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Model: G5 KF-E3US333SH

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the user manual for your new GIGABYTE G5 KF Gaming Laptop. This guide provides essential information to help you set up, operate, maintain, and troubleshoot your device. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your laptop.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Key Features

- **Graphics:** NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4060 Laptop GPU for high-performance gaming and creative tasks.
- **Processor:** 12th Gen Intel Core i5-12500H Processor (up to 4.5 GHz) for powerful computing.
- **Memory & Storage:** 8GB DDR4 3200 RAM and 512GB Gen4 M.2 SSD for fast loading and ample storage.
- **Display:** 15.6" Full HD (1920x1080) display with a 144Hz refresh rate for smooth visuals.
- **Operating System:** Pre-installed with Windows 11 Home.
- **Connectivity:** Intel Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth V5.2 for reliable wireless connections.
- **Audio:** DTS:X Ultra Audio Technology with built-in microphone and 2x2W speakers.
- **Ports:** Includes 1x Thunderbolt 4 (Supports Power Delivery), 1x HDMI 2.1, 1x Mini DP 1.4 (120Hz), 1x USB 3.2 Gen1 (Type-A), 1x RJ45, 1x Audio Combo Jack, 1x DC In.

2.2 Laptop Components



Figure 2.1: Front view of the GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop with the screen open, showcasing the display and backlit keyboard.



Figure 2.2: Rear view of the GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop, highlighting the power input, HDMI, Mini DisplayPort, and Thunderbolt 4 ports.



Figure 2.3: Left side view of the GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop, showing the USB 2.0, USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-A, RJ45 Ethernet, and Audio Combo Jack.



Figure 2.4: Right side view of the GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop, displaying additional USB ports and a card reader slot.

3. SETUP

3.1 Initial Power-On

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the laptop and all accessories from the packaging. Ensure you have the laptop, battery pack, and charger.

2. **Connect Power:** Plug the AC adapter into the DC-in port on the laptop (refer to Figure 2.2) and then into a power outlet.
3. **First Boot:** Open the laptop lid and press the power button. The laptop will guide you through the initial Windows 11 Home setup process. Follow the on-screen instructions to configure your region, language, network, and user account.

3.2 Connecting Peripherals

Your GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop offers various ports for connecting external devices:

- **USB Devices:** Connect USB mice, keyboards, external drives, or other peripherals to the available USB 2.0, USB 3.0, or Thunderbolt 4 (USB-C) ports.
- **External Displays:** Use the HDMI 2.1 or Mini DP 1.4 ports to connect external monitors for an extended or mirrored display. The Thunderbolt 4 port also supports display output via a compatible adapter.
- **Network:** For a stable wired internet connection, connect an Ethernet cable to the RJ45 port.
- **Audio:** Use the Audio Combo Jack for headphones or external speakers.

4. OPERATING YOUR LAPTOP

4.1 Keyboard and Touchpad

The GIGABYTE G5 KF features a full-sized keyboard with a dedicated numeric keypad and a responsive touchpad.

- **Backlit Keyboard:** The keyboard is backlit, allowing for comfortable typing in low-light conditions. Adjust brightness or toggle the backlight using the designated function keys (Fn + Fx keys, refer to your keyboard layout for specific combinations).
- **Touchpad Gestures:** Utilize multi-touch gestures on the touchpad for navigation, zooming, and other functions within Windows 11.

4.2 Power Management

To optimize battery life and performance, manage your laptop's power settings:

- **Power Modes:** Windows 11 offers various power modes (e.g., Best performance, Balanced, Power saver). Access these through the battery icon in the taskbar.
- **Charging:** Always use the provided GIGABYTE AC adapter for charging. It is recommended to keep the laptop plugged in during intensive tasks like gaming or video rendering to ensure stable performance.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 General Care

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth to clean the screen and chassis. For stubborn smudges, dampen the cloth slightly with water or a screen-safe cleaner. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the laptop's ventilation grilles (located on the sides and bottom) are clear of obstructions to prevent overheating. Using the laptop on a hard, flat surface is recommended.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the laptop in a cool, dry place.

5.2 Software Updates

- **Windows Updates:** Regularly check for and install Windows updates via *Settings > Windows Update* to ensure system stability and security.
- **Driver Updates:** Keep your graphics drivers (NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4060) and other system drivers updated.

