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Leopold FC980M Mechanical Keyboard User Manual

Model: FC980M

Brand: Leopold

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Leopold FC980M Mechanical Keyboard. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your keyboard to ensure optimal performance and longevity. Please read these instructions carefully before use.

2. Package Contents

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- Leopold FC980M Mechanical Keyboard
- USB Cable

3. Product Overview

The Leopold FC980M is a full-size mechanical keyboard featuring a 98-key US QWERTY layout. It is equipped with durable PBT keycaps and Cherry MX mechanical switches, designed for a reliable and tactile typing experience.



Figure 3.1: Front view of the Leopold FC980M Mechanical Keyboard. This image displays the full 98-key layout with grey and blue PBT keycaps.



Figure 3.2: Close-up view of the PBT keycaps on the Leopold FC980M keyboard, highlighting the texture and legends.



Figure 3.3: Detail of the Cherry MX mechanical switches beneath the keycaps, showing the switch housing and stem.

4. Setup Instructions

1. **Unpack the Keyboard:** Carefully remove the keyboard and USB cable from its packaging.
2. **Connect the USB Cable:** Insert one end of the provided USB cable into the USB port on the back of the keyboard.
3. **Connect to Computer:** Plug the other end of the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer. The keyboard is compatible with Windows operating systems.
4. **Driver Installation:** The keyboard is plug-and-play. Your operating system should automatically detect and install the necessary drivers. No additional software installation is typically required.

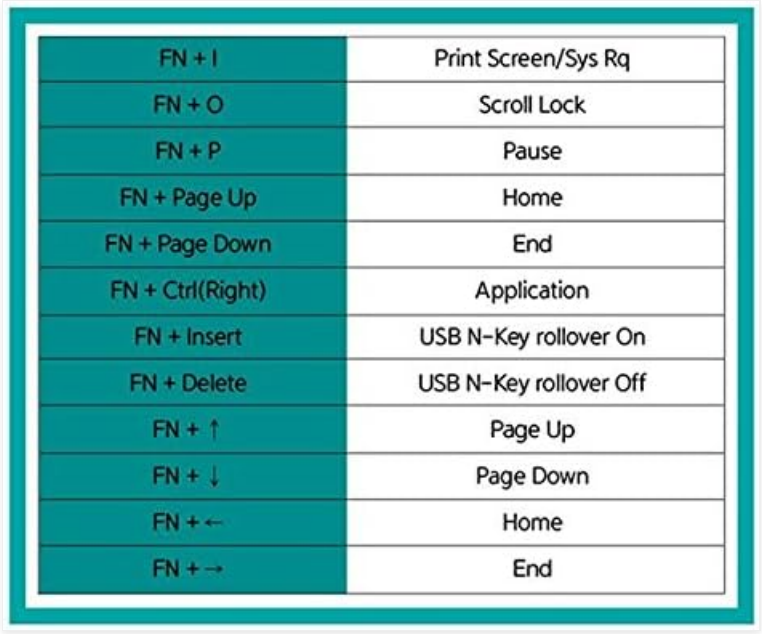
5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Basic Operation

The Leopold FC980M functions as a standard QWERTY keyboard for typing and general computer use. All standard keys operate as labeled.

5.2 Function (Fn) Key Combinations

The keyboard includes a Function (Fn) key that, when pressed in combination with other keys, activates secondary functions. Refer to the diagram below for common Fn key combinations:



FN + I	Print Screen/Sys Rq
FN + O	Scroll Lock
FN + P	Pause
FN + Page Up	Home
FN + Page Down	End
FN + Ctrl(Right)	Application
FN + Insert	USB N-Key rollover On
FN + Delete	USB N-Key rollover Off
FN + ↑	Page Up
FN + ↓	Page Down
FN + ←	Home
FN + →	End

Figure 5.1: Table illustrating various Function (Fn) key combinations and their corresponding actions.

- **FN + I:** Print Screen / System Request
- **FN + O:** Scroll Lock
- **FN + P:** Pause
- **FN + Page Up:** Home
- **FN + Page Down:** End
- **FN + Ctrl (Right):** Application Key
- **FN + Insert:** USB N-Key Rollover On
- **FN + Delete:** USB N-Key Rollover Off
- **FN + ↑:** Page Up
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- **FN + ←:** Home
- **FN + →:** End

Note: The N-Key Rollover (NKRO) feature allows the keyboard to register all key presses simultaneously, preventing "ghosting" or "key jamming" during rapid typing or gaming. Ensure it is enabled for optimal performance if your system supports it.

6. Maintenance

6.1 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 casing. Avoid excessive moisture.
- For dust and debris between keys, use compressed air.
- Do not use harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or solvents as they may damage the keyboard's finish or keycap legends.

6.2 Keycap Removal (Optional)

If you need to clean under the keycaps or replace them, use a keycap puller tool (not included) to gently remove the keycaps. Pull straight up to avoid damaging the switch stem. Realign the keycap with the switch stem and press down

gently to reattach.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Keyboard Not Responding:**
  - Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the keyboard and the computer.
  - Try plugging the keyboard into a different USB port on your computer.
  - Restart your computer.
  - Test the keyboard on another computer to rule out a computer-specific issue.
- **Specific Keys Not Working:**
  - Check for any debris or foreign objects lodged under the keycap.
  - Gently remove the keycap (refer to Section 6.2) and inspect the switch for damage.
- **N-Key Rollover Issues:**
  - Ensure NKRO is enabled using the **FN + Insert** combination.
  - Some older operating systems or BIOS settings may not fully support NKRO.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Leopold
Model	FC980M
Physical Layout	US QWERTY
Keycap Material	PBT (Polybutylene Terephthalate)
Switch Type	Cherry MX (Black Switch)
Connectivity	USB
USB Key Rollover	Full (N-Key Rollover)
Dimensions	15.20" x 5.70" x 1.50" (38.6 x 14.5 x 3.8 cm)
Weight	2.40 lbs (1.09 kg)
Cord Length	70 inches (177.8 cm)
Compatible Devices	Windows Compatible

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact your retailer. You may also visit the official Leopold website for further assistance.

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