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Object name: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay

Vintage: c.198x

Synopsis: Keyboard for KayPro Computer with Kleertex Wordstar/Mailmerge Overlay.

Description:

A keyboard for a KayPro Computer with a Kleertex overlay for Wordstar/Mailmerge.

WordStar is a word processor, written by Rob Barnaby and sold by MicroPro International, that was dominant in the early 1980s. It was originally written for the CP/M operating system but later ported to MSDOS. From version 4.0 onwards the program was rewritten, mainly by Peter Mierau.

WordStar made as few assumptions about the underlying system as possible, allowing it to be easily ported across the many platforms that proliferated in the early 1980s. As all of these versions had relatively similar commands and controls, users could move between platforms with equal ease. But once the IBM PC dominated, the portability design made it difficult for the program to add new features and affected its performance. In spite of its great popularity in the early 1980s, these problems allowed WordPerfect to overtake WordStar from 1985 onwards.

Mail merge allows multiple (and potentially large numbers of) documents to be made from a single template form and a structured data source. The document may be mailed to many recipients with small changes, such as to the address. Both WordStar and WordPerfect offered this capability on CP/M and MSDOS.



Figure 1: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay three-quarter top view

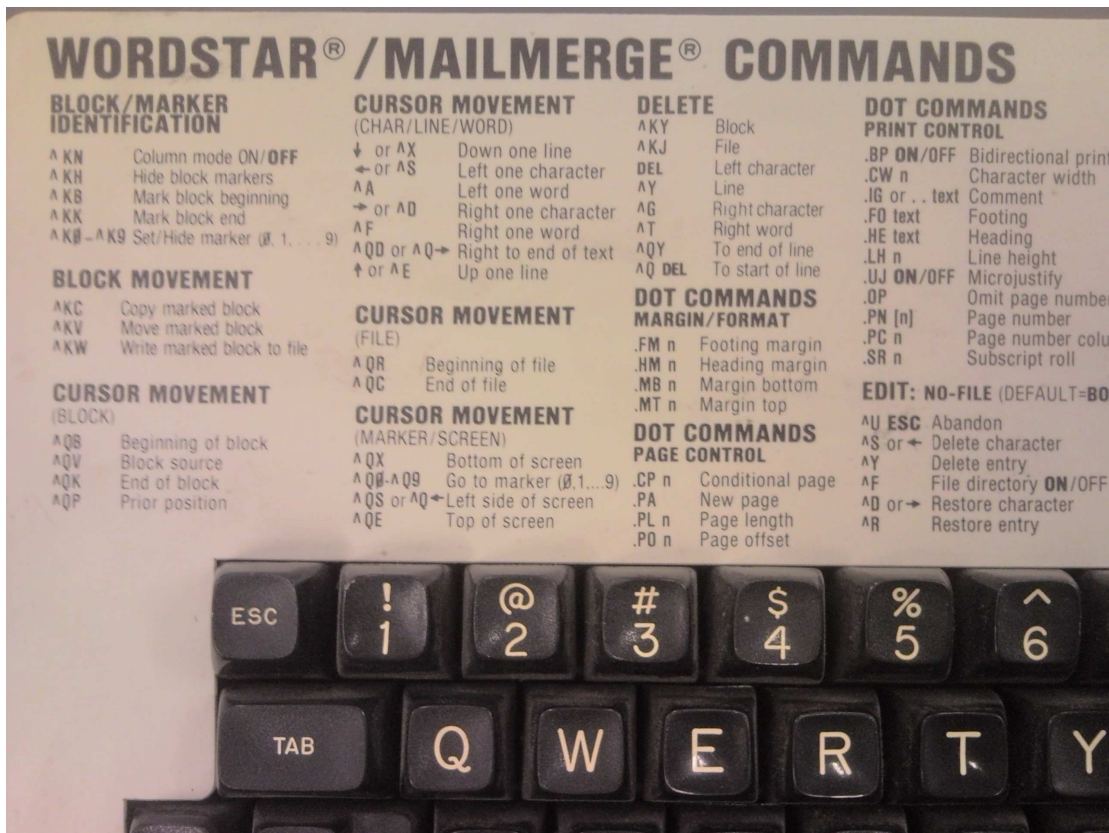


Figure 2: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay left top view

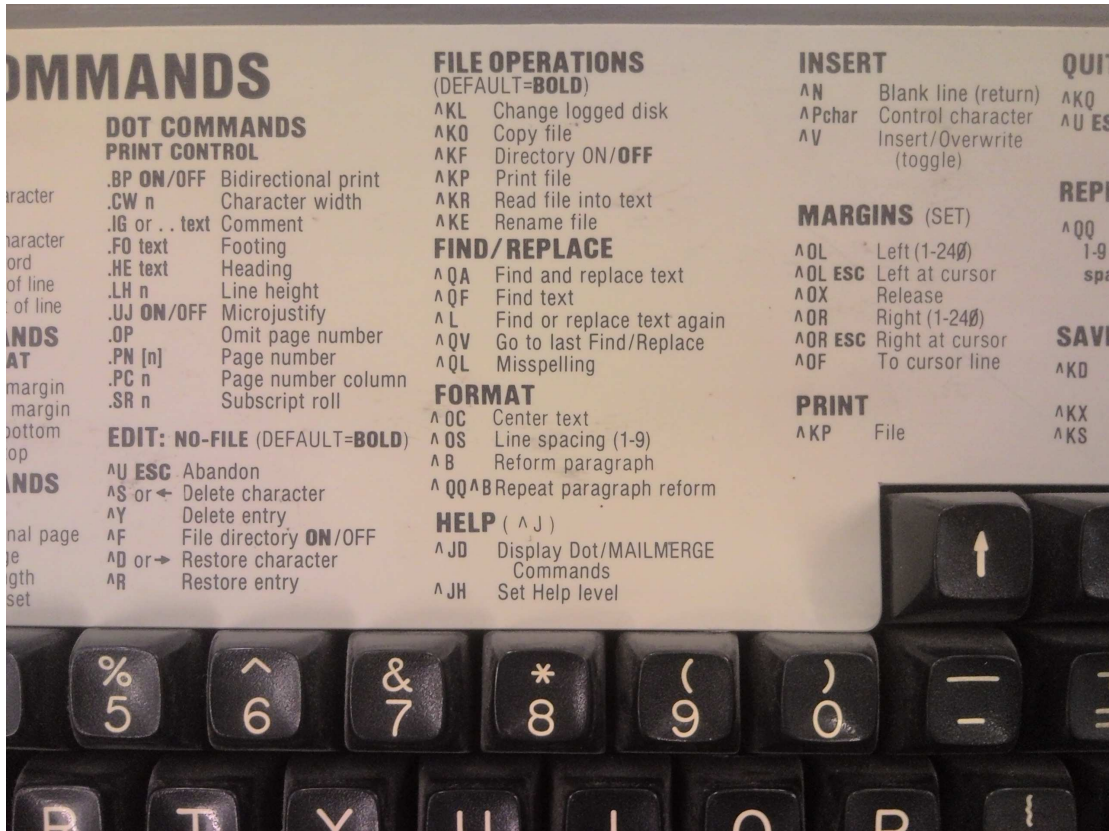


Figure 3: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay mid-left top view

