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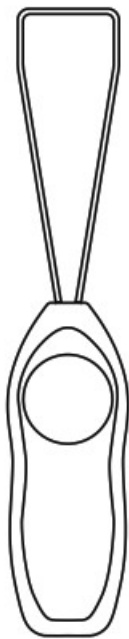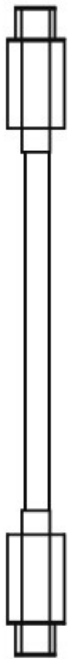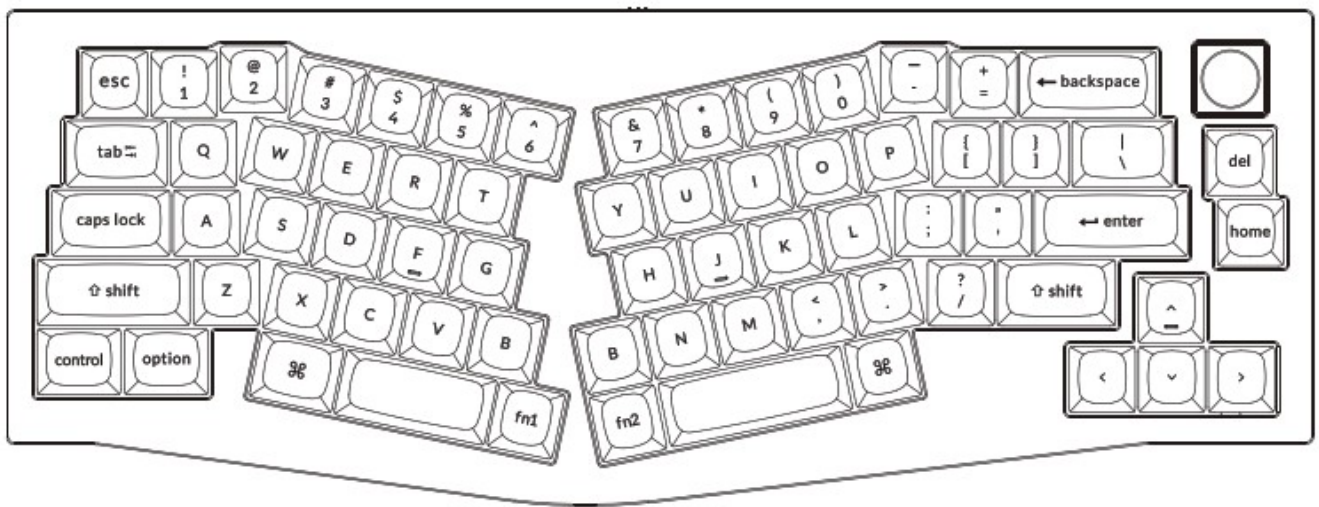

