your new ROYAL portable
your new ROYAL portable combines precision workmanship, found only on the finest office typewriter, with sparkling new features that make it the most modern and durable portable typewriter in the world. It's truly an office typewriter in portable size.

Your Royal is the only portable typewriter that can be tuned to your own typing level. *Speed Selector enables you to synchronize the action of the carriage and keys to your own typing speed. "Touch Control" permits you to tailor the sensitivity of the keys to your own individual touch. *The Line Meter automatically tells you how many lines of typing space you have left when you near the bottom of a page. "Magic" Margin permits you to set margins instantly, easily and automatically. These features, as well as *Visible Tab Set, Push Button Top, *Automatic Paper Lock, greater paper capacity and many others, help you to type faster, better, with less error.

Read this booklet carefully. Its complete instructions on the use of Royal's convenience features will help you to get the most out of your new Portable Typewriter. You will also find some helpful tips on touch typing beginning on page 14.

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inserting paper

A. Pull forward *Automatic Paper Lock and drop paper behind cylinder onto Royal’s single wide rear feed roll which acts as a straight edge, guiding the left edge of paper against paper guide.

B. Turn either cylinder knob until paper comes up under the Automatic Paper Lock. The rollers on the Paper Lock should be spaced to divide the paper in thirds. Flip back the lock with the right thumb.

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Adjusting and Removing Paper

If it is necessary to adjust the paper after it has been inserted into the machine, pull forward the Paper Lock and the Paper Release Lever located to the right of the Paper Lock Lever. Adjust the paper, then push back the Paper Lock and the Paper Release Lever. Remove paper by pulling forward these same two levers or by rolling it out by means of either cylinder knob.
1 **Line Finder.** To change the line spacing to a fraction of a line temporarily, as when typing chemical or mathematical formulae (\(A^2 + B^2\) or \(H_2O\)), move the Line Finder forward and rotate the cylinder to the desired position. To return to the exact original spacing, move the Line Finder to its rearward position.

2 **Line Space Selector.** You have your choice of single, double or triple spacing between the lines by moving the Line Space Selector to the desired number.

3 **Variable Line Spacer.** To make a permanent change in the line spacing, press in the Variable Line Spacer button while rotating the Cylinder Knob. Locate the work exactly where you want it, then release the button. The spacing is now permanently changed to the new set-up.

4 **Line Space Lever.** Line spacing and carriage return are accomplished simultaneously with a single, brisk sweep of the left hand against the Line Space Lever. Royal’s specially designed finger-piece brings increased comfort and ease to this operation.
1 The Paper Guide Scale. The Paper Guide is usually set at zero. For positioning a series of cards or envelopes, the Paper Guide may be set to the right of zero.

2 The Tabulator Scale. The Tabulator Scale is a continuation of the Paper Guide Scale and can be seen by tilting back the Paper Table. This scale is used to set the tab stops which are located directly behind it.

3 Card and Writing Line Scale. This scale is used to align characters with work already on the page or card. The edge of the scale denotes the base of the writing line. To write on cards or envelopes, raise the Disappearing Card Finger at the right end of this scale.

4 The Cylinder Scale. Use this scale to locate the carriage at a specific printing point, as in setting margins, finding the center of a page, and centering headings.

To find the center of a page, add the left and right scale readings of the paper and divide by two. For instance, if the left edge of the paper is set at 0, and the reading at the right edge is 84, the center is 42. Move the carriage until the figure 42 on the cylinder scale is located at the printing point, and your page is centered.

To center a heading, locate the center of the page as above. Then press the Back Space Key once for each two letters and spaces in the heading.

All Scales are synchronized and read from left to right.

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Carriage Release Levers. The carriage may be released and moved any number of spaces by holding in either the left or right Carriage Release Lever.

Back Space Key
The carriage may be moved back one space at a time by touching the Back Space Key.

Speed Spacer. Royal's new space bar is faster and easier to operate. The carriage can be moved ahead one space at a time by touching the Speed Spacer.

