



## **K3 Max Wireless Mechanical Keyboard**

## **IN THE BOX:**

Keychron K3 Max Bluetooth Mechanical Keyboard x 1

Type-C Cable x 1

Manual x 1

Quick Start Guide x 1

Extra Keycaps Set x 1

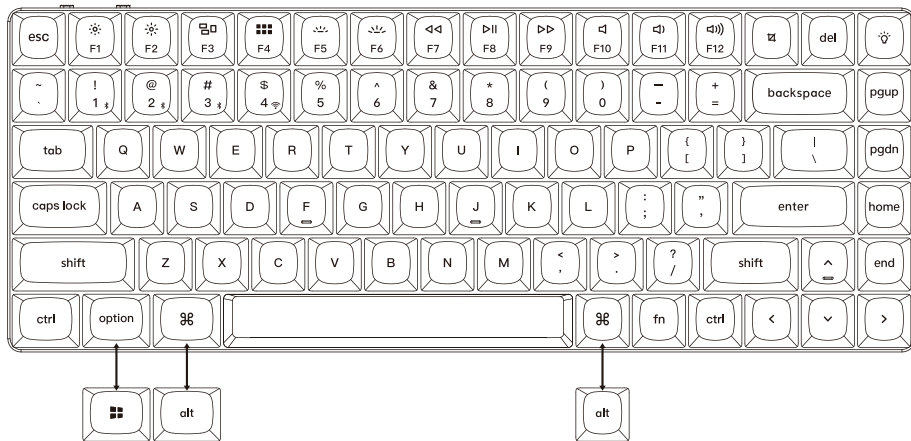
Type-A to Type-C Adapter x 1

Type-A 2.4GHz Receiver x 1

# 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

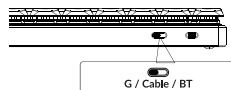


## 1 Connect 2.4GHz Receiver

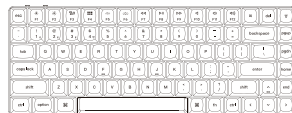
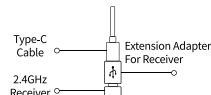
Connect the 2.4GHz receiver to the device USB port.



Switch toggle to 2.4GHz mode



G = 2.4GHz

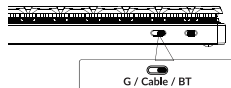


Note: For the best wireless experience, we recommend using the extension adapter for receiver and putting the 2.4GHz receiver somewhere on your desk close to your keyboard for a low rate of latency and fewer signal interferences.

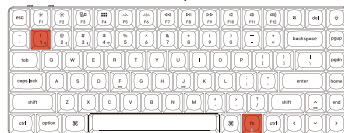
## 2 Connect Bluetooth



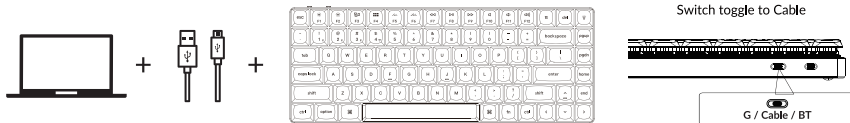
Switch toggle to Bluetooth



Press fn + 1 (for 4 seconds) and pair with device named Keychron K3 Max.



### 3 Connect Cable



### 4 The VIA Key Remapping Software

Please visit [usevia.app](https://usevia.app) to use the online VIA software to remap the keys.  
If the VIA cannot recognize your keyboard, please reach our support to get the instruction.



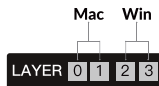
- \* The online VIA software can only run on the latest version of Chrome, Edge, and Opera browsers yet.
- \* VIA only works when the keyboard is connected by wire to the computer.

## 5 The Layers

There are four layers of key settings on the keyboard. The layer 0 and layer 1 are for the Mac system. The layer 2 and layer 3 are for the Windows system.

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 2 will be activated. Remember that if you are using it in Windows mode, please make changes to the layer 2 instead of the top layer (the layer 0). This is a common mistake people are making.



