

K65 PLUS WIRELESS

75% RGB MECHANICAL GAMING KEYBOARD
QUICK START GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR KEYBOARD



BEFORE FIRST USE

Charge the keyboard fully before first use by connecting the USB cable [F] to the keyboard USB Type-C port [E] and to an available USB 3.0 or better Type-A port on a compatible device including:

Windows PC®	Apple Mac®	Microsoft Xbox One® Microsoft Xbox Series X S*	Sony PlayStation 4™ Sony PlayStation 5™
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*Keyboard is compatible out of the box, see [available accessories](#) for details.
**See Connecting to Sony PlayStation section.

MULTI-PURPOSE INDICATOR (H)

MPI serves as an indicator for different scenarios such as:

- Status indications when device is turned on
- Indication when a connection is made (wired/2.4GHz/BT)
- Macro recording sequences
- Displaying difference dial functions

Sequence of indication when power on:

1. Battery status
2. Wired/Wireless status
3. BT pinging (only when BT pinging is triggered in BT mode)

CHARGING & BATTERY LIFE

Upon powering on the keyboard or using the check battery life shortcut FN+ Enter (H) an indication (H) will denote current battery charge level.



NOTE:

1. All backlighting except indication turns off when battery level is 20% or below.
2. Device turns off automatically when battery is below 3%.
3. Battery indicator only shows for 3 seconds and turns off after each status change.
4. Multi-purpose indicator (H) will breathe battery status while charging and turns off when charging is complete.

BUTTON & SWITCHES

Button/Switch	Function	Remarks
3-Way Mode Switch [D]	On - 2.4GHz Off On - BLE	On 2.4GHz & BT: The keyboard remains in wireless mode even when a cable is plugged (to charge). Off: Wired mode 2.4GHz mode: Indication (H) LED turns solid white 3 seconds if connected, pulsing while it not connected.
Win/MAC Switch [C]	Windows MacOS	
Backlight Switch [I]	On/off toggle	This button remains functional even when the screen is locked.

CONNECTING VIA BLUETOOTH WIRELESS

K65 PLUS Wireless can store up to three pairing info and can be switched via FN key (see below table for details).

Steps to connect to your host device:

1. Turn on Bluetooth function of your host device such as a phone or tablet. (Bluetooth 4.0 or higher)*
2. Flip to BT mode of the 3-way mode switch [D] at the rear of the keyboard, and it will be in pairing mode automatically.
3. Follow the pairing instructions on your host device to finish pairing.
4. Press ESC to cancel the pairing process and erase the pairing info.
5. To store or toggle to a different BT profile, simply hold FN and BLE (BLE1, BLE2, BLE3) for 3 seconds. Any existing pairing info will be erased when new pairing is triggered.

Shortcut	Function	Indication (H)	Status
FN + [D] (Press)	Switch to Bluetooth host 1 mode	Solid Blue (3 sec) Pulsing Blue or timing out after 40 sec	Connected Disconnected
FN + [D] (Hold)	Start Bluetooth host 1 pairing*	Rapidly Blinking Blue (120 sec)	Pairing
FN + [D] (Press)	Switch to Bluetooth host 2 mode	Solid Blue (3 sec) Pulsing Blue or timing out after 40 sec	Connected Disconnected
FN + [D] (Hold)	Start Bluetooth host 2 pairing*	Rapidly Blinking Blue (120 sec)	Pairing
FN + [D] (Press)	Switch to Bluetooth host 3 mode	Solid Blue (3 sec) Pulsing Blue or timing out after 40 sec	Connected Disconnected
FN + [D] (Hold)	Start Bluetooth host 3 pairing*	Rapidly Blinking Blue (120 sec)	Pairing

CONNECTING VIA USB WIRE

1. Connect the keyboard via USB cable to a USB 3.0 Type-A port or better.
2. The keyboard will automatically switch to USB wired mode when mode switch toggles to off.

CONNECTING TO SONY PLAYSTATION

The keyboard also has a special mode to support Sony PlayStation 4 and 5 via 2.4GHz wireless and USB wired modes that can be activated via shortcut.

Shortcut	Function	Indication (H)
FN + [PS] (Hold for 5 sec)	Switch to PlayStation Mode	Blinks Blue 5 times over 5 seconds then Solid Blue
FN + [PS] (Hold for 5 sec)	Switch back to standard mode	Pulse Blue 2 times

NOTE: Available functions may be limited depending on gaming console support and application.

SOFTWARE MODE

When ICUE is running the keyboard operates in software mode and is controlled by ICUE. Download ICUE from [corsair.com/downloads](#) and install on a Windows PC or Apple Mac to connect all of your CORSAIR ICUE compatible products together in a single interface, giving you complete control of everything from lighting to powerful macros.

HARDWARE MODE

When ICUE is not running or the keyboard is connected to a device that does not support ICUE, the keyboard operates in hardware mode which uses profiles and settings saved to the onboard storage.



STANDARD SHORTCUTS

Windows Only

All below definitions assume FN key is being held and action is output upon press unless otherwise noted.

