Anatomy of A Snare Drum

Upper Anatomy
1. Batter head, or top head
2. Rim, hoop or batter hoop
3. Muffler tension knob
4. Tension rod casing
5. Vent
6. Shell
7. Tension rods – upper and lower often share the casing but adjust independently of each other to allow for the tuning of the batter and snare heads
8. Snare strainer – allows for the fine-tuning of the snares by adjusting the knob, referred to as the snare strainer adjustment screw
9. Snare strainer release/throw-off/control lever – releases or engages the snares located under the drum

Lower Anatomy
1. Snare gate
2. Snares, or snare assembly
3. Rim, hoop or snare hoop
4. Snare head – sometimes called the resonant or bottom head

Interior Anatomy
1. Muffler, or muffler assembly – proper adjustment of the muffler will remove any ringing sound the drum has; not all snare drums have the muffler

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