



Novelkeys x Kailh Speed Heavy Pale Blue

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NK Speed Heavy Pale Blue		
Switch Type: Clicky		Kailh
27	/35	Push Feel
15	/25	Wobble
7	/10	Sound
10	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
65	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Of all of the various click mechanisms out there in modern MX switches, clickbars tend to be among the most consistent with the upstroke and downstroke activation feeling the same. The Speed Heavy Pale Blues, however, are a bit of an oddity as their downstroke clicks feel substantially heavier than their upstroke clicks. Novelty aside, however, these were painfully average for the time in which they were designed and released, with moderately unbalanced housing collisions and a slight scratchiness through factory lubing.

Wobble

Even as these switches continue to age, the classic Kailh winglatch housings are steadfastly the champions of the housing wobble game with absolutely zero wobble in any direction. The stems, however, only really have a fair amount of N/S direction stem wobble and very little, if at all noticeable E/W direction wobble.

Sound

The expectations of clickbar sound profile is well met here in these Speed Heavy Pale Blues, as they are sharp, crisp, and noticeable from across any inappropriate-for-use office setting. Unlike more famous examples in Kailh Box Jades and Box Navies, though, the clicking sound here is sharper, higher pitched, and more 'shrill', taking just a touch of enjoyment away from them.

Context

Long since phased out from Novelkeys' line up of switches in favor of the Cream and Silk families, these switches *were* great budget entries into the hobby though admittedly did not pick up much community acceptance at large. These will unfortunately likely sit on many a shelf collecting dust as historical artifacts of a very different mechanical keyboard scene than today.

Other

Contextual notes in mind, these really do deserve slightly more credit alongside the other Speed Heavy lineup as switches with decent stats and performances at their release price points.

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