Tab Key. The carriage may be moved to pre-set positions by touching "Tab" Key (see separate section on Royal's Visible Tab Setting).

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The Keyboard and controls on your Royal are like a standard office typewriter... designed for natural ease in typing. New plastic keys are Finger-Flow in shape. There's no obstructing semi-circle in front of the key to brush fingers or cause untidy work. Letters are inlaid right through the keys and cannot rub off; they stay clean, too, because they are exactly flush with key surface.

**To type capitals or upper case characters** press either Shift Key at the extreme ends of the lowest bank of letter keys, holding it down while you use the letter key.

**To type capitals or upper case characters in sequence** press the Shift Lock Key, just above the left Shift Key, which holds the segment in the upper case until you press either Shift Key.

**Warning Bell and Margin Release.** When in typing you approach the right margin, your warning bell will ring. After you have typed several more characters, the line lock will take effect, locking the type bars to prevent you from typing one character over another.

**To type past the right margin line lock,** or to type within your left hand margin, press the Margin Release Key.

The Ribbon Color Change Lever (1) permits you to use either the upper or lower halves of the ribbon. To type using the lower, or red, half of a two-color ribbon, move the lever to the red dot. To use the upper, or black, half of the ribbon, move the lever to the black dot. To make the ribbon inoperative for stencil writing, move the lever to the white dot.

The ribbon reverses itself automatically when the end of the ribbon is reached. However, it may be reversed at any time by moving the Ribbon Reverse Lever (2) to its opposite position.

When purchasing new ribbons, be sure to get a ribbon made expressly for the Royal Portable.
“Magic” Margin allows you to set margins automatically without disturbing paper in machine. To set left margin, hold in the left carriage release lever and left “Magic” Margin button while moving carriage to point you wish your writing line to start—release, and it’s set. To set the right margin, merely follow same procedure, using right carriage release lever and right “Magic” Margin button.
*speed selector*

Now, for the first time on a portable typewriter, you can tune your portable to your individual speed preference with Royal's amazing new Speed Selector. Move the carriage to the extreme right and you will see the Speed Selector Dial. By turning the knob you will be able to change the setting on this dial and synchronize the speed of the carriage and keys to your individual typing level. As you use your new Royal Portable, you will be able to determine which setting is best for you.

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This amazing new device automatically tells you how many lines you have left when you are typing near the bottom of a page. Simply insert paper in regular manner and turn either cylinder knob until the red SET line on the Line Meter appears directly beneath the arrow. Then hold the Variable Line Spacer button all the way in while turning the right cylinder knob until the back edge of the paper is aligned with the two red dots on the Paper Support. (Be certain to raise the Paper Support to its uppermost position.) Release the Variable Line Spacer button, then turn the cylinder to the desired typing position. As you near the bottom of the page, the numbers on the Linemeter will automatically indicate exactly how many lines of typing space you have left.

If you type on a paper or card that is too short to be aligned with the red dots on the Paper Support, use the same directions as above, but align it with the red lines directly behind the cylinder instead of the red dots on the Paper Support.

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This feature, made famous on Royal Office Typewriters, adjusts the sensitivity of the keys to your own touch. Move the “Touch Control” Lever toward the high numbers and the keys automatically adjust themselves for a firm or heavy touch. If you have a light touch move the lever to the low numbers.

“touch control”
Royal's Visible Tab stops are made instantly accessible by simply tilting back the Paper Table. These tab stops are used to mark off various indentations and to halt the carriage at these points. To set a tab stop, note the reading on the cylinder scale where you wish the carriage to halt, then press down on the tab stop and move it till the red line on it is aligned with the same reading on the Tabulator Scale. To tabulate—that is, to move automatically from one column or indentation to the next, hold down the Tab Key until the carriage halts.

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Press the button conveniently located directly over the left side of the keyboard, and, “presto,” the Push Button Top automatically springs wide open making the interior of your Royal Portable completely accessible for adjusting “Touch Control” or for type cleaning and rapid ribbon changing.
4 step ribbon change

1. Press Shift Lock Key and move Color Control lever to red dot. Then depress any two central keys at the same time so that the type bars stand up and the Ribbon Carrier is raised. Disengage the ribbon from the Ribbon Carrier.

