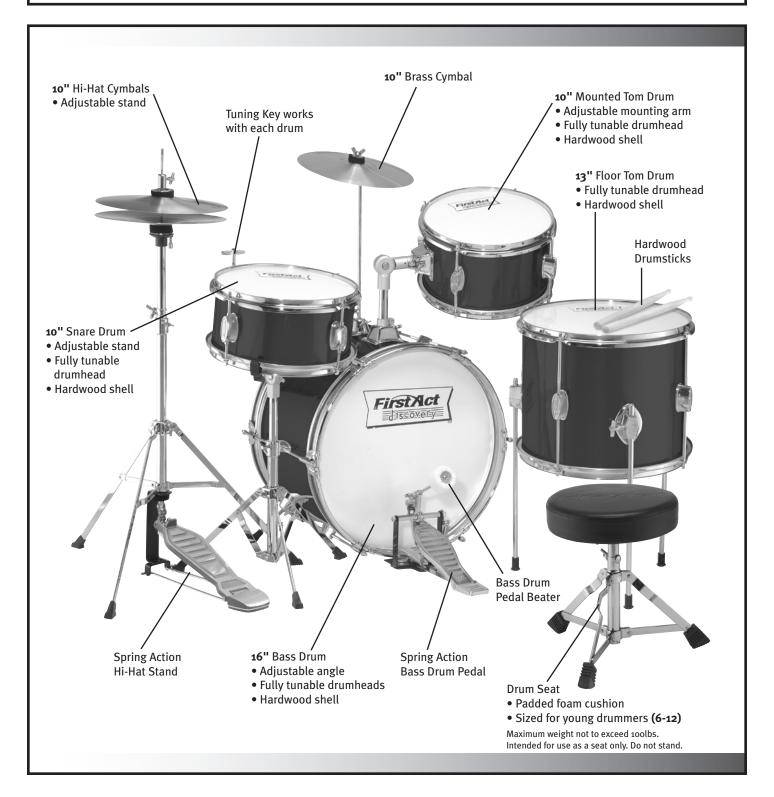


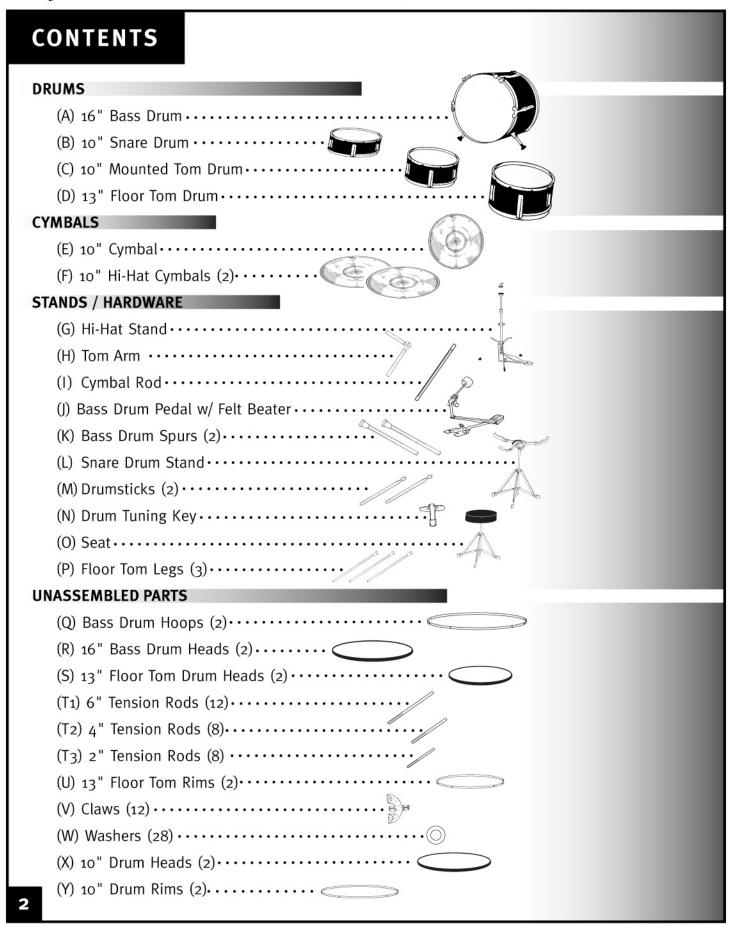
# 8 piece drum set

FD-480

8 piece drum set with fully tunable drumheads Hardwood drumsticks • Drum seat



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Thank you for purchasing the First Act Discovery<sup>™</sup> FD-480 Drum Set! You'll need no tools other than the drum key included. Be sure to look over the Drum Contents page so that all of the parts can be easily identified. Keep the drum-tuning key (N) in a safe place, as you'll need it to tune or change the heads periodically. Enjoy!