Fully Assembled Version

Keyboard

- 1x Fully Assembled Keyboard

Including

- 1x Aluminum Case
- 1x PCB
- 1x Steel Plate
- 14x Gaskets (8 Installed and 6 in the Box)
- 5 Sets x Stabilizers
- 1 Set x Keycaps (PBT Double-shot)
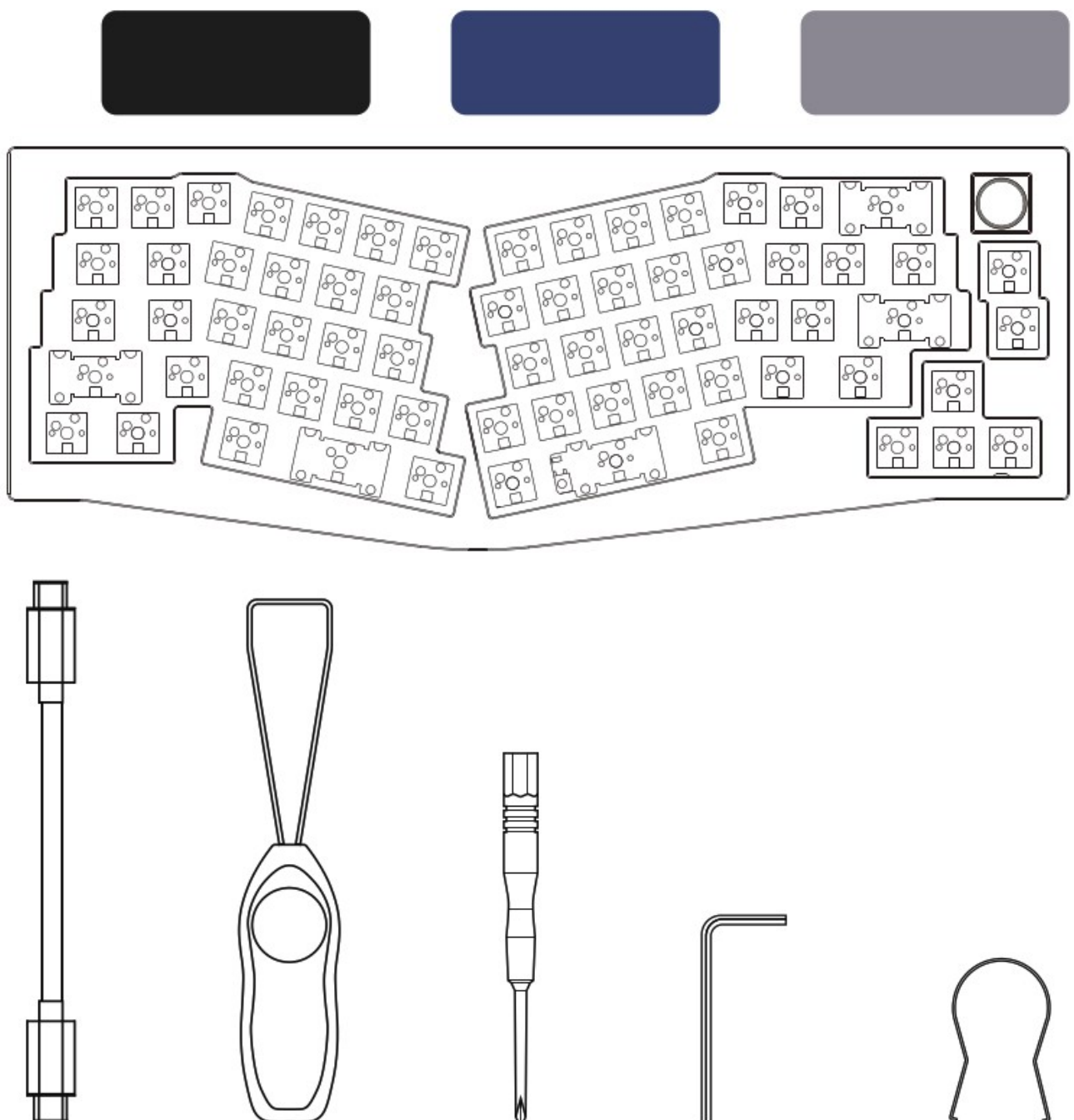- 1 Set x Switches (Gateron G Pro)

Cable

- 1x Type-C to Type-C Cable
- 1x Type-A to Type-C Adapter

Tools

- 1x Switch Puller
- 1x Keycap Puller
- 1x Screwdriver
- 1x Hex Key

Barebone Version

Keyboard Kit

- 1x Keyboard Kit (Without Keycaps & Switches)

Including

- 1x Aluminum Case
- 1x PCB
- 1x Steel Plate
- 14x Gaskets (8 Installed and 6 in the Box)
- 5 Sets x Stabilizers

