

Kinetic Labs Gecko		
Type: Silent Linear		Gateron
28	/35	Push Feel
23	/25	Wobble
8	/10	Sound
15	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
80	/100	Total

Notes Push Feel

Coming factory lubricated with the same attention and care that Gateron has put into many of their premium releases in 2022, these silent linears are scratch-free both throughout their strokes and across the batch. As for the housing collisions, even with the traditional silent linear stem design, they are incredibly well balanced and have a medium-deep feeling with just the tiniest bit of roundness from the silencing mechanisms; There's not a bit of mushiness in sight.

Wobble

Probably the most surprising feature on this switch is just how good the stem wobble in both the N/S and E/W directions are. While Gateron's recent releases have been good broadly speaking, there's so little wobble in both directions of the Geckos that you would be hard pressed to find anyone who would take issue with it.

Sound

Definitely on the quieter side of silent linears in terms of overall volume, the Geckos even at their highest actuation speeds barely pick up any noise. What noise is picked up is mostly housing collisions which are just the tiniest bit mushy in tone, but otherwise deep like the push feeling of them. Like their push feeling, as well, there is no sound from scratch across any of the batch which I received.

Context

Coming as the fifth installment of the Kinetic Labs Animal Family of switches, the Geckos are poised to be an affordable, constantly stocked option around a rather competitive \$0.50 per switch price tag. While there was no marketing pre-release, the launch point for these switches couldn't be better given the track record of the Huskies, Hippos, and Salmons before them.

Other

While slightly mundane in light of the innovation spree in 2022, it's nice to see Gateron squeeze as much quality and performance out of this tried-and-true silencing mechanism.