### **ASSEMBLY**

#### **Bass Drum Assembly**

Place the bass drum shell (A) flat on the floor and place the drum head (R) on top. Rotate bass drum head so that the First Act logo is upright. Two spur insets will be on the bottom. Place bass drum hoop (Q) over the drum head, rounded rim side facing out (the bass drum hoop has a rounded side and a flat side, the flat side will be flush with the rim of the bass drum head and the rounded side will be flush with the bass drum claws). Place the bass drum claws (V) on the bass drum hoop, position them over the lug casings on the bass drum shell. Place tension rod washer (W) over bass drum tension rod (T1). Insert bass drum tension rods through bass drum claws and into the corresponding lugs slightly, do not tighten. Repeat for each tension rod/lug. Once all tension rods have been inserted, tighten in small increments (3-4 turns) with drum key using opposite lug technique (see illustration on back). Turn bass drum over and repeat procedure. Insert bass drum spurs (K) into spur mounting brackets. Tighten wing screw when bass drum spur is at desired length. Bass drum should be level and does not "wobble" held in place by spurs. Attach bass drum pedal to the bottom of the bass drum hoop on the back of your bass drum. Tighten accordingly. Place white felt beater into bass drum pedal as shown in (J).

#### Floor Tom Assembly

Place the 13" drumhead (S) over the 13" floor tom shell (D). Place drum rim (U) over the drumhead and line up lugs with tension holes. Thread a washer over tension rod (T2), insert tension rod into hole in drum rim and screw into drum lug. Do not tighten completely. Repeat with additional three tension rods and lugs. After all rods have been inserted, tighten completely. Tighten drumhead in small increments (3-4 turns) with drum key using opposite lug technique (see illustration on back). Turn drum over and repeat.

Insert floor tom legs (P) into leg mounting brackets, located on the outside of floor tom shell. Position so that floor tom is about 6-8 inches off the ground, tighten wing screws.

#### **Tom Assembly**

Repeat steps for rims, heads and tuning rods of floor tom with the 10" rims (Y) and 10" heads (X) and 2" tension rods (T3). Insert adjustable tom arm (H) into tom mounting bracket on top of bass drum and tighten wing screw at the desired height for tom drum. Place assembled tom drum (C) on tom mounting arm. Adjust to desired height and tilt, tighten wing screw.

#### **Cymbal Assembly**

Place cymbal rod (I) into cymbal arm mounting bracket on top of the bass drum. Remove the wing nut and top felt of cymbal arm and place the cymbal (E) over threaded rod on top of bottom felt. Replace top felt and wing nut. Adjust arm to desired height and tighten wing screw on bracket.

#### **Snare Drum Assembly**

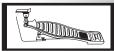
Locate snare throw-off on snare drum (B). Turn throw-off so that wire snares (visible through the clear bottom drum head) are touching the bottom head. This gives the snare drum, it's unique "crack" sound. Open snare drum stand (L) and adjust to desired height, tighten. Place snare drum on snare drum stand. Adjust snare drum stand arms and tilt of stand, tighten accordingly.

## ASSEMBLY (cont.)

#### Hi-hat Assembly:

Stand hi-hat stand [G] straight up, perpendicular to floor. Insert stabilizing rod into slot under hi-hat pedal, tighten wing screw. Open tripod base of hi-hat stand so that bottom of pedal lies flat, tighten wing screw at top of base. Straighten hi-hat rod, slide top of hi-hat stand over rod and insert into bottom of stand.

Allow knurled portion of hi-hat to be completely exposed, tighten wing screw. Thread the hi-hat rod through the following in the listed order: 1) curved metal washer, 2) large cymbal felt, and 3) one hi-hat cymbal.



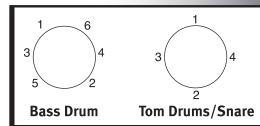
Remove threaded washer, curved metal washer, and one cymbal felt from hi-hat clutch. Thread hi-hat clutch through hi-hat cymbal, replace cymbal felt and curved metal washer, secure with threaded washer. Thread hi-hat rod through hi-hat clutch and position top cymbal 1-2 inches from bottom cymbal, tighten wing screw. Step on hi-hat pedal to test hi-hat cymbals.

#### **Drum Seat Assembly**

For the drum seat (O) open and stabilize tripod base and place seat top onto base. Insert bolt through collar and tighten wing nut. While sitting behind your drum set, the snare drum and hi-hat should be on your left and the tom drum and floor tom should be on your right. Look at the photos in this manual for reference. Make final adjustments to each drum and play!

#### **Drum Tuning Diagrams**

Use your drum key to tighten the lugs in the following order. Apply equal amounts of tension to each lug, tightening only about 3 to 4 turns per lug, repeating the pattern until satisfactory tuning is achieved. A drum doesn't need to be tuned to a specific pitch. The larger the drum, the lower the pitch.



#### Good luck and happy drumming!



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