Thumb Keyboard for Axim X30 User's Guide

Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the Thumb Keyboard (F8D0501) for your Dell Axim X30 Handheld. The thumb keyboard is easy to install and use. With its compact design, you can start writing your e-mails and notes anywhere you go.

Setting Up Your Thumb keyboard

Installing the Thumb Keyboard Software

Before installing the Thumb Keyboard software, please make sure that:

1. You have saved all documents.
2. ActiveSync is installed and active on your PC.
3. Your Dell handheld has at least 300 KB free memory.

Follow these instructions to install your Thumb Keyboard software on your Dell Axim Handheld:

1. Close all active windows on your Axim.
2. Connect your Axim to your desktop computer and make sure Microsoft AcitveSync is "active".
3. Insert the Thumb Keyboard Setup CD into the CD-Rom drive of the desktop, then the setup program will launch automatically.
4. Choose the "*Next*" option in the setup program.
5. Dialog "*Add/Remove Programs*" of Microsoft ActiveSync will pop up.
6. Click "*Yes*" in response to the message "*Install Dell ThumbBoard using the default application install directory?*".
7. Click "*OK*" in response to the Dialog "*Application Downloading Complete*".
8. Finally, the Thumb Keyboard software is successfully installed on your Axim. You can disconnect your Axim form the desktop at this time.
9. On the Axim side, the "*ThumbBoard*" Configuration Page will launch automatically. If not, tap the **Thumb keyboard** icon on the Start Menu of your Axim to enter the Configuration screen.
10. Connect the Thumb keyboard to your Axim and start typing in the test area. You can also customize the other configurations here to suit your needs.

Removing the Thumb Keyboard Software

Follow these instructions if you want to remove the Thumb keyboard software from your iPAQ:

1. Close all active windows on your Axim.
2. Go to "Remove Programs" settings page under "System" Section in the "Settings" Menu.
3. Select "Dell ThumbBoard" and then tap "Remove".
4. Tap "Yes" in response to the "Remove Program" Dialog in confirming the removal of the software.

   *** Make sure you have reinstalled the software before using the Thumb keyboard again.**

Reinstalling or upgrading the Thumb Keyboard Software

To reinstall or upgrade the Thumb Keyboard software, you must first remove the existing software by following steps outlined above. Then follow the steps outlined in the Software Installation Section.

Attaching the Thumb Keyboard to your Axim

1. Hold your Axim face up in the palm of one hand and the Thumb Keyboard face up in the other hand.
2. Slide your Axim into the Thumb Keyboard until the connector latches securely.

Detaching the Thumb Keyboard from your Axim

1. Hold your Axim face up in the palm of one hand.
2. Press the release buttons on both sides of the Thumb Keyboard to release the connector lock.
3. Remove the Axim by sliding away from the Thumb Keyboard.

Charging your Axim with the Thumb keyboard

The Thumb Keyboard includes a DC jack at the bottom of the keyboard. To charge your Axim, just insert the AC adapter plug into the DC jack of the Thumb Keyboard.

Using your Thumb Keyboard

After installing the Thumb Keyboard driver, the software runs automatically and you can use the keyboard at any time. Simply attach the Thumb Keyboard to your Axim and start typing.

Typing Lower-case Letters

To enter lower-case letters with your Thumb Keyboard, simply type them as you would on a standard computer keyboard.

Typing Upper-case Letters

To capitalize one letter: press (aA/a) once and the next letter you enter will be capitalized.

To capitalize a block of letters: press and hold (aA/a) , all other letters you enter while holding (aA/a) will be capitalized.

To turn on Caps Lock: press **SYMB** and then press **aA/⌂** . As long as Caps Lock is turned on, all characters will be entered in upper-case.

To release Caps Lock: press **SYMB** and then press **aA/⌂** .

Typing Numbers and Symbols

To type one number or symbol: press **SYMB** once, the next key you press will register as the number or symbol printed in orange on the key top.

There are two ways to type a block of numbers or symbols:

1. Press and hold **SYMB** all other keys you press while holding **SYMB** will register the number or symbol.

2. Press **SYMB** twice, the keyboard will enter Symbol Lock Mode. All subsequent keys you press will register as the number or symbol printed in orange on the key top. To exist Symbol Lock Mode, press **SYMB** one more time.