Cable

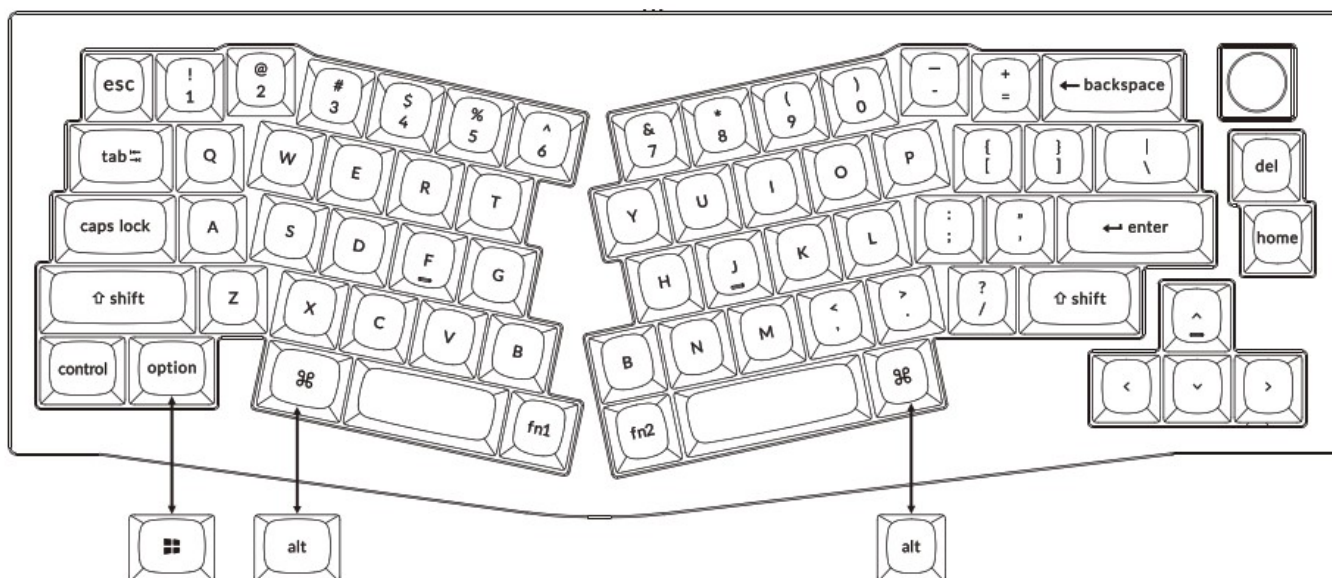- 1x Type-C to Type-C Cable
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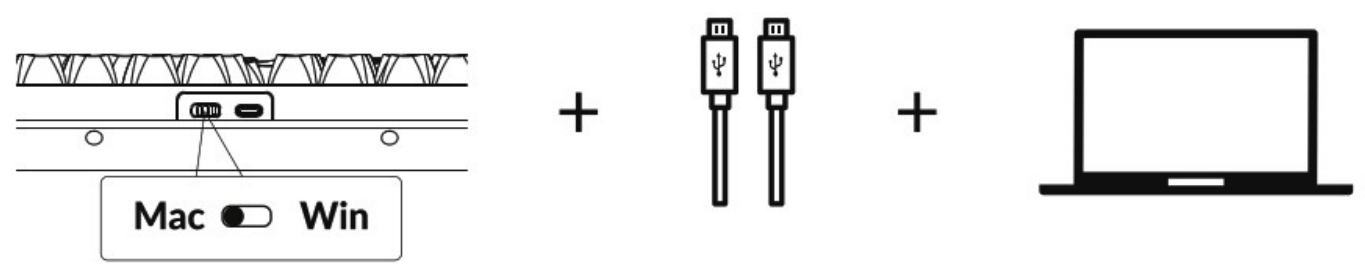- 1x Hex Key

QUICK START GUIDE

If you are a Windows user, please find the appropriate keycaps in the box, then follow the instructions below to find and replace the following keycaps.

Mac / Windows

1. Switch To The Right System

Please make sure the system toggle on the top center has been switched to the same system as your computer's operating system.

2. The VIA Key Remapping Software

Please visit caniusevia.com to download the latest VIA software to remap the keys. If the VIA software cannot recognize your keyboard, please reach out to our support to get the instruction.

3. The Layers

There are five layers of key settings on the keyboard. The layer 0 is for the Mac system. The layer 1 is for the Windows system. The layer 2 is for the Mac Multimedia keys. The layer 3 is for the Windows Multimedia keys. The layer 4 is for the Function keys.	If your system toggle is switched to Mac, then the layer 0 will be activated.	If your system toggle is switched to Windows, then the layer 1 will be activated.

4. Multimedia Key and Function Key

In order to get Multimedia Key, you need to press fn1 and _____ Key.

In order to get Function Key, you need to press fn2 and _____ Key.

