

Re: Do's and don'ts about cleaning keyboards

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In article <2RFHa.2737\$lv.2468@news.cpqcorp.net>, "John E. Malmberg"
<Malmberg@dskwld.zko.dec.compaq.hp> writes...

}David Michaels wrote:

}> Paul Sture wrote:

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}>>My heartfelt thanks to the person who recommended putting my LK keyboard

}>>through the dishwasher.

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}>>It is beatifully clean now.

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}>>But a pity it doesn't work any more...

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}> WD-40 = water displacement - 40

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}> I've never seen it harm electronics. Not to say it can't, but I haven't

}> seen it.

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}Any high pressure stream of gas or other small propellent, if fast

}enough can build up a static charge and can destroy some electronics.

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}I know from personal experience spray paint has enough pressure to do

}that. I was attempting to waterproof a circuit, coincidentally for a

}keyboard, back in the days when people were building Z80 based systems

}from parts.

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}The fumes from WD-40 are quite combustable for at least a minute or two,

}so any sparks near them can cause a fire to start.

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}The small spark from the ON/OFF switch of most electrical devices that

}do not have specially rated switches is enough.

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}-John

Your keyboard gets dirty, so you run it through the dishwasher.

It then doesn't work so you use WD-40 on it to dry it out. When

you plug it in it bursts into flames. This then triggers your

machine room's fire suppresion system.

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Now that's comedy.

--- Carl