



Keychron Phantom Brown

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Notes

Push Feel

The Keychron exclusive, Gateron made Phantom Browns are by all intents and purposes a classic “brown” tactile style switch. Coming with a decently light, just-past-center tactile bump, these switches perfectly nail the expected tactile feeling while providing a leg up on smoothness versus more classic ‘brown’ offerings. A decently firm bottoming out doesn’t do much to cover up the thin, pingy topping out which detracts noticeably from the overall performance.

Wobble

Bearing the flipped ‘Gateron’ nameplate indicative of the late 2021/early 2022 mold updates made by Gateron which featured tighter tolerances, these switches are actually surprisingly good on the wobble metric. Marginal amounts of N/S and E/W stem wobble in equivalent amounts with only some subtle deviation in amounts between switches.

Sound

Like all classic ‘brown’ tactile switches, the Phantom Browns too suffer in the sound category quite substantially. While they are not only pingy throughout the stroke due to the spring, but they are also pingy and sharp at topping out which only gets worse with increasing actuation speeds up to a typical typing range.

Context

Priced at \$0.42 per switch as well as offered as stock options in Keychron’s many prebuilt keyboard lineups, I actually rather applaud the decision to have these switches made. While they very much could have just stuck to the classic KS-3 or KS-8 offerings many prebuilt companies may choose, a relatively updated yet still classic performance for not a significant price hike is steps more OEM companies should be taking in bettering introductory keyboards.

Other

The choice to use update Gateron molds for the top housings, as well, is well applauded here though with some curiosity as to why seemingly no attention was paid to the bottom housings.

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