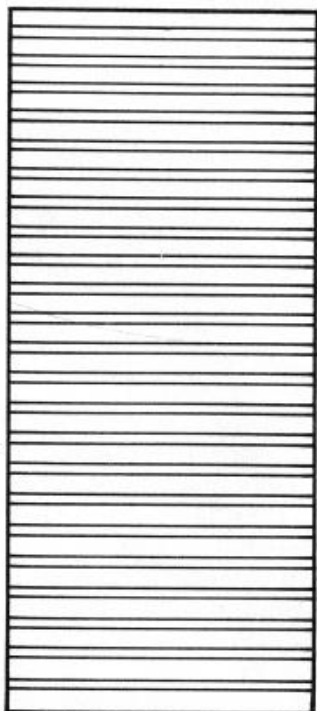
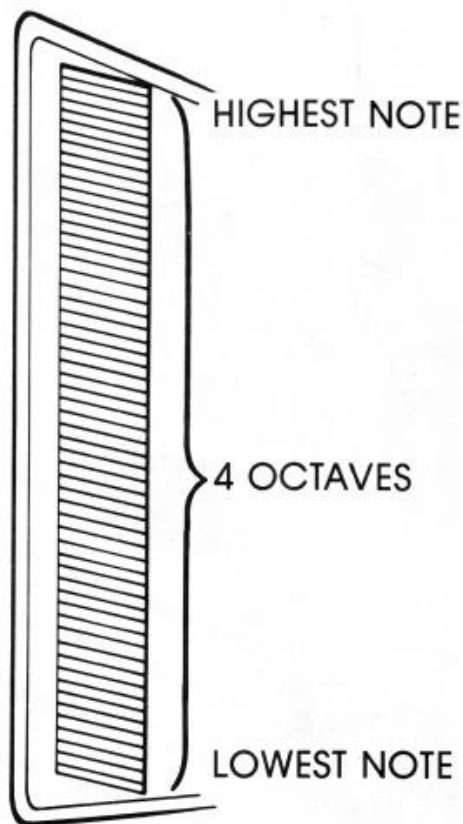


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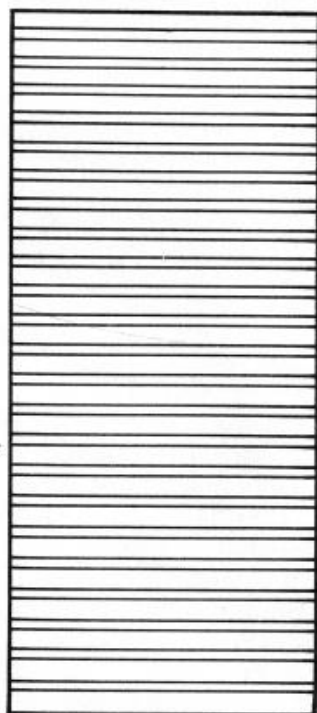
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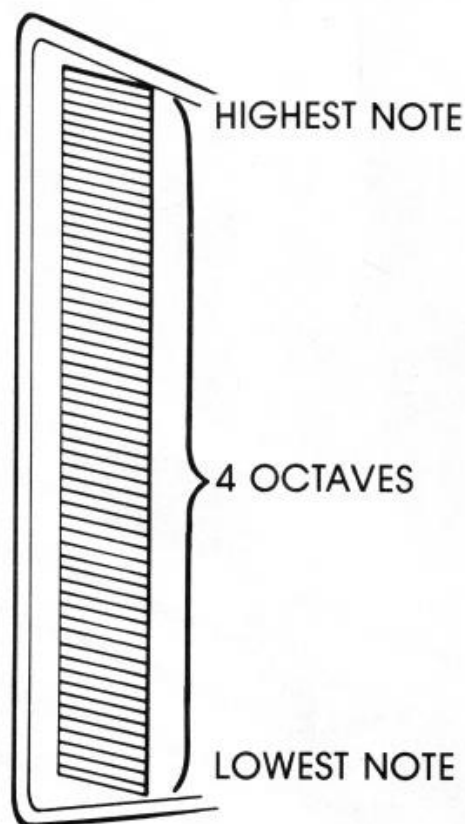
How to Strum, Pat and  
Tickle your Omnichord's  
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**GENERAL:** Your instrument is equipped with a unique touch sensitive electronic touchplate that plays your selected chord as you "strum" it with your fingers. This fun new method of strumming a chord eliminates traditional strings that break or must be constantly tuned.

