Topo Jojo®

The Touchless Mouse



Welcome!

Congratulations on your purchase of Northridge Associate's Topo Jojo. Given proper care, this pointing device should provide years of trouble-free service. Jojo's operation is based on an infrared illumination source and multiple infrared micro-cameras mounted in the base. The camera information is fed to an advanced, special-purpose microprocessor that communicates with your computer via a wired USB interface. Topo Jojo is 100% solid state and contains no moving parts.

Please read this manual before putting Jojo into service. Some operators may find it difficult to operate at first, but a little practice will quickly overcome this.



Connecting the Pointing Device

With your computer turned on, simply plug the unit directly into any USB port or powered USB hub on your computer. Due to Jojo's power requirements, it probably will not work on unpowered hubs or over extremely long distances.

When the green light stops flashing, Jojo is ready for use. If the green light does not stop flashing, unplug the unit, then wait a few seconds before plugging it back in. If it fails to work plugged into a powered hub, connect it directly to the computer.

A flashing yellow light indicates that the unit is experiencing a bright ambient light level that would prevent proper operation. It is particularly sensitive to sunlight, incandescent and halogen lights that contain a high level of infrared. This condition can normally be remedied by aiming the lights differently, by moving the device to a different location or by changing the frame angle. Highly reflective surfaces, such as a glass table top should be avoided.

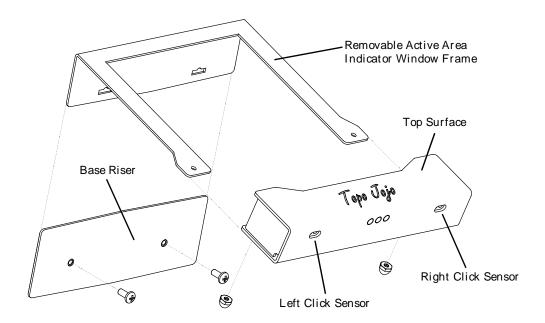
A conventional mouse or touch pad may be used simultaneously with Jojo if your computer has an available USB port. Jojo's pointer has been setup to operate with the default settings provided by your OS (Operating System). Your OS also allows you to customize the pointing device in a variety of ways. For instance, you can swap the functions of Jojo's click sensor buttons, change the size or shape the cursor to make it more visible, enhance the cursor precision, and alter the cursor speed. Consult your OS manuals for additional details.

Adjust the Angle

Each Jojo is supplied with a base riser to lift the back of the unit to a more convenient height. The base riser can be attached in two positions with two supplied screws to give either 5 degrees or 10 degrees of additional angle.

Operation

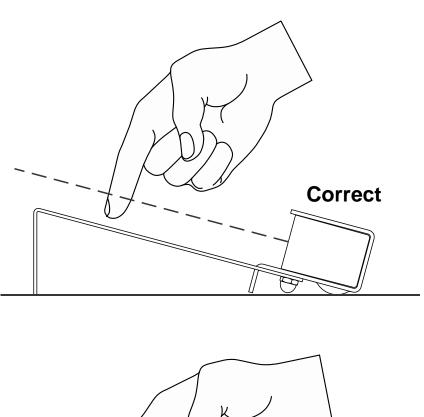
The active area is defined by a 4.25 x 5.0 inch rectangular cutout in the base and is vertically bounded by the top and bottom surfaces of the frame. Two infrared cameras in the base detect finger movements within this active area. Operation is the same as a conventional mouse, except no physical contact is required. A cylindrical object, such as a pen may be substituted in lieu of a finger as long as it is non-reflective. The active area indicator frame may be removed by removing the two # 6 nuts on the bottom of the unit for use in a confined area.

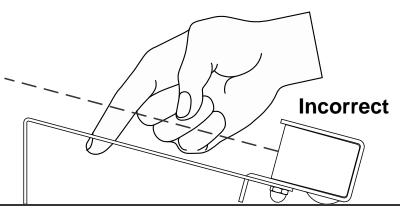


Cursor Motion

To move the cursor on the computer display, drop your index finger slightly below the top surface within, but above the active area frame. You will hear a click when the device finds your finger and the blue lamp will illuminate. Move your finger, and the cursor will follow on the screen. The slower you go, the more precise the motion of the cursor will be. Move your finger quickly and the cursor will move greater distances.

