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Model: GSC-F50-CPASWH-01

Brand: Thermaltake

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the proper assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Thermaltake GF500 Flight Simulator Cockpit. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure optimal performance and safety.



Figure 1: Thermaltake GF500 Flight Simulator Cockpit (Snow White)

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Observe the following safety precautions to prevent injury or damage to the product:

- Ensure all components are securely fastened before use.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 120 kg (264 lbs).
- Keep hands and fingers clear of moving parts during adjustments.
- Place the cockpit on a stable, level surface.
- Disconnect power before cleaning or performing maintenance.
- This product is intended for adult use. Keep away from children without supervision.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that all components are present and undamaged upon unpacking. The package should include:

- Flight Simulator Cockpit Frame (Steel and Aluminum)
- Realistic Pilot Seat
- Adjustable Pedal Plate
- Adjustable Wheel/Yoke Mount

- Adjustable Shifter/Throttle Mount
- RGB Lighting Strips (Pre-installed)
- Assembly Hardware and Tools
- User Manual

Note: Keyboard, mouse pad, and floor mat are sold separately.

## 4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow these general steps for assembling your flight simulator cockpit. Refer to the included assembly diagram for detailed illustrations.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging and lay them out on a clean, flat surface.
2. **Assemble Base Frame:** Connect the main frame sections using the provided bolts and tools. Ensure all connections are tight.
3. **Install Seat:** Attach the pilot seat to the seat sliders on the base frame. Secure with the designated hardware.
4. **Mount Pedal Plate:** Secure the adjustable pedal plate to the front section of the frame.
5. **Attach Wheel/Yoke Mount:** Install the wheel/yoke mount to the central support structure.
6. **Attach Shifter/Throttle Mount:** Secure the shifter/throttle mount to the side of the seat or frame, as preferred.
7. **Connect RGB Lighting:** Ensure the pre-installed RGB lighting strips are properly connected to the power source as per the separate RGB controller instructions (if applicable).



