

Apple IIc Keyboards & Keycaps

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If you are looking to replace a keycap or key switch on your Apple IIc keyboard, you need to be aware that there are two different keycap types used by Apple, which are easily distinguished from one another by color, thickness and key switch “sex”.

On the first type, the keycap is male and has a rectangular post which fits a matching rectangular hole on the key switch (female), as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1.

Notice too that the basic board is black metal and it's comparatively very thin.

On the second type, the keycap is female and receives a cross-shaped (+) post from the key switch (male), shown in Figure 2 below. The board itself is a tan/beige composite board, and is comparatively thick. There is also a

very thin black rubber spill pad that sits between the keycaps and the board itself.



Figure 2. Atlanta Photocircuits Keyboard.

When replacing a keycap, make sure you get the correct one for your keyboard. If the keycap is missing, simply look to see if the key switch is male (+) or female (—) to ensure that you get the correct keycap.