

Owner's Manual

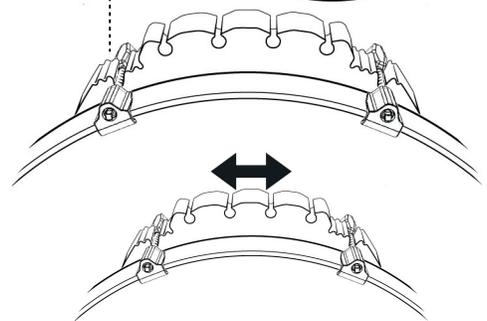
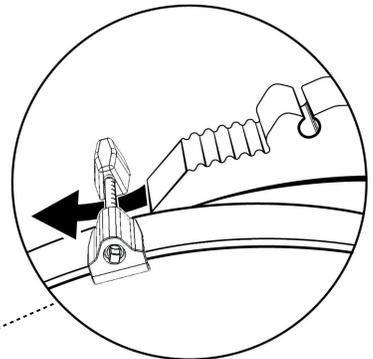
Introduction:

The StickARK is simple & easy to use. However, we encourage you to read through these instructions anyway, including the tips, to help you get the most out of your StickARK, including more benefits & advanced techniques.

Location Options: Most often, installation is at the top 2 lugs of a kick/bass drum closest to the drummer. However, StickARKs can be mounted in several locations around your kick drum; at the top, down the sides & even underneath (in DrumCorps or Marching Band situations), using pairs of tension rods at lugs around either the back (batter) side hoop or front hoop. Multiple StickARKs can be used on the same drum & may even be used in pairs - see the tips section below for more info on dual StickARK applications (handy for marching band). Factors to consider when choosing a location: kit setup, stick sizes, vibration & ease of reach for stick retrieval. These may all influence your location choice.

Install on Kick/Bass Drum:

- (1) Compress a Mounting Wing (the wedge shaped parts located at each end of the StickARK) (pick either side), making it both flatter & narrower.
- (2) While keeping it compressed, *gently* insert the narrow end under a tension rod between the hoop (or head's metal collar) & lug. Use a combination of gentle pushing, with one hand, while gently pulling with the other to position it about halfway under.
- (3) Insert other Mounting Wing under the tension rod at the next closest lug position.
- (4) Adjust, by inserting more or less of each Mounting Wing under it's corresponding tension rod, until the bottom surface of the StickARK is in full contact with the drum shell from end to end, with a small amount of extra tension from the compression at each opposite end. (See tip on position fine tuning).



Insert Sticks:

Push & Roll:

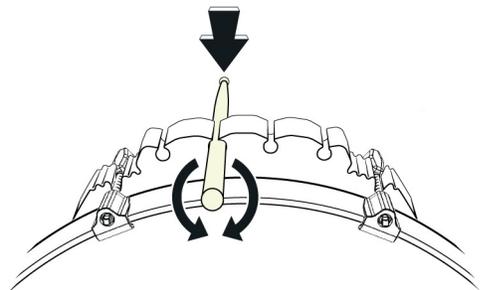
Simply push a stick down from above into any of the 4 stick slots. As it contacts the bottom of the slot, keep pressing as you roll the stick slightly back-n-forth (just small 1/8th turns) with your fingers 2-3 times to help it seat better for improved hold.

Balance:

For optimum stick stability, position a stick with its central balance point at about the mid-point along the StickARK stick slot.

Controlling Position, Tilt & Angles:

Sticks don't have to be balanced. They can be positioned in other ways, according to personal taste. Moving the stick toward or away from you will adjust the tilt angle of the stick away from horizontal, making one end higher than the other. This allows for stick ends to be tilted up toward a drummer (or down) in a way that may improve stick retrieval comfort. Try different stick angles to discover what works best for you.



Removal:

Sticks:

Sticks may be removed in many directions: straight up vertically, at a 45 degree angle (either toward or away from you), horizontally in line with the stick slot or at various other angles. These removal directions would need to be modified accordingly if the StickARK was mounted in other positions.

StickARK from drum:

First, remove sticks. Then, compress a Mounting Wing simultaneously down & in from the sides. Next, while continuing to compress the Mounting Wing, carefully begin pushing from the outermost end of the Mounting

Wing's wedge end inward toward the center of the StickARK. Ease it out from under the tension rod. Repeat this process with the other Mounting Wing until both are free.

Tips & Tricks

(T1) Position Fine Tuning:

StickARK may be moved more to one side (toward one tension rod or lug) than the other in order to allow sticks to pass by the tom mounting attachment hardware typically found on many kick drums.

(T2) Sticks 'n' More:

Insert any sticks you want, mix & match sizes, change any time you want. The StickARK will instantly & automatically adjust to the size of each stick individually. Works with: 7A, 5A, 5B, 2B, brushes, bundles, drum corps - marching band (XXL) & many other shapes & sizes.

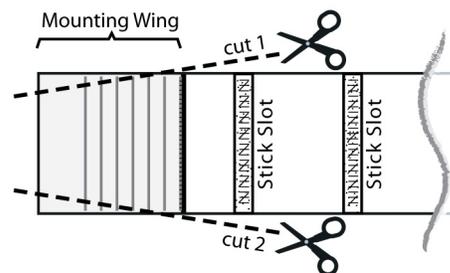
(T3) Team-Work:

Double StickARK uses – In addition to having multiple StickARKs on a single kick/bass drum, each one holding their own sticks, StickARKs can be used in pairs that work together. In this setup, 2 StickARKs are aligned exactly with each other on both the front & back hoops. Then, place the tip of a stick in one StickARK while the butt-end of the same stick is held in the other StickARK, forming a bridge between the 2 StickARKs. This will leave space under the stick, making it easy to grab.

Four sticks can be held between the pair of StickARKs. More than one pair of StickARKs may be used on a single drum at the same time if there is accessible space. This may be especially useful for marching band bass drummers.

(T4) Tight Spaces – Trim to Fit:

If the distance from the bass drum's hoop to the lug is too small, & causing the outer stick slots to be distorted or is simply too tight to fit the StickARK into place at all, then your StickARK can be trimmed to fit better. **Carefully** trim the Mounting Wings with scissors - see diagram. Remove only a little bit at a time, then test. Repeat until the desired results are achieved. Matching smaller cuts (1 & 2 as shown) usually work better than a big cut on just one side.



CAUTION:

Damaged sticks with splinters may tear the StickARK surface. Please use damaged sticks with care & avoid placing the damaged areas of a stick into contact with the StickARK. If this is a concern, see below for information on our Zero-G® stick holder which can handle damaged sticks.

Avoid Tearing the StickARK material. Always compress the Mounting Wings prior to & during installation as well as removal. Do not pull excessively during installation or removal. Do not try to install or remove too quickly, as this may tear the StickARK. The threads of some tension rods (especially if damaged or bent in any way) & some lugs may have sharp or jagged edges that could damage the StickARK.

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