

Title (en)  
MINI PROTECTIVE KEY

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SCHÜTZENDER MINISCHLÜSSEL

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MINI CLÉ DE PROTECTION

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Abstract (en)  
A small protective key (10) is provided for placing distance between a user and a touch surface, thereby avoiding direct contact between the user's skin and the touch surface. The protective key (10) helps protect the user from exposure to viruses or bacteria that may be present on the touch surface. The protective key (10) can be formed of an antimicrobial material that resists accumulation of viruses and bacteria. The protective key (10) comprises an elongated shaft (12) having a first end (14), a second end (16), a first side (18), a second side (20), a top surface (22) and a bottom surface (24). The protective key further comprises an opening (26) at the first end (14) of the elongated shaft (12) for receiving a carrier, a touch surface (28) at the second end (16) of the elongated shaft (12), a first abrasive region (38) covering at least a portion of the top surface (22) and a second abrasive region (40) covering at least a portion of the bottom surface (24).

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