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## ROCCAT ROC-12-821-AM

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Model: ROC-12-821-AM

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## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your ROCCAT Isku+ Force FX RGB Gaming Keyboard. Please read this guide thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your device.



Image: Top-down view of the ROCCAT Isku+ Force FX RGB Gaming Keyboard, showcasing its full layout including macro keys and wrist rest.

## SETUP

### 1. Connecting the Keyboard

Connect the USB cable from the ROCCAT Isku+ Force FX keyboard to an available USB port on your computer. The keyboard is plug-and-play compatible with Windows operating systems.

## 2. Software Installation

For full functionality, including RGB lighting customization, macro programming, and pressure-sensitive key configuration, install the ROCCAT Swarm software. The software can be downloaded from the official ROCCAT website.

1. Visit the official ROCCAT support website.
2. Locate the download section for the Isku+ Force FX keyboard.
3. Download and run the latest version of the ROCCAT Swarm software installer.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
5. Restart your computer if prompted.

## 3. Initial Configuration

After installing ROCCAT Swarm, launch the application. The software will detect your keyboard and allow you to begin customizing settings such as:

- **RGB Illumination:** Adjust colors, effects, and brightness levels.
- **Macro Keys:** Program the M1-M5 and T1-T3 keys with custom commands.
- **Pressure-Sensitive Keys:** Configure the QWEASD keys for Force FX technology, enabling different input levels based on pressure.
- **Easy-Shift[+]:** Assign a modifier key to double the function of other keys.



Image: Angled view of the ROCCAT Isku+ Force FX RGB Gaming Keyboard, showing the illuminated keys and the integrated wrist rest.

## OPERATING THE KEYBOARD

### Key Features Overview

- **RGB Key Illumination:** The keyboard features enhanced RGB lighting with 6 adjustable brightness levels. Use the ROCCAT Swarm software to personalize your lighting preferences.
- **Pressure-Sensitive Key Zone (Force FX):** The QWEASD keys are equipped with Force FX technology, allowing them to register different input levels based on pressure, similar to a controller. This feature can be configured in

three distinct modes via the software.

- **Macro Keys:** The keyboard includes 36 easy-to-reach macro keys: M1-M5 on the left side, and 3 ROCCAT Thumbster keys (T1-T3) located below the spacebar. These keys can be programmed for complex commands or shortcuts.
- **Easy-Shift[+]:** This technology allows you to assign a secondary function to almost every key on the keyboard, effectively doubling your command options. Activate Easy-Shift[+] via a dedicated key or a programmed macro.
- **Talk FX and AlienFX Support:** The keyboard supports Talk FX and AlienFX, enabling lighting effects that react to in-game events in compatible games.
- **Integrated Wrist Rest:** The extra-large granular wrist rest provides comfort during extended use and features a sweat- and smudge-resistant surface.

## Using ROCCAT Swarm Software

The ROCCAT Swarm software is your central hub for customizing the Isku+ Force FX. Within the software, you can:

- Create and manage multiple profiles for different games or applications.
- Record and assign macros to any programmable key.
- Adjust the sensitivity and response curves for the pressure-sensitive QWEASD keys.
- Update keyboard firmware to ensure optimal performance and access new features.

## MAINTENANCE

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### Cleaning the Keyboard

Regular cleaning helps maintain the keyboard's appearance and functionality.

- **General Cleaning:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth slightly dampened with water or a mild cleaning solution. Avoid harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or solvents.
- **Keycaps:** For dust and debris between keycaps, use compressed air. You may carefully remove keycaps for deeper cleaning, but consult the ROCCAT support website for specific instructions to avoid damage.
- **Wrist Rest:** The sweat- and smudge-resistant surface of the wrist rest can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

**Caution: Do not immerse the keyboard in water or any liquid. Ensure the keyboard is disconnected from your computer before cleaning.**

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Common Issues and Solutions

- **Keyboard Not Responding:**
  - Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the keyboard and the computer.
  - Try connecting the keyboard to a different USB port.
  - Restart your computer.
  - Check if the keyboard works on another computer to rule out a system-specific issue.
- **RGB Lighting Not Working/Incorrect:**
  - Verify that the ROCCAT Swarm software is installed and running.
  - Check lighting settings within the Swarm software.
  - Ensure the keyboard's firmware is up to date via the Swarm software.

- **Macro Keys or Pressure-Sensitive Keys Not Functioning:**

- Confirm that the ROCCAT Swarm software is installed and the keyboard profile is active.
- Review your macro assignments and Force FX settings within the Swarm software.
- Ensure there are no conflicts with other software or drivers.

- **Software Issues (ROCCAT Swarm):**

- Ensure your operating system is compatible (Windows 10/8/7).
- Try reinstalling the ROCCAT Swarm software.
- Check for software updates within the application or on the ROCCAT website.

If these steps do not resolve your issue, please refer to the Warranty & Support section for further assistance.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	ROCCAT
Model Number	ROC-12-821-AM
Connectivity Technology	USB (Corded Electric)
Hardware Platform	Windows 10/8/7
Operating System	WINDOWS 10/8/7
Item Weight	2.2 pounds (approx. 1 kg)
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	19.7 x 9.65 x 1 inches (approx. 50 x 24.5 x 2.5 cm)
Color	Black
Keyboard Backlighting	RGB (6 adjustable brightness levels)
Special Features	Pressure-sensitive QWEASD keys, 36 Macro Keys, Easy-Shift[+], Talk FX, AlienFX, Integrated Wrist Rest
Material	Plastic (with Silicone/Rubber wrist rest)

## WARRANTY & SUPPORT

### Warranty Information

Your ROCCAT Isku+ Force FX RGB Gaming Keyboard is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. The specific terms and duration of the warranty may vary by region and retailer. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty information, please visit the official ROCCAT website or contact your local ROCCAT distributor.

### Customer Support

If you encounter issues that cannot be resolved using the troubleshooting guide, or if you require further assistance, please contact ROCCAT customer support.

- **Online Support:** Visit the ROCCAT support website for FAQs, driver downloads, and contact forms.

- **Contact Information:** Refer to the ROCCAT website for regional phone numbers or email support options.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (ROC-12-821-AM) and proof of purchase readily available.

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