CLAIMS

1. A depressible key comprising:
a keytop;
a scissors mechanism connected to the keytop; and
a mechanical switch connected to the scissors mechanism, the mechanical switch comprising a depressible plunger and a spring for depressing the mechanical switch and returning the mechanical switch to an original position;
wherein the scissors mechanism is arranged on top of the mechanical switch and configured to collapse on the mechanical switch when the keytop is depressed, wherein the keytop actuates the mechanical switch by directly depressing the depressible plunger when the keytop is depressed.

2. The depressible key of claim 1,
wherein the scissors mechanism comprises a first scissors leg;
wherein a first end of the first scissors leg is connected proximal to an edge of the keytop; and
wherein a portion of the mechanical switch distal to the edge of the keytop is connected to a second end of the first scissors leg.

3. The depressible key of claim 2, further comprising:
a first hinge;
wherein the first end of the first scissors leg is connected proximal to the edge of the keytop using the first hinge.

4. The depressible key of claim 2 or claim 3, further comprising:
a second hinge;
wherein the portion of the mechanical switch distal to the edge of the keytop is connected to the second end of the first scissors leg using the second hinge.

5. The depressible key of any one of claims 2 to 4,
wherein the scissors mechanism comprises a first further scissors leg provided at least substantially parallel to the first scissors leg.

6. The depressible key of claim 5,
wherein the first scissors leg and the first further scissors leg are provided as an integral piece.

7. The depressible key of any one of claims 2 to 6,
wherein the scissors mechanism comprises a second scissors leg;
wherein a first end of the second scissors leg is connected distal to the edge of the keytop; and
wherein a portion of the mechanical switch proximal to the edge of the keytop is connected to a second end of the second scissors leg.

8. The depressible key of claim 7, further comprising:
a third hinge;
wherein the first end of the second scissors leg is connected distal to the edge of the keytop using the third hinge.

9. The depressible key of claim 7 or claim 8, further comprising:
a fourth hinge;
wherein the portion of the mechanical switch proximal to the edge of the keytop is connected to the second end of the second scissors leg using the fourth hinge.

10. The depressible key of any one of claims 7 to 9,
wherein the scissors mechanism comprises a second further scissors leg provided at least substantially parallel to the second scissors leg.

11. The depressible key of claim 10,
wherein the second scissors leg and the second further scissors leg are provided as an integral piece.

12. The depressible key of any one of claims 7 to 11,
wherein the first scissors leg and the second scissors leg are connected via a first further hinge.

13. The depressible key of any one of claims 1 to 12,

wherein the mechanical switch is connected to the scissors mechanism via a casing of the mechanical switch.

14. The depressible key of any one of claims 1 to 13, further comprising:
an anchor plate on a casing of the mechanical switch;
wherein the scissors mechanism is connected to the keytop at a first end of the scissors mechanism; and
wherein a second end of the scissors mechanism seats on the anchor plate.

15. A keyboard comprising:
a plurality of depressible keys, each of the plurality of depressible keys including:
a keytop;
a scissors mechanism connected to the keytop; and
a mechanical switch connected to the scissors mechanism, the mechanical switch comprising a depressible plunger and a spring for depressing the mechanical switch and returning the mechanical switch to an original position;
wherein the scissors mechanism is arranged on top of the mechanical switch and configured to collapse on the mechanical switch when the keytop is depressed, wherein the keytop actuates the mechanical switch by directly depressing the depressible plunger when the keytop is depressed.

16. The keyboard of claim 15,
wherein the mechanical switch is connected to the scissors mechanism via a portion of the keyboard external to the mechanical switch.

17. The keyboard of claim 15 or claim 16,
wherein the keyboard is a standalone keyboard.

18. The keyboard of any one of claims 15 to 17,
wherein the keyboard is provided in at least one of a laptop computer or a tablet computer.