



Thank you for your purchase of Kent replica drum badges!

A few tips on installing your badges...(for those who need tips)...

Remove the existing grommet and badge (or remnants thereof). If you're unfamiliar with grommet removal, Google it online, search some drum forums, or simply pry the sucker away carefully from the inside of the shell with a small flat tip screwdriver and collapse the grommet (like opening a sardine can). Small needle nose pliers or diagonal cutters work well to assist. Clean the shell thoroughly to remove any remnants.

Kent grommets were 1/2" brass - I have not yet found a source for 1/2" brass grommets. Precision stocks 1/2" nickel grommets, they work well, are not too long, fit the badge and original shell hole perfectly, and look great at 50 cents each.

You can crimp the new grommet in place (traditional method – hammer ball bearing, or crimping tool) or save the aggravation and simply apply a bit of epoxy around the shell hole (from the inside). I much prefer the epoxy method, having done both over the years.

Final tip, and most important, insert the grommet through the badge before sticking the badge on the shell. This will assure that the badge is perfectly centered on the grommet and the shell hole. The badge is self adhesive, so once it's stuck on the shell, it's not removable without butchering the badge, so get it right the first time. One extra badge is included with each order in the event you screw it up.

There you have it; and kindly spread the word to your Kent drum associates. We have done this out of appreciation and respect to Bill & Ed (RIP) Kent, solely in the interest of perpetuating the Kent name, the label and the vibe. Once we hit a "badge break-even point", all proceeds will be donated to the NAMM Scholarship Fund in the name of the Kent brothers.

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Thanks Again, and Good Drumming!!!