

Compared to the original Roland R-8 drum machine with 35 built-in sounds, the follow-up Roland R-8 mkII drum machine has a whopping 200 sounds. Of these, 52 were completely new ones, and 113 were taken from the existing range of expansion cards.

The overview below lists how many of the expansion cards' sounds are included in the mkII version of the Roland R8 drum machine. Thus, using cards 01, 02, 09, and 10 benefits the least, and 05-08 plus 11 the most.

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Card	Sounds contained	of which in R8mkII	
SN-R8-01 Contemporary Percussion	26	24	92 %
SN-R8-02 Jazz Brush	26	17	65 %
SN-R8-03 Sound Effects	26	3	12 %
SN-R8-04 Electronic	26	11	42 %
SN-R8-05 Jazz	26	1	4 %
SN-R8-06 Ethnic Percussion	26	0	0 %
SN-R8-07 Mallet	26	0	0 %
SN-R8-08 Dry	26	1	4 %
SN-R8-09 Power Drums U.S.A.	26	26	100 %
SN-R8-10 Dance	26	26	100 %
SN-R8-11 Metallic Percussion	26	4	15 %