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Keyboards and Keyboard Switches . . . plus the following, growing product line:

Digital and Linear Integrated Circuits Lighted Pushbutton Switches PLASMALUX Gas Discharge Displays LEVERWHEEL and Thumbwheel Switches Matrix Selector Switches Low Energy Gold Crosspoint Contact Switches Precision Snap Action Switches **Printed Circuits**

See pages 34-35.

Precision Engineered Quality Electrical and Electronic Components

All Cherry's products are designed and manufactured under the technical guidance of an experienced staff of mechanical, electrical, tool, industrial and manufacturing engineers. Personnel trained in many skills operate advanced assembly and fabrication machinery to provide Cherry customers with the highest quality at prices that are truly competitive.

serving the needs of a growing industry.

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CHERRY IS: The solid, responsible source for all your Keyboard needs.

When it comes to keyboards, Cherry can be your cost-effective headquarters. Cherry, long the leader in hard contact technology and innovation through 25 years of specialization, has become a major source of keyboards since the original success of our low energy switching units in 1967.

The creative engineering that first introduced gold crosspoint contacts to keyboard switches is working to bring new product developments to you. The latest is a new low profile Solid State Keyboard which utilizes capacitive switching technology.

At Cherry we manufacture virtually all the components used in our products. We do our own printed circuit board fabrication . . . metal stamping . . . plating and molding, including 2 and 3 shot keycaps. This vertical integration enables Cherry to control quality at every step in the manufacturing process. The result is a quality product . . . at lowest possible cost . . . delivered on schedule.

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Specially designed machines and state-of-the-art equipment provide efficient, high speed, volume production so important to achievement of cost savings. In our modern world headquarters plant which is even now undergoing massive expansion we have made effective use of the latest manufacturing technology, including computer scheduling, tape and digital controlled stamping, micro processor controlled drilling, and automated precision plating.

The best way for you to evaluate our total capability is to schedule a visit to our plant. For those who can't do this at present, we invite you to check through this Keyboard Catalog. Then, contact the nearest Cherry Field Sales Representative (see listing on page 32) or call our special Keyboard Sales Group.



CUSTOM

Whatever your keyboard problem ... Cherry will provide a solid state or hard contact solution. Our Keyboard Sales Group is ready and waiting to provide application and engineering assistance.

Cherry specializes in custom designed units and we make all our keycaps, standard or sculptured, in matte or smooth top finish. We also manufacture the switches, printed circuit boards and hardware. Our keyboard electronics utilize a scanning technique which readily adapts to any keyboard configuration or format.

Because of this in-house capability, we can provide a custom designed keyboard to meet your application requirements, often at less than the cost of a standard unit.

HOW TO GET CUSTOM DESIGNED ASSISTANCE

Just provide Cherry with your specs and we'll be glad to quote. To help you get started, we have included a handy, tear-out **Keyboard Designers' Work Sheet** on pages 7 and 8. It's specifically designed to make it easy for you to organize your specifications and to tell us what you want your keyboard to do and how you want it to do it. But first, take a look at pages 13 thru 23 where the standard keyboards available are described. If you don't see the keyboard you want among these standard units, a Cherry custom design may be appropriate.

WHEN SHOULD YOU CONSIDER A CUSTOM DESIGN?

As you probably know, custom designed keyboards are economically practical when purchased in production quantities. But, even if your quantity need is small we'll work with you and assist in evaluation.

After all, we have solved so many keyboard problems over the years that the "custom" you need just might be an "almost standard" for us!

A straightforward way out of the standard versus custom dilemma is to consider your keyboard requirements early in your design program, aiming toward the most cost-effective use of a Cherry standard keyboard in your application. We carry many keyboards as off-the-shelf items and, of course, there are no design or tooling charges involved.

Assuming, however, that you've decided on a custom designed keyboard, you may then expect to participate in a down-to-earth series of steps leading to production of your specific keyboard.

