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Model: Hades 65% US

1. INTRODUCTION

The DURGOD Hades 68 is a compact 65% layout mechanical gaming keyboard designed for performance and durability. It features RGB backlighting, Cherry MX Speed Silver switches, and doubleshot PBT keycaps. This manual provides instructions for setting up, operating, customizing, and maintaining your keyboard.



Image 1: The DURGOD Hades 68 keyboard, illustrating its compact 65% layout and RGB backlighting on a desk setup.

2. Box CONTENTS

Please verify that all items are present in the package:

- DURGOD Hades 68 Mechanical Keyboard
- Instruction Manual (English)
- Dust Cover
- USB Type-C to Type-C Cable (3.3 ft / 1m)
- USB Type-C to Type-A Cable (5.9 ft / 1.8m)
- Logo Sticker
- Keycap Puller

3. SETUP

3.1 Connecting the Keyboard

1. Select the appropriate USB cable (Type-C to Type-C or Type-C to Type-A) for your computer.
2. Connect the USB Type-C end of the cable to the port on the back of the DURGOD Hades 68 keyboard.
3. Connect the other end of the cable (Type-C or Type-A) to an available USB port on your computer.
4. The keyboard is plug-and-play; no additional drivers are typically required for basic functionality.



Image 2: Detail of the USB Type-C interface on the keyboard, ensuring maximum compatibility with modern devices.

3.2 Software Installation (DURGOD Zeus Engine)

For advanced customization, including RGB lighting effects, macro programming, and key remapping, download and install the DURGOD Zeus Engine software from the official DURGOD website. The software is compatible with Windows 11, 10, 8, 7, Vista, XP, and offers remapping capabilities for MAC OS.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Key Functions

The Hades 68 features a 65% layout with 68 keys, including dedicated arrow keys. All standard alphanumeric and modifier keys function as expected.

4.2 Function (FN) Key Combinations

Many secondary functions are accessible via the FN1 and FN2 keys in combination with other keys. Refer to the keycap legends for specific combinations, which may include:

- **Media Controls:** Play/Pause, Stop, Previous/Next Track, Volume Up/Down, Mute.
- **Lighting Effects:** Cycle through RGB lighting modes, adjust brightness, change speed.
- **Windows Key Lock:** Disable the Windows key during gaming to prevent accidental presses.



Image 3: A close-up view of the Cherry MX Speed Silver switches, known for their linear feedback and light actuation force, suitable for both gaming and office use.

5. CUSTOMIZATION

5.1 RGB Backlighting

The keyboard features 16.8 million color RGB backlighting. Use the DURGOD Zeus Engine software to:

- Select from various preset lighting effects.

- Customize individual key lighting.
- Adjust brightness levels and animation speeds.

5.2 Macro Programming and Key Remapping

The DURGOD Zeus Engine software allows for comprehensive customization:

- Program macros for complex command sequences.
- Remap any key to a different function.
- Create and save multiple profiles for different applications or games. Profiles can be downloaded to the device for use without the software running.



Image 4: The DURGOD Zeus Engine software interface, demonstrating the tools available for customizing macros and RGB lighting effects.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning the Keyboard

To maintain optimal performance and appearance:

- Disconnect the keyboard from your computer before cleaning.
- Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the surface of the keyboard.
- For dust and debris between keycaps, use compressed air.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

6.2 Keycap Removal and Replacement

The included keycap puller can be used to safely remove keycaps for deeper cleaning or replacement. Gently pull the keycap straight up using the tool. When replacing, align the keycap with the switch stem and press down firmly until it clicks into place.



Image 5: A detailed view of the fade-resistant doubleshot PBT keycaps, designed for durability and clear backlighting.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your DURGOD Hades 68 keyboard, consider the following:

- **Keyboard Not Responding:** Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the keyboard and the computer. Try a different USB port or cable. Restart your computer.
- **Lighting Issues:** Check the lighting settings in the DURGOD Zeus Engine software. Ensure the keyboard's brightness is not set to zero.
- **Keys Not Registering:** If specific keys are not working, try removing and re-seating their keycaps. If the issue persists, it may indicate a switch problem.
- **Intermittent Freezing/Power Surge:** Some users have reported intermittent freezing or 'power surge detected' messages. Try connecting the keyboard to a different USB port, preferably a directly connected port on the motherboard for desktop PCs, or ensure your USB hub (if used) has sufficient power. Updating your computer's USB drivers may also help.
- **Software Not Detecting Keyboard:** Ensure the DURGOD Zeus Engine software is the latest version. Reinstall the software if necessary.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	DURGOD
Model	Hades 65% US
Layout	65% (68 keys)
Switches	Cherry MX Speed Silver (Linear, 45 cN actuation, 3.4 mm total travel)
Keycaps	Doubleshot PBT (Cherry Profile)
Chassis Material	Aluminum
Backlighting	RGB (16.8 million colors)
Interface	USB Type-C
Cable Length	Type-C to Type-A: 5.9 ft (1.8m); Type-C to Type-C: 3.3 ft (1m)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	30.99 x 10.41 x 3.81 cm (12.2 x 4.1 x 1.5 in)
Weight	900 g (1.98 lbs)
OS Compatibility	Windows 11, 10, 8, 7, Vista, XP; MAC OS (remapping via software)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or further assistance, please refer to the official DURGOD website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.