macro 4 (Filter Envelope)

Always affects the filter envelope, either positively or negatively. Tweak in combination with Macro 5 & 6.

Note: For some patches, you will hear changes only when you increase the Cutoff (Macro 6) or Resonance (Macro 6)

## Macro 5 (Filter Frequency)

Always affects the cutoff frequency, either positively or negatively, depending on whether the base patch is bright or dark sounding i.e. patches that start out bright will be filtered dark on clockwise turns, and patches that start out dark will get brighter on clockwise turns\*. Tweak in combination with Macro 4 & 6 for maximum effect.

\*This is to ensure that patches sound as close as possible to the default OP-1 patches, and that all macros start from 0 as default. This way, if you want to go back to the default settings, just spin the knobs fully counterclockwise.

### Macro 6 (Resonance)

Always affects the resonance positively, increasing with clockwise turns.

#### Macro 7 (Modulation)

Always increases chorus effect, either increasing the mix, the feedback or the depth. Tweak and play to hear the changes.

## Macro 8 (FX)

Always adds distortion, increasing with clockwise turns. The patches are programmed to level evenly with added distortion, so they don't become much louder, just dirtier.

Notice that the best way to work with the Macros is to keep continually playing notes or to sequence some notes and play the sequence, then tweak the knobs as the notes are playing and repeating. That way, you can best hear the effect of the changes in your notes.

# **Projects**

There are 16 projects to demo the various engines, with 2 demo projects for each engine.

They are organised as:

1-2 CL (Cluster)

3-4 DG (Digital)

5-6 DN (DNA)

7-8 DR (Dr Wave)

9-10 DS (DSynth)

11-12 FM (FM)

13-14 PH (Phase)

15-16 PU (Pulse)

# **Full Patch List**

#001	CL BFace	#044	DN Pnopad	#087	FM Organz
#002	CL CPillar	#045	DN Riser	#088	FM Rpt
#003	CL Ctrings	#046	DN RunLate	#089	FM RizBass
#004	CL Solver	#047	DN TigRight	#090	FM Space
#005	CL DBass	#048	DN TinPeggio	#091	FM Square
#006	CL GDrive	#049	DR Bsting	#092	FM SBass
#007	CL KShow	#050	DR Delicate	#093	FM Sweet
#008	CL LChords	#051	DR Dimensn	#094	FM Cello
#009	CL MLegato	#052	DR FPiano	#095	FM Warn
#010	CL NDay	#053	DR FazPad	#096	FM Yohshinko
#011	CL SBass	#054	DR Fina	#097	PH BassFaze
#012	CL SLonely	#055	DR GOrgan	#098	PH Bobble
#013	CL SBend	#056	DR Pulse	#099	PH ClassLFO
#014	CL Striings	#057	DR Beam	#100	PH HoldDown
#015	CL T4m	#058	DR Plink	#101	PH Jongle
#016	CL XFiles	#059	DR PLead	#102	PH Kidd
#017	DG ARptr	#060	DR Scoboard	#103	PH Critter
#018	DG Boo	#061	DR Sxwave	#104	PH BandPass
#019	DG Dlight	#062	DR Thinnie	#105	PH Purity
#020	DG Did	#063	DR Trystar	#106	PH Reflect
#021	DG Forgot	#064	DR Nerves	#107	PH RowrBass
#022	DG Glen	#065	DS BBass	#108	PH RoundBass
#023	DG LEnd	#066	DS Beeep	#109	PH SchBass
#024	DG LulTime	#067	DS Chrono	#110	PH SpiritPad
#025	DG Organbra	#068	DS Dsynth	#111	PH Valentino
#026	DG Prince	#069	DS Evolve	#112	PH WorkIt
#027	DG QBass	#070	DS Haunt	#113	PU OrientWhistle
#028	DG Recognise	#071	DS Jam	#114	PU Chord
#029	DG Soogar	#072	DS LegaC	#115	PU PhatBass
#030	DG Tmrw	#073	DS Piano	#116	PU PhunkBass
#031	DG Violin	#074	DS Pleep	#117	PU Histeria
#032	DN Basslide	#075	DS Plugin	#118	PU Moon
#033	DN ChordT	#076	DS Secrete	#119	PU Mistik
#034	DN Dcept	#077	DS Shin	#120	PU Pizz
#035	DN DestU	#078	DS SunMorn	#121	PU PLead
#036	DN Base	#079	DS Wastelan	#122	PU Shrink
#037	DN ElBass	#080	DS Zamfeer	#123	PU Soff
#038	DN FkleBass	#081	FM BigLow	#124	PU SysBass
#039	DN GCode	#082	FM DocFM	#125	PU Twonkle
#040	DN Harpsichord	#083	FM Drill	#126	PU Vibe
#041	DN Malmsteen	#084	FM InSpace	#127	PU WPad
#042	DN MChord	#085	FM Mantra	#128	PU Warp
#043	DN Nag	#086	FM Neutron		
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