

| Zealios V1 Linear | | |
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| Switch Type: Linear | | Gateron |
| 24 | /35 | Push Feel |
| 15 | /25 | Wobble |
| 5 | /10 | Sound |
| 15 | /20 | Context |
| 8 | /10 | Other |
| 67 | /100 | Total |

Notes Push Feel

Being truly one of the first 'custom' switches that Gateron ever did, these are a bit better than stock switches of that era, but not by much. By today's standards, these are a decent bit scratchy with extremely unbalanced housing collisions but definitely not the worst example ever seen in a linear switch.

Wobble

Following the push feeling notes for this switch, the stem wobble in both the N/S and E/W direction is quite large and definitely would be bothersome to some users. While this is more just a feature of Zeal switches broadly speaking, it definitely is reminiscent of the mold tolerances used in that era than anything else.

Sound

While free from scratch noise and decently 'firm' sounding for being made with nylon housings, these switches do suffer quite a bit from thin, plasticky sounding topping outs and a decent amount of spring ping in their unlubed, factory delivered state.

Context

Offered for only the very first few rounds of Zeal's Geekhack groupbuys, the Zealios V1 Linears are a truly forgotten switch to both history at large as well as Zeal's own catalogue with the ever more popular Tealios switches. Priced decently at the time and fairly well selling, these all but have been forgotten to most users and will likely never see a resurgence amongst Zeal's move to more interesting designs in recent months.

Other

While by no means technically perfect, and with quite a bit of dust on their memory, these switches truly are a collector's gem and a true flex-worthy switch if anyone ever chances across enough to build with. Even though historical context may not matter to many in switches, these truly were ahead of their time and vitally important to the history of modern switches.