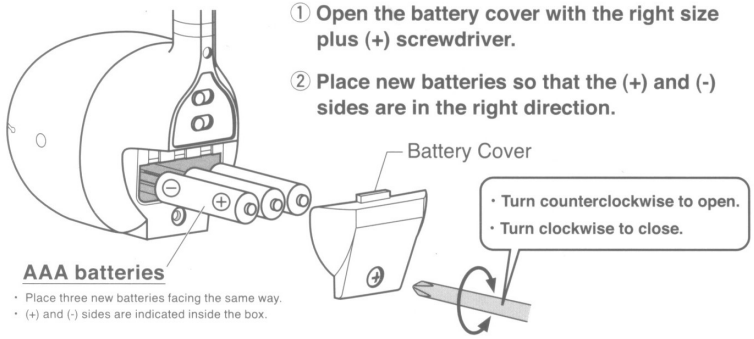
STEP 1 Set up the Otamatone for playing.

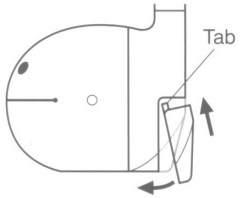
How to change batteries:

Required batteries: AAA x 3
- Batteries are not included.
- Alkaline batteries are recommended.



① Open the battery cover with the right size plus (+) screwdriver.

② Place new batteries so that the (+) and (-) sides are in the right direction.



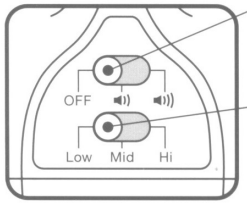
③ Attach the cover as shown and push to close.

④ Tighten the screw.

Change the batteries when the sound is softer and intermittent.

Hint to make the batteries last:
Turn the switch off after playing.

Selection of Volume and Octave:



Volume Switch: Choose soft or loud.

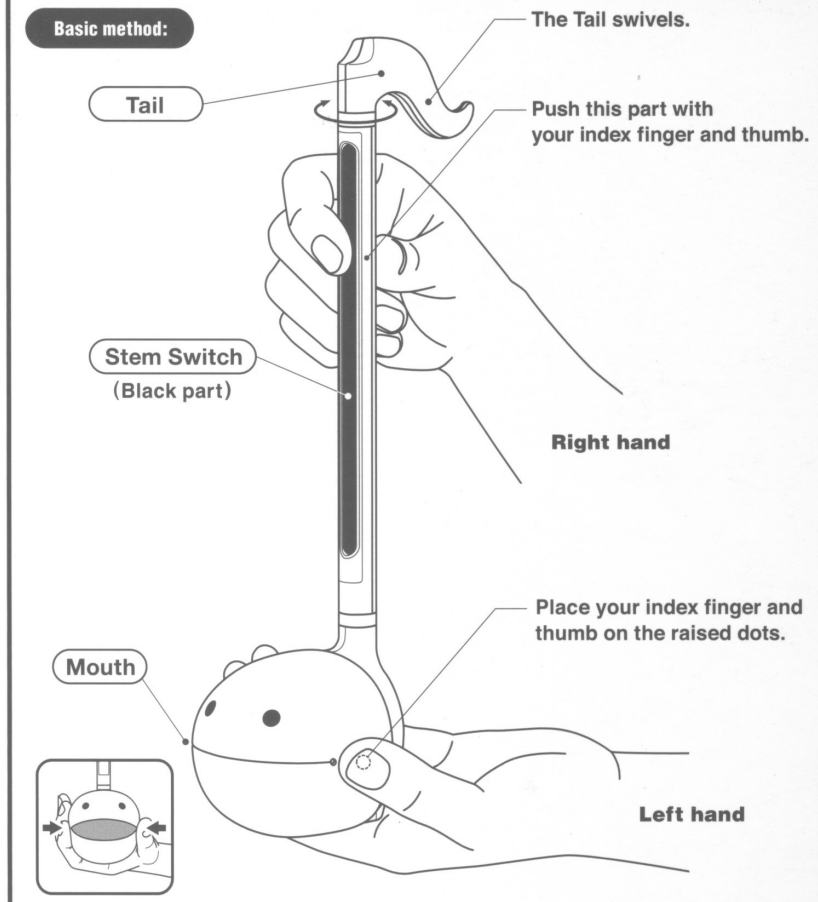
OFF / Soft / Loud

Octave Switch: Set to the desired level.

Low / Medium / Hi

STEP 2 Hold the Otamatone.

Basic method:

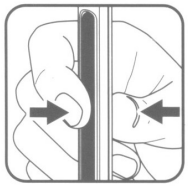


※Left-handed persons may want to switch hands.

STEP 3 Let's make some sounds!

※The Octave switch is set to Mid in the following instructions.

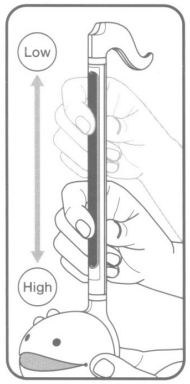
Push Technique:



Push the Stem Switch anywhere!
This will make "mmm" sound.
Push different places and the sound will change too.

Hint: Push the Stem Switch with your index finger and thumb.

Slide Technique:



Push and hold the Stem Switch.
Slide the fingers up and down.
This will make "peooow" sound.

Hint: Push a bit harder and slide to make sure the sound does not break.
After mastering the technique, you can adjust the pressure.

※Change the Octave switch to try a different pitch.

Mouth Technique:

While pushing the Stem Switch, open and close the mouth.
The sound changes from "woo" to "wah."
Repeat this to make "wah wah wah."

Hint: This will vary the sound.
The opening and the closing of the mouth makes everyone happy!

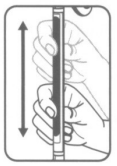
STEP 4 Let's play a song!

Let's play a song using the attached Otamatone practice sheet!

Otamatone does not have any marker to strike exact notes like a keyboard.
Place the unit on the practice sheet as shown here and push the Stem Switch where the numbers are indicated on the sheet.

Hint: When you get the hang of it, hold the unit as in Step 2 and play.

Try different techniques!



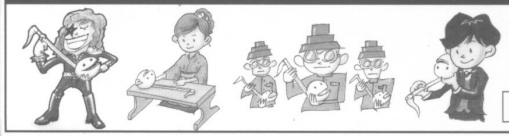
Portamento:

A continuous gliding movement from one tone to another.
Play songs as you slide your fingers. It sounds like a grass whistle.

Wah-wah:

A musical special effect to produce voice-like tones.
Open and close the mouth while pushing the Stem Switch.

Otamatone Music Classes offered on our home pages!!



You can see videos showing hints and techniques!

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