

Kailh Box Mute Jade		
Switch Type: Clicky		Kailh
26	/35	Push Feel
17	/25	Wobble
4	/10	Sound
15	/20	Context
7	/10	Other
69	/100	Total

<u>Notes</u> Push Feel

While these switches are definitely smooth enough in stock form, and have a decent pair of nylon-based housing collisions, the star of the switch in the clickbar mechanism leaves some room to be desired. Whereas previous clickbar switches have unanimously felt sharp, punchy, and singular in their force, these feel in line with a scratchy, average strength tactile bump instead. That being said, though, the overall activation force and force curve is a slight plus.

Wobble

Coming in marginally less wobbly than that of previous Kailh Box switch iterations, these have a potentially noticeable but likely unproblematic amount of N/S and E/W stem wobble for the vast majority of users out there. Signature winglatch housings also quash all top housing budge.

Sound

Being one of the more unique 'clicky' switch offerings, the muting bar mechanism really does take a lot of the harsh edge off of Kailh Box Jades to give a uniquely mid-pitched, wide, and flat sound to this mechanism. With that, though, comes not only a decent amount of graininess in the sound of the switch but almost a complete neutering of the characteristics of Box Jades which supposedly inspired this switch. All in all, unique sound but a marketing letdown.

Context

All things considered, I really have to applaud Novelkeys for their willingness and creativity to about making the meme of "silent clicky" switches into reality. Being one of the single largest keyboard companies out there, as well, ensures that regardless of what I think of these they will be stocked for the foreseeable future and at an enticing price point of \$0.45 per switch to boot.

Other

Advances in technology within the MX-style footprint are not only few and far between, but rarely focused on something like this. Historical implications aside, I hope this mechanism and creativity continue to see further improvements and iterations even if not the greatest now.