Figure 2: Fully assembled cockpit with flight peripherals

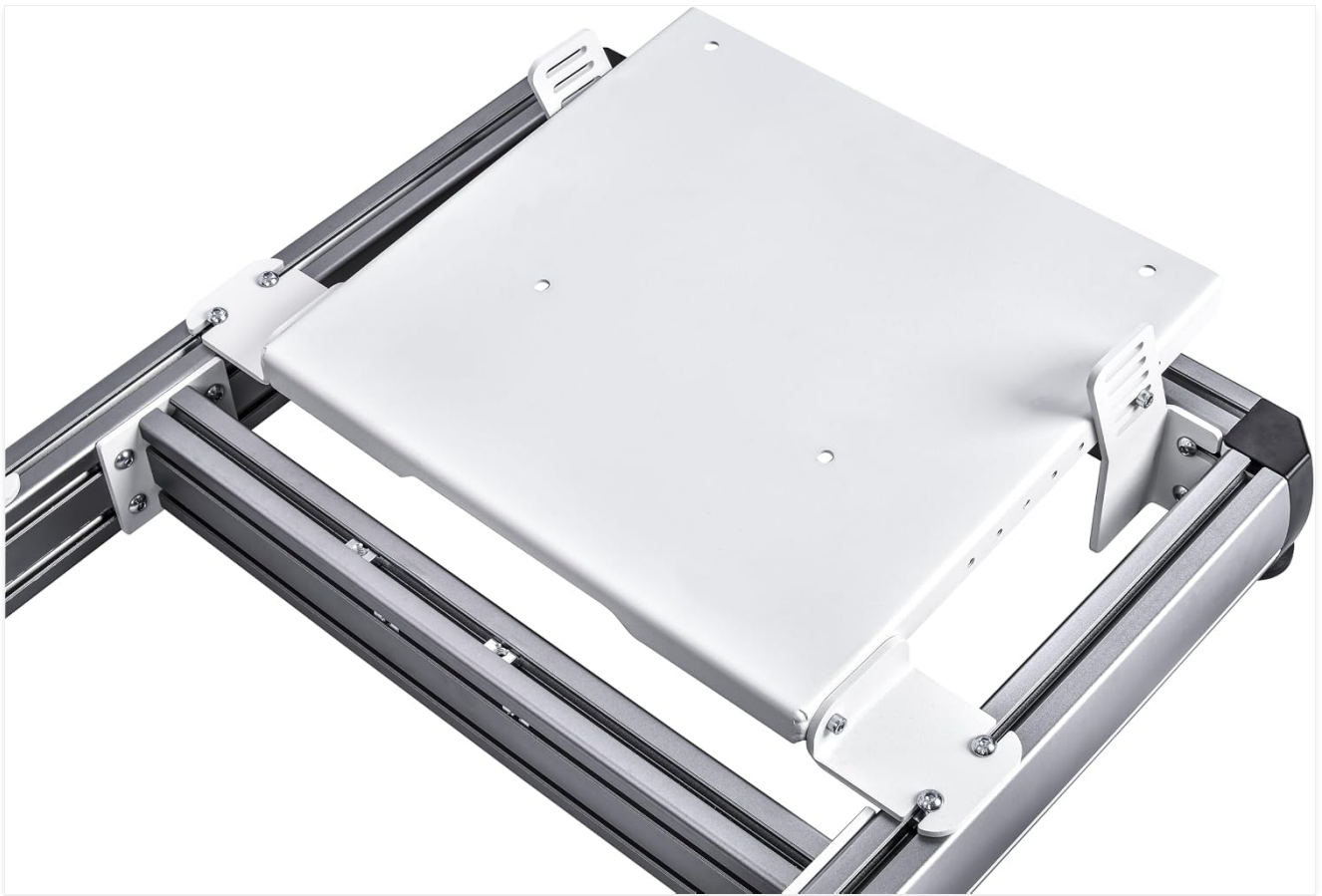


Figure 3: Detail of the adjustable pedal plate

## 5. ADJUSTMENTS AND OPERATION

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The Thermaltake GF500 cockpit offers multiple adjustment points for a personalized and comfortable simulation experience.

### 5.1 Seat Adjustments

- **Seat Height:** Use the lever located under the seat to adjust the seat's vertical position.
- **Seat Recline:** Adjust the backrest angle using the recline mechanism on the side of the seat.
- **Seat Distance:** The seat slides forward and backward on rails. Use the front lever to unlock and slide the seat to your desired position.

### 5.2 Pedal Plate Adjustment

The pedal plate's distance from the seat is individually adjustable. Loosen the securing knobs, slide the plate to the desired position, and re-tighten the knobs.



Figure 4: Illustrative diagram of the 220mm adjustment range

### 5.3 Wheel/Yoke and Shifter/Throttle Mount Adjustments

These mounts are designed for flexibility. Loosen their respective securing mechanisms to adjust height, angle, and distance, then firmly re-tighten.

### 5.4 RGB Lighting

The cockpit features integrated RGB lighting strips. Control the lighting effects and colors using the dedicated RGB controller (if provided) or compatible software, depending on your setup.



Figure 5: Cockpit showcasing RGB lighting in a complete setup

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your cockpit.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down surfaces with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that may damage the finish.
- **Fastener Check:** Periodically check all bolts and screws to ensure they remain tight. Re-tighten as necessary.
- **Moving Parts:** Ensure that all adjustable mechanisms move smoothly. If any part feels stiff, inspect for obstructions.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your Thermaltake GF500 cockpit, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Issue:** Cockpit feels unstable or wobbly.  
**Solution:** Check all assembly bolts and screws. Ensure they are fully tightened. Verify the cockpit is on a flat, stable surface.
- **Issue:** Adjustments (seat, pedal plate, mounts) are difficult to move.  
**Solution:** Loosen the corresponding adjustment knobs or levers before attempting to move the component. Do not force adjustments. Ensure no debris is obstructing the mechanism.
- **Issue:** RGB lighting is not functioning.  
**Solution:** Check all power connections to the RGB strips and controller. Refer to the RGB controller's specific instructions for troubleshooting.
- **Issue:** Peripherals (wheel, pedals, shifter) are not recognized by PC/Mac.  
**Solution:** Ensure peripherals are correctly connected via USB. Install necessary drivers for your specific peripherals. This issue is typically related to the peripheral itself, not the cockpit frame.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Brand                       | Thermaltake                                     |
| Model Number                | GSC-F50-CPASWH-01                               |
| Compatible Devices          | PC, Mac                                         |
| Connectivity Technology     | USB (for peripherals, cockpit frame is passive) |
| Color                       | White                                           |
| Special Features            | Adjustable Seat, Wheel Support, RGB Lighting    |
| Item Weight                 | 35 Kilograms                                    |
| Material                    | Steel and Aluminum Construction                 |
| Power Source                | Electric Cable (for RGB lighting)               |
| Item Dimensions (L x W x H) | 132 x 105 x 110 centimeters                     |

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Thermaltake GF500 Flight Simulator Cockpit is covered by standard legal guarantees. For specific warranty details and return policies, please refer to your purchase documentation or contact your retailer. For technical assistance or customer support, please visit the official Thermaltake website or contact their specialized customer support team.

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