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Model: Cerberus Keyboard

1. Introduction

The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard is designed for PC gaming, offering durability and essential features for an enhanced gaming experience. It features a robust construction with an internal steel plate, dome switches for tactile response, and splash-proof design. The keyboard includes dedicated media keys, programmable F-keys, and multi-color LED backlighting.

Key features include:

- Durable construction with internal SECC metal plate.
- Membrane rubber dome switches for responsive typing.
- Dedicated media controls for audio and video playback.
- 12 programmable macro F-keys (F1-F12).
- Splash-proof design with drainage holes.
- Anti-slip rubberized feet for stability.
- 19-key rollover anti-ghosting.
- Windows lock key for uninterrupted gaming.
- Multi-color switchable LED backlighting (Red/Blue).

2. Package Contents

Verify that your package contains the following items:

- ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard
- Keycap Puller
- User Manual (this document)



Image: The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard in its retail packaging, highlighting key features like full SECC metal plate, splash-proof design, and 12 macro keys.

3. Setup

1. **Connect the Keyboard:** Plug the USB connector of the ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard into an available USB port on your computer. The keyboard is plug-and-play and does not require additional driver installation for basic functionality.
2. **USB Passthrough:** The keyboard includes a USB passthrough port. You can connect another USB device, such as a mouse or headset, to this port on the keyboard for convenient access.
3. **Initial Power On:** Once connected, the keyboard's backlighting should illuminate. If not, refer to the "Operating the Keyboard" section for backlighting controls.

4. Operating the Keyboard

4.1 Backlighting Control

The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard features multi-color LED backlighting (Red and Blue) with adjustable brightness and a breathing mode.

- **Changing Colors:** Press **Fn + Caps Lock** to switch between Red and Blue backlighting.
- **Adjusting Brightness:** Use the dedicated brightness control keys (usually located near the F-keys or arrow keys, refer to keyboard layout) to increase or decrease the backlighting intensity.
- **Breathing Mode:** Activate breathing mode (pulsating light effect) using the designated function key combination (refer to keyboard layout for specific key).
- **Reset Backlighting:** Press **Fn + Esc** to reset backlighting settings, which may also change the color to purple temporarily before resetting.



Image: The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard illuminated with red backlighting.



Image: The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard illuminated with blue backlighting.

4.2 Media Controls

Dedicated media keys are located at the top of the keyboard for quick access to audio and video playback functions. These include Play/Pause, Stop, Previous Track, Next Track, Mute, Volume Up, and Volume Down.

4.3 Programmable F-Keys (Macros)

The F1-F12 keys can be programmed to execute custom macros or commands. Refer to the ASUS software (if available for your operating system) for detailed instructions on macro programming. This allows for complex in-game actions to be performed with a single key press.

4.4 Anti-Ghosting and N-Key Rollover

The keyboard supports 19-key rollover anti-ghosting, ensuring that multiple simultaneous key presses are registered accurately, which is crucial for fast-paced gaming.

4.5 Windows Lock Key

To prevent accidental interruptions during gaming, the Windows key can be disabled. Locate the Windows Lock key (often indicated by a Windows logo with a lock icon) and press it to toggle the Windows key functionality on or off.

5. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** To clean the keyboard, disconnect it from your computer. Use a soft, damp cloth to wipe the surface. For stubborn dirt, a mild cleaning solution can be applied to the cloth. Avoid spraying liquids directly onto the keyboard.
- **Splash-Proof Design:** The keyboard features a splash-proof design with drainage holes. In case of accidental spills, liquids can exit the keyboard quickly. However, it is recommended to disconnect the keyboard and allow it to dry completely before re-connecting. Do not immerse the keyboard in liquid.
- **Keycap Removal:** Use the included keycap puller to carefully remove keycaps for deeper cleaning or replacement. Ensure proper re-installation of keycaps to avoid damage.
- **Storage:** Store the keyboard in a dry, dust-free environment when not in use.

6. Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Keyboard is not responding.	• Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to your computer. • Try connecting the keyboard to a different USB port. • Restart your computer. • Test the keyboard on another computer to rule out system-specific issues.
Backlighting is not working or is dim.	• Check backlighting brightness settings using the dedicated brightness control keys. • Press **Fn + Caps Lock** to cycle through colors and ensure it's not set to off or a very dim setting. • Press **Fn + Esc** to reset backlighting.
Macro keys are not functioning.	• Ensure you have correctly programmed the macro keys using the ASUS software (if applicable). • Verify that the software is running in the background if required for macro execution.
Windows key is disabled.	• Press the Windows Lock key to re-enable the Windows key functionality.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	ASUS
Model Number	Cerberus Keyboard
Connectivity Technology	Wired (USB)
Keyboard Description	Gaming
Switch Type	Membrane Rubber Dome
Anti-Ghosting	19-Key Rollover
Backlighting	RGB
Special Features	Backlit, Splash-Proof, Anti-Slip, Dedicated Media Controls, Programmable F-Keys, Windows Lock Key, USB Passthrough
Material	Plastic with internal SECC metal plate
Color	Black
Operating System	Windows
Item Weight	2.42 pounds

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	9.5 x 1.6 x 19.5 inches

8. Warranty and Support

The ASUS Cerberus Gaming Keyboard comes with a standard manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official ASUS support website.

For technical support, driver downloads, or further assistance, please visit the ASUS support website or contact ASUS customer service. Keep your product's model number (Cerberus Keyboard) and serial number (if applicable) ready when contacting support.

ASUS Support Website: https://www.asus.com/support/

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