



Kailh Box Speed Ultimate

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Switch Type: Linear		Kailh
30	/35	Push Feel
17	/25	Wobble
4	/10	Sound
14	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
71	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Across the years, Kailh's Box line of switches have never been known for their smoothness but these first-of-a-kind "Speed Box" hybrids definitely do point to a more promising future. Fairly smooth and consistently factory lubed across the batch, these switches also have a medium firmness, POM based bottoming out and a slightly thinner topping out onto polycarbonate top housings on either end of a 55g. bottoming out long spring.

Wobble

For all the improvements these switches do boast, they do not appear to have any substantial change to the stem wobble versus normal, Box style switches. Potentially noticeable, likely unproblematic stem wobble of equal magnitude noticeable in both the N/S and E/W directions.

Sound

The stock sound of these switches, on average, is actually surprisingly quiet without much sound contribution from scratch and a pair of fairly muted housing collisions that increase in pitch and volume slightly with activation speed. Unfortunately, though, a rather substantial portion of the batch that I received (40-50%) had noticeably pitchier, thinner sounding topping outs at normal activation speeds that made them sound substantially different pre-modification.

Context

All things in mind, these switches seem to be logical extreme mashup version of all the 'special' features Kailh offers in switches. Now with reduced activation distance, a box mechanism, factory lubrication, and now a long spring too. Their price, accordingly, is slightly higher than that of normal Kailh switches and their general availability will certainly alter this score in time.

Other

For seemingly being a word-salad of adjectives applied to a switch design, these switches are surprisingly good linears at a just ever so slightly steep price point. These definitely do make me interested to see where their designers, Chosfox, will further drive Kailh designs in the future.

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