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SINHALA TYPEWRITING SYSTEMS: TOWARDS GREATER ECONOMY AND HIGH EFFICIENCY

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The paper reports an investigation of the two current typewriter keyboard systems on the basis of time and motion study. A new keyboard is designed on the basis of the principles of work study. Its performance is shown to be superior to that of existing ones on the basis of the following criteria (i) lead distribution amongst fingers, (ii) typewriting speed (iii) minimization of fatigue and (iv) ease of mastering the key board.