Softlife

Numeric Keypad
for the BBC Micro

- N-Key Rollover
- High quality, reliable keys
- Maximum software compatibility
- Fully programmable
- Operating Software supplied in Eprom
- Easy connection to the BBC

- Hand-held or free standing
- Standard mode occupies no user RAM
- Second processor compatible

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Specially designed for use with the BBC Micro, the Softlife Numeric Keypad allows the speedy entry of numeric data for business, educational, scientific, or home purposes saving time and avoiding irritating and often expensive keying errors. It is ideal for use with spreadsheets, accounts packages, databases and statistical packages and can be used in any application where a few keys are used often.

Just Plug It In

The Softlife Keypad simply plugs into the user port on the BBC from which it draws its +5 volt power supply. As the keypad is supplied complete with cable and connector there are no problems with non-standard plugs and sockets – just plug it in and use it!

Easy to use Software

The operating software for the keypad is provided as an Eprom which plugs straight into one of the spare ROM sockets in the BBC. This means it is always available without having to be loaded from cassette or disc. (It can also be started from within many applications programs by issuing an operating system command.) As the keypad is activated by an easy to use selection command and stopped similarly, other devices can be connected to the user port of the BBC if required. The operating software has been written for maximum compatibility with business software greatly enhancing overall efficiency.

Flexible Operation

The keypad has been designed with the comfort of the operator in mind. As the keys on the keypad match the height of the keys on the BBC they can be used on conjunction with each other. If desired the keypad can also be operated from a hand-held position and may be used remotely from the BBC if used with an extension cable.

High-Speed Data Entry

The N-key rollover facility means that a keypress will be "noticed" by the keypad even if other keys have not yet been released. This is an essential requirement for high-speed data entry.

Fully Programmable

The standard mode of operation occupies no user memory and makes the keys 0–9, E (for large numbers), – (negative numbers), decimal point, DELETE, DELETE LINE and ENTER (equivalent to RETURN) available. The software also provides a method of programming the keypad to produce any ASCII value. The keypad may also be programmed to act as function keys, for example, f0 may be on the keypad as well as on the BBC Micro, and for added versatility the cursor keys may similarly be programmed onto the keypad. The programmable mode uses 256 bytes of RAM which can be in any memory location.

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