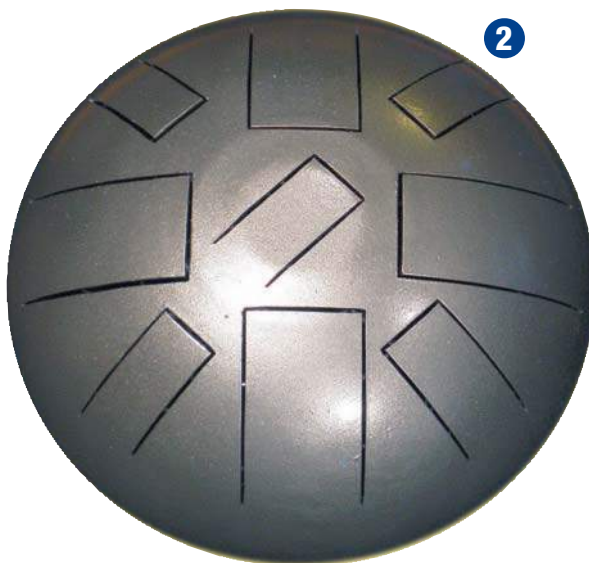


Orion mapa burl setup



The 5x12 Phantom and the 6 1/2x14 Machete are two of the fourteen new Black Panther snare drums from Mapex.





1. MAPEX has released a limited edition Orion component pack featuring mapa burl exterior veneers on 7-ply North American maple shells. The six-piece component pack includes an 18x22 bass drum, 8x10 and 9x12 toms, 14x14 and 16x16 floor toms, and a matching 5½x14 snare.

List price: \$5,349.

Mapex's professional-level Black Panther snare drum series has been redesigned to include fourteen new models. Each drum has its own nickname and features one of two classic lugs (a shield-style split lug or a tube-style lug) and a new die-cast chrome-plated badge.

mapexdrums.com, blackpanthersnares.com

2. DRUMVIBE Vibe Drum melodic metal instruments are available in a variety of models.

The Half Pint Vibe Drum (\$359) is a compact version that's said to be great for drum circles, travel, or whenever a lighter-weight drum is wanted. The small, lightweight DrumVibe Single (\$439) consists of nine notes and has an enclosed playing surface to increase the resonance and sonic range. The Double Vibe Drum (\$469) provides the same resonance as the Single, with an additional scale on the reverse side. The Duo Vibe Drum (\$759) offers a melodic tuned surface plus a hand-drum head.

drumvibe.com

3. U.K. drum maker GATTON's handcrafted Corian snares are claimed to perform like high-end wood drums at a mid-level price. These snares come with Trick GS007 strainers, S-Hoops, Remo heads, and PureSound snare wires and are available in 13" and 14" diameters and 5" to 7" depths. Prices start at £400 in the U.K. For more information, contact Craig Cockrell at 01522 790 900.

4. The DDRUM Carmine Appice 5x14 gold-finish snare drum features bullet lugs, a heavy-duty 6.5 mm brass shell, gold-plated hoops, a Nickelworks throw-off, and a custom-engraved Carmine Appice logo. List price: \$599.99.

ddrum.com

5. The SUPERDRUM is a 12-lug snare drum designed to have improved sensitivity and articulation by increasing control over the tensioning of the top and bottom heads. Legendary drummer Bernard Purdie currently endorses the Superdrum and often uses one live and in the recording studio. The snare is available in 5½x14 and 6½x14 sizes, with brass, maple, or chrome shells. Twenty-strand wire snares are standard, and cable snares are optional for concert or symphonic players. Retail prices: \$299 to \$599.

superdrum12.com

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