

# Re: keyboards

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[news:12f11go2cn68rda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:12f11go2cn68rda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

I seem to go through keyboard like its candy. Almost always its because I spill something on them(and even those anti-spill keyboards don't do much good).

\*snip\*

My question is why is it so easy to screw up a keyboard?

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Thanks,  
Jon

Liquids tend to conduct electricity. When you're using the keyboard, electricity is passing through the traces and switches of the keyboard. Current goes where it's not supposed to, and bye bye keyboard.

True, but liquids are not conductors at low voltages in general? (i.e., any non electrolytic solutions).

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I'd personally (a) stop using liquids so close to the keyboard and (b) look in to getting an IBM Model M keyboard. They should be able to handle a small to medium spill (look under the keycaps and you'll why I say this) without damage. The new systems don't always support the perfectly good and usable PS/2 ports, so you may need an adapter.

This isn't a common thing. Statistically speaking its probably on the mark. Just that its quite annoying when it happens. There does seem to be any good reason why this should happen either. I'm sure its not that hard to come up with a way to make a keyboard spill proof. right now I'm just using a 10\$ keyboard and its just as good as my 40\$ one that I just ruined(although I'm going to check it out later to see if it magically fixed itself).