

STANDARD MOUSE

A typical installation on a standard (non-apple) mouse looks as shown in the photos below. With most mice, a single .75 inch diameter magnet can be placed in the center-front of the mouse. This will allow you to “park” the mouse in the darkened area on the left side of the mouse pad. When you pull the mouse into the center lighter colored portion of the mouse pad, it will slide easily. The darkened area on the bottom of the pad is intended to catch the mouse if you fail to park it and begin to recline your Station.

Altwork suggests using a compact mouse weighing less than about 4 ounces. The advantage to a light weight mouse is that minimum force is needed to pull the mouse out of the parked area to begin mousing. If the single magnet does not hold the mouse at your preferred desk reclining angle, you can add more magnets.





If your mouse is very light, it is also possible to use 2 magnets placed on the left side of the mouse as viewed from the top.



A (very) few mice will not operate correctly when spaced away from the mouse pad by the magnets on the underside. If this occurs for you, we suggest you buy any compact Microsoft or Logitech mouse as your standard.

APPLE MOUSE

Altwork has designed a special bracket to hold the magnets to a standard Apple mouse. See the images below. To attach the magnets, peel the backing off the adhesive strip on the bracket, set the bracket on the magnetic desk, and slide the mouse in from the side toward the bracket. Press them together. This will assure the bottom of the magnets are level with the bottom of the mouse.





KEYBOARD

The larger magnets in the kit can be used to stick the keypad to the desk. Attach the magnets to the bottom of the keyboard as illustrated in the photo below. Ideally the keyboard will have some reasonably flat areas to stick the magnets. Notice in the photo how one of the magnets is positioned to miss a switch. Do not use a lot more magnets than necessary to keep the keyboard from sliding when reclined. That will allow you to most easily adjust the keyboard position on the desk.

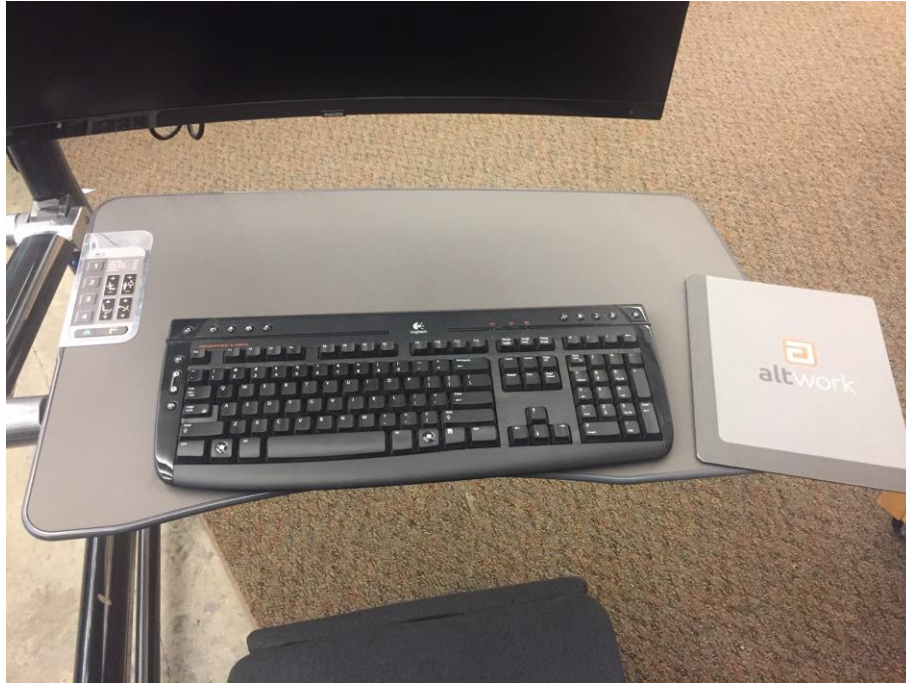
The magnets should be positioned so they come directly in contact with the desk. If the magnet has a gap to the desk, the magnet force will eventually pull the magnet off the keyboard. If your keyboard has feet that are taller than the magnets, you may need to buy some double sided foam tape and place it under the magnets to get the magnets into contact with the desk.



Any keyboard can be used on the Station. However, a keyboard that does not have a 10 key pad to the right of the alpha-numeric keys is shorter and leaves more room for the mousepad.



If you use a large keyboard, the mouse pad can be hung over the edge of the desk. The down side is the hand must move a lot further from the home keys to the mouse



The mouse pad can be use by a left hander as show below. The magnets on the mouse itself should be positioned to the right rather than the left.



If you need additional magnets, a few different sizes are normally available at a hardware store. Look for something saying “Neodymium” or “ND” on the label. They are the strongest. You can also order additional magnet kits from Altworck.