5. The Backlight

Press fn1 + Q to change the lighting effect
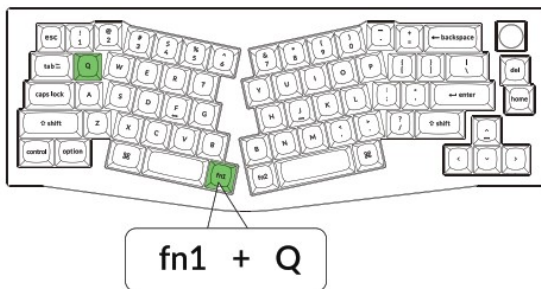
Press fn1 + tab to turn the backlight on/off

| fn1 + Q |

| fn1 + tab |
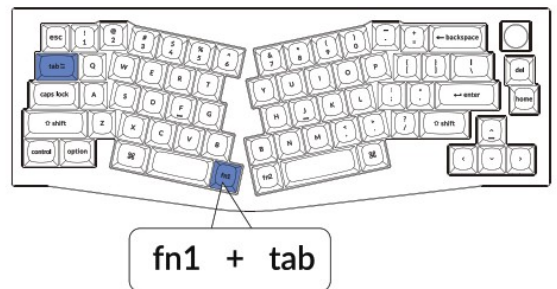
6. Adjust The Backlight Brightness

fn1 + W to increase the backlight brightness
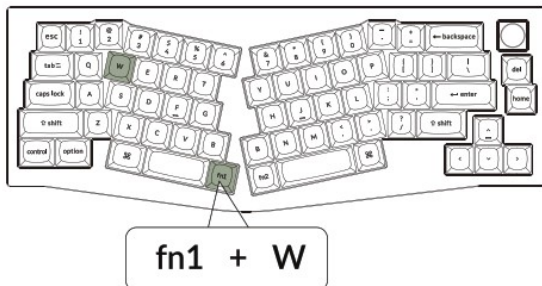
fn1 + S to decrease the backlight brightness

| fn1 + W |

| fn1 + S |
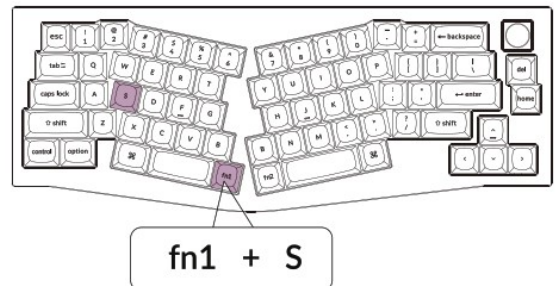
7. Adjust The Backlight Speed

Press fn1 + T to increase the light effect speed
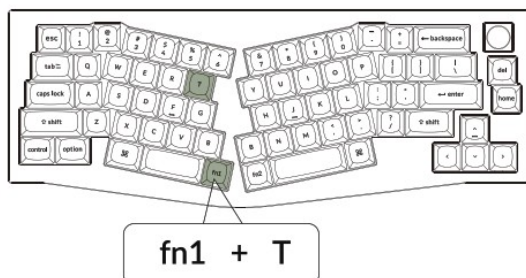
Press fn1 + G to decrease the light effect speed

| fn1 + T |

| fn1 + G |
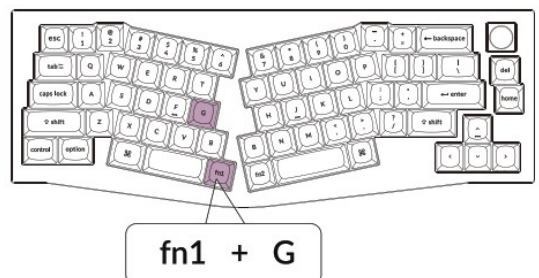
8. Warranty

The keyboard is highly customizable and easy to be rebuilt. If anything goes wrong with any of the keyboard components of keyboard during the warranty period, we will only replace the defective parts of the keyboard, not the whole keyboard.

WARRANTY

9. Watch The Building Tutorial On Our Website

If you are building the keyboard for the first time, we highly recommend you watch the building tutorial video on our website first, then start building the keyboard yourself.

