

Glorious' new gaming keyboards give the curious a taste of the hardcore

The enthusiast mechanical keyboard scene has constantly evolving tastes and trends, and once you order a fancy bespoke board through a limited-run group buy, another one springs up for hyped-up fans to clamor over. Glorious is looking to streamline a touch of that fervor with a pair of new gaming keyboards, each decked out with a boatload of user-selectable customizations, and they may be perfect for the keyboard sicko-curious out there – no tedious group buys necessary.

The new Glorious models consist of two keyboards, the GMMK 3 (starting at \$119.99 bare-bones, meaning no switches or keycaps included) and the GMMK 3 Pro (starting at \$239.99 bare-bones), with each available now in three sizes (full-size 100 percent, 75 percent, and 65 percent) and with either traditional MX-style hot-swappable switches or magnetic Hall effect (HE) switches. Boards equipped with the latter are also compatible with MX switches, allowing you to use any of your existing collection, but the choices keep going if you want Glorious to build you something more unique through its new Boardsmith configurator site.

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I may personally loathe full-size keyboards (I've grown accustomed to the number pad-free life), but it's cool to see a 100 percent board with so many customizable options and aesthetics. Most other "gaming" keyboards this size are ugly all-black or all-white monstrosities, where RGB lighting is the *only* aesthetic color choice.

I'm coming away mostly impressed by the GMMK 3 Pro, but going all out with the Glorious Boardsmith is going to cost you. This board soared up in price to \$490.99 once fully configured, which is a far cry from the starting kit price of \$149.99 for a wired GMMK 3 complete with MX switches and keycaps and is getting dangerously close to Angry Miao territory. At least, if you go a little wild with the configurator and spend a lot on your dream GMMK 3, it seems like you're getting a quality keyboard with a smattering of the latest innovations in the mech keyboard space as well as a two-year warranty and actual customer service – not just a Discord server and a GitHub repository to sort through for DIY troubleshooting. You may come to the GMMK 3 for the specs and aesthetics, but you might want to stay for the simplicity and peace of mind.

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