Navigation keys

The navigation keys enable you to quickly relocate the cursor on your Axim. The following table list available navigation key commands.

Keystroke	Action
▲	Page Up
▼	Page Down
SYMB K	Cursor Left
SYMB ▲	Cursor Right
SYMB L	Cursor Up
SYMB ↵	Cursor Down
TAB	Space
SYMB TAB	Tab
←	Back Space / Delete
↵	Return

Application keys

Since the Thumb Keyboard covers the application buttons on your Axim, these
buttons are reproduced on the Thumb Keyboard.

Keystroke	Action
⌨	Calender
▤	Contacts
⊞	Start Menu
✉	Messaging
⌂	Home

The FaceBoard button

Pressing the FaceBoard ☺ button will pop up a window containing various less
frequently used symbols and punctuation marks. There are also popular Smiley
patterns for your e-mails. To select a symbol, you can either touch the on-
screen button or press the corresponding key shown on the top of the on-screen
button.
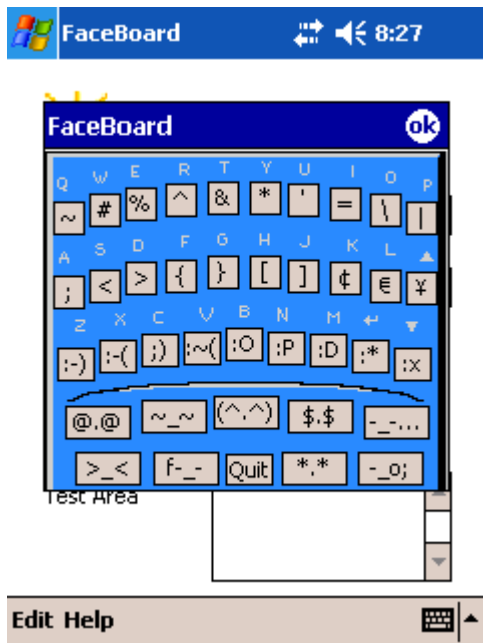
*Unique extended keyboard,
the FaceBoard, for easy
typing of extra symbols and
e-mail smiley patterns*

Customizing the FaceBoard

You can customize the FaceBoard with any combination of symbols or key string. To configure FaceBoard:

1. Tap on "Edit" tab in the FaceBoard screen to bring up the editing screen (*Fig. A*).
2. Tap on the key you want to redefine, an input screen will come up *(Fig B)*.
3. Type the desired characters or symbols in the edit box. You can use the Axim on-screen SIP keyboard to input special symbols or International characters.
4. Tap "OK" to confirm the change. Then the New symbol will replace in the relative key in the Faceboard (Fig C).

To restore FaceBoard to it's original settings, you can tap on the "Default" button on the editing screen (*Fig. A)*
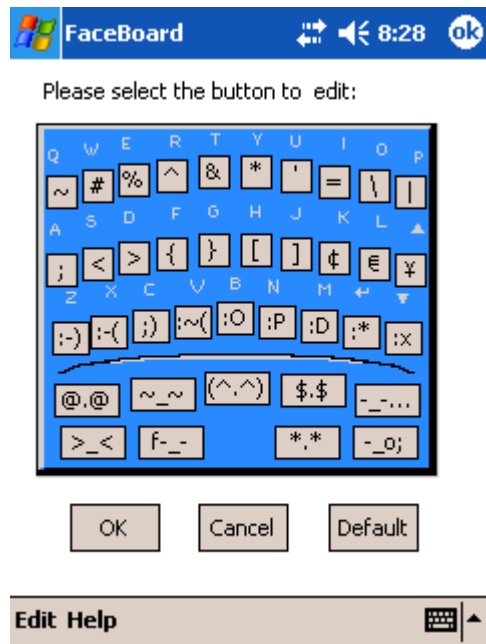
Fig. A FaceBoard Editing screen

123	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	-	=	←
Tab	q	w	e	r	t	y	u	i	o	p	[	]	
CAP	a	s	d	f	g	h	j	k	l	;	'		
Shift	z	x	c	v	b	n	m	,	.	/	↵		
Ctl	áü	`	\					↓	↑	←	→		

Fig. B Type in the new characters / symbols

Fig. C The Faceboard key is changed

Configuring the Thumb Keyboard software

To bring up the Thumb keyboard configuration screen, tap **Start** and then **ThumbBoard** on your Axim.

