



Zealio V1 Redux (62g)

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Switch Type: Tactile		Gateron
29	/35	Push Feel
19	/25	Wobble
6	/10	Sound
15	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
75	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

By all push feel metrics, these Zeal V1 Redux switches are truly a slightly better Zealio V1 switch. While there is still a bit of scratch and weird sharpness in the tactile bump that are both a result of these switches coming factory unlubed, they pack in a classic, ergo-clear style Zealio V1 bump in between much more firm, solid, and less plasticky feeling topping and bottoming outs.

Wobble

Much to my surprise, as well, the stem wobble in these Zeal branded switches is actually quite consistent and solid. While not quite up to Gateron's most recent and best spec, there is a minor amount of wobble that E/W direction and slightly greater amount in the N/S direction that probably won't be problematic for most.

Sound

This was a hard category to score, and I can't lie to you there. On one hand, the thickness and firmness of the housing collisions is significantly better than that of their OG V1 predecessors, though they still couldn't outrun that classic, consistent-through-stroke scratch and slight spring ping that does detract from their overall stock quality more than a little bit.

Context

In terms of a not-entirely innovative switch release, these truly have the marketing, fulfillment, and availability behind them that will allow them to have some real staying power in the community. However, relevancy issues as a function of the high price of these switches is really the biggest sticking point with their acceptance and flourishing within the switch scene.

Other

The overall improved technology from Gateron has made the revival of these original ergo-clear style tactile switches a rather fun one, and I will be curious to see if this treatment can be afforded to other Zeal switches moving forward. All in all an interesting release with many subtle points that will satisfy not only Zeal fans but hopefully other hardcore enthusiasts.

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