10. Factory Reset
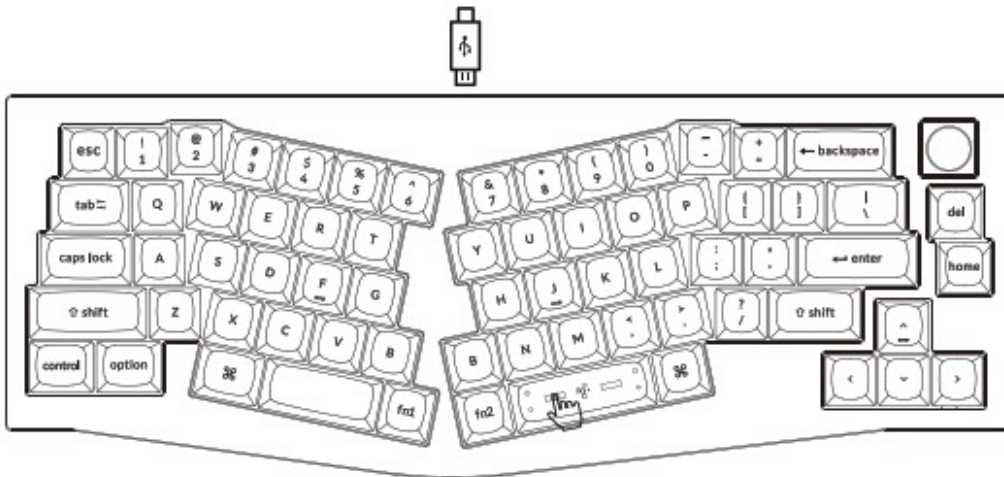
Troubleshooting? Don't know what's going on with the keyboard?
1. Try factory reset by pressing fn1 +J +Z (for 4 seconds).
2. Download the right firmware for your keyboard from our website.
Remove the power cable from the keyboard.
3. Remove the space bar keycap to find the reset button on the PCB.
4. Hold the reset key while plugging in the power cable and then release the reset key. The keyboard now will enter DFU mode.
5. Flash the firmware with the QMK Toolbox.
6. Factory reset the keyboard again by pressing fn1 + J + Z (for 4 seconds).
* Step by step guide can be found on our website.

Q8 CUSTOMIZABLE KEYBOARD SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications

Layout	65%
Switch type	Mechanical
Width	119.3 / 136.1 mm
Length	358 mm
Front height	19.7 mm (without keycaps)
Back height	31.5 mm (without keycaps)
Front height	31.2 mm (with OSA keycaps installed)
Back height	41.5 mm (with OSA keycaps installed)
Keyboard feet height	2.7mm
Angle	5 degree

