

## The personal computer keyboard from the PROfessionals who know keyboards best . . .

Unique Alpha Lock Key changes keyboard from typewriter to teletypewriter code outputs

- Designed to let you piggyback a "daughter" board easily
- Five unassigned (non-dedicated) re-legendable keys
- Easy, do-it-yourself customizing

At last! A versatile, reliable, PROfessional-style keyboard especially designed for personal computer and hobbyist applications. A keyboard especially designed with you in mind. Designed to provide all the standard features you want in a keyboard . . . plus special features that permit the PRO keyboard to be applied to a wide variety of systems.

The kinds of systems you are designing and assembling right now in your workshop . . . your office . . . your R\&D lab. . . your home. A keyboard designed to be as versatile as you want to make it. And versatile enough to grow as your system grows . . . to be modified to protect you from obsolesence.

Best of all, the PRO is made by Cherry ... the company with more than a decade of experience in the manufacture and application of commercial and OEM keyboards.

The company that first introduced gold crosspoint contacts to snap action switches for low energy solid state circuits. Then, applied this same innovative gold crosspoint technology to keyboards back in 1967.

When you buy and use a PRO keyboard, you are also buying the skill and craftsmanship that have made the name Cherry the most respected name in keyboards.

## CHECK THESEIMPORTANT, UNIQUE STANDARD FEATURES:

## - Full 67 key array

- Five user-definable spare keys with keycaps that have "quick change" clear plastic tops. These keyswitches are not connected electrically, but can be conveniently hard-wired so as to output any code you wish.Traces on the PC board are specifically designed for easy modification with spare holes to facilitate wiring.
- Full 128 character ASCII output code. This is a seven bit code. The eighth bit is available for use as you need . . . parities, shift indicator, whatever.
- Only one power supply voltage required -+5 volts at 325 ma. maximum.
- TTL and DTL compatible output circuitry.
- Positive logic with outputs resting low. Positive logic output code is as indicated in ASCII Code diagram. The keyboard kit is supplied with two SN7408N integrated circuits to be used as U5 and U6 for positive logic (see Keyboard Schematic on pages 4 and 5). The outputs are low when the keyboard is inactive. A low is indicated by a "o".
- PROfessional-style four mode keyboard.

1. Lower case mode - providing lower case alphanumerics.
2. Upper case mode - providing upper case alpha, punctuation and symbols with ASCII encoding. This is accomplished by pressing the shift or shift lock keys.
3. Control case mode - which converts the alpha keys (rows 2, 3 ana 4) to control keys. The complete 33 ASCII control codes are available from the keyboard. (See ASCII Code diagram.)
4. Teletypewriter Alpha Lock configuration (Alpha Lock depressed) - where lower case alpha characters are changed to upper case alpha codes. This is "trunkated" ASCII, also called the teletypewriter mode since all letters are upper case. (Note: This mode should not be confused with the standard teletypewriter code which is a five bit serial code.)

- Data Strobe so that when a key is pressed, the data occur on the output data line b1 to b7. After a delay of $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$., the positive going data strobe occurs for $100 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. on the STB line. At the same time, a negative going strobe occurs on the $\overline{\mathrm{STB}}$ line. Either or both strobes may be used.
- Standard 22 pin dual card edge connector on . 156" center. Mating connector type: Cinch 50-44S-20, Dale EB7D-A22TX or equivalent.

$3 \times 4$ array 12 key auxiliary
keyboard with re-legendable keys.


## Only the Cherry PRO gives you all these important, on-the-spot customizing SPECIAL FEATURES


#### Abstract

Negative Logic - in which the output code will be the complement of the code shown in the ASCII Code diagram. This is accomplished by substituting two SN7400N (not included) integrated circuits for U5 and U6 in the same physical positions as SN7408N. (Note: U5 and U6 are in sockets.) The outputs will rest high for negative logic.


## ASCII CODE DIAGRAM

USA STANDARD CODE FOR INFORMATION INTERCHANGE

| $6^{67} \overline{66}$ |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{0} 0_{0}$ | ${ }^{0} 0_{1}$ | ${ }^{0}{ }_{0}$ | ${ }^{0} 1_{1}$ | ${ }^{1} 0_{0}$ | ${ }^{1} 0_{1}$ | ${ }^{1} 1_{0}$ | ${ }^{1} 1_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bits 64 | b3 | b2 | b1 | Row Col. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NUL | DLE | SP | 0 | @ | P |  | p |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | SOH | DC1 | ! | 1 | A | Q | a | q |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | STX | DC2 | " | 2 | B | R | b | r |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | ETX | DC3 | \# | 3 | C | S | c | s |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | EOT | DC4 | \$ | 4 | D | T | d | t |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | ENQ | NAK | \% | 5 | E | U | e | u |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | ACK | SYN | \& | 6 | F | V | f | v |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | BEL | ETB |  | 7 | G | W | $g$ | w |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | BS | CAN | 1 | 8 | H | X | h | $x$ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | HT | EM | ) | 9 | I | Y | i | y |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | LF | SUB | * | : | $J$ | Z | i | z |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | VT | ESC | + | ; | K | - [ | k | \{ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | FF | FS |  | - | L | -1 | 1 | i |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 13 | CR | GS | - | $=$ | M | -1 | m | $\}$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | So | RS |  | $>$ | N | $\wedge$ | n | $\sim$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | S1 | US | 1 | ? | 0 | +- | 0 | DEL |