DESIGNED KEYBOARDS

FIVE STEPS TO A CUSTOM KEYBOARD

- **1. Contact Cherry** . . . either our Cherry Keyboard Sales Group or your local Cherry Sales Representative.
- 2. Get down to specifics with a technical discussion between you and Cherry engineers aimed at establishing a complete understanding of your application requirements.
- 3. Cherry submits a formal quotation including unit prices at various quantities, tool and design charges, if any, and a statement as to contract duration.
- Cherry builds a prototype proving out two things: Your spec and your design. Prototypes are rigorously evaluated by you before we at Cherry start actual production.
- 5. Production and delivery of keyboards begins.

HARD CONTACT OR SOLID STATE?

A question we are often asked is: "Should I use a hard contact gold crosspoint keyboard . . . or a solid state keyboard?"

Our answer is always the same: Use the keyboard that is best for your particular application . . . the keyboard that will do the job best . . . the one that is most cost-effective for you and your product.

How do you make the **specific** decision? Ask your Cherry Representative or the Cherry Keyboard Sales Group. Since Cherry makes **both** hard contact and solid state keyboards, we are in the ideal position to help you make the decision intelligently, efficiently, quickly.

This is in sharp contrast to most other keyboard manufacturers who make **only** solid state... or **only** hard contact units. Naturally, they know their products well. But, they may not know the capabilities, features and specific advantages that just might make "the other type" your best selection for your particular application.





HOW TO WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL CHERRY REPRESENTATIVE (See pages 32-33 for listing.)

This, too, is simple. Just give him the story from the beginning. Describe in as much detail as possible what your keyboard objectives are. He will then work closely with you and the Cherry factory in coordinating samples, technical information and pricing.

ABOUT THE CHERRY KEYBOARD SALES GROUP

Our Keyboard Sales Group consists of inhouse keyboard specialists who are able and ready to (1) advise you what type of keyboard will prove to be the most efficient for your specific application, (2) offer design assistance, (3) provide price quotes and (4) provide every possible customer service. They guarantee fast response to your inquiries and requests.

HOW TO REACH THE KEYBOARD SALES GROUP

It's as easy as filling out and mailing the **Keyboard Designers' Work Sheet** on the following pages.

Or, better yet, call the Keyboard Sales Group at this special, direct telephone number:

312/689-7612

Either way τ by writing or telephoning — you'll get informative, helpful response . . . and you'll get it <u>fast</u>.



keyboard designers' work sheet

Data	
Date	
Title	
Company	
Address	
CityState	eZip
Phone () Area Code	Ext
NOTE: Highlighted features (*) cost approaches.	described below are the lowest
Estimated Quantity/Year	
Switching Technology:	Encoding:
Capacitive	Number of Encoded Keys (Including Spacebar)
Mechanical	Number of Non-Encoded Keys (Function)
* Use Lowest-Cost Approach	
	Output:
Modes:	1. * Parallel,Bits Out
Unshifted	Serial: Serial, Out Only
Alpha Lock	Serial, In Only
	On Board Clock
Shift-Control	MHz <u>+</u> %
Other	
* 4 or less save cost	2. Handshake Operation With
	3 BYTE FIFO
Termination:	
	3. Down/Up Operation (Inverts 1 Bit and Provides Strobe Upon Key Release)
	* All Encoded Keys OR Selected Keys
PCB Edge Card	
Tin-Lead Gold Other	4. * N-Key Rollover (Free with capacitive switch- ing technology).
* Cherry Defines Codes	* 2-Key Lockout
	Other

work sheet continued

5.	* Auto Repeat on Selected Keys	Power Available:
	* No Repeat	+5VDCmA Other
	Separate Repeat Key	
		Keycaps:
6.	 Electronic Shift Lock With LED Indicator (Re- lease From Either Shift Key) 	* Stepped Sculptured
	OR	
	Alternate Action Shift Lock Key (Released With 2nd Depression)	
7.	Audible Sound SystemLighted Keys	Please provide mechanical layout, keycap color and legends, output codes and additional electrical specifications.
	Additional Indicators	
	On-Board Drivers	
8.		
	3-State Output	
	On-Board Alarm With Driver	
	Ceramic ICs	
	On-Board Voltage Regulator	
	On-Board Alarm With Driver Ceramic ICs On-Board Voltage Regulator	