## 6 The Backlight

Press fn + Q to change the lighting effect



fn + Q

Press fn + tab to turn the backlight on/off



fn + tab

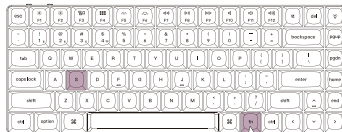
## 7 Adjust The Backlight Brightness

Press fn + W to increase the backlight brightness



fn + W

Press fn + S to decrease the backlight brightness

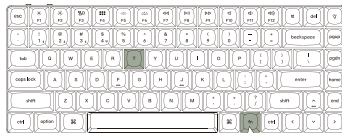


fn + S

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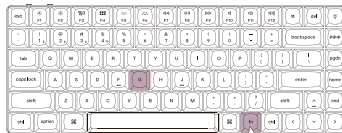
## 8 Adjust The Backlight Speed

Press fn + T to increase the light effect speed



fn + T

Press fn + G to decrease the light effect speed



fn + G

## 9 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.



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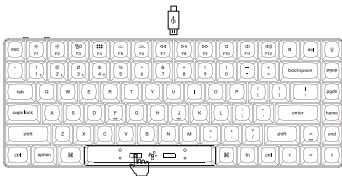
## 10 Watch The Building Tutorial On Our Website

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.





## 11 Factory Reset



Troubleshooting? Don't know what's going on with the keyboard?

1. Download the right firmware and QMK Toolbox from our website.
  2. Unplug the power cable and switch the keyboard to Cable mode.
  3. Remove the space bar keycap to find the reset button on the PCB.
  4. Hold the reset key first, then plug the power cable into the keyboard.  
Release the reset key after 2 seconds, and the keyboard will now enter DFU mode.
  5. Flash the firmware with the QMK Toolbox.
  6. Factory reset the keyboard by pressing fn + J + Z (for 4 seconds).
- \* Step by step guide can be found on our website.

## K3 Max BLUETOOTH MECHANICAL KEYBOARD SPECIFICATIONS

Number of keys: 84

Switch type: Mechanical

Battery: 1550mAh

Charging time: Around 3 hours

Charging port: USB Type-C

Mode: Bluetooth / Wired / 2.4GHz

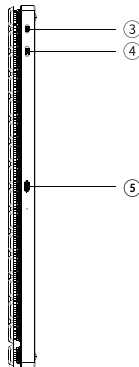
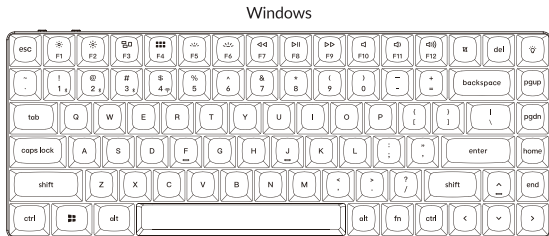
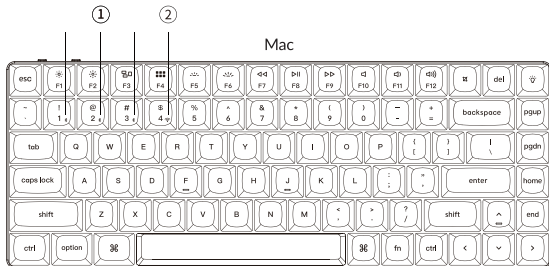
Bluetooth operating distance: Within 10 meters (open space)

Name of Bluetooth device: Keychron K3 Max

### LED STATUS OVERVIEW

Function	LED Location	Status
Charging	Battery Indicator	Low Power - Red Light Blinking Charging - Static Red Full charged - Static Green
Bluetooth	Bluetooth Indicator	Switching - Fast Blinking Paired - Light Off Pairing - Slow Blinking
2.4G	2.4G Indicator	Reconnecting-Fast Blinking Paired - Light Off Pairing - Slow Blinking