Key	Icon	Function	Remarks / AB
FN + F1	[Icon]	Reduce the screen's brightness	
FN + F2	[Icon]	Increase the screen's brightness	
FN + F3	[Icon]	Toggle task view for windows	
FN + F4	[Icon]	Launch File Explorer	
FN + F5	[Icon]	Reduce KB backlight brightness	
FN + F6	[Icon]	Increase KB backlight brightness	
FN + F7	[Icon]	Last track command	
FN + F8	[Icon]	Pause/play command	
FN + F9	[Icon]	Next track command	
FN + F10	[Icon]	Mute	
FN + F11	[Icon]	Volume Down	
FN + F12	[Icon]	Volume Up	
FN + []	[Icon]	Insert key	
FN + []	[Icon]	End key	
FN + L	[Icon]	Toggle Win Lock on and off	Press and release
FN + Enter	[Icon]	Battery power status checking	
FN + Z	[Icon]	Cycle onboard 4 profiles MPI (H) blinks in color defined for the profile: • White - Water Color • Red - Spiral Rainbow • Green - Rain • Blue - Rainbow Wave	
FN + F	[Icon]	Print screen key	
FN + O	[Icon]	Toggles Scroll Lock on and off	
FN + P	[Icon]	PAUSE Pause break key	
FN + Up	[Icon]	Change dial mode to volume up (clockwise) / down (counterclockwise)	Default mode Press: Mute / unmute
FN + Down	[Icon]	Change dial mode to scroll up (counterclockwise) / down (clockwise)	Works only when: windows support scroll function Press: End of page
FN + Left	[Icon]	Change dial mode to KB backlight brightness up (clockwise) / down (counterclockwise)	Press: Turn on / off light
FN + Right	[Icon]	Change dial mode to zoom in (clockwise) / out (counterclockwise)	Press: Reset to default zoom
FN + Delete	[Icon]	Press FN + Delete for 3 seconds to enable 2.4GHz mode pinging. Delete & MPI will blink for 120 seconds, during which user should insert dongle to complete pairing process	

MAC FUNCTION DEFINITION

Just press the following keys to enable the functions when Mac mode is turned on.

Key	Icon	Function	Remarks / AB
F1	[Icon]	Reduce the screen's brightness	
F2	[Icon]	Increase the screen's brightness	
F3	[Icon]	Toggle task view for windows	
F4	[Icon]	Launch File Explorer	
F5	[Icon]	Reduce KB backlight brightness	
F6	[Icon]	Increase KB backlight brightness	
F7	[Icon]	Last track command	
F8	[Icon]	Pause/play command	
F9	[Icon]	Next track command	
F10	[Icon]	Mute	
F11	[Icon]	Volume Down	
F12	[Icon]	Volume Up	
[Option]	[Icon]	Option key in Mac OS	
ALT	[Icon]	Command key in Mac OS	Both left ALT and right ALT

HARDWARE LIGHTING

Key	Icon	Function	Remarks / AB
FN + 1	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Water Color	
FN + 2	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Spiral Rainbow	
FN + 3	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Rain	
FN + 4	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Rainbow Wave	
FN + 5	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Type Lighting Per-key	
FN + 6	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Type Lighting Ripple	
FN + 7	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Color Shift	
FN + 8	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Color Pulse	
FN + 9	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Color Wave	
FN + 0	[Icon]	Backlighting effect - Static Color	8 colors cycle through

FN SHORTCUTS LIGHTING INDICATOR

When pressing FN key, all lighting will momentarily turn OFF except for:

- Keys that have FN shortcut functions, including predefined ones and macros assigned by user, will have backlighting turned ON in WHITE.
- Aside from current FN shortcuts, indication (H) will also show current profile color.

- Exception cases: when adjusting lighting effect shortcuts such as FN+1~0, or FN+5/F6, override to show the lighting effect which keeps playing until either FN is released or a different FN+ combo is pressed.

MACRO RECORDING

Step 1: Hold FN + M key to start recording, and indication (H) breathes red.

Step 2: Press any series of standard keys to begin recording, and indication (H) blinks red.

-Only standard keyboard functions can be recorded and not specialty or onboard functions like

- Profile
- Backlighting effects
- Brightness
- Media
- Win Lock

Step 3: Press FN + M key to stop recording, and indication (H) rapidly blinks red.

Step 4: Assign Macro keys by pressing any keys, FN + key, or modifier [CTRL/SHIFT/ALT/IGR] + key.

- If keys were recorded: Pressing that key or combination saves the macro
- If no keys were recorded: Pressing that key or combination clears any original macro or function saved

-Except cannot record over these keys or key combinations:

- FN
- All existing predefined FN shortcut combinations

-Indication (H) displays Win Lock status

NOTE: Once a macro is recorded, it will be remembered even after device is shut down and turned back on, and will not change until users make any changes or enable factory reset.

SWAPPING KEYSWITCHES

The keyswitches can be removed and replaced with any variety or combination of CHERRY MX RGB mechanical keyswitches. Other third party mechanical keyswitches with 3pin and 5-pin design may be compatible, but are not guaranteed to work due to physical differences.



NOTE: Be sure to align the new keyswitch properly before insertion to prevent bent pins or damage.

FACTORY RESET

Press and hold FN + Backlight button (I) for 5 seconds. Multi-purpose indicator (H) will blink RED for 5 seconds once reset is activated. The keyboard will turn on with factory defaults.

BATTERY REMOVAL INFORMATION



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