Tri State - Positive Logic to let you use two or more PRO keyboards in parallel. Substitute two SN74126N's for use in the U5 and U6 positions. The outputs are high impedance when the keyboard is in the idle state

3High Voltage Output - CMOS compatible. Substitute two SN7426N's in the U5 and U6 positions. Wire 8, 6.8K ohm pull up resistors from the 8 data bit output lines to a voltage of +5 to +15 volts, according to the voltage of the equipment which is receiving the data from the keyboard.

Place the resistors in the equipment which is receiving the data. Negative logic will be produced. The signal levels go from the plus voltage to approximately ground. This makes the data CMOS compatible.

The logic levels will rest high when no keys are pressed

[^0]
#### Abstract

Encoded Outputs - Example: Assume you wish the spare key "b16" to generate the code ESC. The output code for ESC from the Code Chart (below) is:




Locate the first digit ( $B$ ) in the parenthesis within the outline of U2 on the Schematic (HEX notation). Connect this point to one side of the key "b16". If a key is already connected there, the second key may be connected in parallel.
Locate the second digit (1) in the parenthesis within the outline of U1 on the Schematic (HEX notation). Note: You will find a column running from (0) thru (7) immediately below a column running from ((0)) thru ((7)). If you wish to have the ESC code dedicated - that is, never capable of being shifted - choose ((1)). If you want the ESC code to shift, choose (1). If you do choose to connect to (1), the ESC code will shift according to the ASCII Code Chart rules.

Connect the selected (1) or ((1)) to the other terminal at key "b16"


Flexible Key Assignments - When it is desired to change the code of a key which comes factory wired, first locate the key module terminal solder connections on the bottom of the printed circuit board. There is a trace coming from each of the key's solder connections to two pads with two plated-through holes.
Do not cut this trace. Instead, find the trace which comes from the two plated-through holes to one plated-through hole. Cut this trace on each of the two key connections to isolate the key so it can be wired to another matrix position.


- Solder one wire to one of the two (double) plated-through holes coming from one side of the switch.
- Solder another wire to one of the two (double) platedthrough holes.
- Make sure the solder heat is sufficient to flow the solder on to the printed circuit pad.
- Apply the minimum amount of solder to the connection to prevent any solder from "wicking" through the holes and possibly shorting on the top side of the PC board.
- Connect the two wires from the key to the keyboard matrix as described in number 5 (Encoded Outputs).

It is also possible to isolate the Alpha Lock key, Repeat key and Break key and use them for other purposes. The keys are isolated by cutting traces between two "E" terminal points as shown on the schematic, soldering two wires to the isolated E pads, and connecting them to the matrix as described in number 5 (Encoded Outputs).

7Provisions for an Auxiliary Keyboard - The matrix which is shown in the upper right hand side of the Schematic has both vertical and horizontal connections linked to an auxiliary edge connector J2. There are wire holes in each card edge finger connection so that the main keyboard circuitry may be extended to the auxiliary keyboard with either a connector or soldered wires

There may be any reasonable number of additional auxiliary keyboard keys connected in parallel with the keys which are supplied with the keyboard or the additional keys may be connected to revised matrix positions.

Since electronic signals from these are pulse circuits, it is recommended that the additional keys be adjacent to the keyboard to prevent the pickup of excessive amounts of noise.

[^1]- Automatic Repeat - The keyboard is supplied with a
repeat key which provides a ground for an external circuit. If it is desirable to have an automatic delayed strobe repeat, the following changes may be made:
- Add U15 (SN74123N) to the printed circuit board
- Add R28 (47K), R29 (12K), R30 (330 ohms)
- Add C7 (33uf), C8 (.02uf), C9 (33uf)
- Cut jumper E27 to E28
- Connect E10 to E11

This automatic repeat circuit generates additional strobe pulses after the initial pulse which occurs when the key is pressed. If the key is held down, there is a pause of .5 seconds before additional strobe pulses occur at 9 cycles/second (see Data Output Timing chart). The 5 second delay can be varied by changing R28 and C7. The delay is proportional to the values of R\&C. The range of $R$ is 4.7 K to 47 K . Reducing $R$ to $1 / 2$ its value reduces the repeat delay to approximately $1 / 2$ of .5 second or .25 second.
The capacitance C7 may be increased or decreased to change the repeat delay. There is no range limit for the capacitors. The repeat frequency of 9 cycles/second may be varied by changing R29 and C9. R29 can be any value from 4.7 K to 47K. C9 may be increased to increase the period of the repeat pulses - or decreased to reduce the period. There is no range limit for the capacitors.

