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Instruction Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the GAOCHENG Laptop Keyboard for your iSmart SMTB4100 laptop. This replacement keyboard features an English US layout and is designed to restore full functionality to your device. This manual provides essential information for proper installation, operation, and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your new keyboard.

2. COMPATIBILITY

This keyboard is specifically designed for the **iSmart SMTB4100** laptop model. It features an English US layout and is supplied without a frame. Please verify your laptop model number before proceeding with installation.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon opening the package, please ensure all items are present and in good condition:

- 1 x GAOCHENG Laptop Keyboard for iSmart SMTB4100 (English US, without frame)

If any items are missing or damaged, please contact your vendor immediately.

4. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand the following safety precautions before attempting installation:

- **Power Off:** Always ensure your laptop is completely powered off and disconnected from the power adapter before beginning any installation or repair work. Remove the battery if possible.
- **Static Electricity:** Take precautions against electrostatic discharge (ESD). Use an anti-static wrist strap or frequently touch a grounded metal object to discharge static electricity.
- **Tools:** Use appropriate, non-magnetic tools to avoid damaging internal components.
- **Fragile Components:** Laptop components, especially ribbon cables and connectors, are delicate. Handle them with care to prevent damage.
- **Professional Installation:** If you are not comfortable performing the installation yourself, seek assistance from a qualified technician.

5. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Replacing a laptop keyboard requires careful handling of internal components. The following steps are general guidelines. Specific disassembly and reassembly procedures may vary slightly depending on your iSmart SMTB4100 laptop's exact configuration. It is recommended to consult your laptop's service manual or an online disassembly guide for your specific model.

5.1. Pre-Installation Steps

1. **Backup Data:** Although not directly related to keyboard replacement, it is always good practice to back up important data before performing any internal hardware work.
2. **Gather Tools:** Prepare necessary tools such as small Phillips head screwdrivers, a plastic spudger or pry tool, and an anti-static wrist strap.
3. **Power Down:** Shut down your laptop completely and disconnect the AC adapter. Remove the main battery.

5.2. Removing the Old Keyboard

1. **Locate Fasteners:** Depending on your laptop model, the keyboard may be secured by screws from the bottom case, clips along the top edge, or both.
2. **Remove Screws:** If applicable, remove any screws on the bottom of the laptop that are marked with a keyboard icon.
3. **Release Clips/Bezel:** Carefully use a plastic spudger to gently pry up the keyboard bezel or release any clips holding the keyboard in place. Work slowly around the edges.
4. **Lift Keyboard:** Once loosened, gently lift the keyboard, being careful not to pull it away forcefully as it will still be connected by a ribbon cable.
5. **Disconnect Ribbon Cable:** With the keyboard slightly lifted, locate the ribbon cable connecting it to the motherboard. Carefully unlock the ZIF (Zero Insertion Force) connector by flipping up the small retaining clip, then gently pull the ribbon cable out.
6. **Remove Old Keyboard:** Once disconnected, the old keyboard can be fully removed.

5.3. Installing the New Keyboard

1. **Connect Ribbon Cable:** Carefully insert the new keyboard's ribbon cable into the ZIF connector on the motherboard. Ensure it is fully seated and straight. Gently push down the retaining clip to lock the cable in place.
2. **Position Keyboard:** Align the new keyboard into its designated slot in the laptop's top case. Ensure all tabs and alignment posts are correctly seated.
3. **Secure Keyboard:** Gently press down on the edges of the keyboard to engage any clips. If there are screws from the bottom, re-insert and tighten them.
4. **Reassemble Laptop:** Reattach any removed bezels or covers. Reinstall the laptop battery and connect the AC adapter.

5.4. Post-Installation Checks

1. **Power On:** Turn on your laptop.
2. **Test Keys:** Open a text editor (e.g., Notepad, WordPad) and test every key on the new keyboard to ensure it registers correctly. Pay attention to function keys and special characters.
3. **Check Backlight (if applicable):** If your original keyboard had a backlight, verify its functionality.
4. **Verify Layout:** Confirm that the keyboard layout (English US) matches your operating system's settings.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The GAOCHENG Laptop Keyboard operates identically to your original keyboard. Simply power on your laptop,

and the operating system will automatically recognize the new hardware. All standard typing and function key operations will be available.

- **Function Keys (Fn):** Many laptops use a 'Fn' key in combination with the F1-F12 keys for special functions like volume control, screen brightness, Wi-Fi toggle, etc. Refer to your laptop's user manual for specific Fn key combinations.

7. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance can extend the life of your keyboard:

- **Cleaning:** Regularly clean the keyboard surface with a soft, lint-free cloth slightly dampened with water or a mild cleaning solution. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Dust Removal:** Use compressed air to remove dust and debris from between the keys. Hold the can upright to prevent propellant discharge.
- **Spills:** In case of a liquid spill, immediately power off your laptop, disconnect the power, remove the battery, and turn the laptop upside down to drain the liquid. Do not power on until completely dry, which may take several days. Professional inspection is recommended after a significant spill.
- **Avoid Force:** Do not apply excessive force to the keys or attempt to remove individual keycaps unless specifically designed for user replacement.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your new keyboard, try the following troubleshooting steps:

- **Keyboard Not Working At All:**
 - Ensure the ribbon cable is securely connected to the motherboard. Re-seat it if necessary.
 - Restart your laptop.
 - Check Device Manager (Windows) or System Information (macOS) to see if the keyboard is detected. You may need to update or reinstall keyboard drivers.
- **Certain Keys Not Working:**
 - Clean around the affected keys with compressed air to dislodge any debris.
 - Re-check the ribbon cable connection for any misalignment or damage.
- **Incorrect Characters Appearing:**
 - Verify that your operating system's keyboard layout settings match the physical English US layout of the keyboard.
- **Keyboard Backlight Not Working (if applicable):**
 - Ensure the backlight ribbon cable (if separate) is properly connected.
 - Check your laptop's function key settings or BIOS/UEFI for backlight control options.

If these steps do not resolve the issue, please contact customer support or a qualified technician.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	GAOCHENG
Model Compatibility	iSmart SMTB4100

Layout	English US
Frame	Without Frame
Condition	Brand New Original
Product Dimensions	30 x 20 x 10 cm
Weight	900 g

10. WARRANTY

This GAOCHENG Laptop Keyboard comes with a **90-day warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects. It does not cover damage caused by improper installation, misuse, accidents, spills, or unauthorized modifications. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

11. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, warranty claims, or further inquiries, please contact your original vendor or the GAOCHENG customer support channel provided at the time of purchase. When contacting support, please have your product model (iSmart SMTB4100) and purchase details ready.