Visit the official GIGABYTE support website or NVIDIA's website for the latest drivers.

- **BIOS/EC Firmware:** Periodically check the GIGABYTE support website for BIOS and EC (Embedded Controller) firmware updates. These updates can improve system performance, stability, and address known issues. Follow the provided instructions carefully when updating BIOS/EC firmware.

5.3 Hardware Upgrades (Advanced Users)

The GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop allows for certain hardware upgrades. If you plan to upgrade components such as RAM or storage (SSD), it is recommended to consult the official GIGABYTE service manual or seek professional assistance to avoid voiding your warranty or damaging the device.

- **RAM:** The laptop comes with 8GB DDR4 RAM. It supports dual-channel memory, and upgrading to 16GB or 32GB (e.g., 8GB + 16GB or 2x16GB) can significantly improve performance, especially for gaming and demanding applications.
- **Storage:** The laptop includes a 512GB Gen4 M.2 SSD and typically has an additional M.2 slot for expansion, allowing you to add more storage capacity.
- **Thermal Paste:** For users experiencing higher temperatures during heavy loads, repasting the CPU and GPU with high-quality thermal paste can improve thermal dissipation. This is an advanced procedure and should be performed with caution.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your GIGABYTE G5 KF laptop.

6.1 Overheating Issues

If your laptop experiences excessive heat or performance throttling:

- **Ventilation:** Ensure all air vents are clear and unobstructed. Use the laptop on a hard, flat surface or a cooling pad.
- **Power Supply:** Verify you are using the original GIGABYTE AC adapter. An underpowered adapter can lead to performance issues and heat buildup during heavy loads.
- **Software Optimization:** Utilize the GIGABYTE Control Center application (if pre-installed) to monitor usage and adjust performance modes. Consider disabling CPU Turbo Boost via tools like ThrottleStop if temperatures remain high during non-critical tasks.
- **BIOS Update:** Ensure your BIOS is updated to the latest version, as updates often include thermal management improvements.

6.2 Audio Problems

If you experience poor audio quality or no sound:

- **Volume Check:** Ensure volume is not muted and is set to an audible level in Windows settings.
- **Driver Update:** Update your audio drivers. Visit the GIGABYTE support website for the latest audio drivers for your model.
- **External Devices:** Test with external headphones or speakers to determine if the issue is with the laptop's internal speakers or the audio output.
- **BIOS/EC Firmware:** Some users have reported audio improvements after updating BIOS/EC firmware.

6.3 Display Issues

If the screen is blank, flickering, or has incorrect resolution:

- **External Monitor Test:** Connect an external monitor to the laptop via HDMI or Mini DP to check if the issue persists on the external display. This helps determine if the problem is with the laptop's internal screen or the

graphics card.

- **Graphics Drivers:** Ensure your NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4060 drivers are up to date.
- **Refresh Rate:** Verify the display refresh rate is correctly set to 144Hz in Windows Display Settings.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	GIGABYTE
Model Name	G5 KF-E3US333SH
Screen Size	15.6 Inches
Screen Resolution	1920 x 1080 pixels (FHD, 144Hz)
Processor	Intel Core i5-12500H (up to 4.5 GHz)
Memory (RAM)	8 GB DDR4 SDRAM (3200 MHz)
Storage	512 GB SSD (Gen4 M.2)
Graphics Coprocessor	NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4060
Graphics Card RAM Size	6 GB
Wireless Connectivity	Bluetooth, Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax)
USB Ports	2x USB 2.0, 3x USB 3.0 (includes USB 3.2 Gen1 Type-A)
Other I/O Ports	1x Thunderbolt 4 (Supports Power Delivery), 1x HDMI 2.1, 1x Mini DP 1.4 (120Hz), 1x RJ45, 1x Audio Combo Jack, 1x DC In
Operating System	Windows 11 Home
Item Weight	4.39 pounds
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	14.2 x 9.4 x 0.94 inches
Color	Black
Special Feature	Backlit Keyboard
Battery	1 Lithium Ion battery (included)
Optical Drive Type	No Optical Drive
Date First Available	February 14, 2023

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official GIGABYTE website.

If you require technical assistance, driver downloads, or further support, please visit the GIGABYTE support portal: www.gigabyte.com/Support.