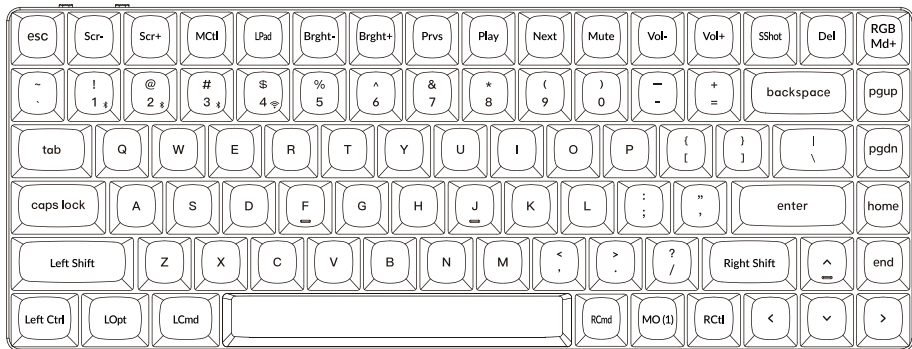
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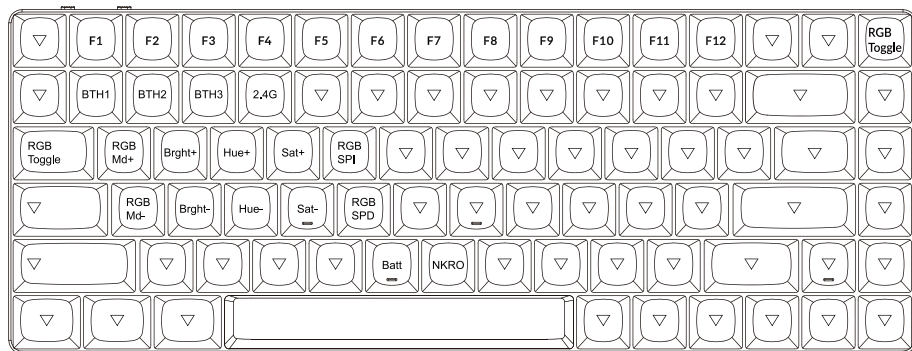
- ① Bluetooth indicator
- ② 2.4G Indicator
- ③ Win/Android Mac/iOS (OS Toggle)
- ④ 2.4G / Cable / BT(Connection Mode Toggle)
- ⑤ Charging port

## DEFAULT KEY LAYOUT:

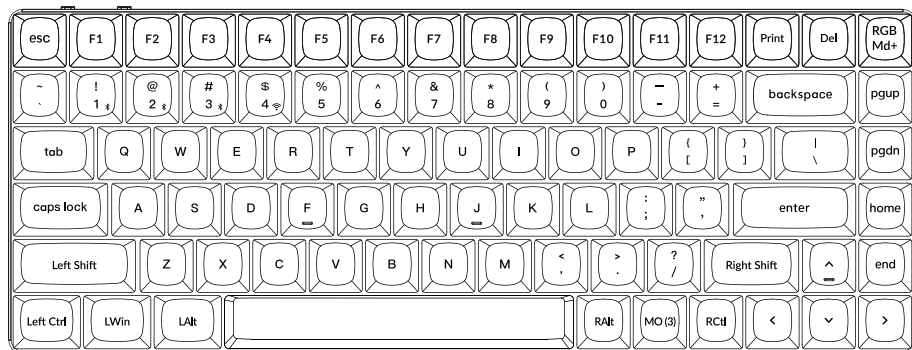
LAYER 0: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac.



**LAYER 1:** This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac and press the fn/MO(1) key.

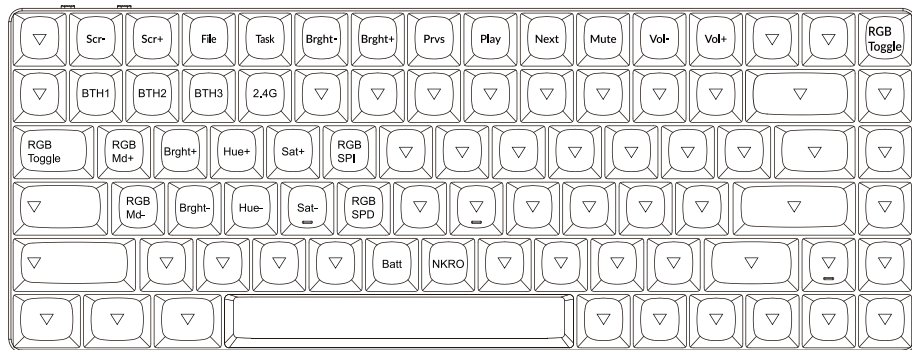


LAYER 2: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows.



LWin = Left Windows LAlt = Left Alt RAlt = Right Alt Rctl = Right Ctrl

LAYER 3: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows and press the fn/MO(3) key.



