Novelkeys x Kailh Speed Heavy Dark Yellow

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26	/35	Push Feel
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65	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

With the current trend in linear switches being away from 'heavy' options, these switches are a strong reminder of the feasibility of heavy springs as they produce a thick feeling, solid bottoming and topping out feeling, and overall decent linear switch. The biggest gripe against them comes down to the fair amount of scratch noticeable as you increase typing speeds.

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

These sound on par with what a lot of people generally want in a linear switch – fairly quiet, with solid, muted collisions whenever the stem contacts the housings. The slight scratch that was noticeable in the push feel is barely noticeable sound wise, and the switch doesn't seem to suffer from the safe leaf/spring issues as the others in its trio.

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

Honestly, these are completely still viable as a heavy linear option in today's market and it surprises me that these aren't more prevalent or discussed than they already are. To boot, they're even super cheap and fairly widely available on top of that.