



Novelkeys x Kailh Speed Heavy Dark Yellow

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NK Speed Heavy Dark Yellow		
Switch Type: Linear		Kailh
26	/35	Push Feel
15	/25	Wobble
7	/10	Sound
10	/20	Context
7	/10	Other
65	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

While relegated to a dust-collecting closet in this day and age of switches, the Speed Heavy Dark Yellows are still a strong demonstration of the feasibility of a heavy-sprunged linear switch for daily use. Thick and firm feeling in both topping and bottoming out, the biggest knock against these switches in their stock form is the unlubed scratchiness that plagues their sibling releases as well in Pale Blues and Burnt Oranges.

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 best sounding of the speed heavy trio, the Dark Yellows are subtle, solid, and feature housing collisions that are primarily bass-centered in sound. While there is some scratch that is noticeable to the ear, it is not overwhelming or jarring to say the least. Broadly, these switches are both quiet in their good and their bad aspects.

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

Even as of the update of this scorecard three years down the road, heavy linear switches have yet to see their day in the community limelight. Unfortunately, these would have been a great contender at their performance per price point if not since seemingly discontinued in stock.

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