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Jochem Huhmann <joh@xxxxxxx> wrote:

wildrover.andy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Andy Hewitt) writes:

However, the keys started getting sticky a few days ago, which usually just need a bit of silicone spray to fix. Didn't work this time, so I removed all the keys, cleaned the lot, and around the switches. THAT made the operation of the keys much betterer, but now it sometimes does a key repeat after pressing something, most notably the shift key, caussing a few characters to be capitalised at the beginning of a senence. RATHER like that<, and extra spaces to appear at times.

This is the silicone spray creeping between the plastic layers at the edges and holding the layers together for a while after a key is pressed. You could get the thing apart by removing lots of tiny screws and clean it... I had to do this with my keyboard once also.

I haven't got the tool for these, but I think the lube has actually got into the circuit board. I've managed to fix it temporarily by turning up the key repeat delay.

THIS time I've decided to have a change, and I've ordered a MACally keyboard & mouse combo, and see how I get on with that instead.

Good luck with those,

They arrived today. Not bad I think, I like the keyboard at least. The shorter key travel is much nicer, although it'll take a bit to get fully used to – it's a bit like the iBook keyboard in a way. Nothing missing as far as I can see, the volume controls, and the eject button are better positioned IMHO.

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The mouse is OK too, although I'm a trackball man myself, I decided to get another mouse, as I intend to swap them around to help with the old achy wrist problem. Anyway, the mouse is quite smooth, and the buttons and scroller work nicely too.

As far as the supplier goes, they were OK, but I wouldn't recommend them as a first choice. MacHeaven it was. A little misleading with the pricing, the web pages implied that next day delivery was included, but in fact it was charged extra, not a nightmare as such, as it was still within a pound or so of the nearest rival. They also didn't process the order until the next working day, so I had to wait around another day. Of course rereading the texts, did reveal the ambiguous wording they'd used.

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