

Announcing the availability of the Unicomp Mini M ... and New Model M Update

The long-awaited 87-key US English **Mini M** keyboard (formally the Tenkeyless) is available for sale beginning today, February 24, 2021 at the Unicomp e-store at https://www.pckeyboard.com/page/product/MINI_M. The price is \$121 USD each. The first shipments of our new Mini M will be made by March 20, 2021, the first day of spring.

Also, the New Model M is now available in an ISO layout version for our international customers. The popular Mac layout for use with Apple's macOS is coming very soon.



The Mini M

The **Mini M** buckling spring keyboard has the same mechanism, feel and general layout as the original IBM Model M (SSK) keyboard. With the much-loved buckling spring key design these keyboards have been prized by computer enthusiasts and robust typists because of the tactile and auditory feedback of each keystroke.

Manufactured in Lexington, Kentucky, our buckling spring keyboard is a durable, audible keyboard with a gorgeous finish and solid feel reminiscent of the classic IBM Model M family of keyboards.

Buckling Springs

Buckling springs originated in IBM's mechanical keyboard as a fundamentally different kind of switch mechanism. Featuring a coil spring that sits between the keycap and a pivoting hammer that collapses when clicked, the spring provides a loud, tactile feedback.

Model M-Inspired Keycaps

The two-tone white and gray buckling spring keys are made of PBT polymer. The dye-sublimated legends compliment the authentic feel and classic design. The keys are also available in all gray or all white.

Other features

Similar to the SSK, the Mini M has an embedded number pad which is active whenever the operating system has NumLock active. When NumLock is active, you can also move the cursor by holding down a shift key and selecting the appropriate key in the NumPad area for movement.

Additionally, the SSK detachable PS/2 cable has been upgraded to a USB detachable cable. The detachable cable may be unlocked by inserting a small screwdriver or other small probe into the connector just above the cable plug.

An area of design improvement is the number of keys which may reported to the operating system. Up to 10 keys plus modifier keys are capable of being reported simultaneously. Additionally, the new design dramatically reduces key ghosting over other Model M designs. While the keyboard does not support N Key Rollover, you will notice the difference.

Specs

- Connection: USB
- Cable length: 6 ft.
- Number of keys/buttons: 87
- Length: 15.5 in. (395.4 mm)
- Depth: 7.5 in. (190 mm)
- Height: 2.34 in. (59.4 mm)
- Weight: 3 lb. 4 oz. (1.47 Kg)
- Compatible: PC
- Gross Weight: 4 lb. (1.81 Kg)

Other details about the Mini M offering

- Initially, only the US English language model of the Mini M is available in two color patterns, black covers with gray buttons and black covers with gray and brilliant white buttons as shown in the pictures.
- Other language models will be available after certifications with the appropriate regulatory agencies are achieved.
- Availability of custom models of the Mini M will be postponed until international release.
- Unicom would like to thank all of the people who waited patiently while we found our way through the maze of obstacles presented to us in 2020. In particular, we appreciate the patronage of all of those people who purchased Gift Certificates to preserve their place in line waiting for the release of the Mini M. Those people will be receiving an email soon with instructions of how to place their order and the details of the sale.

The New Model M updates

With this announcement, new models of the New Model M are being made available on the Unicomp website. These new models have an ISO layout and are targeted for international customers. Visit <https://www.pckeyboard.com> to review the list of available language options.



Additionally, New Model M for Mac is now available in US English. International versions of the New Model M for Mac will be added over the next several weeks.

