SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Layout

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Introduction

This keyboard was developed to input Ethiopic Fidel scripts. The "SIL Ethiopic" keyboard is designed to work with the Abyssinica SIL font (version 1.500). However, unless you need to use the newest Unicode 6.0 Ethiopic codepoints (for Basketo, Gumuz and Gamo-Gofa-Dawro) or the Private Use Area (PUA) characters in this font, you can use this keyboard with any Ethiopic Unicode font.

Note on Legacy SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Compatibility

The original "SIL Ethiopic" used alternative capital letter keys to produce less frequently used characters. These alternative capital letter keys are still able to be used, but an alternative method for creating these less frequently used characters has been added.

The preferred method for creating these less frequently used characters is by using the " [" key after the letter key to produce the desired character.

For example, to create " ሥ " the chart shows " s [" or " J ". To produce this character using the preferred method, first press the s key, and then press the " [" key. Alternatively, a capital " J " can be typed to produce the " ሥ " character.

As another example, to create " ፀ " the chart shows " T [" or " Y ". To produce this character using the preferred method, first type a capital " T ", and then press the " [" key. Alternatively, a capital " Y " can be typed to produce the " ፀ " character.

Syllables (including diphthongs)

First type the keystrokes from the leftmost column, followed by the keystrokes at the top of the column.

For example, type " h v " to get " ሀ " or " h e " to get " ሄ ". The default form is the 6th form (you do not need to type the ' - ').

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
h	ሀ 1200	ሁ 1201	ሂ 1202	ሃ 1203	ሄ 1204	ህ 1205	ሆ 1206	ኾ 1207						
l	ለ 1208	ሉ 1209	ሊ 120a	ላ 120b	ሌ 120c	ል 120d	ሎ 120e	ⶀ 2d80	ⶊ 120f					
H	ሐ 1210	ሑ 1211	ሒ 1212	ሓ 1213	ሔ 1214	ሕ 1215	ሖ 1216		ⶒ 1217					
m	መ 1218	ሙ 1219	ሚ 121a	ማ 121b	ሜ 121c	ም 121d	ሞ 121e	ⶁ 2d81	ⶒ 121f	ፖ 1383	ፁ 1381	ፆ 1386	ፀ 1380	ፙ 1359
s [or J	ሠ 1220	ሡ 1221	ሢ 1222	ሣ 1223	ሤ 1224	ሥ 1225	ሦ 1226		ⶢ 1227					
r	ረ 1228	ሩ 1229	ሪ 122a	ራ 122b	ሬ 122c	ር 122d	ሮ 122e	ⶂ 2d82	ⶲ 122f					ፘ 1358
s	ሰ 1230	ሱ 1231	ሲ 1232	ሳ 1233	ሴ 1234	ስ 1235	ሶ 1236	ⶃ 2d83	ⶳ 1237					

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
S	ሸ 1238	ሹ 1239	ሺ 123a	ሻ 123b	ሼ 123c	ሽ 123d	ሾ 123e	ⷄ 2d84	ሿ 123f					
q	ቀ 1240	ቁ 1241	ቂ 1242	ቃ 1243	ቄ 1244	ቅ 1245	ቆ 1246	ቇ 1247	ቋ 124b	ቍ 124d	ቊ 124a	ቌ 124c	ቈ 1248	
Q	ቐ 1250	ቑ 1251	ቒ 1252	ቓ 1253	ቔ 1254	ቕ 1255	ቖ 1256		ቛ 125b	ቝ 125d	ቚ 125a	ቜ 125c	ቘ 1258	
b	በ 1260	ቡ 1261	ቢ 1262	ባ 1263	ቤ 1264	ብ 1265	ቦ 1266	ⶅ 2d85	ቧ 1267	ፇ 1387	ፅ 1385	ፆ 1386	ፄ 1384	
B	ቨ 1268	ቩ 1269	ቪ 126a	ቫ 126b	ቬ 126c	ቭ 126d	ቮ 126e		ቯ 126f					
t	ተ 1270	ቱ 1271	ቲ 1272	ታ 1273	ቴ 1274	ት 1275	ቶ 1276	ⶆ 2d86	ቷ 1277					
c	ቸ 1278	ቹ 1279	ቺ 127a	ቻ 127b	ቼ 127c	ች 127d	ቾ 127e	ⶇ 2d87	ቿ 127f					
h [or L	ኀ 1280	ኁ 1281	ኂ 1282	ኃ 1283	ኄ 1284	ኅ 1285	ኆ 1286	ኇ 1287	ኋ 128b	ኍ 128d	ኊ 128a	ኌ 128c	ኈ 1288	
n	ነ 1290	ኑ 1291	ኒ 1292	ና 1293	ኔ 1294	ን 1295	ኖ 1296	ⶈ 2d88	ኗ 1297					
N	ኘ 1298	ኙ 1299	ኚ 129a	ኛ 129b	ኜ 129c	ኝ 129d	ኞ 129e	ⶉ 2d89	ኟ 129f					
x	አ 12a0	ኡ 12a1	ኢ 12a2	ኣ 12a3	ኤ 12a4	እ 12a5	ኦ 12a6	ⶊ 2d8a	ኧ 12a7					
k	ከ 12a8	ኩ 12a9	ኪ 12aa	ካ 12ab	ኬ 12ac	ክ 12ad	ኮ 12ae	ኯ 12af	ኳ 12b3	ኵ 12b5	ኲ 12b2	ኴ 12b4	ኰ 12b0	
H [or K	ኸ 12b8	ኹ 12b9	ኺ 12ba	ኻ 12bb	ኼ 12bc	ኽ 12bd	ኾ 12be		ዃ 12c3	ዅ 12c5	ዂ 12c2	ዄ 12c4	ዀ 12c0	
w	ወ 12c8	ዉ 12c9	ዊ 12ca	ዋ 12cb	ዌ 12cc	ው 12cd	ዎ 12ce	ዏ 12cf						
X	ዐ 12d0	ዑ 12d1	ዒ 12d2	ዓ 12d3	ዔ 12d4	ዕ 12d5	ዖ 12d6							
z	ዘ 12d8	ዙ 12d9	ዚ 12da	ዛ 12db	ዜ 12dc	ዝ 12dd	ዞ 12de	ⶋ 2d8b	ዟ 12df					
Z	ዠ 12e0	ዡ 12e1	ዢ 12e2	ዣ 12e3	ዤ 12e4	ዥ 12e5	ዦ 12e6		ዧ 12e7					
y	የ 12e8	ዩ 12e9	ዪ 12ea	ያ 12eb	ዬ 12ec	ይ 12ed	ዮ 12ee	ዯ 12ef						
d	ደ 12f0	ዱ 12f1	ዲ 12f2	ዳ 12f3	ዴ 12f4	ድ 12f5	ዶ 12f6	ⶌ 2d8c	ዷ 12f7					
D	ዸ 12f8	ዹ 12f9	ዺ 12fa	ዻ 12fb	ዼ 12fc	ዽ 12fd	ዾ 12fe	ⶍ 2d8d	ዿ 12ff					

