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Creative Prodikeys

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Introduction



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Thank you for choosing Creative Prodikeys™, another quality product from Creative Technology Ltd., the worldwide leader in digital entertainment products.

Creative Prodikeys is a revolutionary keyboard that consists of both a computer keyboard and a music keyboard with 37 touch-sensitive MIDI keys. It comes with the easy-to-use Creative Prodikeys software, which you will use to interact with and control your Creative Prodikeys.

Creative Prodikeys is for everyone, even if you have no background in music. With Creative Prodikeys, you can create music instantly, play music for fun, learn to play songs or conduct a performance. You can even record what you have played and use it for presentations or home video productions.

Playing and learning music has never been easier.

Minimum System Requirements

Your Prodikeys requires at least:

- Intel® Pentium® 233 MHz (or similar class) processor
- Desktop computer system* with Intel or 100% compatible motherboard chipset
- 128 MB RAM
- 325 MB free hard disk space
- Microsoft® Windows® 98 SE, Windows Me, Windows 2000 or Windows XP
- Onboard audio device or audio card (Sound Blaster® audio card included in selected packages for best audio experience)
- CD-ROM drive for software installation
- Speakers or headphones
- Internet connection for downloading Internet content

More Help

In the Creative Prodikeys software, click the **Help** button for a helpful tutorial and for detailed information on using the software. You can also click the **How to Play** button, located near the top-center of the program, for basic step-by-step instructions on using the mode that you are currently in.

* Notebooks currently not supported.



Getting More Information

Visit www.creative.com or www.prodikeys.com for the latest news and updates on your Creative Prodikeys. Additional Fun Mixes, Penta Tunes, Music Styles and Learnable Songs can also be downloaded from these websites.

Online Registration

Enjoy a host of benefits by registering your products during installation, or at www.creative.com/register. Benefits include:

- Service and product support from Creative
- Exclusive updates on promotions and events

Technical Support and Warranty

Technical Support information can be found in the Installation CD.
D:\Support\<<Language>\Support.pdf.

For Warranty information, can also be found in the Installation CD.
D:\Warranty\<<Region>\<Language>\Warranty.pdf

(where D: represents your CD-ROM drive, <Region> represents the region you are in and <Language> represents the language the document is in).

Please keep your Proof of Purchase for the duration of the Warranty period.



Document Conventions



Tip. This tells you about short cuts or hints relating to a feature.



Note. This highlights additional or important information about a feature.



Caution! This highlights proper usage of your product. Use this information to avoid risky situations.



Warning! This warns you of possible hazards to yourself or your product, that may result in injury or damage.

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About Your Creative Prodikeys



About Your Creative Prodikeys

In this chapter, we will familiarise you with the different parts of your Creative Prodikeys, so that you can follow the instructions in the other chapters easily.

Parts of Creative Prodikeys



The 37 keys on the music keyboard are touch-sensitive; the harder you strike the keys, the louder the sound will be.