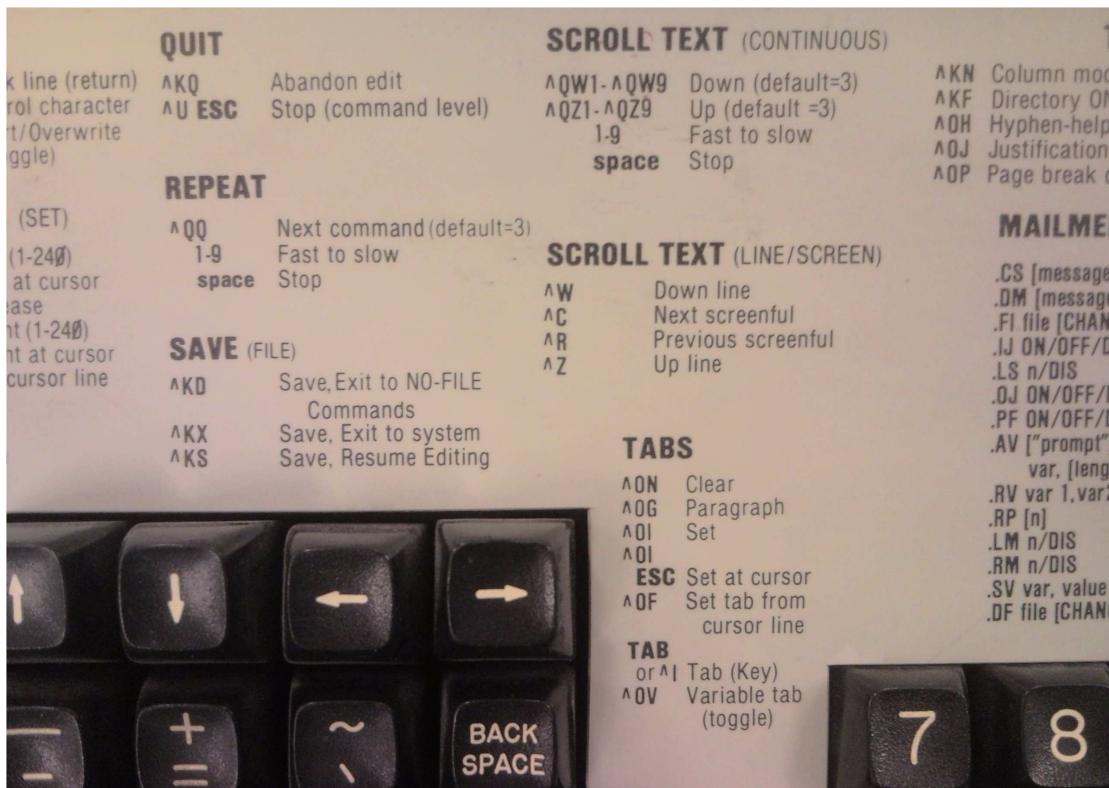


Figure 4: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay mid-right top view