MAIL TO:

Keyboard Sales Group Cherry Electrical Products Corp. 3600 Sunset Avenue Waukegan, Illinois 60087

Printer of Address

CHERRY SOLID STATE CAPACITIVE KEYBOARDS



Solid state keyboards from a good solid source - CHERRY

BROADEST APPLICATION

This, the latest addition to the Cherry line of keyboards, is a solid state unit featuring capacitive keyswitches that provide a keyboard with unique capabilities. It gives you a keyboard ideal for any and all high speed data entry such as key-to-disc, key-to-tape, key-tocard, word processing and photo typesetting. The result? Cherry solid state keyboards are the ideal costeffective answer to a broad range of applications.

STANDARD FEATURES

- 1. Low, low profile...measures .360" from bottom of face plate to bottom of PC board.
- 2. High reliability...long life.
- 3. Contactless design.
- 4. Custom designed NMOS encoder chip.
- 5. 128 keys in 16 by 8 matrix.
 - -8 key positions for discrete keys.
 - -5 standard mode key positions:
 - (1) Alpha Lock
 - (2 & 3) Shifts (separate Left Shift and Right Shift matrix positions available are treated identically)
 - (4) Shift Lock (output pin for lighted key)(5) Control
 - -One repeat key position.
 - -114 data key positions.
- 6. N-Key Rollover.
- 7. Optional Down/Up operation.
- 8. Optional Auto Repeat after 1/2 second delay.
- 9. External oscillator determines repeat rate.

- 10. Electronic hysteresis circuit eliminates keyswitch "teasing."
- **11.** Anti-Tease timer—also functions as 50 msec debounce.
- 12. Only one power supply required (+5VDC).
- **13.** Low stand-by current.
- 14. TTL compatible.
- Encoder has capability of working with either solid state (capacitive) or mechanical (hard contact) switches.
- Seven bit parallel out for data. (Eighth bit is for Up/Down operation.)
- 17. Software latches for Lock and Alpha Lock.
 –Left or Right Shift releases Shift Lock.
 –Alpha key toggles.
- **18.** STROBE (active low) is 12μsec typical (with 666KHz clock).

PLUS options like these at little or no additional cost.

- 19. Three word deep FIFO.
- 20. Handshake to Control Data output.
- Repeat may be furnished on all keys...no keys... selected keys.
- **22.** Shift and Control available as either output or input.
- 23. Output flag or level whenever any key is depressed.
- 24. Pulse or level strobes available.
- 25. Data output is the key position (in matrix).
- 26. External look-up table PROM.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

This block diagram shows the basic functions of the standard Cherry encoder. This microcomputer has been programmed as a general purpose keyboard controller and can handle the needs of many of our customers. It can work with either Cherry gold crosspoint or capacitive keyboard switches. For capacitive keyboard switches, two quad sense amplifiers are added to the output side of the key matrix. A total of 128 keys can be processed, including function and discrete keys. A PROM can be added to translate key position outputs to customer-specific codes. N-Key Rollover is a standard feature.

If required, Cherry also offers custom programmed keyboard controllers tailored to virtually any customer need.





CHERRY GOLD CROSSPOINT CONTACT **KEYBOARD**

A UNIQUELY SIMPLE DESIGN. **OFFERING:**

- Low Cost
- Long Life
 Wire-"OR"-ability
- Low power consumption

Why are Cherry keyboards so reliable? One reason is our uniquely simple design that combines the most advanced technology with a minimum of component parts. This yields a product whose susceptibility to field failure is inherently low. This is substantiated by the remarkable record Cherry Gold Crosspoint Contact Keyboards have achieved in all kinds of environments and demanding applications.

Another reason is the Cherry Gold Crosspoint Contacts. Still another reason for excellent field performance is that we build our keyboards from scratch. And, Cherry keyboards draw low power both quiescent and in use - and generate clean IC logic signals. They are not temperature or humidity sensitive and can be designed to meet your specific requirements at surprisingly low cost.

