

Microsoft SideWinder X6 Keyboard

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What:

The SideWinder X6 Keyboard is the first gaming keyboard created by Microsoft Corp. from the ground up, and the only gaming keyboard on the market with a switchable key pad for powerful versatility. The X6 Keyboard's key pad does double duty, with connectors on either side of the keyboard that allow gamers to attach it on the right or left side. Mode switching lets gamers manually toggle the keyboard from standard mode to either of two gaming modes, and the never-before-seen feature Cruise Control continues an action without having to hold down any keys.

The X6 Keyboard also includes two-color adjustable backlighting, controlled by a dial right on the keyboard to offer fine tuning of the gaming experience.

Format:

The SideWinder X6 Keyboard operates on the Windows Vista and Windows XP operating systems and connects directly to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port.

Features And Benefits:

Powerful Versatility

- **First on a gaming keyboard! Switchable keypad** can be attached to either side of the keyboard, allowing gamers to switch between a standard key pad and a macro pad in gaming mode.
- **Mode switching** lets gamers manually toggle the keyboard from standard mode to either of two gaming modes. LEDs show the selected mode.
- **Automatic profile switching** detects the application that is running and applies the custom profile to the application.

- **Assign up to 90 macros** per game with the programmable macro keys.

Designed for Gaming

- **NEW! Cruise Control feature** continues an action without having to hold down the key or keys assigned to the action. Gamers can use Cruise Control with up to four keys at a time.¹
- **In-game macro record button** lets gamers record any sequence of keystrokes — even standard chat messages. Macros are stored on the PC hard drive and can be easily shared.
- **WASD gaming keys** have front-face lighting for enhanced visibility.
- **Quick-Launch key** gives one-touch access to Windows Vista Games Explorer,² allowing gamers to quickly see the games in their PC's game library.

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- **Two-color adjustable backlighting** is controlled by a dial right on the keyboard. Amber indicates programmable macro keys in game mode, and red indicates nonprogrammable keys.
- **Media keys and volume control dial** provide easy access to popular media activities such as play/pause, previous track, next track and mute.

System Requirements:

To use the SideWinder X6 Keyboard, gamers must accept the enclosed License Agreement during software setup before they can use the software accompanying the keyboard. Gamers also need the following:

- A PC that meets the requirements for and has installed one of these operating systems: Windows Vista or Windows XP
- 100 MB of available hard disk space
- An available powered USB port
- CD drive
- Internet access required for software installation. Local and/or long-distance telephone toll charges may apply.

Availability And Pricing:

Microsoft SideWinder X6 Keyboard will be widely available in September 2008 for an estimated retail price of \$79.95 (U.S.).³ The SideWinder X6 Keyboard is now available for special pre-sale on Amazon.com and will ship in September when the product is widely released.

The SideWinder X6 Keyboard is backed by a worldwide three-year limited hardware warranty. Limited warranty and License Agreement are available at <http://www.microsoft.com/hardware/warranty>.

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¹ Cruise Control does not work with programmable macro keys.

² The Quick-Launch button will open IntelliType keyboard software when using Windows XP.

³ Actual retail prices may vary.

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