SIL Ethiopic Power-G Keyboard Help

The "SIL Ethiopic Power-G" keyboard enables typing in all Ethiopic Saba Fidel scripts using the keyboarding sequences found in the "Power Ge'ez (Phonetic)" keyboard from Concepts Data Systems. You can use this keyboard with any Ethiopic Unicode font unless you need to use the newer Unicode 6.0+ Ethiopic codepoints (for Basketo, Gumuz, and Gamo-Gofa-Dawro) or the two Private Use Area (PUA) characters of this keyboard: ② and ②. In these cases, the Abyssinica SIL font (version 1.5+) is recommended.

Note on Power Ge'ez "Caps Lock" Compatibility

The original Power Ge'ez (Phonetic) keyboard from Concepts Data Systems used the **Caps Lock** key to produce less frequently used characters. SIL Ethiopic Power-G is is not compatible with this keying method. Instead, multiple alternative methods for creating these less frequently used characters have been provided.

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 $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ the chart shows \boldsymbol{s} [\boldsymbol{or} J. To produce this character using the preferred method, first press the \boldsymbol{s} key, and then press the [key. Alternatively, a capital J can be typed to produce the $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ character.

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

Syllables (including diphthongs)

First type the keystrokes from the leftmost column, followed by the keystrokes at the top of the column. For example, to produce \boldsymbol{v} first press the \boldsymbol{h} key, and then press the \boldsymbol{u} key. To produce \boldsymbol{v} first press the \boldsymbol{h} key, and then press the \boldsymbol{v} key. The default form is the 1st form (you do not need to press the - key).

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Ethiopic Numbers

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Punctuation

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Diacritics

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

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