STANDARD KEYBOARD UNITS **INCLUDE:**

66 Key Tri Mode ASCII, negative logic (with pro-vision to add 4 extra keys).

- 53 Key Quad Mode ASCII (ASR33), positive logic.
- 12 Key Numeric, straight output.
- 16 Key Numeric, straight output.

SPECIAL FEATURES AVAILABLE

Positive or negative logic resting low or high outputs.

Open collector buffer outputs for hard wire-"OR"ing available at no extra cost.

Buffer output capable of driving terminated twisted pair or 90 ohm coaxial is optional.

Pulse or level strobe available.

Key locations may be geographically mixed.

Special mono mode encoded keys may be added to configuration.

Any parity and/or data outputs may be later changed for modest revision charges.

THE KEYBOARD SWITCH WITH A "HEART OF GOLD"

Cherry's unique Gold Crosspoint Contact Switch. For details, see page 24.

Keyboard Electronics Utilizes Scanning Technique

The keyboard encoding is based on a scanning technique employing an 8 bit counter, a multiplexer and a 4 to 16 line decoder. Encoded keys form a crosspoint matrix with each key connected to the decoder output and the multiplexer input. The decoder is addressed by the 4 least significant bits and the multiplexer by the 3 most significant bits of the counter.

When a key is depressed a matrix connection between

the decoder and multiplexer is accomplished. When the counter reaches the appropriate key code, the multiplexer output goes high and a retriggerable one-shot is fired on the trailing edge of the counter clock stopping the counter. The one-shot is continually refreshed until the key is released. The bit-shift logic translates the counter address into an upper case data word if the shift and/or control key is depressed.



CHERRY STANDARD KEYBOARDS

5 Basic Types of Keyboards in 24 Variations to Fill Most — or ALL — of Your Keyboard needs





CHOICE OF SOLID STATE ... OR HARD CONTACT

All available with many optional features at little or no additional cost. All available without tooling, artwork or set-up charges. Many available with or without housings, encoded or non-encoded, a wide variety of modes, etc. Many also available off-the-shelf.



complete line of standard keyboards

KEYBOARD HOUSINGS

As shown in the Standard Keyboard Specifications Chart on the following page, most Cherry keyboards are available with an associated housing. This housing converts your keyboard to an attractive, stand-alone desk instrument, suitable for office or lab use. Color is clear anodized aluminum with unfinished walnut endcaps. The operating surface is sloped approximately 10° to the desk top.



All dimensions shown above, except for Dim. "A," are the same for both housing sizes.





with 10° angle plunger stem

SCULPTURED





with 10° angle plunger stem

STEPPED





Your choice of four KEY ARRANGEMENTS

KEYBOARD TIMING CHARTS

TIMING DIAGRAM NO. 1

TIMING DIAGRAM NO. 2





STANDARD KEYBOARDS

Keyboard No.	Timing Diag. No.	No. of Keys	Sloped (SL) Stepped (ST)	Associated Housing	ssociated Housing Type of Code No. of Data Strobe Logic		Logic Output			
B70-4753 B70-60AA B70-4754	1 1 1	53 53 53	SL ST SL	B99-64AF Teletypewrite B99-64AF Teletypewrite B99-64AF Teletypewrite		4 4 4	7 7 7	High High High	Positive Resting High Positive Resting High Positive Resting High	
B80-3766 B80-3767 B80-48AA	222	66 66 66	SL SL ST	B99-66AF B99-66AF B99-66AF	ASCII ASCII ASCII	333	7 7 7	Low Low Low	Negative Resting High Negative Resting High Negative Resting High	
B80-65AA	2	67(R)	SL	B99-68AF	ASCII	3	7	Low	Negative Resting High	
B65-1712 B65-1716 B65-64AB		12 16 12	SL SL SL	+	None None None		=	Ē	E	
B70-05AB	3	67	SL	B99-18AF*	ASCII	4	7	1 High 1 Low	Positive Resting Low	2
B4VE-9601	4	96	SL	B99-69AF	ASCII#	4	8	1 High 1 Low	Positive Logic Latched Outputs	
B4VE-9501	4	95	SL	B99-69AF	ASCII##	4	8	1 High 1 Low	Positive Logic Latched Outputs	

R = Repeat Key (Repeat Frequency 12 Hz.)