Q8 MECHANICAL KEYBOARD OVERVIEW

① Type−C Port
② Mac Layout
③ Windows Layout
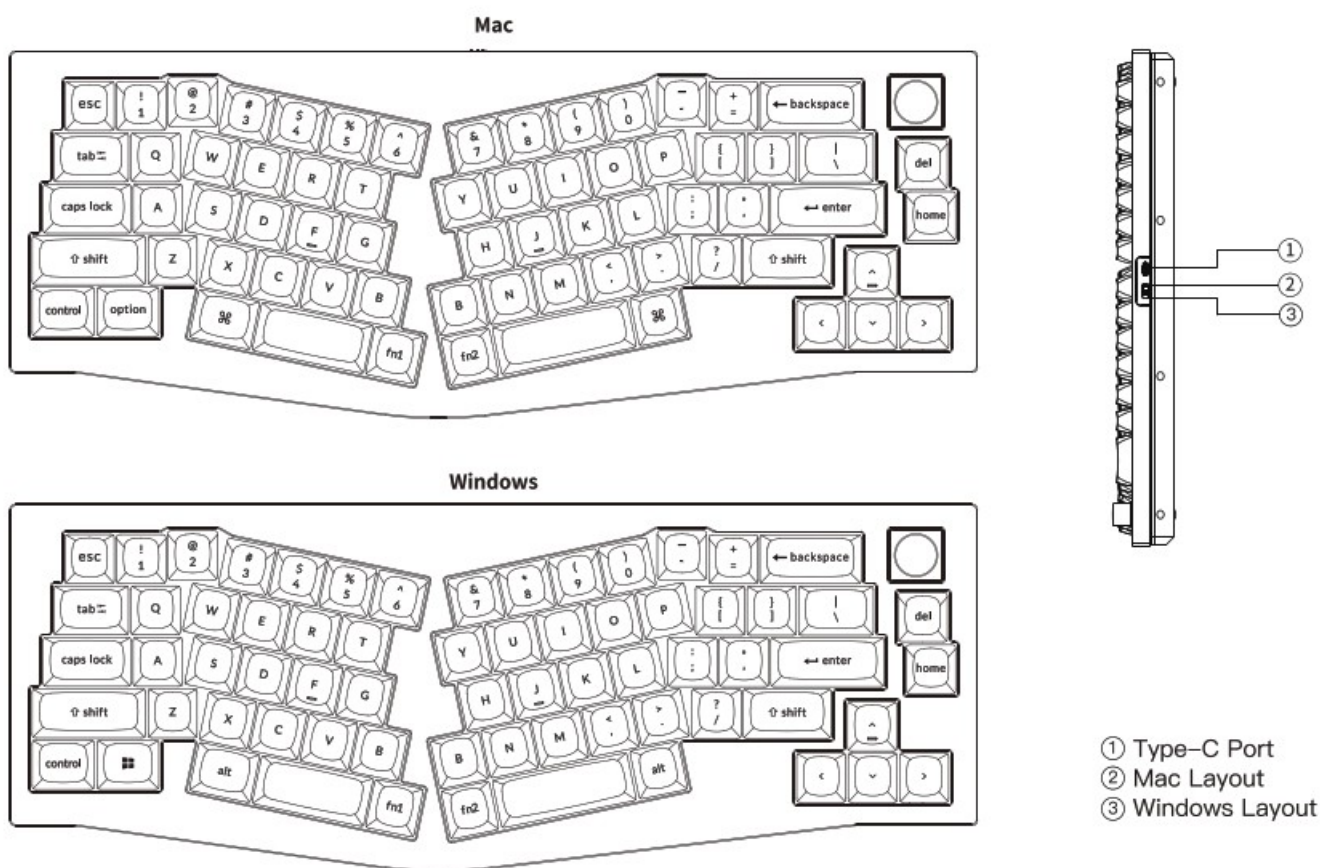
DEFAULT KEY LAYOUT

LAYER 0: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac.

LAYER 1: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows.

LAlt = Left Alt LWin = Left Windows RAllt = Right Alt

LAYER 2: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac and press the fn1/MO(2) key.

