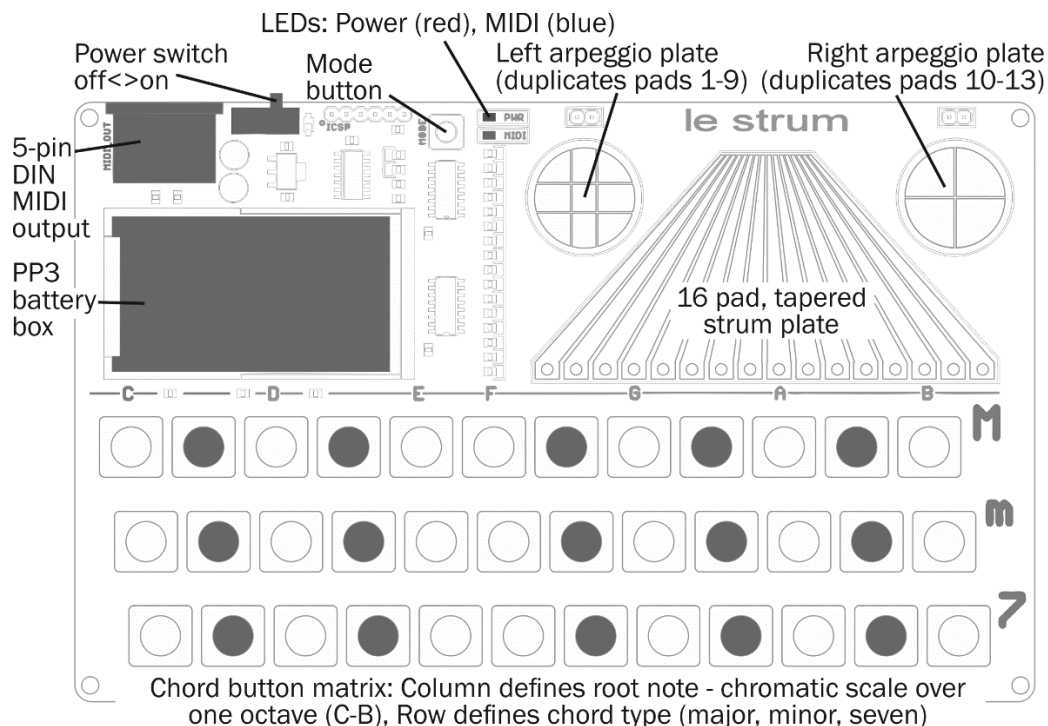


# Le Grand Strum



Thank you for purchasing **Le Grand Strum**!

Get started by fitting a 9V “PP3” size alkaline battery and connecting Le Grand Strum to your synthesizer or MIDI sound module using the 5 pin MIDI output. If you want to control a soft synth plugin, you’ll need a suitable MIDI interface for your computer (a USB-MIDI cable for example).

Set up your synth to receive notes on the correct MIDI channel. By default, Le Grand Strum outputs strummed MIDI notes on **MIDI Channel 1** and in some modes (called “organ buttons” modes) it also outputs chord triads on **MIDI Channel 2**, which can be set up to play a different voice to provide backing for the strums.

Power on by sliding the power switch to the right (the red LED should light and blue LED blink briefly) and release the stylus from the holder. Now select a chord by pressing and holding one of the 36 chord buttons and play notes from the chord by sliding the stylus across the strum plate while the chord button is held.

The top row of buttons select major chords, the next row selects minor chords, and the last row selects 7<sup>th</sup> chords. Combinations of these buttons select other chord types (as documented on the quick reference card).

You can play chord strums more easily at the top of the strum plate and pick individual notes out more easily at the bottom of the plate, where the pads are further apart. The two circular arpeggio plates either side of the main strum plate duplicate the first 13 pads and make it easy to play cyclic chord arpeggios by drawing the stylus around in the circles.

The default strum mode is designed to behave like “plucked” strings, so notes start to play when contact is broken from the pad and are damped when the pad is touched again. Using the **mode** button in combination with the top row of white buttons you can select between 6 predefined modes and a user-defined mode that you can customise and save for later. Many other options allow you to customise the playing experience (see the included quick reference card for more information).

We hope you enjoy Le Grand Strum!

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