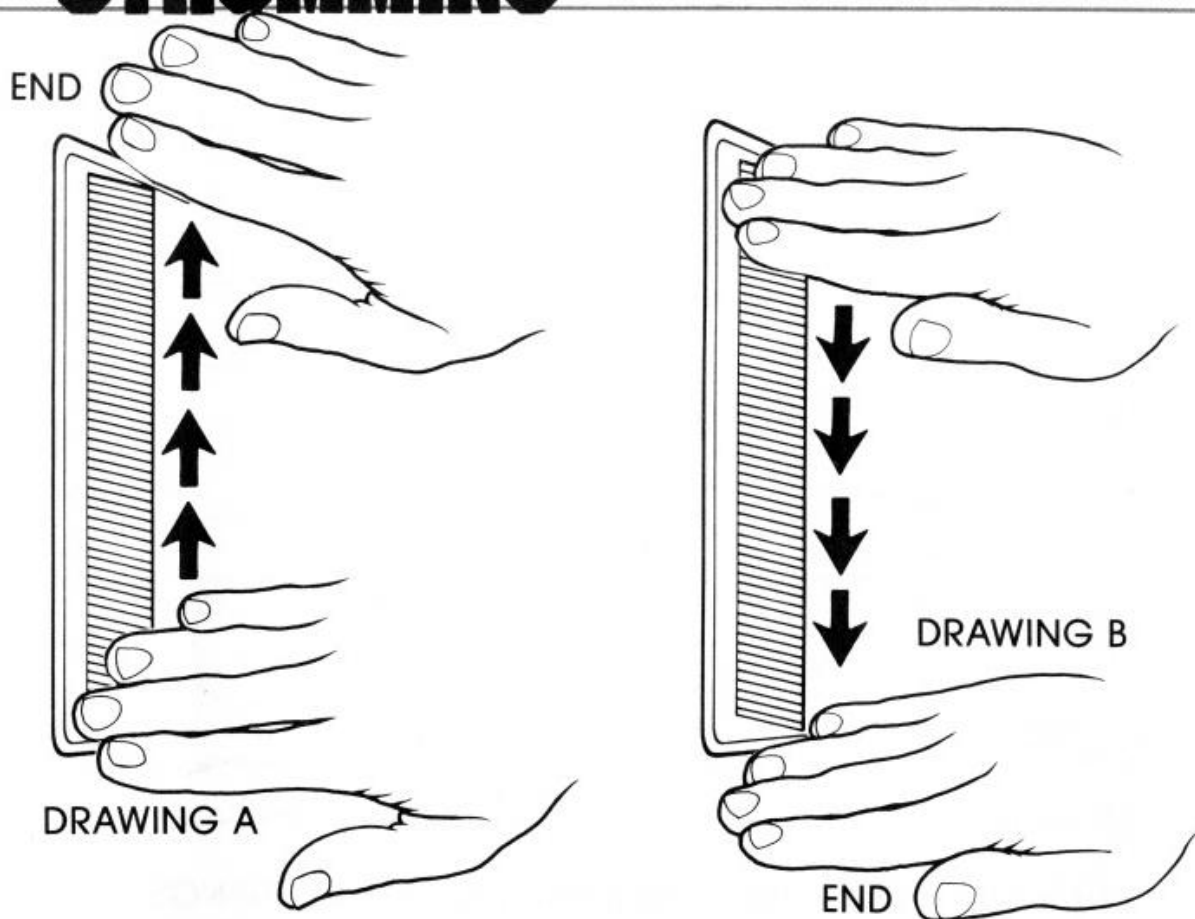
**THE SONICSTRINGS<sup>®</sup> TOUCHPLATE** is made up of many small, individual strum bars that can be activated a number of different ways, depending on the song you are playing. Every time you touch the "SONICSTRINGS"<sup>®</sup>, the notes of your selected chord will sound. The lowest notes are on the bottom and get higher the farther up the touchplate you go. There are 4 full octaves from bottom to top. Later in these instructions there is mention of strumming the "SONICSTRINGS"<sup>®</sup> bottom to top. On your Tronichord this instruction means left to right.