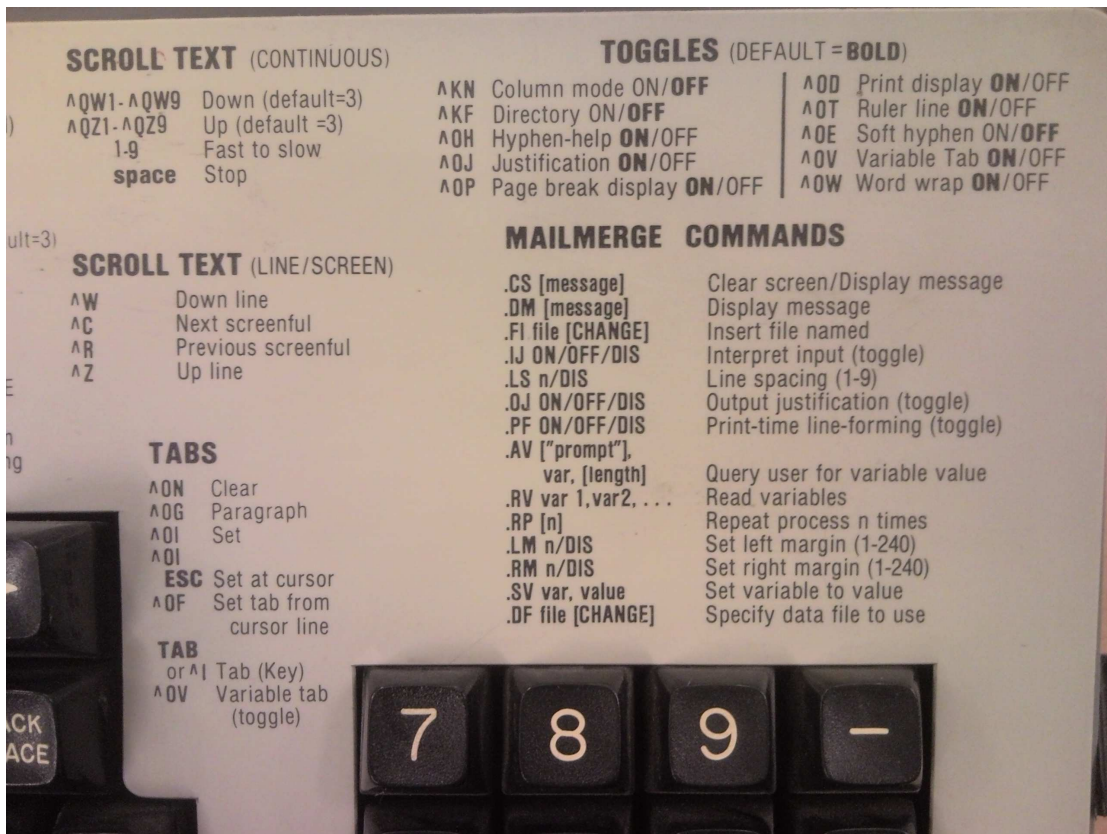


Figure 5: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay right top view

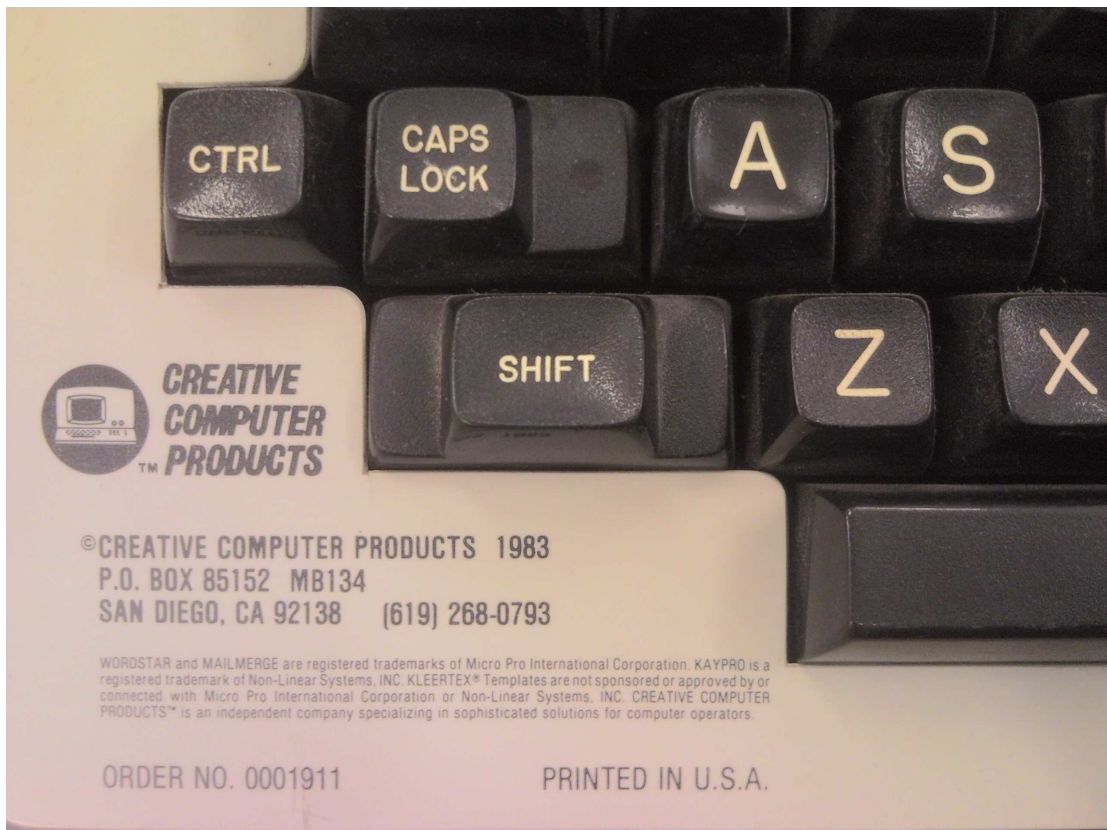


Figure 6: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay left bottom view



Figure 7: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay mid-left bottom view