#Communications standard ##Typewriter standard

*When B70-05AB and B65-64AB are combined the housing number is B99-19AF.



SPECIFICATIONS CHART

	Power Req.	Drive Capability	Rollover (RO) Lockout (LO)	Connection Mates With	Switching Technology	Keycap Finish	Schematic No.	
	5V 350mA 5V 350mA 5V 350mA	10 STD TTL Loads 10 STD TTL Loads 10 STD TTL Loads	2 Key (LO) 2 Key (LO) 2 Key (LO)	Cinch 250-15-30-170 Cinch 250-15-30-170 Cinch 250-15-30-170	GC GC GC	S S M	120-0032 120-0032 120-0032	
	5V 350mA 5V 350mA 5V 350mA	10 STD TTL Loads 10 STD TTL Loads 10 STD TTL Loads	2 Key (LO) 2 Key (LO) 2 Key (LO)	Cinch 250-22-30-211 Cinch 250-22-30-211 Cinch 250-22-30-211	GC GC GC	S M S	120-0044 120-0044 120-0044	
	5V 350mA	10 STD TTL Loads	2 Key (LO)	Cinch 250-22-30-211	GC	S	120-0044	
		111	1	Cinch 250-15-30-170 ⊁ Cinch 250-18-30-170 Cinch 50-44C-10	GC GC GC	<i>S S S S</i>	120-0153	
	5V 350mA	10 STD TTL Load	2 Key (LO)	Cinch 50-44S-20	GC	М	120-0186	
	5VDC 250mA	10 LS Loads	N Key (RO)	Cinch 50-44S-20	С	М	120-0357	
	5VDC 250mA	10 LS Loads	N Key (RO)	Cinch 50-44S-20	С	М	120-0357	
GC = Gold Crosspoint S = Smooth Finish Keycaps C = Capacitive M= Matte Finish Keycaps								



LEGEND FORMAT

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4 \$ 4

DC 17 17 ETB

Q 57) 57)

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3 # 3

05) 05) ENQ 45 45) E

7D ALT

CTRL

SHIFT





2D 3D 2D 3D

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PAGE

CR

BREAK

RESET

SHIFT

2A 3A 2A 3A

NUL DLE @ P

0A 0A 0A LF

CONDUCTOR STRIP PIN IDENTIFICATION						
P	IN	OUTPUT				
1	А	PAGE				
2	В	RESET				
3	С	BREAK				
4	D	VCC				
5	E	VCC				
6	F	STB				
7	Н	SHIFT				
8	J	GND				
9	К	bit 7				
10	L	bit 6				
11	М	bit 5				
12	Ν	bit 4				
13	P	bit 3				
14	R	bit 2				
15	S	bit 1				



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OUTPUT CODE

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1F 0F 5F 4F

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OUTPUT CODE





	1	bit 6	Α	bit 6
	2	bit 7	В	bit 7
	3	bit 5	С	bit 5
and a second second	4	b8 PARITY	D	b8 PARITY
	5	K.B. ENABLE	Е	K.B. ENABLE
	6	STB	F	STB
	7		Н	
and the second second	8	+5V	J	+5V
	9	bit 1	K	bit 1
1	10	bit 4	L	bit 4
	11	bit 2	. M	bit 2
	12	bit 3	Ν	bit 3
	13	GND	Ρ	GND
	14		R	CL
	15		S	
	16		T	SEND
and a second	17		U	TAB
	18		V	4
and the second se	19		W	HOME
	20	NEW LINE	Х	+
	21	PRINT	Y	CSR
	22		7	YNALT

CONNECTOR PIN ASSIGNMENT CONDUCTOR STRIP PIN IDENTIFICATION

A

OUTPUT

OUTPUT PIN

PIN

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B80 ASCII Series

B65 NON-ENCODED Series



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B70 "PRO" Series

A versatile, reliable PROfessional style keyboard. Ideal for personal computer and hobbyist applications. Modifiable to add total obsolescence protection. Versatile enough to grow as your system grows.

