

How to use your built-in Meridian pick-up



Your Meridian handpan fitted with our pickup system turns your instrument into an electro-acoustic handpan. The pickup can be built into both 18" and 21" Meridians with your custom order.

Our unique Patent Pending incorporated pickup and jack allows the player to do away with external microphones and simply plug into their choice of amplification.

With the Meridian pickup system, your handpan can be plugged directly into a busking amp, loop station, or a festival stage sound system, without the need for external microphones.

If you want to do one of the following (amplify your handpan, record your handpan or loop your handpan), you will need the setup described below in order to make full use of your pick-up. The same equipment would be needed if you want to use external microphones instead of the built-in pick-up.

Amplify your handpan

Handpan with built-in pickup + Instrument cable [+ preamplifier] + amplifier (if it has a built-in preamp, you do not need a separate preamplifier)

Record your handpan

Handpan with built-in pickup + Instrument cable + audio interface + computer with a recording software (Logic Pro, Ableton)

Loop and amplify your handpan

Handpan with built-in pickup + Instrument cable + looper + cable [+ preamplifier] + amplifier (if it has a built-in preamp, you do not need a separate preamplifier)

Loop and record your handpan

Handpan with built-in pickup + Instrument cable + looper + cable + audio interface + computer with a recording software (Logic Pro, Ableton)

To optimise the sound of your Meridian pick-up, we recommend incorporating *Radial PZ-Di* in the setup.

Here are examples of the gear we have experience with along with some articles on how to choose the one for you:

- *Instrument cable*
- *Amplifier* with a built-in preamp (this one is a pricey one, but very good quality)
- Audio interface/mixer
 - > *what is an interface* (recommendations at the end of the article), *difference between an audio interface and a mixer* (recommendations at the end of the article)
- Looper
 - > *simple looper, advanced looper*