

Modification of Keyboards to include Symbols for SI Units

Foreword

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The study of how best to provide symbols for SI units on typewriter keyboards resulted from an approach made to the British Standards Institution in early 1971 by the Metrication Board who, like BSI itself, were beginning to receive requests for guidance on this question.

A full investigation by the BSI committees concerned has shown that the problem is not a serious one for the great majority of users and it has been concluded that it would not be appropriate in this case to issue specifications or even firm recommendations because of the widely differing requirements of those users who need to incorporate some of the so-called “metric” symbols into their keyboards.

Nevertheless, it has been thought useful to publish this general survey of the situation, and to provide guidance for those who believe they need to include one or more of these symbols in their machines.

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