USB Typewriter

Operating Instructions

Thank you for your purchase from USB Typewriter! The USB Typewriter is intended for use as a USB keyboard for tablets and desktop computers, but it can also work as a stand-alone device that saves your work as you type. And of course, it also serves as a fully functional typewriter for printing with ink on paper. Please take a moment to learn about the special functions of your device, and how to care for this piece of re-imagined history.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Please don't hesitate to contact the inventor, jack@usbtypewriter.com 215 828 7717
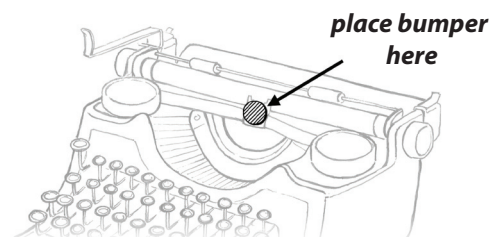
USING WITH PC or MAC

The USB Typewriter can be plugged into any available USB port on your PC or Mac. If the keyboard is not responsive, make sure the typewriter is set to USB Mode (see "Switching Modes" on next page.)

USING WITH AND WITHOUT PAPER

The USB typewriter can be used to type normally, with paper in the roller, but when using the USB Typewriter *without* paper, **you must first attach the included felt bumper to the typewriter's fork** (shown below). This bumper prevents the keys from hitting the platen and marring it permanently.

place bumper here

CLEANING

Your USB Typewriter may be cleaned with Windex and a soft cloth, and lightly oiled with Tri-Flow spray. Do not use WD-40, and do not attempt to clean any gold decals, as they will loose their luster.

INK RIBBONS

To avoid a tangled inky mess, your typewriter's ribbons are not installed prior to shipping, but included separately. When installing, make sure the red stripe is on the bottom, and that the ribbon spool rotates *away from* the fork with each keypress.

USING WITH iPAD AND OTHER TABLETS

A steel bracket has been included with your machine as a removable tablet stand. Insert the bracket behind the roller, where you would normally insert a sheet of paper. Bend it to adjust the viewing angle. You can connect to your iPad using BT Mode (discussed later) or by using a "USB On-the-Go" adapter such as Apple's "Camera Connector." (See www.usbtypewriter.com/tablets)

GENERAL TYPEWRITER USE

A great resource for original typewriter manuals is www.machinesoflovinggrace.com. You will be able to find the original manual for your typewriter there.

OPERATING MODES:

USB MODE: Hold down the 'U' key while plugging in to select this mode, which allows you to connect to computers and tablets using a USB cable or adapter.

SD MODE: Hold down 'S' instead to select this mode. In this mode, your work will be automatically saved to an SD Card as you type. But first, you must insert a micro-SD card (8 GB or less) into the card slot above the USB port. To view your saved work later, simply re-enter USB Mode—your work will appear on your computer as a special additional disk drive.

BT MODE: Hold down 'B' when plugging in to select Bluetooth mode. With this feature, your computer, tablet, and/or smartphone can connect to your typewriter as they would with any Bluetooth keyboard. See www.usbtypewriter.com/bluetooth for details.

LED INDICATORS

Green LED: Indicates that the SD Card is saving text during SD Mode. Do not unplug typewriter when lit.
Red LED: Typewriter is waiting for a Bluetooth device to connect to it *or* the SD card is being initialized.
Flashing LED: This indicates an error, such as a missing/corrupt SD card or Bluetooth antenna.

POWERING YOUR TYPEWRITER

When in SD or BT Modes, your typewriter does not need to be plugged into a PC. You may power it with a USB phone charger or "power bank" instead.

BONUS KEYS

The CTRL, ALT and CMD keys are white buttons located on the control panel of the device. The ALT key can be used to access many additional keys:

Key Combo	Bonus Key	Key Combo	Bonus Key
ALT+L	1	ALT + Backsp	ESC
ALT+i	!	ALT + Space	TAB
ALT+ ; , . /	Arrow Keys	ALT+ Q	F1
ALT+ '	` and ~	ALT+ 1, 2, 3...	F1, F2, F3...
ALT + =	\	ALT+ W or -	F11
ALT + O , P	[and]	ALT + E	F12

CARRIAGE RETURN

The carriage return lever on the left side of the carriage has been configured to work as your computer's ENTER key. If an ENTER command is not needed, hold the spacebar while using this lever.