Fig 12. Thumb keyboard configuration screen

Enable – tapping on this button will turn on the Thumb Keyboard driver and allow the Axim to accept key input from the keyboard.
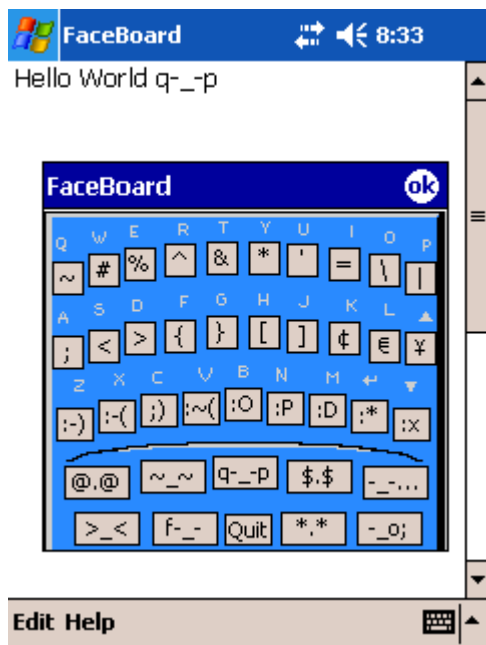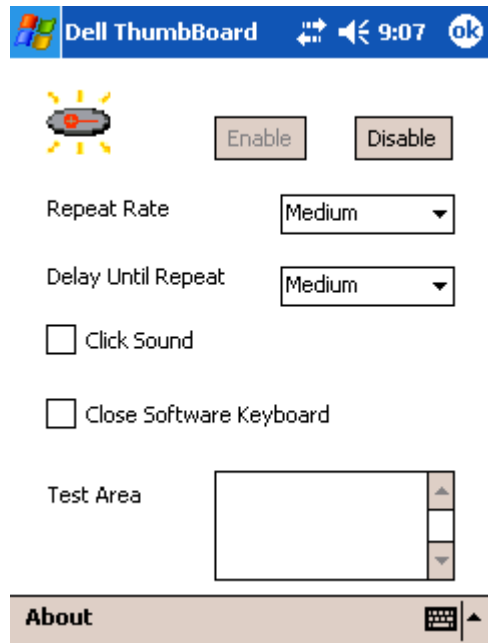**Disable** – this will turn off the Thumb Keyboard driver.
Repeat rate – this will determine the repeat frequency of a key when you hold it down continuously.
Delay Until Repeat – this will determine the delay from your holding down a key to the key repeating.
Click Sound – you can enable or disable 'key click'. For this function to work properly, you need to first turn on Hardware buttons sound in your Axim: tap **Start**, then **Settings**. Select **Sounds & Reminders** and check the **Hardware buttons** box.
Close Software Keyboard – this can close the software keyboard when you type.
Test Area – you can test your Thumb keyboard by typing in this area.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What should I do when I type on the keyboard and nothing happens?

- Check that your Axim is charged and working properly
- Make sure your Axim is connected to the Thumb keyboard securely
- Verify that the Thumb keyboard software is installed
- Confirm that the Thumb keyboard driver is enabled
- Test typing on the Test Area

Will ActiveSync be affected?

The Thumb keyboard is fully compatible with ActiveSync.

Can I send and receive Infrared while using the Thumb keyboard?

Yes, Infrared will not be affected.

Can I use the stylus while using the Thumb keyboard?

Yes, you can use the stylus and keyboard simultaneously.

Technical Support
In the unlikely event that you encounter a problem with our Thumb Keyboard,
please contact our technical support team at support@belkin.com. For the most
updated Thumb keyboard driver or more FAQ, please visit http://www.belkin.com.

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This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the
following two conditions:
1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference
that may cause undesired operation.