

# DIXSON

## BASS DRUM LIFT

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The Dixson Bass Drum Lift is one of those products that make you think: *It really took someone this long to figure this out?* The ingenious little device is claimed to enhance bass drum resonance and tone quality by propping the pedal side of the bass drum off the ground. The pedal attaches to the lift instead of the hoop, eliminating stress on the drum and allowing the shell to sit parallel to the floor, at the same height at which you have the

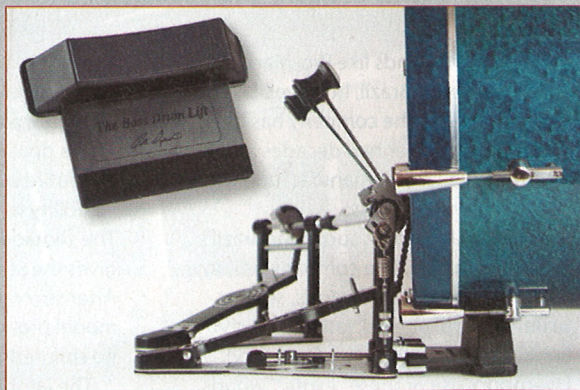
***It's hard to believe that a device as simple as this, which elevates the batter-side bass drum hoop off the ground by a couple inches, could make such a noticeable improvement in sustain and low end. But it's true.***

legs propping up the resonant side. The Lift, which works on any drum from 16" to 24", also makes it easier to get a more centralized striking position.

We tested the product on several different drums, and it delivered stag-

gering improvement with some and modest results with others. If you use a thuddy-sounding or clicky 22" kick, you might not hear much of a difference. But if you're looking for more tone from a bass drum, especially a smaller one, the Lift undeniably heightens the dynamic and tonal possibilities. Being able to prop up a 16", 18", or 20" drum so that the beater strikes the exact center of the head at a perfectly perpendicular angle makes a significant difference in the sound, bringing more punch and low-end resonance.

The Bass Drum Lift is lightweight, easy to set up, and fairly inexpensive (street price: \$39.95). It's made of sturdy poly-filled nylon and features hook-and-loop



fasteners on the bottom to secure it to your drum rug, so it won't break or slide under heavy playing. It also comes with an additional foam rubber pad, in case you need to lift the drum another half inch.

If you prefer to mount rack toms directly to your bass drum, you may want to consider an alternative tom holder, like a snare stand or a cymbal-stand mount, when using the Lift. We found that an 18" bass drum with a 12" rack tom mounted to the shell tended to sway off balance if not set up properly. That said, we're happy to welcome the Dixson Bass Drum Lift into the world of practical, useful, and effective kit accessories. Every little bit helps!

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