OnePlus’ first mechanical keyboard is on sale today for $40 off

As OnePlus continues to expand its reach outside of China and India, it’s doing so with more than just phones. Take the **OnePlus Keyboard 81 Pro**, for instance, which is right now in the Winter Bonfire configuration with double-shot PBT keycaps and tactile switches for $179 ($40 off) or in the Summer Breeze config with lighter “marble-mallow” keycaps and linear switches for $199 ($40 off).

In many ways, OnePlus’ debut mechanical keyboard acts as a redesigned Keychron Q1 Pro — our current pick for the best premium Bluetooth keyboard — with a few added tweaks. The wireless, 75 percent board features an adjustable kickstand, for one, along with cylindrical keycaps that give it a quieter, more modern feel than the Q1 Pro. It’s also remappable using the VIA app, features hot-swappable switches, and includes the ability to toggle between Windows and Mac keyboard layouts with the flip of a switch, making it a great Keychron alternative for slightly less.

In case you missed it, there’s a new entry-level Apple Pencil on the block. In most instances, however, we’d recommend opting for either Apple’s first- or second-gen stylus, both of which offer more advanced features than the latest model. Thankfully for those who received an iPad over the holiday, the **second-gen Pencil** is on sale at Amazon and Best Buy for $89 ($40 off), while the **first-gen model** can be had with a USB-C adapter at Amazon and Best Buy for $79 ($20 off).

There are a few things to note in terms of the difference

between the original Apple Pencil and its second-gen counterpart. Both feature pressure and tilt sensitivity, though the latter also supports tap gestures and the hover feature on M2-equipped iPad Pros. What’s more, the second-gen charges magnetically while attached to the side of your tablet, whereas the first-gen model relies on either the bundled USB-C adapter or plugs directly into the Lighting port on older iPad models. Lastly, in terms of compatibility, the second-gen model works with the latest iPad Pro, iPad Air, and iPad Mini, while the first-gen Pencil is built for use with older slates and the latest entry-level iPads — including the 10th-gen model from last year.

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