Alesis CORE Drum Module

Latest Firmware Version: 1.3

Release Date: March 2025

Minimum System Requirements

- Windows 10 or macOS 11
- Host USB 2.0 port

Firmware Update Instructions - Wi-Fi (if an update is available)

- 1. Power on the CORE Drum Module, tap Settings in the bottom-left corner of the Main screen, and then tap WI-FI.
- 2. Tap the **ON** button at the top-right of the screen. Then, tap the local network that you would like to connect to, and enter the password for the network when prompted.

Note: When connected to Wi-Fi, you may automatically be prompted when an update is available without having to enter the Settings menu. If so, continue to Step 5.

- 3. Go to the Info tab in the Settings Menu screen, and select Update.
- 4. Once **Update** has been selected, you will be prompted to select how you would like to update: Online Update, USB Drive Update, or Switch to Update Mode. Tap **Online Update**.
- 5. A screen will then open asking you if you would like to update to the latest version of the Alesis CORE Drum Module firmware. Select **Update Now** to download and install the latest version of the Alesis CORE Drum Module firmware. A screen will appear asking if you want to shut down your CORE Drum Module, select **Shut Down**.
- 6. Once selected, the CORE Drum Module will restart, and the screen will show Update Mode at the bottom edge.
- 7. Once your unit has finished updating, it will power off and then back on again.
- 8. On the CORE Drum Module, check the version of the firmware in the **INFO** tab of the **Settings** page.

Firmware Update Instructions – USB to PC

- 1. Download the latest **Alesis Strata Series Drum Module 1.3.0 Updater** application for your PC or macOS from one of the following locations.
 - inMusic Software Center > My Hardware. Click the ▼ in the product image window to reveal all your included software and the firmware updater application.
 - Your inMusic user account: Alesis Strata Core Kit > View Downloads > Firmware.
 - Under the Downloads section at alesis.com/stratacore/downloads.
- 2. Connect the **USB-B port** on your CORE Drum Module to your computer, and ensure both the CORE Drum Module and your computer are powered on.
- 3. On the CORE Drum Module, tap **Settings** in the bottom-left corner of the Main screen, and then tap **Update** at the bottom of the **INFO** tab.
- 4. Once **Update** has been selected, you will be prompted to select how you would like to update: Online Update, USB Drive Update, or Switch to Update Mode. Tap **Switch to Update Mode**.
- 5. Once **Switch to Update Mode** has been selected, you may be prompted to save any changes you've made. Choose from Don't Save, Cancel, or Save.
- 6. Once selected, the CORE Drum Module will restart, and the screen will show Update Mode at the bottom edge.
- 7. Open the **Alesis Strata Series Drum Module 1.3.0 Updater** application for your Windows or macOS operating system. (You may need to unzip an additional .zip file to access the actual application.).
- 8. When the updater window appears, click **Start Update**. Do **not** disconnect or power off the CORE Drum Module or your computer until the update is completed.
- 9. When the update is completed, the updater window will display **Done**, and your CORE Drum Module will restart. Click **Done** to close the updater window.
- 10. Power on the CORE Drum Module and check the version of the firmware in the **INFO** tab of the **Settings** page.

Firmware Update Instructions – USB-A

Note: When updating with a USB drive, we recommend using an empty and newly reformatted drive with at least 1 GB of space, if possible. The drive should be formatted to FAT32 or ExFat format.

- 1. Download the latest drummodule-1.3.0.11-update image file from one of the following locations.
 - inMusic Software Center > My Hardware. Click the ▼ in the product image window to reveal all your included software and the firmware updater application.
 - Your inMusic user account: Alesis Strata CORE Kit > View Downloads > Firmware.
 - Under the **Downloads** section at **alesis.com/stratacore/downloads**.
- 2. Connect your drive to your computer and load the image file (.img) to the root of the USB drive. The root of any drive is the top-most location, outside of any folders. Do not place the image file inside a folder on the drive.
- 3. Eject your drive from your computer and insert it into the CORE Drum Module's rear panel USB-A port.
- 4. Power on the CORE Drum Module, tap **Settings** in the bottom-left corner of the Main screen, and then tap **Update** at the bottom of the **INFO** tab.
- 5. Once **Update** has been selected, you will be prompted to select how you would like to update: Online Update, USB Drive Update, or Switch to Update Mode. Tap **USB Drive Update**.
- 6. Once **USB Drive Update** has been selected, you will be prompted to either **Upgrade** to the latest firmware version or Cancel. Select **Upgrade**.
- 7. A prompt will then appear asking you if you want to Update, select Update.
- 8. Once selected, the CORE Drum Module will restart, and the screen will show **Update Mode** at the bottom edge.
- 9. When the update is complete, check the version of the firmware in the INFO tab of the Settings page.

For additional help, visit support.alesis.com.

Changes in Firmware v1.3

Feature Updates:

• Added user data backup and restore functionality.

Improvements:

- Resolved an issue where hi-hat bow and bell zone hits would sometimes be choked.
- Resolved an issue where Easy Mode Mixer faders would affect the kick.
- Resolved an issue where samples occasionally wouldn't play when loaded with certain presets.
- Resolved an issue where the Easy Mixer Mode Pan slider changes were not reflected in the Advanced Mixer Mode.
- Resolved an issue where the module would occasionally crash when shutting down.

Changes in Firmware v1.2.1

Improvements

- Fixed an issue where in certain situations bootup was stalled when the hihat controller was connected to the unit.
- Fixed an issue where there was missing audio content in certain situations after a failed boot sequence.
- Updated some kit pieces and graphics.
- Improved kit loading time in Easy Mixer view.
- Fixed crash in certain Bluetooth[®] instances.

Changes in Firmware v1.2.0

Feature Updates

• Added an easy view in the mixer which gives the user the ability to quickly control all of their levels and pans.

Other Improvements

- Fixed and issue where imported samples did not instantiate with User Kit Pieces.
- Fixed and issue with a blank margin in Browse mode.
- Updated the kit graphic and mode menu position.
- Fixed an incorrect error message of "No Drives Found".
- Fixed and issue where "Return To Kit" was not responding to TUI interactions.
- Fixed an issue where Hihat wasn't included in the All Cymbals macro.
- Various cosmetic improvements.