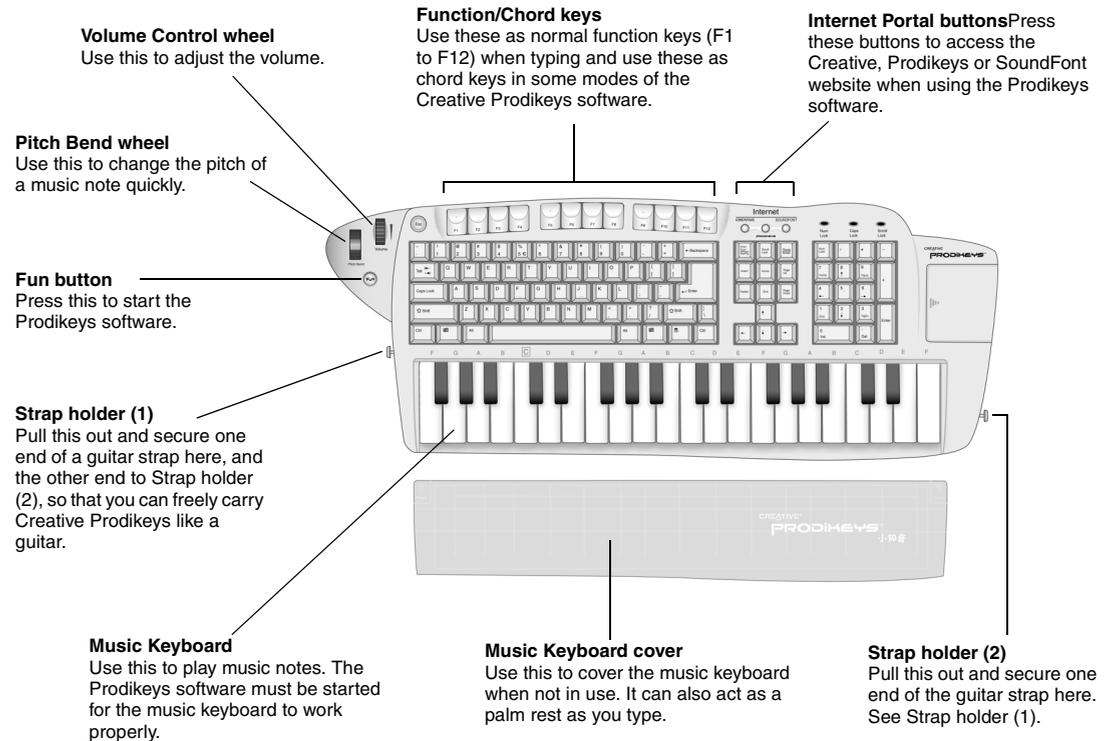


Figure 1-1: Parts of your Creative Prodikeys



Removing the Music Keyboard Cover

The music keyboard on your Creative Prodikeys is protected by a cover, which also acts as a palm rest as you type. To use the music keyboard, you will need to remove the cover.

To remove the music keyboard cover: Press down the upper corners of the cover and slide it out, as shown below.

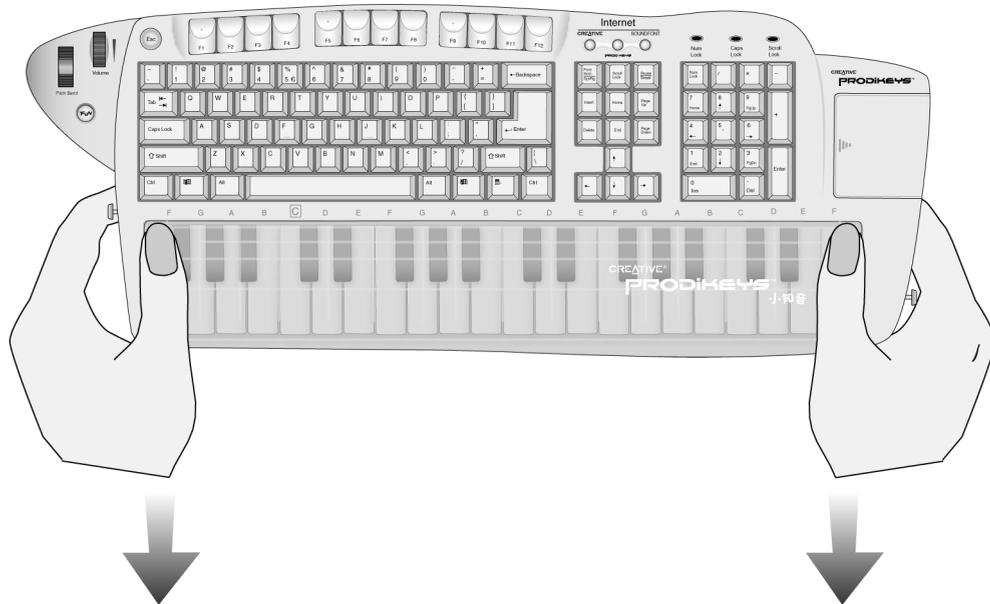


Figure 1-2: Removing the music keyboard cover.



Maintaining Creative Prodikeys

When your Creative Prodikeys gets dirty, use a soft, damp cloth to clean the exterior. Do not use any liquid or aerosol cleaners as these may damage your Creative Prodikeys.

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Setting Up Your Creative Prodikeys



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Installing Hardware



Creative Prodikeys is not hot-pluggable. You must turn off your computer before connecting or disconnecting Creative Prodikeys.

Connect your Creative Prodikeys to your computer's PS/2 keyboard port as shown below.