2. Raise the Push Button Top and wind ribbon as far as possible on either spool. Slip the ribbon out of the small guides beside each ribbon cup. Lift off both spools, unhook and discard used ribbon from empty spool.

3. Hook the new ribbon to the empty spool and replace both spools on their hubs, making sure the ribbon travels from the back of each spool as shown in the illustration.

4. Feed ribbon through small guides and replace in Ribbon Carrier. Flick back the type bars and release the Shift Lock. Take up ribbon slack by turning either spool. Lower the Push Button Top and you are ready to type.
To increase your typing satisfaction, follow these simple rules:

- From time to time, dust the outside and accessible parts with a brush or dry cloth.
- Clean the type frequently with the dry bristle brush furnished with your Royal Portable.
- Wipe the carriage rails and other nickel parts occasionally with a cloth slightly moistened with a very little oil.
- Don’t erase directly over the printing point. Move the carriage to either side, then erase.
- Keep your Portable covered when not in use.

Record your Royal Portable serial numbers on your bill of sale, this instruction book, or in some other safe place. You will find it by moving the carriage to the extreme right and looking down at rear left corner. Your Royal Portable can always be identified by its serial number.

Your Royal Portable comes in a highly-styled fiberglass carrying case that is lightweight and very durable. Clips inside the top of the case are designed to hold paper and envelopes as well as the type cleaning brush.

If you like, use your Royal Portable in its case. Simply open the cover and you are ready to type. Or, remove the top of the case by holding the Hinge Lock toward you and slide off the top to the right.

For the quietest typing of all, remove the Portable from the case. To do this, release the four base clamps and lift the Portable from the base of the case. To replace the Portable in case, set it on the feet pins and re-engage the clamps. Position the carriage at the center and close the case.
The Speed Typing Chart is designed to help the beginner quickly learn the proper positioning and use of the fingers for typing by touch. Detach the chart from the guarantee card and place it to the right of your typewriter. Always use the chart as your guide—never the typewriter keyboard. Sit erect, feet flat on the floor. Place the fingers on the HOME KEYS: f, d, s, a for the left hand; j, k, l, and ; for the right hand. From its HOME KEY, a finger may strike any letter indicated for that finger in the chart, and then return to its HOME position. Strike the keys crisply with a staccato stroke. Strive for accuracy. Speed in touch typing will follow. Practice each of the following lessons until you can type them without looking at the chart.
lesson I

First Finger Vowels and Consonants

Type each exercise through without stopping; repeat each exercise only once:

1. ju ju ju ju jug jug jug jug fu fu fu fu fur fur fur fur gu gu gu gu gum gum gum gum hu hu hu hu hut hut hut hut
2. ru ru ru ru run run run run mu mu mu mu mug mug mug mug tu tu tu tu tub tub tub tub nu nu nu nu nut nut nut nut
3. bu bu bu bu bug bug bug bug by by by by buy buy buy buy hy hy hy hy thy thy thy thy thy thy ry ry ry ry fry fry fry fry
4. ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4 ju7 fr4
5. j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f j7 j f4 f
6. j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f j6 j f5 f
7. Type one line of each: thug bury numb turn funny buggy
8. Type one line of each: 746 547 567 546 657 645 546 475
lesson 2

First and Second Finger Vowels and Consonants

Type each exercise through without stopping; repeat each exercise only once:

1. ji ji ji ji jig jig jig fi fe fe fe fed fed fed fed
   ki ki ki ki kit kit kit kit de de de de den den den den den

2. he he he he her her her her ge ge ge ge get get get get
   ce ce ce ce ice ice ice ice ice bi bi bi bi bin bin bin

3. be be be be beg beg beg ve ve ve ve eve eve eve eve eve
   ti ti ti ti tin tin tin tin ti di di di di dim dim dim dim

