

## **Ningen Gakki Instructions & Warnings**

### **Description Side of Box:**

Mode 1: “(let’s make) our own music” mode

Mode 2: “let’s (do the) a-b-c-d” mode

Mode 3: “touch” mode, i.e. make contact with a friend to make music

### **Warning Side of Box:**

In red:

- Read all instructions thoroughly before use. When finished reading the instructions, keep (with the instrument) for others to be able to use.
- Not for children under 3 years old.
- Choking hazard: Small parts – do not ingest or place in mouth.
- This instrument generates a very low-grade electrical current at the contact point when in “touch” mode; individuals with pacemakers or any other medical device – whether used internally or externally – must not use or play with this instrument, as there may be a risk of interference with the medical device’s ability to function properly.

In black:

- Do not use rechargeable batteries with this instrument (e.g., NiCd – Nickel/Cadmium-based or nickel-based batteries). Do not use old and new batteries together; do not use different types of batteries together. Make sure to insert batteries properly (taking note of the +/- ends). Always turn off the instrument when not in use or when finished using. Keep away from electrical outlets, heat, and any other potential hazards.
  - Should a battery leak and battery fluid come into contact with eyes, rinse eyes out immediately with copious amounts of water; seek medical attention immediately. Should battery fluid come into contact with skin or clothing, wash immediately with water.
- To prevent accidents, keep away from children under 3 years old.
- Suffocation hazard: This instrument contains a plastic bag.

### **Bottom of Box:**

In yellow box:

This set includes the following

- Human Instrument – 1 unit

***What is the Ningen Gakki (literal translation: Human Musical Instrument)?***

The Ningen Gakki turns the human body into a musical instrument. Up to four people can "play" each other's instruments together: everyone holds the silver sensor with their thumb, and then, by touching another person's body you can create musical sounds. The sounds generated change and vary depending on where and how you are making contact with your partner: their cheek, forehead, chin, nose and so on! There are also different modes, allowing to experiment with maintaining melodies or turning your partner into a human instrument!

**Instructions**

1. Power on/off
  - Press the "on/off" button (dark circular button on the left; on the 'chest' of the instrument) for 1 second. You should hear "Yeah! One...(and some Japanese, explaining that you are in Mode 1)" This indicates that the instrument is on.
2. Select your mode
  - Press the "select" button (dark triangular button in the center; on the 'chest' of the instrument) to select the desired mode. There are three modes to choose from per Ningen Gakki.
  - By pressing the "select" button, the instrument will cycle through the various modes.
  - Confirm your mode by pressing the "OK" button after hearing your desired mode's name.
3. Touch!
  - Each player should hold onto one of the handles of the instrument with his/her thumb covering the silver sensor, labeled from A to D. You are ready to start! Simply tap or touch the other player(s) with your free hand, and the instrument will start making music/sounds!
  - Note:
    - The silver sensor on each handle must be held onto using the thumb, or the instrument will not function properly
    - There must be skin-to-skin contact for the instrument to make sounds, e.g., touching someone on their hat will not generate music/sound
4. The Ningen Gakki will tell you how you did!
  - "Perfect!"
  - "So cool!"
  - "Too bad!"

**Volume control:** by holding down the "select" button, you can adjust the volume; you will hear the word "Yeah!" repeated in various volumes; release the "select" button once the word is heard at the desired volume.

**Auto power off:** if the Ningen Gakki is left unused for three or more minutes, it will automatically power off. You will hear a voice say "Bye!" and the instrument will turn off. You can restart the instrument by pressing the "on/off" button once.