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Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the Keychron K3 Version 2 Ultra-Slim Mechanical Keyboard. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the keyboard to ensure proper setup and operation. The Keychron K3 is a compact 75% layout ultra-slim wireless mechanical keyboard designed for productivity and a tactile typing experience.



Image: Keychron K3 keyboard integrated into a multi-device workspace.

Setup

Package Contents

- 1 x Fully Assembled Keychron K3 Keyboard
- 1 x USB-A to USB Type-C Cable
- 1 x Keycap Puller
- Extra keycaps for Windows and Mac operating systems

Connectivity Modes

The Keychron K3 supports both wireless Bluetooth 5.1 and wired USB Type-C connections.



Image: Visual guide for connecting the Keychron K3 via USB or Bluetooth.

Bluetooth Connection:

1. Locate the mode switch on the side of the keyboard. Slide the switch to the **Bluetooth** position.
2. Hold down the **Fn + 1** keys simultaneously until the Bluetooth indicator light flashes repeatedly, indicating pairing mode.
3. On your device (laptop, PC, tablet, or phone), enable Bluetooth, search for "Keychron K3", and connect.
4. The keyboard can connect to up to 3 devices. Use **Fn + 1**, **Fn + 2**, or **Fn + 3** to switch between paired devices.

Note: Keep the distance between the keyboard and the device within reasonable limits to minimize signal interference.

Wired Connection:

1. Locate the mode switch on the side of the keyboard. Slide the switch to the **Cable** position.
2. Connect the provided USB Type-C cable from the keyboard to your computer's USB port.
3. The keyboard will be recognized automatically as a plug-and-play device.

Operating System Compatibility

The Keychron K3 is compatible with both Mac and Windows operating systems. It includes extra keycaps for both systems.

Compatible with Mac Windows



Image: Side switches for selecting operating system layout and connection type.

Use the dedicated switch on the side of the keyboard to select between **Win/Android** and **Mac/iOS** layouts. Ensure the correct layout is selected for optimal functionality.

If the keyboard layout does not match your device exactly, consider updating the keyboard's firmware from the official Keychron website.

Operation

Typing Experience

The Keychron K3 features low-profile Keychron mechanical switches (Red Switch variant) which are 40% slimmer than conventional switches. This design results in a shorter pre-travel and total travel distance, allowing for faster input and feedback.

Low-Profile ABS Keycaps



Image: Low-profile ABS keycaps on the Keychron K3.

Backlight Control

The keyboard is equipped with a white LED backlight. You can adjust the brightness and switch between various lighting effects using the dedicated function keys.

White LED Backlight



Image: White LED backlighting illuminates the keys and low-profile red mechanical switches.

- Press **Fn + F5** to decrease backlight brightness.
- Press **Fn + F6** to increase backlight brightness.
- Press **Fn + F4** to cycle through different backlight effects.

Multimedia Keys

The K3 includes all necessary Mac multimedia keys and is also compatible with Windows multimedia functions. These keys are typically accessed by pressing the **Fn** key in combination with the top row function keys (F1-F12).

- **Fn + F1**: Decrease screen brightness
- **Fn + F2**: Increase screen brightness
- **Fn + F7**: Previous track
- **Fn + F8**: Play/Pause
- **Fn + F9**: Next track
- **Fn + F10**: Mute

- **Fn + F11**: Volume down
- **Fn + F12**: Volume up

Maintenance

Cleaning the Keyboard

To maintain optimal performance and appearance, regularly clean your Keychron K3 keyboard.

- **Keycaps**: Use the provided keycap puller to carefully remove keycaps. Clean them with a soft, damp cloth and mild soap if necessary. Ensure they are completely dry before reattaching.
- **Keyboard Body**: Wipe the aluminum body and plastic bottom frame with a soft, lint-free cloth. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used. Avoid excessive moisture.
- **Switches**: Use compressed air to remove dust and debris from around and under the switches.

Battery Information

The Keychron K3 is powered by a rechargeable battery. The battery life can last up to 34 hours on the lowest brightness setting.

- **Charging**: Connect the keyboard to a power source using the USB Type-C cable. The charging indicator light will show the charging status.
- **Battery Preservation**: To prolong battery life, turn off the backlight when not needed and switch the keyboard to wired mode when possible.

