

Novelkeys x Kailh Speed Heavy Pale Blue

Last Update: 11/15/2020



Speed Heavy Pale Blue		
27	/35	Push Feel
15	/25	Wobble
7	/10	Sound
10	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
65	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Even though clickbar-style clicky switches unequivocally have a better feeling stroke click-jacket style clicky switches, the Speed Heavy Pale Blues stand out in a rather odd way as their downstroke force is significantly heavier than the upstroke, giving it an odd 'double click' like feel which wouldn't stand well on its own, much less with the slight scratchiness.

Wobble

Being that these are made with the Kailh classic of winglatch housings, these absolutely have zero house wobble whatsoever. Surprisingly, the E/W stem on these are also nearly nonexistent, with a fair amount of N/S direction stem wobble causing most of the hit to the score of these switches.

Sound

The sound is sharp, crisp, and very audible in much the same fashion as other famous clickbar switches like the Navy or Jade, though the sound of these switches is noticeably sharper, thinner, and more shrill than that of other famous clickbar switches, knocking these down a peg for their score.

Context

While these have almost always been cheap and readily available through Novelkeys, the seeming lack of acceptance of these switches into the community really does take a hit to their overall presence in keyboards now – be them advanced or beginner level.

Other

Much like the Speed Heavy Dark Yellows, these are a fairly competitive option for beginners interested in clicky switches, and ones who particularly like extremely sharp sounding switches at that. It's still a bit surprising to me that these aren't discussed more often.