

FIVE-STAR TECH TIPS

DRUMSET NOTATION

NOTES & RESTS IN COMMON (4/4) TIME

	note	rest	1 e + a	2 e + a	3 e + a	4 e + a
Whole						
Half						
Quarter						
Eighth						
Eighth Triplet						
Sixteenth						

TIME SIGNATURES, DYNAMICS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS

	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{4}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{4}$	$\frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{6}{4}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{7}{4}$	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{12}{8}$
beats per measure:	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	9	12
note gets one beat:	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

Note: odd-meters can be simplified by subdividing each measure into groups of 2's and 3's.

<i>pp</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>mp</i>	<i>mf</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>ff</i>	>		♩	 : :
pianissimo (very soft)	piano (soft)	mezzo piano (med. soft)	mezzo forte (med. loud)	forte (loud)	fortissimo (very loud)	accent	fermata (hold)	repeat measure	repeat section

STANDARD DRUMSET NOTATION

snare rimshot cross-stick tom 1 tom 2 tom 3 tom 4 bass 1 bass2 hi-hat hi-hat (open) ride bell crash acc.

Reading and writing drum music can be helpful in expanding your drumming abilities and career opportunities. The above information covers the basics. Talk to your teacher or your local Five-Star dealer to learn more.