

Novelkeys Classic Blue		
Switch Type: Linear		Unknown
28	/35	Push Feel
24	/25	Wobble
6	/10	Sound
17	/20	Context
5	/10	Other
80	/100	Total

Notes Push Feel

Built with nylon blend housings and an entirely newly developed lubing production line from TYPEPLUS, the Novelkeys Classic Blues are designed inside and out like historically prototypical linear switches. The approximately ~ 4.00 mm travel distance of these switches is capped out on the back end with a firm, slightly noticeable 60gf bottom out and on the other with slightly snappier but just as firm topping out. The switches are on the average lightly smooth, though do suffer from inconsistencies in this feeling with light scratch and variation in feeling towards the ends of the stroke noticeable in a minority of switches in a given batch.

Wobble

There is only the faintest amount of E/W direction stem wobble in these switches and virtually none in the N/S direction – something which was specifically aimed for in their design.

Sound

While the occasional scratch noted in the push feeling section above is fairly minor there, it is much more noticeable here in the sound of these switches. Despite this, the Classic Blues are a very solid medium volume linear switch with well balanced, medium pitched and flat sounding bottoming and topping outs.

Context

Priced at \$0.47 per switch and tied between a new, seemingly well-established brand in TYPEPLUS and a hobby giant in Novelkeys, these switches have all the hallmarks of being ones that will be around and available for many years to come. Despite this, they do have some slightly rough edges that could be ironed out for a slightly better performance at their price.

Other

The Novelkeys Classic Blues are a perfect example of there always being time and place for a well-executed classic design. Despite being a bit plain and straightforward in their delivery, they show great promise for not only their own future but that of TYPEPLUS as switch designers.