Troubleshooting

Connectivity Issues

- **Bluetooth not connecting**:
 - a. Ensure the keyboard's mode switch is set to **Bluetooth**.
 - b. Verify the keyboard is in pairing mode (**Fn + 1/2/3** flashing).
 - c. Check your device's Bluetooth settings and ensure it's discoverable.
 - d. Try forgetting the device on your computer and re-pairing.
 - e. Ensure the keyboard battery is charged.
- **Wired connection not working**:
 - a. Ensure the keyboard's mode switch is set to **Cable**.
 - b. Try a different USB port on your computer.
 - c. Test with a different USB Type-C cable.

Keys Not Responding

- Ensure the keyboard is properly connected (Bluetooth or wired).
- Check if the correct operating system layout is selected (Mac/iOS or Win/Android).
- Restart the keyboard by cycling the power switch off and on.
- If specific keys are not working, try removing the keycap and clearing any debris around the switch.

Backlight Issues

- Ensure the backlight is not turned off or set to the lowest brightness. Use **Fn + F6** to increase brightness.
- If the backlight is inconsistent, ensure the keyboard battery is sufficiently charged.

75% Compact Keyboard

306 mm / 12.05 inch

116 mm / 4.57 inch

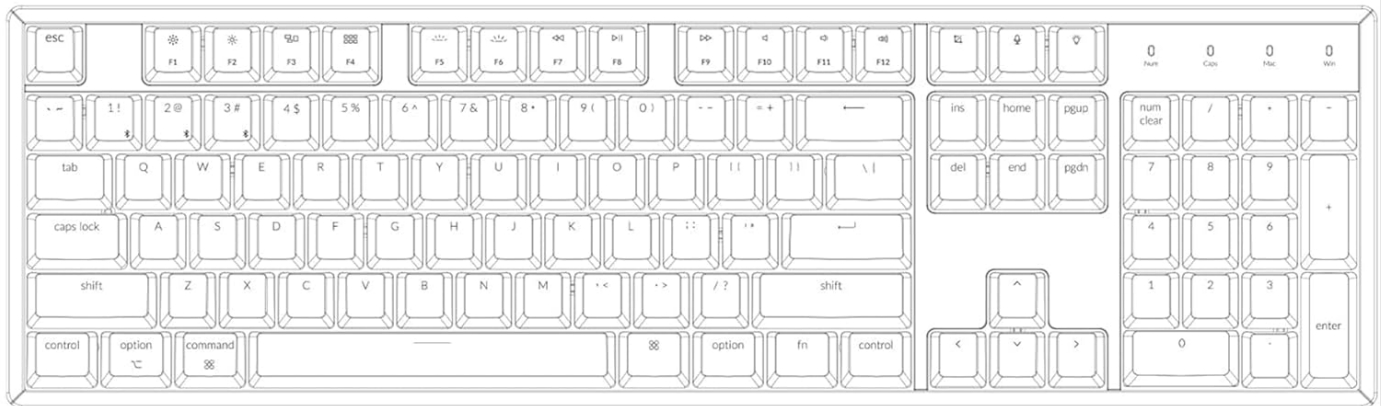


Image: Keychron K3 75% compact layout with dimensions.

Ultra-Slim Body

0.955 inch



0.83 inch



0.67 inch

0.71 inch



Conventional
Switch

0.46 inch



Keychron Low Profile
Mechanical Switch

Image: Ultra-slim body design and low-profile switch comparison.



Operating force

$45 \pm 8 \text{ gf}$

Pre-travel

$1.3 \pm 0.3 \text{ mm}$

Total Travel

$3.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ mm}$

Behavior

Linear

Image: Detailed specifications for the Keychron Low Profile Mechanical Red Switch.

Keychron K3 Version 2 Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Keychron
Model Number	K3A1
Connectivity Technology	Bluetooth 5.1, USB Type-C wired
Number of Keys	84
Switch Type	Low Profile Gateron Mechanical - Red
Backlighting	White LED
Compatible Devices	Laptop, PC, Smartphone, Tablet
Compatible OS	MacOS, Windows
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.05" x 4.57" x 0.83"

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	500 Grams
Enclosure Material	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, Aluminum
Battery Life (lowest brightness)	Up to 34 hours

Warranty & Support

Warranty Information

The Keychron K3 Version 2 keyboard comes with a **1-year limited warranty** from the manufacturer. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Keychron website or contact their customer support.

Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or warranty inquiries, please visit the official Keychron website:

www.keychron.com

You may also find helpful resources, FAQs, and firmware updates on their support pages.