LAYER 3: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows and press the

fn1/MO(3) key.
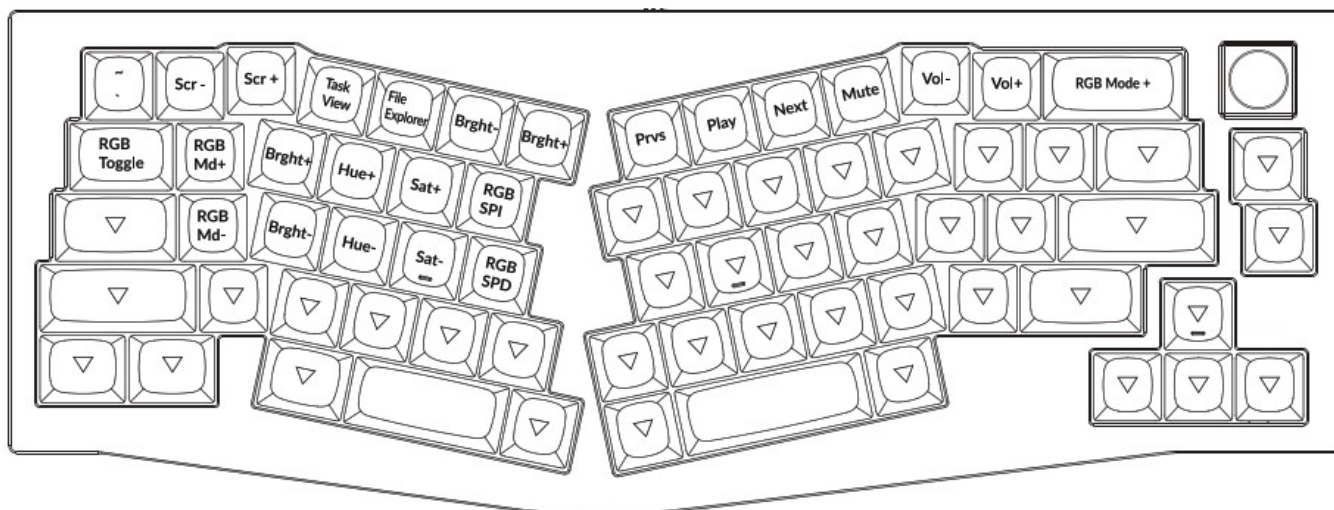
LAYER 4: This layer will be activated when you press the fn2/MO(4) key.
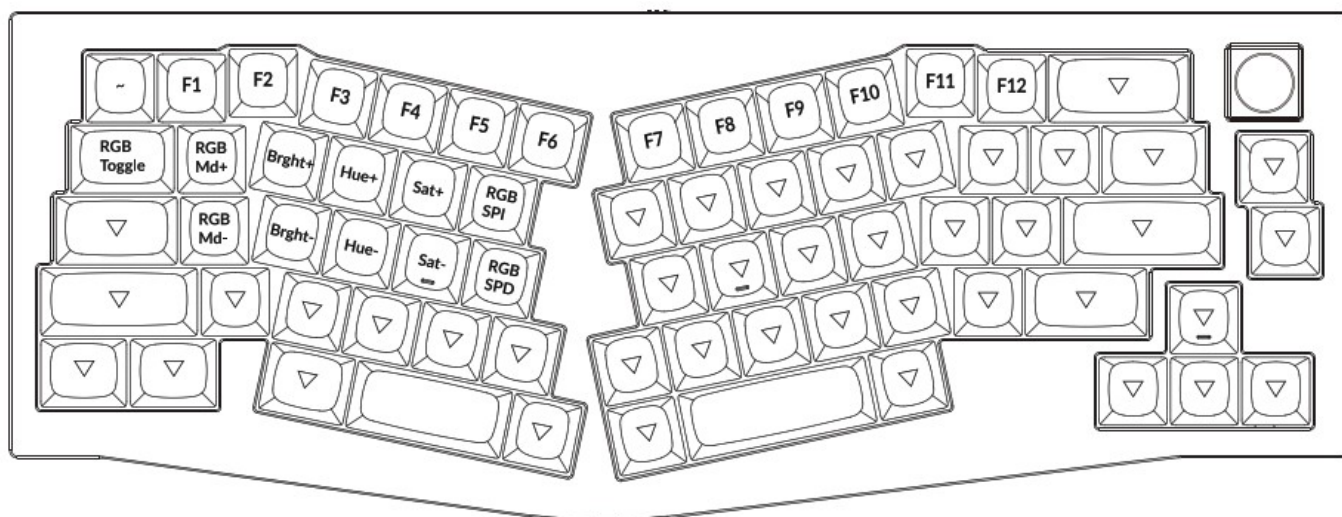
KEY DESCRIPTION

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Scr-	Screen Brightness Decrease	RGBMd+	RGB Mode Next
Scr+	Screen Brightness Increase	RGBMd-	RGB Mode Previous
Bright-	Backlight Decrease	Hue+	Hue Increase
Bright+	Backlight Increase	Hue-	Hue Decrease
Prvs	Previous	RGB SPI	RGB Speed Increase
Play	Play/Pause	RGB SPD	RGB Speed Decrease
Next	Next	MO(1)	Layer 1 will be activated when holding this key
Mute	Mute	MO(2)	Layer 2 will be activated when holding this key
Vol-	Volume Decrease	MO(3)	Layer 3 will be activated when holding this key
Vol+	Volume Increase	MO(4)	Layer 4 will be activated when holding this key
RGB Toggle	Turn Backlight on/off		

Third party input tools are not compatible with the keyboard.
Due to compatibility, versions, brands, and drivers of Windows/macOS, functionalities of third Party input tools may be affected while using the keyboard. Please make sure your operating system and drivers are up to date.

Certain fn keys or multimedia keys does not work under Windows/Android mode.
Functionalities of certain multimedia keys may be disabled due to compatibility, versions, brands, and drivers of Windows/Android OS.

Safety Precaution:
Keep the product, accessories, and packaging parts out of reach of children to prevent any accidents and choking hazards.

Always keep the product dry to avoid corrosion.
Do not expose the product to extreme temperatures below -10°C (5°F) or above 50°C (131°F) to preserve the lifespan of the keyboard.

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