



Gateron Ink Blue V1

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Switch Type: Clicky		Gateron
21	/35	Push Feel
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52	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

While the push feel of a clicky switch is often not one of the biggest priorities when it comes to selecting them, the Ink Blue V1s feel decent with respect to the click mechanism and have a feeling somewhere between a pen spring clicking and bubble wrap popping. Surrounding that, though, is a fairly hollow, scratchy linear region otherwise marring the overall feeling a bit.

Wobble

Even with no top housing wobble whatsoever, there is enough N/S and E/W stem wobble in these switches to likely be an issue for many. To only make this worse, there is a sort of grind-y, crunchy aspect to the stem wobble additionally making it feel worse.

Sound

Crunchy, inconsistently pitched across a batch, and with a sound that only gets sharper as activation speeds increase. While click-jacket sound quality was never one of their big selling points, the mechanism in the Ink Blue V1s does not do much to attempt to salvage this reputation in the slightest.

Context

Some points given here are based around the inclusion of these in the 'Ink' family line as well as allowing for the continuation of the click-jacket mechanism outside of the tried-and-true classics. Many more points were taken here though due to the insanely high steep price, lack of interest from the community at large, and overall irrelevance in the clicky market.

Other

The failure by Gateron to attempt to improve anything about these switches other than the color really does make one wonder "Why?". The fact that they've not faded into entire obscurity is propped up only by their association with the Ink line of switches for certain.