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MODEL: CH-9000081-NA

Introduction

The Corsair Gaming K95 CH-9000081-NA is a high-performance mechanical keyboard designed for gaming enthusiasts. It features durable Cherry MX Red mechanical switches, individual white LED backlighting for each key, and a robust brushed aluminum chassis. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your keyboard.



Image: Top-down view of the Corsair K95 mechanical keyboard, showcasing the full layout including the G-keys on the left and media controls at the top.

Product Features

- **Cherry MX Red Mechanical Switches:** Provides smooth, linear key response for rapid double and triple presses without an audible click.
- **Per-Key Customizable White LED Backlighting:** Bright LED illumination with adjustable brightness and individual key programming to highlight specific functions.

- **18 Programmable G-Keys:** Dedicated macro keys with three mode states, offering quick access to up to 54 custom configurations and key sets.
- **Brushed Aluminum Casing:** Ensures professional-grade appearance and enhanced durability for extended gaming sessions.
- **100% Anti-Ghosting with 122-Key Rollover:** Guarantees accurate registration of every keystroke, even during intense, simultaneous key presses via USB.
- **Full-Length, Detachable Wrist Rest:** Features a soft-touch design for comfortable use during long gaming sessions, and is easily removable.

Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the keyboard and all accessories from the packaging. Ensure all components are present: Corsair K95 keyboard, detachable wrist rest, and this user manual.
2. **Connecting the Keyboard:** Plug the keyboard's USB connector into an available USB port on your computer. For optimal performance, use a USB 2.0 or 3.0 port. The keyboard may require two USB ports for full functionality, including USB pass-through (if applicable to your specific model variant).
3. **Attaching the Wrist Rest:** Align the wrist rest with the attachment points at the bottom front edge of the keyboard. Gently push until it clicks into place.
4. **Software Installation:** For full customization of backlighting, macro programming, and other advanced features, download and install the Corsair Utility Engine (CUE) software from the official Corsair website. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

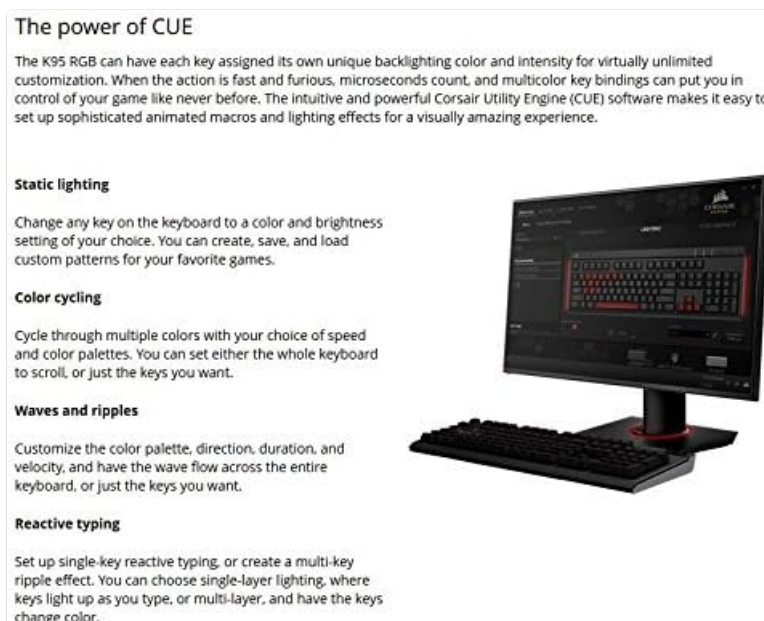


Image: Front view of the Corsair K95 mechanical keyboard with the detachable wrist rest attached, highlighting its ergonomic design and the white LED backlighting.

Operating Instructions

Basic Typing

The keyboard functions as a standard QWERTZ layout keyboard for all typing tasks. Simply connect it to your computer, and it will be recognized as a HID (Human Interface Device).