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j	1300	1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	2d8e	1307					
g	1308	1309	130a	130b	130c	130d	130e	130f	1313	1315	1312	1314	1310	
G	1318	1319	131a	131b	131c	131d	131e		131f	2d96	2d94	2d95	2d93	
T	1320	1321	1322	1323	1324	1325	1326	2d8f	1327					
C	1328	1329	132a	132b	132c	132d	132e	2d90	132f					
P	1330	1331	1332	1333	1334	1335	1336	2d91	1337					
t [or F	1338	1339	133a	133b	133c	133d	133e		133f					
T [or Y	1340	1341	1342	1343	1344	1345	1346	1347						
f	1348	1349	134a	134b	134c	134d	134e		134f	138b	1389	138a	1388	135a
p	1350	1351	1352	1353	1354	1355	1356	2d92	1357	138f	138d	138e	138c	
S#	2da0	2da1	2da2	2da3	2da4	2da5	2da6							
c#	2da8	2da9	2daa	2dab	2dac	2dad	2dae							
Z#	2db0	2db1	2db2	2db3	2db4	2db5	2db6							
C#	2db8	2db9	2dba	2dbb	2dbc	2dbd	2dbe							
q#	2dc0	2dc1	2dc2	2dc3	2dc4	2dc5	2dc6							
k#	2dc8	2dc9	2dca	2dcb	2dcc	2dcd	2dce							
H#	2dd0	2dd1	2dd2	2dd3	2dd4	2dd5	2dd6							
g#	2dd8	2dd9	2dda	2ddb	2ddc	2ddd	2dde							
C=	ab20	ab21	ab22	ab23	ab24	ab25	ab26							
P=	ab28	ab29	ab2a	ab2b	ab2c	ab2d	ab2e							

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
s=		ሰ ab01	ሲ ab02	ሳ ab03	ሴ ab04	ስ ab05	ሶ ab06							
z=		ዘ ab11	ዚ ab12	ዛ ab13	ዜ ab14	ዝ ab15	ዞ ab16							
D=		ዷ ab09	ዺ ab0a	ዻ ab0b	ዼ ab0c	ዽ ab0d	ዾ ab0e							

Ethiopic Numbers

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

keys:	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	1*
	፩ 1369	፪ 136a	፫ 136b	፬ 136c	፭ 136d	፮ 136e	፯ 136f	፰ 1370	፱ 1371	፩ 1369
keys:	1*0	2*0	3*0	4*0	5*0	6*0	7*0	8*0	9*0	1*0
	፲ 1372	፳ 1373	፴ 1374	፵ 1375	፶ 1376	፷ 1377	፸ 1378	፹ 1379	፺ 137a	፲ 1372
keys:	1*00	1*000	1*0000							
	፻ 137b	፻፻ e494	፼ 137c							

Punctuation

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

keys:	:	::	:-	:.	.	..	...	./	,	,,	;
	፡ 1361	። 1368	፦ 1366	፧ 1367	። 1362	. 0046	• 2022	፠ 1360	፥ 1365	፣ 1363	፤ 1364
keys:	<'	>'	<"	>"	m)						
	‹ 2039	› 203a	« 00ab	» 00bb	ⷯ e496						

Diacritics

First create the desired syllable, then add the diacritic by typing the keystrokes at the top of the column.

keys:	:^	'^	"^	1^	2^	3^	4^	5^	6^	7^
	◌፞ 135E	◌፟ 135F	◌፝ 135D	◌̏ 030f	◌̀ 0300	◌̄ 0304	◌́ 0301	◌̋ 030b	◌̂ 0302	◌̌ 030c

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