**BATTERY INSTALLATION:** Make sure the on/off switch is in the OFF position. Turn your Omnichord or Tronichord over and remove the battery compartment door as indicated. Using the diagram above the battery compartment, install the battery size indicated and replace the door. Your Omnichord or Tronichord is now ready to be played. For extended periods of play and to prolong battery life, use the optional OCA-1 A/C adapter.

**PLAYING:** Turn the on/off "SONICSTRINGS"<sup>®</sup> volume control straight up. Touch a chord and strum the "SONICSTRINGS"<sup>®</sup>. Next adjust the chord volume and balance the volume of the two controls as desired.

**TUNING:** If you wish to tune your Omnichord or Tronichord to match another instrument, use the tuning adjustment on the bottom, as indicated. If you wish to play your Omnichord or Tronichord through your stereo or P.A. system, connect the Omnichord or Tronichord output jack to a suitable input jack on your system using a patch cord.

# STRUMMING

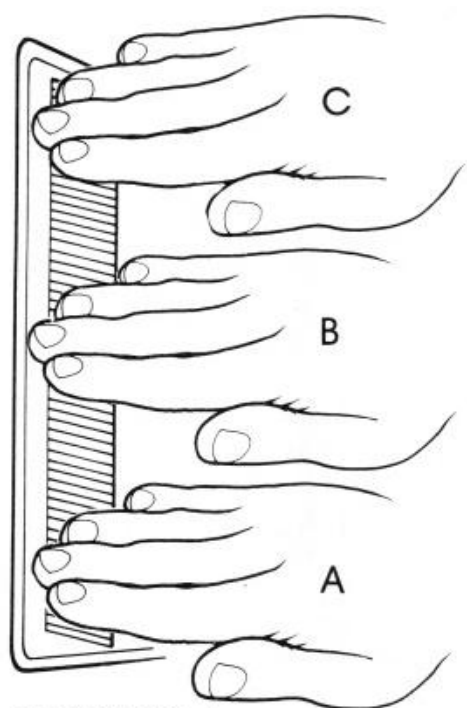


Strumming the "SONICSTRINGS"® like a guitar is the most common method of play. First, push any chord button with your left hand. Then with your right hand, place 3 or 4 fingers at the bottom of the "SONICSTRINGS"® as shown in drawing A. Using the tips of your fingers, move your hand quickly to the top of the instrument with a slight downward pressure on the touchplate. Your hand should end up completely off the touchplate and you will hear your selected chord as it was strummed. Reverse this procedure and strum from the top to bottom as shown in drawing B.

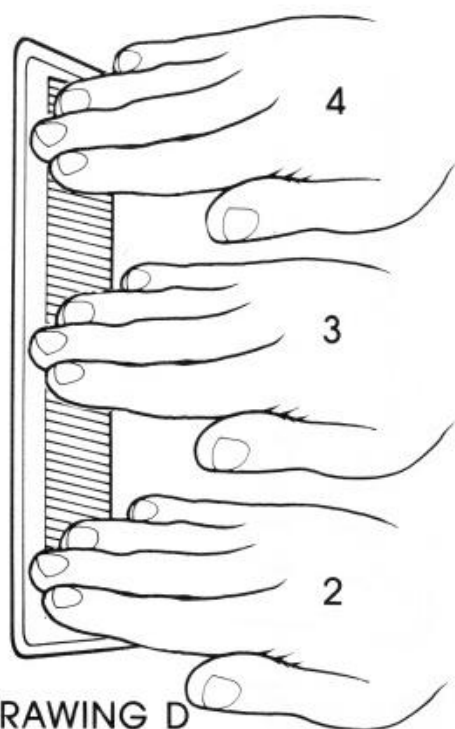
Try this with any number of your fingers until it feels comfortable. But remember, the more fingers you use, the fuller the chord sound will be. Try it fast, then real slow for different affects.

Now, try playing the chord buttons and strumming together in a musical progression. Locate the MAJOR chord buttons of C, G & F. Push the C chord button, then strum. Push the G chord button, then strum. Push the F chord button, then strum. Go back to the C chord button and strum again. You have played a musical chord sequence common to many of today's hit songs!

# PATting



DRAWING A



DRAWING D

Another exciting way to activate the "SONICSTRINGS"™ touchplate is to pat them with your fingers in different places. This will produce a clear sounding of your selected chord and also lets you tap out a rhythm. To start, push any chord button with your left hand. Then, with your right hand, place 3 or 4 fingers on the bottom 2 inches of the touchplate as shown in drawing A. Now, pat the touchplate in the same place 4 times in a row. The low notes of your selected chord will sound. Change chord buttons to G and repeat. Then change to F and repeat. Then, return to C and repeat.

