

the pointing mode is deactivated when mouse clicking activity chords are detected.

15. The touch sensitive surface of claim 10 wherein the key edge ridges comprise a plurality of distinct bars or dots.

16. The touch sensitive surface of claim 7 or 8 wherein the key edge ridges comprise tactile feedback mechanisms located at a center of one or more key regions.

17. The touch sensitive surface of claim 16 wherein the tactile feedback mechanisms are selected from the group consisting of: a single raised dot, two raised dots arranged horizontally, two raised dots arranged horizontally, a raised bar oriented horizontally, and a raised bar oriented vertically.

18. The touch sensitive surface of claim 16 wherein the tactile feedback mechanisms comprise:

a first tactile feedback mechanism for each home row key; and

an additional tactile feedback mechanism distinct from the first tactile feedback mechanism for at least one key adjacent a home row key or at least one peripheral key.

19. The touch sensitive surface of claim 18 wherein the additional tactile feedback mechanism comprises:

a second tactile feedback mechanism for at least one key adjacent the home row keys; and

a third tactile feedback mechanism for at least one peripheral key;

wherein the second and third tactile feedback mechanisms are distinct from each other.

20. The keyboard of claim 19 wherein:

the second feedback mechanism is provided for each key adjacent a home row key; and

the third feedback mechanism is provided for each peripheral key.

21. A touch sensitive surface configurable to operate as a keyboard, the touch sensitive surface comprising:

a surface cover;

a touch sensitive electrode circuit board disposed beneath the surface cover;

a frame disposed between the touch sensitive electrode circuit board and the surface cover, the frame comprising a fixed network of hard key edge ridges; and

a compliant material filling gaps between the key edge ridges.

22. The touch sensitive surface of claim 21 wherein the compliant material is selected from the group consisting of: a gel, a foam, and air.

23. The touch sensitive surface of claim 21 or 22 comprising one or more tactile feedback mechanisms stamped into the surface cover.

24. The touch sensitive surface of claim 23 wherein the one or more tactile feedback mechanisms are selected from the group consisting of: a single raised dot, two raised dots arranged horizontally, two raised dots arranged horizontally, a raised bar oriented horizontally, and a raised bar oriented vertically.

25. The touch sensitive surface of claim 24 wherein the one or more feedback mechanisms comprise:

a first tactile feedback mechanism for each home row key; and

an additional tactile feedback mechanism distinct from the first tactile feedback mechanism for at least one key adjacent a home row key or at least one peripheral key.

26. The touch sensitive surface of claim 25 wherein the additional tactile feedback mechanism comprises:

a second tactile feedback mechanism for at least one key adjacent the home row keys; and

a third tactile feedback mechanism for at least one peripheral key;

wherein the second and third tactile feedback mechanisms are distinct from each other.

27. The keyboard of claim 26 wherein:

the second feedback mechanism is provided for each key adjacent a home row key; and

the third feedback mechanism is provided for each peripheral key.

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