

Gateron Lunar Probe		
Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
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Notes Push Feel

Much like with their clicky sibling in the Gateron Melodic switches, the Lunar Probe switches feature Gateron's 'third rail' stem and bottom housing slider design with a fairly heavy amount of factory lube. Much like how it worked for the Melodics, it also works quite well here with the Lunar Probes, producing a cross-batch consistently smooth feeling that dampens the entire stroke without making it feel overly sluggish. As well, these switches have a surprisingly (and slightly inconsistent) firm bottoming out that is a bit more impactful than would be expected of normally of a lighter-weighted linear switch.

Wobble

Unlike the Melodics, the Lunar Probes seem to struggle a bit with stem wobble, having a bit worse than average, equal-magnitude N/S and E/W direction stem wobble which is a bit out of character for Gateron's more well thought out and nitpicked designs.

Sound

These switches pack in a premium sound profile that is fairly quiet, with more or less muted housing collisions, and very little scratch, ping, or other off-putting sounds in a lightly weighted PC over nylon construction where this simply wouldn't have been expected. While there is still some room for improvement, these definitely would be perfect for the majority of users.

Context

Priced at \$0.60 per switch and available through eastern and western facing vendors, these switches have the yet unrealized opportunity to be among Gateron's premium linear switches. Lack of current cross-compatibility when it comes to frankenswitching is likely holding back their progress in the community some, but could very well change if Gateron so chooses.

Other

Certainly executed as well here as in the Melodics, it does pose an interesting question as to whether or not Gateron will continue to iterate on and improve this "third rail" stem design...