4. ki8 de3 ki8 de3 ki8 de3 ki8 de3 ki8 de3 ki8 de3 ki8 de3

5. k8k d3d k8k d3d k8k d3d k8k d3d k8k d3d k8k d3d

6. Type one line of each: dike grub city very theft thumb

7. Type one line of each: 876 345 634 587 754 476 657 568

8. Type one line of each phrase; space once after a comma:
in it, if the time, under the, very much, in the event,
lesson 3

First, Second, and Third Finger
Vowels and Consonants

1. jo jo jo jo jog jog jog ho ho ho ho who who who who lo lo lo lo low low low low so so so so sow sow sow sow

2. bo bo bo bo box box box box box box wo wo wo wo won won won won no no no no now now now now do do do do dot dot dot dot dot dot

3. fo fo fo fo for for for for co co co co cow cow cow cow to to to to toy toy toy toy toy yo yo yo yo you you you you you you you you you you you

4. 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2 1o9 sw2

5. 191 s2s 191 s2s 191 s2s 191 s2s 191 s2s 191 s2s 191 s2s

6. Type one line of each: down kind more give swing vowel

7. Type one line of each: 191 214 189 531 419 791 916 281

8. Type one copy of each; repeat:
Think before you write. Mr. Orval Brock, New York City
lesson 4

All Fingers
All Vowels and Consonants

1. ja ja ja ja jar jar jar jar pa pa pa pa pay pay pay pay ma ma ma ma map map map map map ta ta ta ta tag tag tag tag

2. ha ha ha ha hat hat hat hat la la la la lap lap lap lap ba ba ba ba bay bay bay bay wa wa wa wa wax wax wax wax

3. sa sa sa sa saw saw saw saw ca ca ca ca car car car car pa pa pa pa pan pan pan pan la la la la law law law law

4. ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa ;p0 aqa

5. ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 ;0

6. Type one line of each:  aqua vary lake loaf quiz marine

7. Type one line of each:  190 209 106 305 807 406 605 160

8. Type one copy; indent five thumb spaces:
   In the best books, great men talk to us, give us their most precious thoughts, and pour their souls into ours.
1. First and Second Finger words; type one line of each:
mink this vice cent tiny city deck either rhythm
rung nine duck much tree junk thud thence either

2. First, Second, and Third Finger words:
work rule oxen from whim meow those which swings
lion busy from foxy meow oven while often smooth

3. All Finger words:
quiz pyre wall peek pave waxy peony extra zephyr
iota lake zinc racy thaw pyre gypsy yacht wizard

4. Words of high frequency; type through without stopping:
be with have not as is will it was for you that in to I
a the of and your so at me we all are on he from dear
which his this my but by at her there would or she been
were very has had they one if no more letter thank work

5. Speed Sentences: It is a duty of a man to do me a turn
and if he can he is to do it.

Probably my oxen will haul a dozen loads of new gravel.

6. Common words; type through without stopping:
which his this my but work thank letter more would dear
be with have not as is will it was for you that in to I
from he are on all we me at so your and there would by
Keyboard Characters

Typewrite one line of each:

0'Day $9.75 Paul's car #7 Do it now. June 3, 1940 25%

2 x 3 = 6 Dear Sir: "Star" 8 - 4 + 2 = 2 Alas! 3 7/8

Dear Mary, (very informal—followed by a comma). 90°

Typewrite the alphabet once in small letters following each small letter by its capital letter; repeat and follow each by a comma; by a colon; by a semicolon; by a dash; by a question mark; by a period.
20. Ribbon Color Change Lever
21. *Tabular Key
22. Margin Release Key
23. Right Shift Key
24. Speed Spacer
25. Left Shift Key
26. Shift Lock Key
27. Fully Standard Keyboard
28. Back Space Key
29. Push Button Top
30. Touch Control
31. Ribbon Reverse
32. *Speed Selector Knob
33. Line Space Lever
34. Left Cylinder Knob
35. Variable Spacer
36. *Line Meter
37. Left Carriage Release
38. Line Space Selector
39. Line Finder

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