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INTRODUCTION

The ROCCAT Horde is a wired gaming keyboard designed for precision and durability. It features ROCCAT's innovative Membranical key technology, combining the tactile feedback of mechanical switches with the silent operation of membrane keyboards. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your ROCCAT Horde keyboard.

Key features include:

- **Membranical Keys:** A hybrid key design offering precise actuation and quiet typing.
- **Tuning Wheel and Keys:** Dedicated controls for multimedia and system functions.
- **Quick-Fire Macro Keys:** Five programmable keys (M1-M5) for rapid in-game commands.
- **Improved Anti-Ghosting:** Ensures all key presses are registered accurately, even during intense gaming sessions.
- **Island Layout:** Designed to prevent accidental key presses and resist dirt buildup.

SETUP

Follow these steps to set up your ROCCAT Horde keyboard:

1. **Unpack the Keyboard:** Carefully remove the keyboard from its packaging. Ensure all components are present.
2. **Connect to PC:** Plug the USB connector of the ROCCAT Horde keyboard into an available USB port on your computer.
3. **Driver Installation:** Your operating system (Windows 10 or later recommended) should automatically detect and install the necessary drivers. If prompted, allow the installation to proceed.
4. **Software Installation (Optional):** For advanced customization, including macro programming and lighting effects, download and install the latest ROCCAT Swarm software from the official ROCCAT website. [Visit ROCCAT Software Page](#)



Figure 1: Top-down view of the ROCCAT Horde keyboard, highlighting the full key layout and the integrated tuning wheel. This image shows the standard QWERTY layout with additional macro keys on the left and multimedia keys above the function row.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Membranical Keys

The Membranical keys provide a precise and responsive typing experience. They are designed to offer a distinct tactile bump without the loud click of traditional mechanical switches, making them suitable for both gaming and general use.

Tuning Wheel and Multimedia Keys

Located in the upper right corner of the keyboard, the tuning wheel allows for quick adjustments of various system settings, such as volume. The dedicated multimedia keys (play/pause, stop, previous, next, mute) above the function row provide convenient control over your media playback.



Figure 2: Angled view of the ROCCAT Horde keyboard, showcasing the ergonomic design and the distinct keycap profiles. This perspective highlights the dedicated macro keys on the left side of the keyboard.

Quick-Fire Macro Keys (M1-M5)

The five dedicated macro keys (M1-M5) on the left side of the keyboard can be programmed using the ROCCAT Swarm software. These keys allow you to execute complex commands or sequences of actions with a single press, providing a significant advantage in gaming.

- To program macros, open the ROCCAT Swarm software.

- Navigate to the key assignment section.
- Select an M-key and assign your desired macro or function.
- Save your changes to apply them to the keyboard.

Anti-Ghosting

The improved anti-ghosting technology ensures that multiple simultaneous key presses are registered accurately. This is crucial for fast-paced games where many keys might be pressed at once, preventing missed inputs.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the lifespan of your ROCCAT Horde keyboard:

- **Cleaning:**
 - 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 down the surface.
 - For dust and debris between keys, use compressed air.
 - Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or excessive moisture.
- **Spill Prevention:** While the island layout helps resist dirt, avoid spilling liquids on the keyboard. If a spill occurs, immediately disconnect the keyboard and allow it to dry completely before reconnecting.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the keyboard in a clean, dry environment away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.



Figure 3: Side profile view of the ROCCAT Horde keyboard, illustrating its slim design and the slight incline for ergonomic typing. This view also shows the integrated wrist rest area.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your ROCCAT Horde keyboard, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Keyboard Not Responding:**
 - Ensure the USB cable is securely plugged into both the keyboard and the computer.
 - Try plugging the keyboard into a different USB port.
 - Restart your computer.

- Check Device Manager (Windows) to see if the keyboard is recognized and if there are any driver issues.

- **Specific Keys Not Working:**

- Clean the affected key area with compressed air to remove any debris.
- If using ROCCAT Swarm, ensure no key reassignments are conflicting.

- **Macros Not Functioning:**

- Verify that the ROCCAT Swarm software is running and that your profiles are active.
- Double-check the macro programming within the Swarm software for correctness.
- Ensure the correct profile is loaded for the application you are using.

- **Lighting Issues:**

- Check lighting settings within the ROCCAT Swarm software.
- Ensure the keyboard's brightness is not set to minimum.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	ROCCAT
Model Number	ROC-12-301-BK
Hardware Platform	PC
Operating System	Windows 10
Item Weight	2.01 pounds
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	10 x 21 x 3 inches
Color	Black
Power Source	Wired
Voltage	5 Volts
Connectivity Technology	USB
Keyboard Description	Gaming
Special Feature	Membranical Keys, Tuning Wheel and Keys
Number of Keys	108
Material	Plastic
Included Components	ROCCAT keyboard



Figure 4: The retail packaging for the ROCCAT Horde keyboard, featuring the "Silent Hunter" tagline and branding. This image provides a view of the product's presentation.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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