

# KickPort

Bring definition and enhance the low-end punch of your bass drum

Our bass drum is often the one drum that offers us the least amount of tone due to the manner in which we stuff blankets, mattresses, cupboards, even the kitchen sink inside the shell. Okay, I exaggerate there but we do tend to load the shell with undue amounts of materials in the hope of sharpening up the attack and defining the bottom end. Now though is the time to dispense with all that jumble and treat yourself to a new sonic by means of introducing the KickPort to your drum. The KickPort is designed to boost your drum sound as it acts somewhat like a bass reflex speaker would, boosting the lower end frequencies. By

adding a certain level of damping to the front resonant head you can dispense with the towels, blankets and such and as a port, it focuses the air as it escapes the shell giving you a round, exact note that will surprise because you possibly will have never heard that compressed punchy sound previously! Easily fitted if your front head is already cut with a 5" hole, the KickPort is a pretty hassle free job when it comes to installation even if you do have to cut a hole manually. In use I did find that the note I was used to hearing from behind the kit was slightly less audible, but out front, it was quelling the toughest of spikey hair-gelled punters by introducing a parting, hitting them firmly at head

and chest height with impact and definition. The KickPort is ideally placed to accept any standard bass drum mic and if you don't have the luxury of mics, then the additional db's that the KickPort brings to the noise level is going to be welcomed, as is the definition and tone factors.

Go on, spring clean your kick drum, take out all the sweaty t-shirts, blankets, duvets and anything else you've been loading in there and discover how good it could sound. Price £42 [www.kickport.com](http://www.kickport.com) and [www.pearldrums.com](http://www.pearldrums.com) for further details. IC

