On the Way to Pro

Do you dream of playing drums professionally, maybe even achieving star status? Enthusiasm, good instructors and practice are just some of what you'll need to get to pro level playing.

You'll also need the right equipment. In drums that means the minimum requirements of good sound, easy set-up, durability and good looks. For nearly two decades, Swingstar has set the standard in entry level kits by providing more than just the minimum requirements.

But now it's time for a new standard. With a view of improvements inspired by our innovative Iron Cobra, 1st Chair and Starclassic professional products, Tama's Swingstar drums for 2000 have ordinary 'beginner' sets behind them. We're proud to say that our new Swingstars rival many of the professional drums of the previous generation—at the price of today's so-called 'entry level' kit.

Now you can forget about settling for an entry level drum set. Our new Swingstars are way beyond that because, like you, they're on the way to pro.

Shells
Tama's Swingstar shells are crafted of eight pieces of Philippine mahogany for warm sound, excellent projection, and structural strength. Practice bearing edges provide the easier tuning that beginners need and the wide tuning range that pros demand.

Omnisphere Tom Holder
With its new solid stability, Tama's Omniball system has been acclaimed by pro drummers for well over twenty years. With Swingstar's new MTH60 Omniball system double tom holder, you can achieve almost any angle by simply knowing one T-Bolt.

Accu-Tune Bass Drum Hoops
Tama's Accu-Tune hoops keep it all. Their hi-tech material offers both lighter weight, and louder, more stable tuning than traditional metal hoops. Since Accu-Tune hoops use tension bolts instead of clavichords and T-rods, head changing and tuning up are a breeze. A special groove at the bottom of the hoop offers easy and secure pedal connection even when the bass drum is angled.

Spur Brackets
Our new design features two cast pieces for optimum stability and strength. The spur tips are switchable from spike to rubber, and when it's time to pack up, you can even fold up the spurs without removing them from the bracket.

Swingstar Finishes

- Vintage Blue
- Vintage Red
- Vintage Silver
- Deep Forest Green
- Black Orchid
- Black (BK)

SW155 5-1/2"x14 Snare Drum
Tama designers invented the 5 1/2" x 14 snare drum diameter because of its wider tonal versatility. Both braced, piccolo-like tonings and resonant pitch settings can be achieved. Steel shells are preferred by many drummers for their consistency, durability and sonic power. Tama's Swingstar steel shells have even greater durability thanks to a special center ridge.
New Swingstar Hardware

Every aspect of our new Swingstar drums were exhaustively examined, even the piping. The new Swingstar hardware now features a 25.4mm diameter base section. This slightly larger base diameter offers greater stability while still offering light weight and portability.

Nylon Bushing

The music should rock. Your hardware shouldn't. And on Swingstar hardware, it won't. A specially designed nylon bushing underneath the die-cast joint of the base section eliminates rattling or swaying by the midsection tube.

HS10R Snare Stand

Even Tama's most affordable equipment features innovations. On the HS10R snare stand, the basket rotates independently so you don't have to loosen the basket when moving the strainer to the desired position. Plus the HS10R's tilter offers finer adjustment angles than other snare stands in its class.

HH15R Hi-Hat Stand

Tama adds yet another professional feature to the entry level price range. With HH15R's Swivel Foot function, the foot pedal can be rotated around the tripod bass which greatly expands set up ease and flexibility. This is a feature you'll need and appreciate should you decide to go the twin bass pedal route.

HC12R Straight Cymbal Stand

With three sections featuring a 25.4mm diameter base tube, 19.1 middle, and 15.9 top, the HC12R is both very strong and very adjustable. Plus it's been designed to fold up smaller for easy portability.

HP10 Bass Drum Pedal

Like Tama's best selling Iron Cobra Power Glide pedal, the HP10 features an offset cam which provides added acceleration and power as the pedal reaches the end of its stroke.

Beater Angle Adjustment

You just won't find bass pedals with adjustable beater/footboard angles on most kits in this price range. But our HP10 can.

Spring Tension Adjustment

Inspired by the acclaimed the 'Spring Tight' on Tama's high-end Iron Cobra pedals, this specially shaped nut prevents the spring unit from loosening.

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