NOTE: Request brochure PRO-977-2 for detailed information and specs.

UNIQUE STANDARD FEATURES

Full 67 key array

- Five user-definable spare keys with keycaps that have "quick change" clear plastic tops. These keyswitches are not connected electrically, but can be conveniently hardwired so as to output any code.
- Only one power supply voltage required: +5 volts at 325 ma. max.
- TTL and DTL compatible output circuitry.
- Positive logic with outputs resting low.
- Four mode keyboard offers (1) lower case mode, (2) upper case mode, (3) control case mode and (4) teletypewriter alpha lock configuration (alpha lock depressed).

UNIQUE SPECIAL FEATURES

that are easily accomplished at your location.

- 1. **Negative Logic** in which the output code will be the complement of the code shown.
- 2. Tri State Positive Logic to let you use two or more PRO keyboards in parallel.
- 3. High voltage output CMOS compatible.
- 4. Non Encoded Outputs.
- 5. Encoded Outputs.
- Flexible key assignments lets you change the code of a key which came factory wired.
- 7. Provisions for an auxiliary keyboard.
- 8. Auxiliary keyboards available from Cherry.
- 9. Automatic repeat.
- Strobe pulse width can be varied.
- 11. Optional parity bit.
- 12. Output latch can be provided by an auxiliary circuit.
- 13. **Optional Shift-Control mode** can be added external to the keyboard.



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B4VE SOLID STATE Series



B4VE-9601 COMMUNICATIONS





GOLD CROSSPOINT KEYBOARD SWITCHES

ABOUT THE KEY MODULE:

This is another Cherry design first: A Gold "Crosspoint" Contact Switch - two gold prisms at right angles to each other. This design has provided highly reliable keyboard switching for nearly 10 years in tens of thousands of the most sophisticated, most demanding applications.

The proven design concept — crossed knife edge contact configuration – provides high force per unit of contact area and virtually eliminates contact closure interference by contaminates. Precious metal contact material (W/E Alloy #1) consists of 69% gold, 25% silver and 6% platinum. Contact interfaces are inert to chemical action with resultant low contact resistance (typically 25 milliohms). The key module measures only 3/4" and reduces overall keyboard height to 1-1/2" from key top to printed circuit board.



CONTACT INNOVATION



W/E #1(69% Gold, 25% Silver, 6% Platinum)



A proven design concept—the new gold "crosspoint" contact innovation provides positive switching of low energy solid state circuits.

Contacts are normally held apart for greatest shock resistance. No microphonics or bounce during turn-off or at rest.

CHERRY GOLD CROSSPOINT **ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL** SPECIFICATIONS

MECHANICAL

Pretravel	Operating Force 2½ oz.	\pm $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Std. (Also available in forces from 2 oz. and higher)
Total Travel	Pretravel	Std. (Alternate action version pretravel .030" to .065")
Key Module Case Material Thermoplastic (Nylon) Temperature Operating	Total Travel	
Temperature Operating	Key Module Case Material	Thermoplastic (Nylon)
	Temperature Operating Storage	

ELECTRICAL

10° OFFSET KEY STEM for Stepped Keyboards

(OPTIONAL)





