

## AVP Synth MAD-5: Russian drums with MIDI and vintage sound

Tired of all those well-known, omnipresent 808- and 909-sounds? The new **Midi Analog Drum** machine MAD-5 from AVP synth (Moscow, Russia) sounds different! It is influenced by old Russian drum machines (something you might *not* have heard in your studio yet), and it's quite sophisticated, and comes with MIDI.



*"[MAD-5] is an analog drum synthesizer which is inspired by the sounds of the 20th century soviet drum machines while having the flexibility, MIDI control and compact package of the 21st century."*  
(<http://www.avpsynth.com/products/mad-5>)

The panel-layout reminds us a little of MFB products (Tanzbär, or any other, little box) – let's call it a clear and objective design. Nevertheless, the drumsynth is 100% analog, each sound can be adjusted individually and has its own output.



The features:

- 100% analog sound synthesis
- *5 instruments*: bass drum, snare drum, opened hi-hat, closed hi-hat, clap
- *4 noise generators*: snare , op. hh., cl. hh., clap (surprisingly)
- MIDI-IN, 16 channels (Midi learn)
- *Audio outputs*: mix outp and five individual outputs
- *Controls*: 22 knobs, 1 switch, 1 button
- *External power supply*: adapter 15 VAC (included)
- Dimensions: L 13,5 x W 18,5 x H 5,5 cm
- Weight: 1 kg



The following video demonstrates the MAD-5. If you're in a hurry, skip the individual instrument's presentation and start at 4'30", or skip the basic rhythms as well and start at 7'. That's where the demo becomes increasingly interesting ...

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### **AVP Synth MAD-5**

Price: 300 Euros + shipping

Website manufacturer:

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