GW-8 system program (Ver.2)

* This system program updates the GW-8 to the latest version.

* This program is only for the GW-8.

* This program is not necessary if your GW-8 is running Ver.2 or later.

Before you start, check the system program version of your GW-8.

Checking the system program version of your GW-8

1. Turn GW-8 power on.

2. Press [Menu].

3. Use the up or down cursor buttons to select "Version" then press [ENTER].

4. Use the left or right cursor buttons to select the page that shows the version info.

5. Please refer below to make sure that you have downloaded the correct system program for your GW-8.

GW-8	Version Info	System Program Download File
With Asian Collections	GW-8A	gw8_up_A200.zip
With Chinese Collections	GW-8C	gw8_up_C200.zip
With European Collections	GW-8E	gw8_up_E200.zip
With Latin Collections	GW-8L	gw8_up_L200.zip

* If you use the system program that does not correspond to your GW-8, it will not proceed with the installation and a warning message will appear on the screen.

Newly added functions in System Ver.2

Creating a User Style

- You can easily create a new Style by accessing the STYLE MAKEUP screen for an existing style, then changing the sounds or modifying the way the sounds are produced.

- Dedicated MFX (Multi Effects) for Styles are now provided, allowing you to apply MFX to the sound of a style independently from the keyboard performance.

- You can use realtime recording or step recording to create a new Style by recording a performance for individual parts.
- You can now specify two or more Style parts as drum parts.
- You can use editing functions such as quantize and copy to create Styles efficiently.
- The STYLE MICROSCOPE screen lets you edit the individual notes of a Style in detail.
- You can use the EZ Convert function to create Styles easily.

Recording or Editing a Song

- You can access the SONG MAKEUP screen and easily change the sounds in a song or adjust how the sounds are produced.
- Dedicated MFX (Multi Effects) for Songs are now provided, allowing you to apply MFX to the sound of a Song independently from the keyboard performance.
- In addition to "realtime recording," which records your performance just as you play it, version 2 provides "step recording," which lets you enter notes and rests one at a time. You can select the recording method that's most appropriate for the part you want to record.
- You can use editing functions such as quantize and copy to create songs efficiently.
- You can use the SONG MICROSCOPE screen or SONG MASTER TRACK screen to edit a song's individual notes or tempo data in detail.

Other Added Functions

- The "STYLE FINDER" screen has been added, allowing you to select a Style from a list sorted by number, name, or tempo.
- The system pedal setting now allows you to assign BEND MODE to the pedal.
- A place for making MIDI settings related to the performance of Styles has been added to the system settings; it's named "SYSTEM STYLE MIDI (NTA)."
- The performance settings now provide a "Chord Zone" parameter, which lets you specify the key range for chord detection.

UPDATING THE SYSTEM PROGRAM

What you'll need to update your GW-8

 - GW-8

 - A computer running one of the following operating systems: Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Mac OS X v.10.4.3 or later

 - A USB-memory device (Roland's M-UF1G or M-UF2G is recommended)

 - The downloaded updater file

Getting the updater file

 - Please open/extract the downloaded file on your computer to get the "ROLAND" folder that contains the updater file. Please make sure that you have downloaded the correct file for your GW-8. For details, refer to "**Checking the system program version of your GW-8**" on page 1 of this document.

Caution when performing the update (Important !)

 - Never power-off your GW-8 while the update is in progress!

If a power failure or similar accident occurs during the update process, the GW-8 won't be able to start up in normal operating mode. This will require servicing, so you will need to contact a Roland service center if this occurs.

 - Before you update, we recommend that you use the "Backup" function (refer to the Owner's Manual).

 - Never transmit this update data to any product other than the GW-8. This update data may destroy the data or system program of other products.

- After you perform the update, you must delete the update file from the USB-memory device.

 - We regret that we are unable to answer questions regarding the update procedure using this system program. Please perform the update responsibly, following the directions given in this document.

Procedure for updating

1. After extracting the downloaded zip file, a "ROLAND" folder will be inside.

2. Save the "ROLAND" folder to the root directory of a USB memory device.

3. Turn on the power of the GW-8 and connect the USB memory device to the GW-8.

4. Press the USB IMPORT button.

5. Follow the instructions on the screen.

* Please do not modify the file or folder

* The update will take approximately 4 to 5 minutes.

The update is finished. Please verify that the version number is "Ver2.00".