To calculate the width ( $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{w}}$ ) of the output pulse from the mono-stable multivibrators SN74123N, use the following formula:

For $\mathrm{c}>1000 \mathrm{pF}$, the output pulse width $\left(\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{w}}\right)$ is defined as:
$t_{w}=.32 \times R_{t} \times C$
$R_{t}$ is in $K \Omega$
$C$ is in pF
$t_{w}$ is in nanoseconds
DATA OUTPUT TIMING CHART


Strobe Pulse Width - The keyboard as supplied will generate a STROBE and STROBE pulse width of approximately 100 microseconds. To vary the pulse width, change the value of R8 and/or C3. R8 may be any value from 4.7 K to 47 K . The pulse width will change in proportion to the resistor value. For large changes in pulse width, change C3 to .002 mfd for approximately a 10 microsecond pulse . . or change C3 to 2 mfd for a pulse width of approximately 1 millisecond.

$\square$Optional Parity Bit - The basic keyboard output code is seven bit ASCII. The eighth bit, as provided by the keyboard, indicates whether or not the character is shifted from lower case to upper case.
With positive logic, the bit is high for the non-shifted characters and low for the shifted characters.

Some systems require odd or even parity as the eighth bit To incorporate parity in the keyboard, add U16, SN74180 Odd/ Even parity generator. Cut the trace between E23 and E24,
solder a jumper between points E21 and E22. The keyboard will develop even parity. The number of " 1 " bits in the 8 bit output will be even: $0,2,4,6$ or 8 .

For odd parity, cut the trace between E25 and E26.
Output Latch
Although the keyboard does not utputs, an auxiliary circuit may be added to accomplish this function. The circuit is shown in the External Auxiliary Latch Circuit diagram.

## EXTERNAL AUXILIARY LATCH CIRCUIT



Optional Shift-Control Mode - The keyboard as supplied has 4 modes (lower case, shifted case, control case and alpha lock). The first 7 bits represent the ASCII Code.

A fifth mode (shift-control mode) can be developed external to the keyboard. This can be accomplished by generating another bit ("SC" bit).

Cut the trace between E14 and E15 and solder a jumper between E15 and E16.

This connects a ground to one side of the shift keys. When a shift key is pressed, the SHIFT line goes to ground. When the control key is pressed, the CONTROL line goes to ground.

The "SC" bit should be developed when a shift key and the control key are pressed at the same time. This can be accomplished by sensing both lines with an external circuit to determine when both lines are at ground (see External Shift-Control Circuit diagram). Each line is fed into an inverter and the outputs of the inverters are "added" together to generate a "ShiftControl" bit.

## EXTERNAL SHIFT-CONTROL BIT CIRCUIT



The output may have extra transitions at the leading edge because the shift and control keys are not de-bounced. This should not be a problem if the "SC" bit is sensed by the keyboard strobe.

## KEYBOARD CODE DIAGRAM



NOTE: Shift and Control mode is same as Control mode.

KEY NUMBERING SYSTEM


## KEY LETTERING SYSTEM




CHERRY ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS CORP.
3600 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois 60085 PHONE: 312/689-7700-TWX: 910/235-1572

SWITCHES and KEYBOARDS - Available locally from authorized distributors.

## CHEDDTB



## CHERRY'S PRO KEYBOARD

PRICE LIST

| Quantity | 1 | 2 to 4 | 5 to 99 | 100 to 499 | 500 to 999 | 1000 \& Up |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Price | \$135.00 | \$107.00 | \$94.50 | \$88.00 | \$80.00 | \$73.40 |
| Freight | Prepaid | Prepaid | Collect | Collect | Collect | Collect |
| Payment <br> Method | Cash/Check with Order | Cash/Check with Onder | C.O.D. | $\frac{3}{2}$ 8 10 , net 30 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 웅 10 , net 30 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \% 10 \\ & \text { net } 30 \end{aligned}$ |
| Time to Ship | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | $\begin{aligned} & 2-4 \\ & \text { weeks } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8-10 \\ & \text { weeks } \end{aligned}$ | $8-10$ <br> weeks <br> or per your schedule | $8-10$ <br> weeks <br> or per <br> your <br> schedule |

Prices are effective as of July 1, 1977, and are subject to change without notice.
F.O.B. point is Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Each Cherry PRO Keyboard includes a schematic and a complete set of instructions. Cherry's part number for the PRO is B70-05AB


[^0]:    Non Encoded Outputs - One side of the five spare keys may be connected to power or ground and the other side may be connected to the spare pins on the connector. If it is desirable to have a pull up resistor in the circuit (similar to the way the BREAK key is shown in the Schematic) the resistors -an be soldered into the spare IC position (see Schematic)
    dith +5 volts connected to one side of each key module terminal and the other terminal wired to the connector
    Your hard wiring job is simplified because there are holes for the interconnecting wires at the connector, at the spare IC position, and at the spare keys.

[^1]:    Auxiliary Keyboards - Optional auxiliary keyboards are available. An auxiliary keyboard is connected to the main keyboard with the electronics by means of wires or flexible cable to the main keyboard J2 connector. A 12 key daughter board is available from Cherry. It is our part number B65-64AB.