## KEY DESCRIPTION

Key Description		Key Description	
Scr-	Screen Brightness Decrease	RGBMd-	RGB Mode Previous
Scr+	Screen Brightness Increase	Hue+	Hue Increase
Bright-	Backlight Decrease	Hue-	Hue Decrease
Bright+	Backlight Increase	RGB SPI	RGB Speed Increase
Prvs	Previous	RGB SPD	RGB Speed Decrease
Play	Play/Pause	MO(1)	Layer 1 will be activated when holding this key
Next	Next	MO(2)	Layer 2 will be activated when holding this key
Mute	Mute	MO(3)	Layer 3 will be activated when holding this key
Vol-	Volume Decrease	BTH1	Bluetooth Host 1
Vol+	Volume Increase	BTH2	Bluetooth Host 2
RGB Toggle	Turn Backlight on/off	BTH3	Bluetooth Host 3
RGBMd+	RGB Mode Next	2.4G	2.4GHz Host



## **FUNCTION DESCRIPTION: CHARGING**

Plug the cable into a USB port and plug the other end into the keyboard port. Charging Indicator: A red light will stay on while charging; Fully charged in around 5 hours, a green battery indicator will appear.

\*The K3 Max keyboard is compatible with all USB ports. Please use a 5V 1A adapter or USB 3.0 for the best performance. The K3 Max can be charged in Bluetooth/on/off mode.

\*\*This product supports up to 5V charging voltage and 1A charging current. We are not responsible for any problems caused by improper charging.

### **2.4GHZ / CABLE / BLUETOOTH MODE (MODE TOGGLE SWITCH)**

#### **2.4GHZ MODE**

1. Connect the 2.4GHz receiver to your device's USB Port.
2. Switch the toggle switch to the 2.4GHz option. The keyboard will automatically connect to your device.

\* Press the key combination "Fn" + "4" to enter the forced pairing mode. During this period, it is recommended that the keyboard be within 20cm of the receiver.

#### **BLUETOOTH MODE**

1. Switch the toggle switch to the Bluetooth option.
2. Backlighting will be turned on.
3. Hold "fn+1" key for 4 seconds to activate Bluetooth pairing (the Bluetooth indicator fast flashes for 3 minutes to detect pairing).

4. Search for the Bluetooth device “Keychron K3 Max” on your device and connect it (the Bluetooth indicator goes off after successful pairing).

*Note: This keyboard supports pairing up to 3 devices simultaneously via key combination “fn” + “1” / “fn” + “2” / “fn” + “3”.*

*\*The Bluetooth indicator will continue to flash for 3 minutes.*

*\*\*Slow or failed connections may exist due to different Bluetooth versions, please make sure all the settings are correct.*

### **SWITCH BLUETOOTH DEVICES**

Short press key combination “fn” + “1” / “fn” + “2” / “fn” + “3” to switch to other device.

#### **RECONNECT:**

1. Switch the keyboard to the Bluetooth option to activate the keyboard.
2. The Bluetooth indicator flashes for 3 seconds and automatically pairs with the last paired device.
3. If the Bluetooth indicator is off, press any button to enter the connection again.

*\* The keyboard must have been paired with the device to perform this function.*

### **WIRED MODE**

1. Switch the toggle switch to the Cable option (it only works when a USB cable is plugged in).
2. Connect our cable with your PC and keyboard.
3. Backlighting will be turned on.

*\*Under Wired Mode, keyboard will not enter into Battery Saver Mode.*

### **TURN OFF THE KEYBOARD**

Switch the keyboard to the OFF option.

## BACKLIGHT SETTING

- Short press  to switch between different types of lighting effects.
- When backlighting is on, press  button to switch among them.

## OS TOGGLE SWITCH

### 1 – MAC/iOS

Switch the toggle to Mac/iOS when the keyboard is connected to a Mac or iOS operating system.

### 2 – WINDOWS/ANDROID

Switch the toggle to Windows/Android when the keyboard is connected to a Windows or Android operating system.

*\*When using the Windows/Android mode,   keys are used for “Windows” and “Alt” functions.*

### 3 – INPUT METHOD SWITCH

For iOS:

Input method switch: Ctrl + Space

Caps Lock: Caps (Enable General>Keyboards>Hardware Keyboard>Caps Lock Language Switch)

For Android:

Input method switch: Shift + Space

*NOTE: Functions of certain multimedia key may be disabled due to compatibility, versions, brands and drivers of Windows/Android OS. We also recommend not to switch OS frequently as it may impact keyboard operations.*