



Gateron N1

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Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
24	/35	Push Feel
14	/25	Wobble
5	/10	Sound
8	/20	Context
5	/10	Other
56	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Falling well in line with expectations of Gateron KS-3 switches, as these are simply only a recolored variant of them, these are quite scratchy with slightly plasticky housing collisions at topping and bottoming out. As well, across my batch tested there appears to be slightly greater inconsistency with respect to scratch than across other, traditional Gateron KS-3 switches.

Wobble

On the whole, the stem wobble in these switches is likely going to be noticeable by most users, and especially bothersome to those with taller keycap profiles such as SA or MT3. While it is much greater in the N/S direction than the E/W direction, its still quite noticeable in both directions.

Sound

The N1s have a solid, mid-pitched, and plasticky pair of housing collisions that mimic their push feel description. While they do suffer from the 'higher pitched topping out' issue that many switches deal with, they are redeemable in how well they improve sound wise with proper aftermarket lubrication.

Context

Originally ran as a Chinese exclusive switch within stock extras spilling over onto western facing markets like KBDFans, these are epitome of inaccessible and not worth their price for the performance leant.

Other

While entirely interesting due to their running in tandem with GMK Sandstorm, which was a relative first for keycap and switch combinations at the time, not much else will be remembered about these switches in time as Gateron releases bigger and better switches.