



Novelkeys Cream+ (No Insert)

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| Switch Type: Linear | | Kailh |
| 26 | /35 | Push Feel |
| 18 | /25 | Wobble |
| 6 | /10 | Sound |
| 15 | /20 | Context |
| 8 | /10 | Other |
| 73 | /100 | Total |

Notes

Push Feel

In terms of straight up push feel, the no-insert Novelkeys Cream+ switches are about as average as one could expect. They have a very slight amount of small grain scratch, a decently well muted bottom out feeling, and a topping out that is slightly thinner due to mechanical differences. Just picture the most average linear switch you can and there you have it.

Wobble

Using the newer Cream family molds which were shown extensively in 2022, the Cream+ switches have a minor amount of N/S and E/W stem wobble that likely won't bother the vast majority of users and is comparable to wobble from other well-known manufacturers.

Sound

Even without the insert, the stock, as delivered sound of the Cream+ switches was probably the hardest score for me to place here. While there is some imbalance between the housing collisions, as well as subtle undertones of scratch, the switch as a whole sounds a little more firm and solid than some of the worse Cream family entries and is rather comparable to the out of box sound of siblings such as the Cream Dreams.

Context

For a \$0.65 switch, these are okay but not altogether a great value nor bargain. What makes these well worth that price point, however, is the radical stem design with the ability to easily modify the bottom out feeling and sound. The fact that these can, in theory, open the door for further frankenswitching capabilities and could even be further pushed with more inserts in time makes these one of the most uniquely interesting linear switches in some time.

Other

While the inserts are a bit more steeply priced than I would have anticipated and slightly limiting out of the gate, what Novelkeys has done here is undeniably exciting and I can anticipate that I will see at least a few boards filled with these at future meetups to come.

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