

## Custom keyboards

Our wide range of keyboard modules and controllers allows us to provide you with an easy, fast and inexpensive solution to your keyboard needs.



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### Characteristics of Longtravel Keyboards

Longtravel keyboards are easy and reliable to use. Special Features are:

- The main advantage of long-travel keyboards is the key travel of around 4mm which provides good tactile feedback.
- The ease of operation and the long operating life of up to 50 million switchings makes this technology ideal for data entry.
- The [Ergonomics](#) are better than any other technology.
- The keycaps can be shaped, arranged, and even colour-coded to offer an ideal man-machine interface.
- Keycaps come in many shapes and sizes to allow the designer to develop a special keyboard for all uses.
- The keycaps are normally lasered to obtain a durable lettering that can't rub off.
- Special plastics allow the lasered lettering on dark keys to become lighter and darker on light keycaps.

### Assembly of a keyswitch:

- The mechanical assembly of the Cherry MX-keyswitch we use is very durable. The cross-fitting assures the good fit of the keycap on the switch.
- The housing of the switch has integrated clips to allow it to be easily fastened to a key plate. This carrier plate is usually made of steel and keeps mechanical forces away from the PCB to which the keys are soldered.



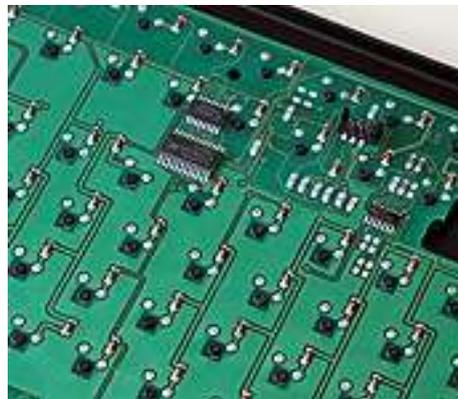
### Possibilities of changable lettering:

- Keycaps with transparent caps allow the changing of the lettering. Pieces of paper are inserted between the keycap and the clear cap.
- The advantage of this type is the possibility of simply coloring the backgrounds and the lettering at will.



### Integration of a single key into a layout:

- The keys can be arranged in any way desired, providing the keyswitches have the appropriate fittings and ample distances between them.
- Single keys can be replaced on a standard keyboard to emphasise their special functions such as the F-Keys
- Language versions can be changed.
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- The key plate also serves as mounting plate and can be mounted into a housing or to a front plate of a rack system or the like.
- The PCB contains the matrix to which the keys are connected. This matrix is a grid of rows and columns which are scanned by the controller.



- The switches form the junction between the rows and the columns. As soon as a key is [Presse](#)d these paths are connected and tell the controller which key is pressed.

### Modules

- The controller can be connected to the matrix externally or it can be directly integrated onto the PCB.
- GeBE's specialty is the integration of other components such as displays, touchscreens, [Trackballs](#) and other equipment onto the PCB.

### Perfectly designed housings

- GeBE's own design department designs housings to incorporate simple keyboards as well as complex enclosures for input/output systems.



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