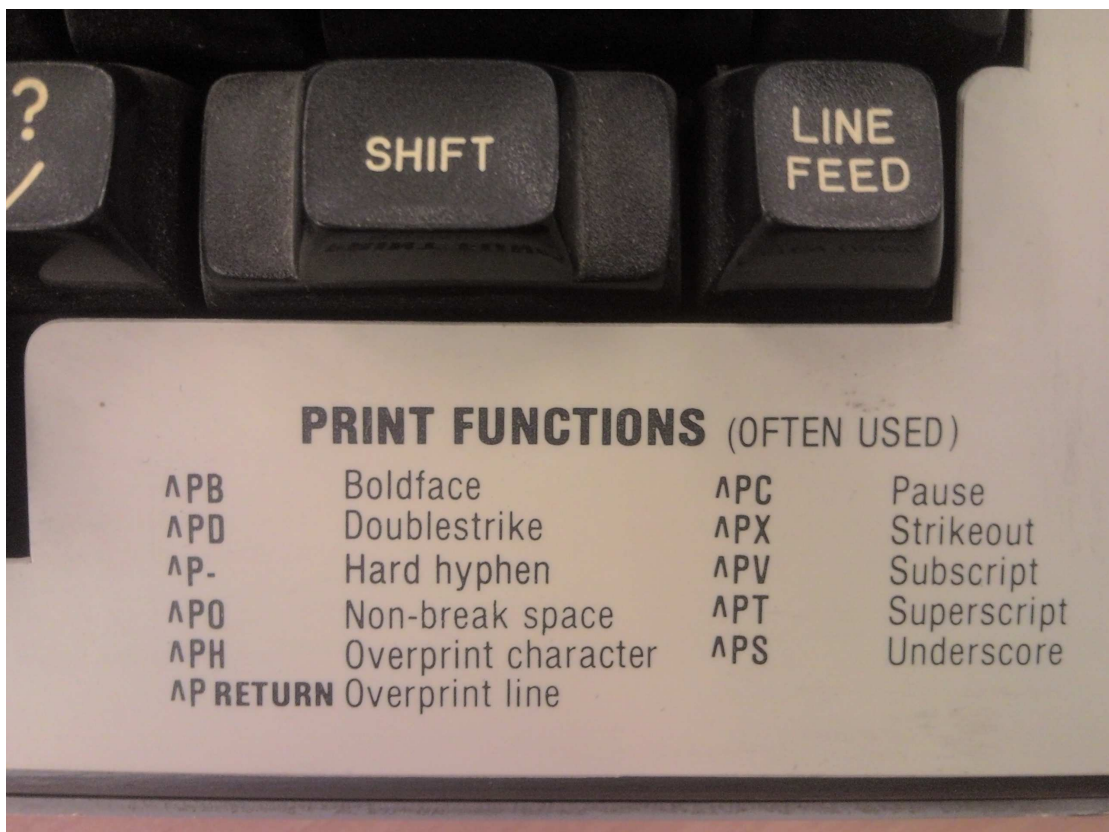


Figure 8: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay mid-right bottom view

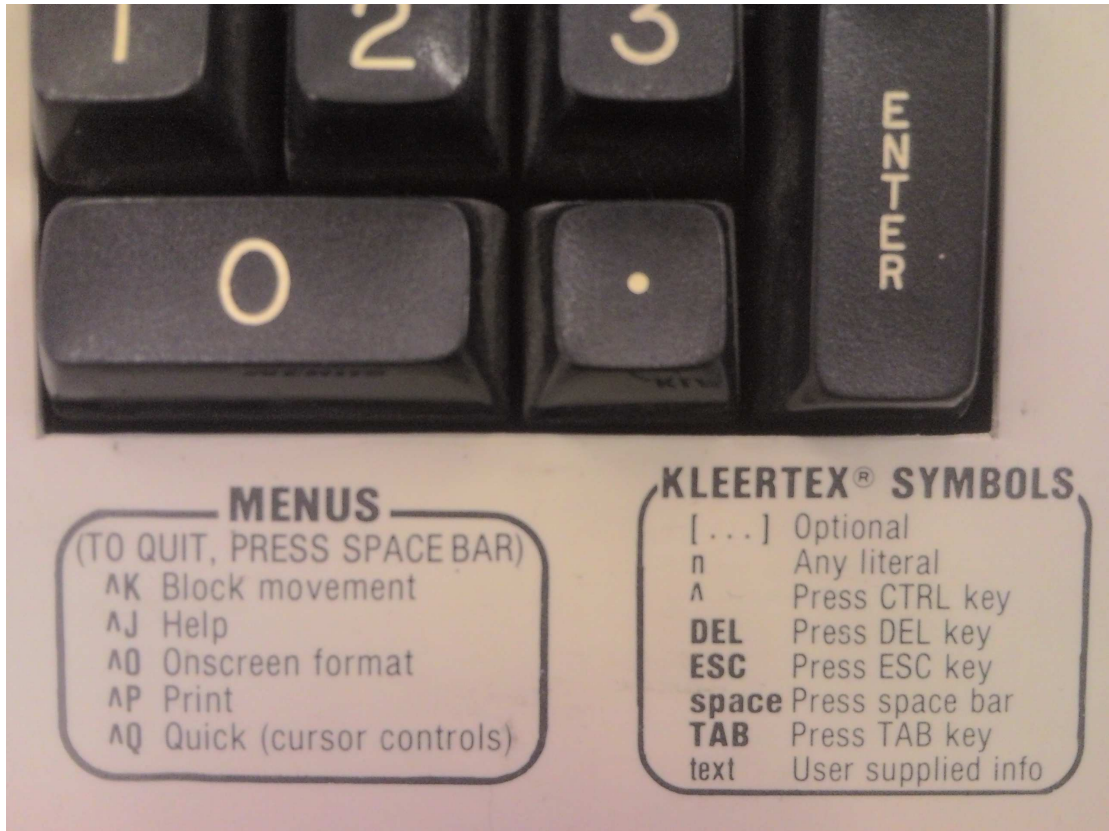


Figure 9: KayPro Keyboard with Kleertex Overlay right bottom view