Move the cursor to the desired position, then carefully lift your finger up (perpendicular to the active area frame) until a second click sound is heard. If you reach the edge of the window and have not moved the cursor far enough, lift your finger out of the active area then reintroduce it at the other end of the window. You may then continue moving the cursor.





Click Sensors

Jojo does not have physical buttons as a conventional mouse, but has two "Click Sensors" that detect when a finger is within about one inch from the sensor. The sensors are located on the front of the frame. These perform the same functions as the mouse left and right buttons. To perform a left mouse button click, sweep your finger past the left "Click Sensor". To perform a double click, sweep your finger past it twice rapidly. You will observe the yellow indicator lamp on continuously when your finger is detected.

To hold the mouse button down, hold your other hand or thumb in front of the "Click Sensor". Another option is to turn on "ClickLock" in the mouse settings for your computer. To use this feature, activate the "Click Sensor" for about one second, and the computer will act as though the mouse button is held down. To release it, simply activate the "Click Sensor" again. Note that this will also affect the way other pointing devices or a touchpad operate.

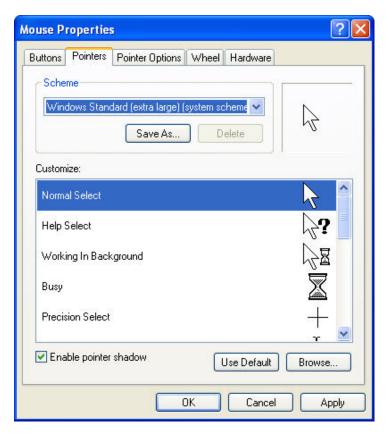
Indicator Lights

Green	On	Ready for use		
	Off	No power or not connected		
	Flashing	Not recognized by computer		
Blue	On Off	A finger or other pointer is detected No pointer is detected		
Yellow	Off On Flashing	Normal condition One Click Sensor is activated Excessive ambient light or infrared light is shining into the unit for proper operation. Reposition the unit or decrease the lighting.		

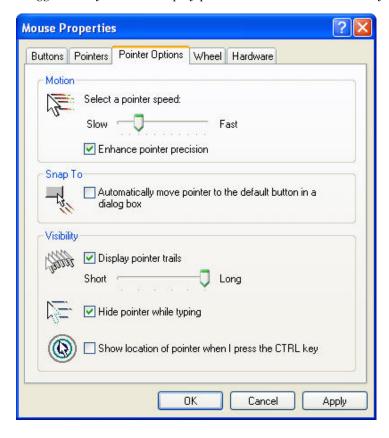
Note that all three indicators will illuminate briefly when the unit is first powered up, accompanied by a confirming beep.

While Learning

During your learning process, it may be easier if you increase the size of the cursor. In Windows XP, open the Control Panel. Under Settings, select the Mouse Properties icon by double clicking it. In Vista and Windows 7, right click, select Personalize, then select Change Mouse Pointer. Select the Pointers tab, then you may select one of the large or extra large Schemes.



It also may be easier if you slow down the speed of the cursor while getting used to the touchless mouse. Select the Pointers Option tab. Then slow the pointer speed under the Motion section. We also suggest that you select Display pointer trails under the Visibility section.



Tips

- If the unit fails to operate at first, try a reboot of the computer with Jojo plugged into a USB port.
- Take care to only use one finger to move the cursor. If you use more than one finger, it may not be as easy to position the cursor and motion will not be smooth.
- Notice how close to the window your finger needs to be to turn the blue lamp on. You don't need to go much further, and going too far makes it harder to keep the cursor stable it is as you lift out.
- Do not allow your knuckles or other parts of your hand get into to the active area. This
 will make the cursor unstable.
- You can use a pen, pencil, or similar object as a pointer instead of your finger. Very shiny, dark or thin objects do not work well.
- The more carefully you lift your finger out of the active area, the more accurately you can position the cursor.
- Keep the area in front of the "Click Sensor" clear so it doesn't accidentally mistake an object for a mouse click.
- Keep a few inches of the tabletop clear and free of mirrors behind the unit.
- Long sleeves or jewelry can accidentally trigger the "Click Sensors". Keep these items clear of the sensor zones
- Do not rest your hand on the top surface of the unit.

Options

A wall mount bracket is available to mount the Jojo to a vertical surface when horizontal workspace is limited. The user must supply the screws when mounting the bracket.