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ORDERING INFORMATION FOR GOLD CROSSPOINT KEYBOARD SWITCHES

Style	Part No.	Stem Design	Operating Force	Stem Angle	Contact Style	Operating Style	Comment	Figure [†]
	M61-0120 M51-0182 M51-0143	T T T	2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom. 6 oz. nom.	0° 10° 0°	1A 1A 1A	momentary momentary momentary	non-lighted non-lighted non-lighted	A A A
	M51-0226 M62-0900 M62-0100	T straight straight	6 oz. nom. 2-4½ oz. 2-4½ oz.	10° 0° 0°	1A 1A-1B 2A	momentary momentary momentary	non-lighted non-lighted non-lighted	A A A
Spacebar Spacebar Spacebar mech.	M51-0106 M51-0107 B99-0003	straight straight straight	2½-4½ oz. 2½-4½ oz. 1×6 thru 1×10	0° 10°	1A 1A	momentary momentary	(paddle type)* (paddle type)* (paddle type)*	A A ‡
Spacebar mech. Spacebar mech. Spacebar mech.	B99-0004 B99-0005 B99-0006	10° stems straight 10° stems	1×6 thru 1×10 1×3 only 1×3 only				(paddle type)* (paddle type)* (paddle type)*	+ + +
Spacebar Spacebar Spacebar mech.	M51-0227 M51-0228 B99-29AF	T T 1×3 0°	2½-4½ oz. 2½-4½ oz.	0° 10°	1A 1A	momentary momentary	(wire form type) (wire form type) (wire form type)	A A ‡
Spacebar mech. Spacebar mech. Spacebar mech.	B99-40AF B99-32AF B99-43AF	1×3 10° 1×6 0° 1×6 10°					(wire form type) (wire form type) (wire form type)	‡ ‡ ‡
Spacebar mech. Spacebar mech.	B99-35AF B99-46AF M61-0800	1×8 0° 1×8 10° straight	2-4½ oz.	0°	1A	alt. action	(wire form type) (wire form type) non-lighted	‡ ‡ A
	M61-0810 M61-0805 M61-0806	straight straight straight	2-4½ oz. 6 oz. nom. 6 oz. nom.	10° 0° 10°	1A 1A 1A	alt. action alt. action alt. action	non-lighted non-lighted non-lighted	A A A
Tactile Shift Shift	M51-0229 M61-0025 M61-0026	T straight straight	3 oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom.	0° 0° 10°	1A 1A 1A	momentary momentary momentary	non-lighted non-lighted non-lighted	A A A
Shift lock Shift lock Shift lock kit	M61-0027 M61-0028 B99-51AF	straight straight 3/16 offset	2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom.	0° 10°	1A 1A	momentary momentary	non-lighted non-lighted	A A ‡
Shift lock kit Lighted Lighted	B99-52AF M41-0103 M41-0802	3/8 offset round round	2½ oz. nom. 2-4½ oz.	0° 0°	1A 1A	momentary alt. action	full top lighted *† full top lighted *†	‡ B* B*
Lighted Lighted Lighted	M71-0100 M41-0104 M41-0123	dual straight straight	2-4 oz. 2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom.	0° 10° 10°	1A 1A 1A	momentary momentary momentary	top & sides lighted lens lighted** lens lighted**	E B B
Lighted Lighted	M41-0822 M41-0803 M41-0125	straight straight straight	2-4½ oz. 2-4½ oz. 2½ oz. nom.	0° 10° 0°	1A 1A 1A	alt. action alt. action momentary	lens lighted** lens lighted** lens or top lighted	B B C
Lighted Lighted Lighted	M41-0126 M41-0127 M41-0128	straight straight straight	2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom. 2½ oz. nom.	0° 10° 10°	1A 1A 1A	momentary momentary momentary	lens or top lighted lens or top lighted lens or top lighted	D C D

*Discontinued — listed for replacement purposes only.

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*Light Source not included. ≇Hardware only. No module included.

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11/4 × 2 × 1 "L" SHAPED KEYCAP AVAILABLE IN 3RD ROW SCULPTURE ONLY. CAPACITIVE OR GOLD CROSS POINT. STRAIGHT STEM ONLY. MATTE OR GLOSS FINISH.



1¼ × 2 × 1 "L" SHAPED KEYCAP AVAILABLE IN 3RD ROW SCULPTURE ONLY. CAPACITIVE OR GOLD CROSS POINT. STRAIGHT STEM ONLY. MATTE OR GLOSS FINISH.



11/4 × 2 × 1 "L" SHAPED KEYCAP

AVAILABLE IN 2ND & 3RD ROW SCULPTURE. CAPACITIVE OR GOLD CROSS POINT. STRAIGHT STEM ONLY. MATTE OR GLOSS FINISH.



"L" SHAPED SCULPTURED 2ND & 3RD ROW $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$

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This is a simplified view of an inner or first shot. The "A" is raised about .025" from the surface around it. The pyramid-like portion is completely hollow, with walls about .020" thick.

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