

In 2008 I was fortunate enough to see Autechre perform in Washington DC using nothing but 2 Elektron Machinedrums, and 2 Elektron Monomachines all synced together. No computers. Now aside from how amazing Autechre are live, what really caught my ear was how heart stopping the kick drums were, being triggered only directly out of the Machinedrums with little processing. 3 years later I finally got my own Machinedrum, and needless to say, this little box is where the majority of my kick drums start these days.

I'm frequently asked about my kick drums, and I couldn't even say how many times other musicians and producers have flat out told me they're sampling my kick drums directly out of my own tracks (kids these days... what will they think of next?!). So I thought it might be a fun little freebie to make a little sample pack of Machinedrum Kicks. This isn't the definitive kick drum library by any means, it's small, and it's fun, and the samples sound great on their own, as well as building blocks for creating new ones. And it's free, so no complaining... That said, I do plan on releasing a much more extensive library of samples sourced from the Machinedrum at some point...

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21 Kick Drums sourced directly from an Elektron Machinedrum SPS-II

The recording chain was simply the Machinedrum into a DBX 160x compressor, 2:1 ratio, about 6db of gain reduction (varied slightly per kick), directly into the line in's of an Avid Omni. About half of the samples are totally straight from the recording, plus some eq and compression, and the other half are kicks from the Machinedrum layered together.

Without further ado, let's find that merry bastard and his reindeer companion, and let's kick some Christmas ass.

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