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Roland announces the RD-2000 EX and RD-88 EX, the latest members of the historic RD family of stage pianos for professional performers. Building on the foundations of previous generation models, these powerful instruments offer players expanded creative capabilities with new world-class piano sounds. In addition to the RD-2000 EX and RD-88 EX models for first-time purchasers, RD-2000 and RD-88 owners can expand their instruments with EX sounds through upgrade packages available for purchase on Roland Cloud.

Launched in 2017, the RD-2000 introduced the most advanced RD stage piano to date. The RD-2000 EX elevates this successful platform with two pre-installed V-Piano Expansion titles. Designed for the needs of top-level stage performers, the RD-2000 EX features independent sound engines driven by V-Piano and SuperNATURAL technologies, premium hammer-action playability with the PHA-50 keyboard, high-end controller features, and computer integration for modern workflows.

First released in 2022 as an option for RD-2000 owners, the German Concert V-Piano Expansion 01 provides a versatile new voice inspired by famous concert-class grand pianos. Enhanced modeling features offer new sonic possibilities highlighted with 17 ready-to-play Tones. The sound is organic and responsive for solo work while also delivering muscle and presence for cutting through dense band mixes on stage.

The newly developed Essential Upright V-Piano Expansion 02 introduces an intimate sonic flavor with the distinctive character and unique spatial quality of a high-end upright piano. The 14 preset Tones include classic sounds for pop and rock styles, along with a variety of colorful non-standard sounds. With the sophisticated Piano Designer tools in the RD-2000 EX, users can customize the V-Piano sounds for their style and touch. When combined with the instrument's powerful sound layering and effect processing options, the creative possibilities are endless.



Unveiled in early 2020, the RD-88 brought players acclaimed RD sound and playability in a lightweight and affordable instrument. The RD-88 EX retains every core feature from the previous model, including SuperNATURAL and ZEN-Core sound engines, the expressive PHA-4 hammer-action keyboard, intuitive controller

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tools, and a room-filling onboard stereo speaker system.

The newly developed SuperNATURAL Acoustic Piano 3 Expansion comes pre-installed in the RD-88 EX, adding a premium concert piano option that complements the SuperNATURAL acoustic and electric pianos already included. The expansion offers 15 distinctive Tones and 20 Scenes, from bright, dynamic sounds for live band performances to darker textures for solo work and ambient explorations.

RD-2000 and RD-88 owners can expand their instruments with the new EX sounds via the RD-2000 EX Upgrade and RD-88 EX Upgrade on Roland Cloud. Each user-installable upgrade package is available with a Lifetime Key purchase in Roland Cloud Manager, the software portal for Roland Cloud content. The Roland RD-88 EX and RD-2000 EX are available in July in the U.S. for \$1,299.99 and \$2,599.99 respectively. The RD-88 EX Upgrade and the RD-2000 EX Upgrade are available in July for \$99.99 and \$199.99 respectively.

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