Troubleshooting

Problem Solution

The green light does not come on	The unit is not getting power from the USB port. Be sure it is plugged into a live port and the computer is turned on.			
The green light flashes continuously	The unit has power but is not recognized by the computer. Try unplugging and plugging in again. If plugged into a USB hub, try plugging directly into the computer.			
The yellow light is flashing	Bright lights are shining into the unit and inhibiting proper operation and any lights with excessive infrared content will adversely affect the sensors. Aim the unit differently, or reposition any incandescent or halogen lights.			
The yellow light is on continuously	One of the "Click Sensors" is continuously seeing something in front of it. Remove any nearby objects.			
The Click Sensors trigger accidentally	An object such as a shirtsleeve is hanging down in front of the sensor. A very shiny object several inches away can also cause this problem.			
The cursor jumps around unexpectedly	Be sure that only a single object is in the active area. More than one finger can cause this, as well as having your hand so low that the device sees other parts of your hand.			
The cursor jumps when you lift your finger, even when lifted straight up and very carefully	A light colored or shiny object next to or behind the unit can cause this. Use care to lift your finger perpendicular to the frame.			
A pen, pencil or other object used as a pointer is not recognized, or does not work reliably	Shiny, dark or thin objects may not work as pointer. Try a different object as a pointer.			

Cleaning

CAUTION - Do not submerse or autoclave this product.

Topo Jojo is constructed of surgical grade Stainless Steel, however it contains sensitive optics and electronic components that will be damaged by high temperatures or immersion in liquids.

Cleaning is best accomplished by gently wiping the external surfaces with a soft cloth or commercially available swabs moistened with Isopropyl Alcohol. More aggressive solvents should be avoided.

Do not disassemble the unit as this will void the warranty. There are no serviceable components within.

Specifications

All specifications are subject to change without notice.

Interface: USB

Compatibility: Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Linux

Size: 7" X 6.5" X 2"

Active Area: 4.25" X 5.0"

Weight: 1.30 pounds

Ambient Temperature: 32 to 100F

Relative Humidity: 10% to 90% non-condensing

Altitude: -1,000 to +10,000 feet

Options: Wall mount bracket.

Calibration: Self-calibrating. No adjustments required.

USB Cable length 6.0 Feet

In-Warranty Service

To return this product for warranty service, please do the following:

- Call Technical Support at (805) 577-9600 to request a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Returned merchandise will not be accepted without this number.
- Clearly identify the outside of the carton with the RMA number and the unit serial number.
- Return the merchandise as specified by our Technical Support department.

Northridge Associates Shipping Address

Northridge Associates LLC 1925 Angus Avenue, Suite B Simi Valley, CA 93063

Attn: Technical Support

Out-of-Warranty Service

Service on units no longer covered by our warranty is handled in the same manner as above except that there is a fixed fee for the repair or refurbishment of the unit. Units returned for repair may be repaired or replaced at our option.

Limited Warranty

If this product fails to perform on your particular system, it may be returned for a full money back refund within the first 30 days after purchase.

Northridge Associates LLC warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Units replaced or repaired under this warranty are warranted only for the remaining unexpired portion of the original warranty period.

Northridge Associate's sole and exclusive obligation under this limited warranty is to repair or replace at Northridge Associate's option all products that are returned to Northridge Associates or the applicable service center within the warranty period and found by us to be defective. Replacement parts may be either new or reconditioned at Northridge Associate's option. The Buyer is responsible for properly packing the unit to be returned. Buyer shall ship the unit prepaid at Buyer's expense. Northridge Associates will return the unit to the Buyer freight prepaid at Northridge Associate's expense. Customs charges and other special charges are the responsibility of the Buyer.

This warranty shall immediately be null and void if, in Northridge Associate's sole judgment, the unit has been altered, disassembled or repaired other than with authorization from Northridge Associates, has been subject to misuse, abuse, negligence or accident, damaged in shipment or subjected to improper environmental conditions. This warranty is null and void for units that have had the serial number or nameplate defaced or removed. This warranty will remain in effect notwithstanding Buyer's shipment to third parties.

Northridge Associates shall not be responsible or liable for any special, incidental or consequential damages or loss arising from the use of this product. This warranty is in lieu of, and Buyer waives, all other warranties, expressed or implied, arising by law or otherwise, including without limitation any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. The remedies stated in this warranty are exclusive.

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