Backlighting Control

- **Brightness Adjustment:** Use the dedicated brightness control key (often located near the top right of the keyboard) to cycle through different brightness levels or turn the backlighting off.
- **Customization:** For advanced per-key backlighting customization and effects, use the Corsair Utility Engine (CUE) software. Refer to the CUE software guide for detailed instructions.

Programmable G-Keys (Macros)

- The 18 dedicated G-keys on the left side of the keyboard can be programmed for macros, key remaps, or application launches.
- **Programming:** All G-key programming is performed through the Corsair Utility Engine (CUE) software. The software allows you to record complex key sequences, assign single key functions, or launch applications.
- **Mode Switching:** Use the M1, M2, M3 keys (typically located above the G-keys) to switch between three different macro profiles, allowing for up to 54 unique macro assignments.

Media Controls

Dedicated media control keys (play/pause, stop, next track, previous track) and a volume roller are located at the top right of the keyboard for convenient audio management.

Windows Lock Key

The Windows Lock key (often located near the brightness control) disables the Windows key to prevent accidental presses during gameplay.

Customization

The Corsair K95 keyboard offers extensive customization options primarily through the Corsair Utility Engine (CUE) software. This software allows you to:

- **Create and Manage Macros:** Record and assign complex macros to any of the 18 G-keys.
- **Customize Backlighting:** Set individual key lighting, create lighting effects (e.g., static, waves, ripples, reactive typing), and adjust brightness.
- **Remap Keys:** Reassign functions to almost any key on the keyboard.
- **Profile Management:** Create and save multiple profiles for different games or applications, and link them to launch automatically.



Image: Angled view of the Corsair K95 mechanical keyboard, emphasizing the brushed aluminum finish and the individual key backlighting.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning the Keyboard:** Use a can of compressed air to remove dust and debris from between the keycaps. For

- surface cleaning, gently wipe the keyboard with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Keycap Removal (Advanced):** If necessary, keycaps can be carefully removed using a keycap puller for deeper cleaning. Exercise caution to avoid damaging the mechanical switches.
 - **Wrist Rest Care:** The soft-touch wrist rest can be cleaned with a damp cloth. Ensure it is dry before reattaching.

Troubleshooting

Keyboard Not Responding:

Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to your computer. Try a different USB port. Restart your computer. If using a USB hub, try connecting directly to the computer.

Backlighting Not Working or Flickering:

Check the brightness control key to ensure backlighting is not turned off or set to the lowest level. Ensure the Corsair Utility Engine (CUE) software is installed and up to date. Try resetting the keyboard (refer to Corsair support for specific instructions, often involves holding a key during connection).

G-Keys (Macros) Not Functioning:

Verify that the CUE software is running and your profiles are correctly loaded. Ensure you are on the correct M-mode (M1, M2, or M3) for the desired macro. Re-program the macro in CUE if necessary.

Keys Registering Incorrectly or Not at All:

Clean the affected key area with compressed air. If the issue persists, it may indicate a hardware problem. Contact Corsair support.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Corsair
Model	CH-9000081-NA
Switch Type	Cherry MX Red Mechanical
Backlighting	White LED, Per-Key Customizable
Connectivity	USB
Keyboard Layout	QWERTZ
Number of Keys	122
Programmable Keys	18 G-Keys with 3 Modes (54 total macros)
Anti-Ghosting	100% with 122-Key Rollover
Wrist Rest	Full-Length, Detachable, Soft-Touch
Material	Brushed Aluminum Chassis
Weight	3.08 Pounds (approx. 1.4 kg)

Warranty Information

Corsair products are backed by a limited hardware warranty. The specific duration and terms of the warranty may vary by region and product. Please refer to the official Corsair website or your product's packaging for the most current warranty information. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Support

For technical support, driver downloads, FAQs, and further assistance, please visit the official Corsair support website:

www.corsair.com/support

You can also find community forums and additional resources on the Corsair website.

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