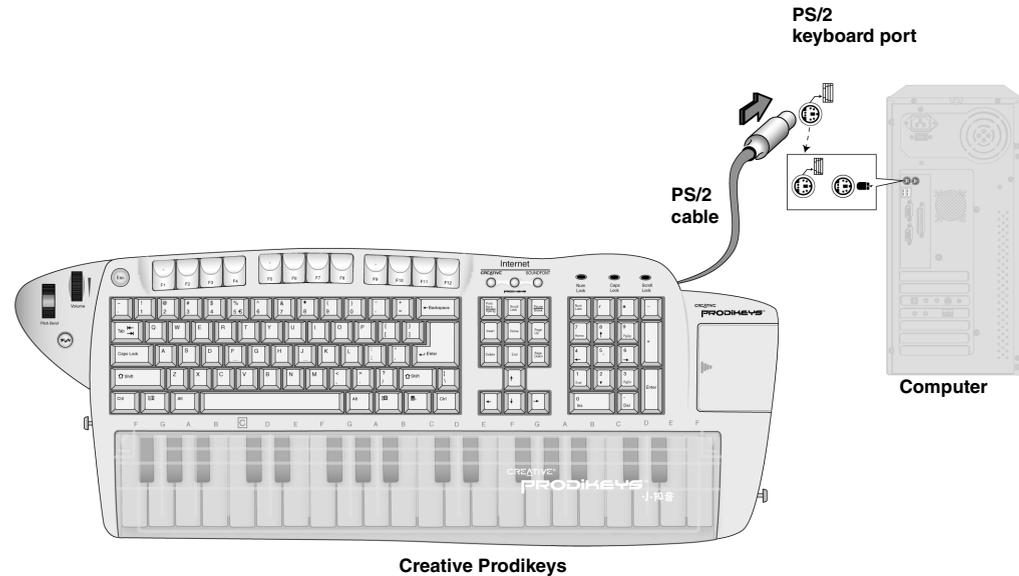


Figure 2-1: Connecting Creative Prodikeys to your computer.



Installing Software



You have to install the software for your Creative Prodikeys to work properly.

To install the software:

1. Insert the Creative Prodikeys software Installation CD into your CD-ROM drive. An installation screen appears. If not, start Windows Explorer, right-click the CD-ROM drive icon, and then select **AutoPlay**.
2. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation.

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Getting Started



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Starting the Software



After starting the software, press the **Fun** button to switch between minimised and maximised views.

You will need to start Creative Prodikeys before you can play on the Creative Prodikeys music keyboard.
*To start the software: Press the **Fun** button on the Creative Prodikeys keyboard.*



Figure 3-1: Creative Prodikeys keyboard.



Learning how to use the Software

After starting the software, you should see something similar to Figure 3-2 on your screen.

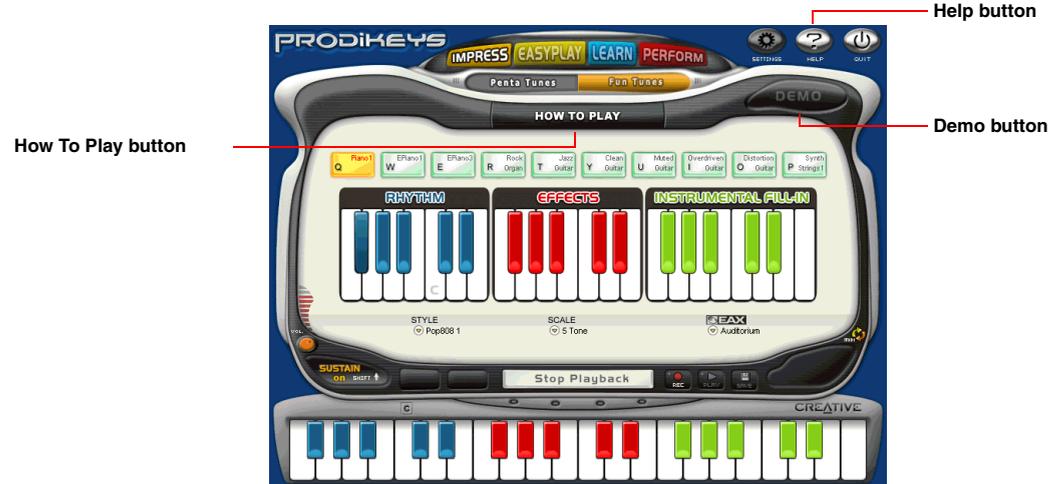


Figure 3-2: Creative Prodikeys software.

Click the **Help** button and refer to the Help file for instructions on how to use the software.

This Help file contains a tutorial that is designed to give you a quick overview of how to use the software. We recommend that you read through all the lessons of the tutorial before you begin using the software.

If you have completed the tutorial and need help while using the software, you can quickly refer to specific Help topics in the Help file for detailed instructions.

You can also click the **How to Play** button for basic step-by-step instructions on using the mode that you are currently in.

For a simple demonstration of what you can do in the mode that you currently in, click the **Demo** button. The **Demo** button is not available in Learn mode and Perform mode.



Configuring Power Management settings

If you have enabled power saving or power management on your computer, you should set your monitor's power management properties to **Never**. You should also configure your screen saver so that it deactivates when you move your mouse.

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General Specifications



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- Standard IBM-compatible computer keyboard with 104 keys.
- Integrated music keyboard with 37 touch-sensitive [MIDI](#) keys.
- Pitch Bend wheel.
- Volume Control wheel.
- Internet Portal buttons.
- PS/2 connector for connecting to computer's PS/2 keyboard port.

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Troubleshooting



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Problems with installing Creative Prodikeys

Creative Prodikeys cannot be detected, even after the connections are checked and the software installed.

There may be a conflict with a USB Legacy Device setting on your computer's motherboard.

Consult your computer's motherboard manual to disable the USB Legacy Device setting.