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**Apple Adjustable Keyboard**



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Bill Buxton’s Notes

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More to come..

Device Details

Company: Apple Computer | Year: 1992 | Original Price (USD): $219.00

Design: Apple Computer: Ray Riley & Harold Welch.

Degrees of Freedom: N/A

Dimensions (L x W x H – flip feet closed):

* Keyboard: 386.6 x 159 x 37.5 (mm) / 15.18” x 6.26” x 1.4”
* Keypad: 248.3 x 143.7 x 37.5 (mm) / 9.78 x 5.66” x 1.4”

Key Words

Primary: Keyboard

Secondary: Ergonomic, Keypad, Numerical Keypad

Links

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* [Apple Adjustable Keyboard User's Guide](https://microsoft-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bibuxton_microsoft_com/Documents/Buxton%20Collection/Collection/Priority%20kbd%20show/Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard/Adjust_Keyboard_User's_Guide.pdf)
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| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_0048.JPG | Adjust\_001.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard with its extended keypad shown with their removable palm rests attached. |
| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_002.JPG | Adjust\_002.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard seen in straight configuration, that is not split and 0° opening angle. |
| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_003.JPG | Adjust\_003.JPG | The keyboard beginning to split, with the angle between the two halves starting to open. |
| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_004.JPG | Adjust\_004.JPG | The angle between the two halves of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard opening even more. |
| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_005.JPG | Adjust\_005.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard shown at the maximum, 30° opening angle. |
| C:\Users\bibuxton\OneDrive - Microsoft\Buxton Collection\Collection\Priority kbd show\Apple_Adjustable_Keyboard\Adjust_006.gif | Adjust\_006.gif | An animation of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard opening and closing, showing the range from 30° to 30°. |
|  | Adjust\_0041.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard with palm rests attached. |
|  | Adjust\_0044.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard showing the detached palm rests alongside. |
|  | Adjust\_0045.JPG | The Apple Adjustable Keyboard with its extended keypad shown with their detached palm rests alongside. |
|  | Adjust\_0050.JPG | A view of the under-side of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard. |
|  | Adjust\_0051.JPG | Detail of the bottom of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard showing the product information. |
|  | Adjust\_0053.JPG | The extended keypad of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard without its removable palm rest. |
|  | Adjust\_0054.JPG | The extended keypad of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard with the Installer Disk laid on top to give a sense of scale. |
|  | Adjust\_0055.JPG | A close-up of the extended keypad of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard highlighting the function keys (the arrow keys and part of the numerical keypad can also be seen). Notice the two little nipples above on either side of the F2 and below F14 keys. These are registration pins which enable application specific labels to be applied to these keys. |
|  | Adjust\_0056.JPG | A close-up shot of the under-side of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard’s extended keypad showing the product label details. In the upper-right corner, note also one of the keypad’s legs in folded folded-up position. |
|  | Adjust\_Ergo\_Pair.jpg | A schematic image intended to show how the adjustability of the keyboard’s opening angle can potentially help reduce constriction around the wrist by keeping the main axis of the hand more in line with the forearm while typing. |
|  | Adjust\_Keybd\_Guide.jpg | Image of the cover of the Apple Adjustable Keyboard User’s Guide. To access the full document, click on the image. |
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**WORK NOTES:**

* **Add shot showing application-specific function labels in place.**
* **Add cross reference to the Prohance Mouse and Trackball’s similar support of such labels.**
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