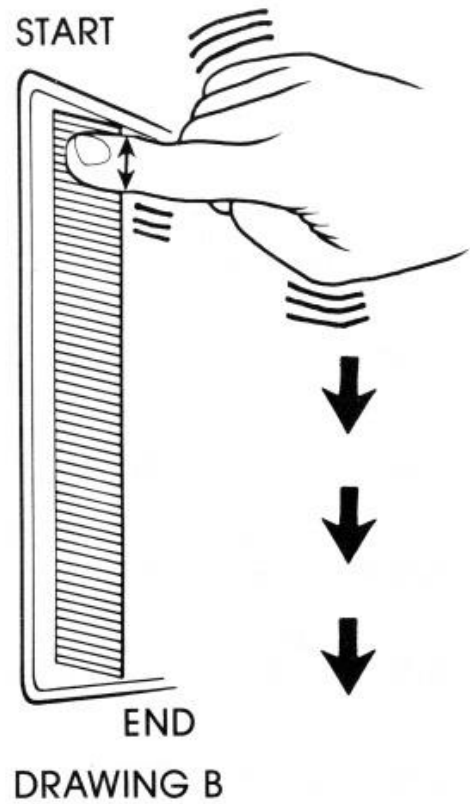
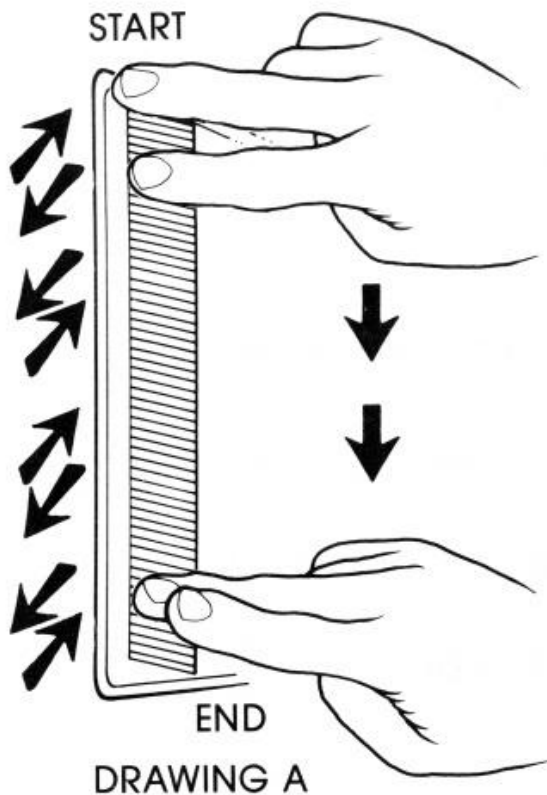
Now, move your hand to the middle portion of the touchplate and repeat as shown in drawing B. Move your hand to the top of the touchplate and repeat again as shown in drawing C.

Next, play the chord progression while touching different areas of the "SONICSTRINGS"™. To do this, count slowly to 4. On 1, push the C chord button. On 2, 3 & 4, pat the touchplate in the areas shown in drawing D.

When you get to 1 again, change to the G chord button and repeat the pat. Then the F chord button and repeat the pat. Then the C chord button and repeat the pat.

Any rhythm can be accomplished by using this method!

# TICKLING



In many songs, you will find that a full chord Strum or Pat is not necessary. All that is needed is a little pluck on the strings. You can do this by using only 1 or 2 fingers to "Tickle" the touchplate. Place 2 fingers on the touchplate with about 1" of space between them as shown in drawing A. Now, alternately move your fingers up & down while moving your hand slowly down to the bottom of the touchplate. This will create a twinkling sound. Now do it again from the bottom to the top.

Try using only 1 finger now. Place it on the top of the touchplate as shown in drawing B. Move your finger back and forth while slowly moving your hand down to the bottom.

All of these techniques can be used individually or in exciting combinations to play any of the songs that follow. Try making up other playing techniques yourself, as we have only demonstrated the ones most commonly used.

Your instrument is completely portable and ruggedly constructed so you can take it along to your next party, camp trip, sing-a-long or anywhere the fun is! It is a real musical instrument that will perform flawlessly to give you years of musical instrument enjoyment.