

Erogenous Tones – VC8

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How to Use the Erogenous Tones VC8 for Hyper-Complex Percussive Sequencing

The Erogenous Tones **VC8** is an 8-channel, DC-coupled, linear VCA designed for high-density signal processing. Here's how you can exploit its capabilities for polyrhythmic, complex, and uniquely punchy percussion in your Eurorack system:

1. Dense Multi-Layer Percussion Using Parallel VCAs

- **Send 8 Independent Signals:** Route up to 8 different percussive sound sources (drum modules, noise, FM percussion, or even audio-rate modulated CV sources) through each VC8 channel. Each VCA is individually addressable.
- **Complex Gates/Envelopes:** Use separate gate or envelope sequencers for each channel. Pair with advanced step sequencers (like Euclidean circle, burst generators, or West Coast probability clocks) for polyrhythmic and non-repetitive gating.

2. Polyrhythmic & Odd Meter Modulation

- **CV LEVEL Inputs:** Send different CV patterns to each CV LEVEL input—one channel might get a straight 4/4 pulse, another a 5-step pattern, another a 7 or 11 pulse, etc. Layering these creates constantly evolving polyrhythms and glitches.
- **OFFSET Control for Groovy Patterns:** The CV OFFSET can bias each VCA's “open” state, letting you fine-tune attack/decay

sensibilities of percussive hits for more human and lively feel, or even open VCAs with no external CV for drones or stuttered fills.

3. On-the-Fly Submixing for Dynamic Percussion Buses

- **Engage SUB-MIXES (Channel 4 & 8):** Route subgroups of percussion into channels 1–3 and 5–7. When channel 4 (or 8) submix is engaged, its VCA controls the summed output of the group. Use fast gates to “chop” entire sub-percussion buses for forceful fills, gated complexity, or sudden mutes and accents.
- **Layered Fills:** Use a sequencer to occasionally switch the sub-mix on/off, blending/kicking in clustered percussion bursts at key moments.

4. Experimental and Morphing Patterns

- **Audio-Rate Modulation:** Since VC8 is DC-coupled, try modulating VCA inputs with audio-rate oscillators or stepped random voltages for ring-modulation-style grit, glitchy artifacts, or abrupt, sample-and-hold style percussive effects.
- **Hybrid Triggers:** Mix gates, envelopes, LFOs, and random CV for unpredictable, living percussion lines that never exactly repeat.

5. Punch and Dynamic Control

- **LED Feedback:** Visual indication of CV after offset lets you instantly “see” your rhythm at work—great for live tweaking.
 - **Aluminum Knobs:** Fast, tactile changes—ride LEVEL, OFFSET mid-performance for dynamic muting, accenting, or morphing between patterns.
 - **Fine Current Draw & Skiff-Friendly:** Lets you fit it anywhere in your case—even shallow skiffs, maximizing drum density per HP.
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Patch Example for Hyper-Complex Percussion

- Patch different percussion voices (e.g. kick, snare, hats, digital blips, metal noise) to VC8 inputs 1–7.
 - Program 7 different rhythm patterns/gates from a multi-channel sequencer (e.g., Pamela’s New Workout, NerdSEQ, or Rene) at contrasting time divisions.
 - CV LEVEL from each sequencer channel to its own VCA input.
 - Use a random LFO or slow envelope to modulate CV OFFSET (for changing dynamics or ghost notes) per channel.
 - Engage the channel 4 and 8 submixes, then “chop” all sub-mixed percussion together using separate master triggers or perform real-time fills.
 - Modulate some VCAs at audio-rate for glitchy, micro-percussion.
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Generate intricate, layered rhythms with independent dynamic and submix control per set of voices, making the VC8 an exceptional control tool for advanced, punchy, and evolution-rich modular percussion!

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