

Kreo Hive 98

Kreo Hive 98 Wired RGB Mechanical Gaming Keyboard User Manual

Model: Hive 98 | Brand: Kreo

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Kreo Hive 98 Wired RGB Mechanical Gaming Keyboard. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new keyboard. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your device.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Kreo Hive 98 is a full-size mechanical gaming keyboard designed for both gaming and productivity. It features a compact 98-key layout, hot-swappable switches, per-key RGB lighting, and a metal volume knob for enhanced control.

- **98-Key Compact Layout:** Offers full functionality including a numeric keypad in a space-saving design.
- **Hot-Swappable Mechanical Switches:** Allows for easy customization of switch types (Red or Brown) without soldering, rated for 60 million keypresses.
- **Metal Volume Knob:** Provides smooth and precise audio control.
- **Case Foam Sound Dampening:** Reduces vibrations for a quieter and more comfortable typing experience.
- **Per-Key RGB Lighting:** Customizable RGB effects for individual keys.
- **Detachable USB-C Connectivity:** Ensures reliable wired connection and easy transport.
- **Full Key Anti-Ghosting:** Guarantees accurate registration of multiple simultaneous key presses.



The Kreo Hive 98 keyboard features 16+ RGB modes, a 98% compact layout, and hot-swappable switches.



An exploded view illustrating the internal components of the Kreo Hive 98 keyboard, including keycaps, switches, plates, foam layers, PCB, gasket, and adjustable feet.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Ensure all items are present in the package:

- Kreo Hive 98 Wired RGB Mechanical Gaming Keyboard
- USB-C Cable
- Keycap Puller (for maintenance)
- Switch Puller (for maintenance)

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Connect the Keyboard:** Plug the provided USB-C cable into the USB-C port on the keyboard and the other end into an available USB-A port on your computer. The keyboard is plug-and-play and should be recognized automatically by most operating systems.
2. **Adjust Keyboard Feet:** The keyboard features two-step adjustable feet on the underside. Flip them out to set your preferred typing angle for ergonomic comfort.
3. **Install Software (Optional):** For advanced customization of RGB lighting and key functions, download the official Kreo software from the Kreo website. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

DETACHABLE **USB-C** CONNECTIVITY

Detachable for easy transport and cable replacement.



The detachable USB-C cable provides reliable connectivity and allows for easy transport and cable replacement.

TWO STEP ADJUSTABLE FEET

Dual-angle support for comfortable typing.



The two-step adjustable feet provide dual-angle support for comfortable typing during long sessions.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Basic Key Functions

The Kreo Hive 98 uses a standard QWERTY layout with a compact 98-key design, including a dedicated numeric keypad. All keys function as standard keyboard keys unless modified by the function (Fn) key or custom software settings.

RGB Lighting Control

The keyboard features per-key RGB lighting with multiple customizable effects. Use the dedicated software for full customization or utilize onboard shortcuts:

- **Fn + [Key]:** Specific key combinations (refer to software or quick guide) control lighting modes, brightness, and speed.
- **Software Customization:** The Kreo software allows for granular control over individual key lighting, creating custom profiles, and syncing effects.

Metal Volume Knob

The metal volume knob provides quick audio adjustments:

- **Rotate Clockwise:** Increases volume.
- **Rotate Counter-Clockwise:** Decreases volume.
- **Press Down:** Mutes or unmutes audio.

PRECISION **METAL VOLUME KNOB**

Quick, tactile control at your fingertips.



The precision metal volume knob offers quick, tactile control for audio adjustments at your fingertips.

Hot-Swappable Switches

The Kreo Hive 98 features a 3 & 5-pin hot-swappable PCB, allowing you to change mechanical switches without soldering. This enables customization of your typing feel.



3&5 PIN HOT SWAPPABLE PCB

Swap in your favorite switches with no soldering.

The 3 & 5-pin hot-swappable PCB allows you to easily swap in your favorite switches without soldering.

Anti-Ghosting

The keyboard supports full key anti-ghosting, ensuring that every key press is registered accurately, even when multiple keys are pressed simultaneously during intense gaming sessions.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning the Keyboard

- Disconnect the keyboard from your computer before cleaning.
- Use a soft, lint-free cloth slightly dampened with water or a mild cleaning solution to wipe the keycaps and chassis.
- For dust and debris between keys, use compressed air.
- Avoid spraying liquids directly onto the keyboard.

Keycap Removal and Replacement

Use the provided keycap puller to carefully remove keycaps. Hook the puller onto the keycap and pull straight up. When replacing, align the keycap with the switch stem and press down gently until it clicks into place.



The dual-shot ABS keycaps are fade-proof and designed for durability, ensuring legends remain clear even with heavy use.

Switch Replacement

To replace a switch, first remove the keycap. Then, use the provided switch puller to grip the top and bottom clips of the switch. Gently rock and pull the switch straight out. When inserting a new switch, ensure the pins are straight and align them with the holes on the PCB. Press down firmly until the switch clicks into place. Avoid excessive force to prevent bending pins or damaging the PCB.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Keyboard not responding	Loose USB connection, faulty cable, driver issue.	Ensure USB-C cable is securely connected. Try a different USB port or cable. Restart your computer.
RGB lighting not working or incorrect	Software settings, onboard lighting mode.	Check lighting settings in the Kreo software. Use onboard shortcuts to cycle through modes. Ensure software is up to date.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Specific keys not registering	Faulty switch, debris under keycap.	Remove keycap and clean around the switch. If issue persists, consider replacing the switch (refer to Maintenance section).
Volume knob not functioning	Software conflict, physical obstruction.	Ensure no software is overriding the knob's function. Check for any physical debris around the knob.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kreo
Model	Hive 98
Connectivity Technology	USB-C (Wired)
Keyboard Description	Mechanical
Recommended Use	Gaming
Backlighting Color Support	RGB (Per-Key)
Switch Type	Mechanical, Tactile (Brown Switch variant)
Keyboard Layout	QWERTY
Number of Keys	98
Color	Black-Purple
Material	Plastic
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	15.4L x 4.2W x 33.6H Centimeters
Item Weight	740 Grams

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Kreo Hive 98 Wired RGB Mechanical Gaming Keyboard comes with a **400-day warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and malfunctions under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. The warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized modifications, or normal wear and tear.

SUPPORT

For any product-related questions, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact Kreo customer support:

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