



Gateron Keyfirst Cream

Last Update: 09/12/2021 (V2)



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Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
25	/35	Push Feel
16	/25	Wobble
4	/10	Sound
10	/20	Context
5	/10	Other
60	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

The primary driving force for the scoring of Keyfirst Creams in this section is the sheer smoothness of the switches. For being a custom Gateron offering, these are bar none one of the smoothest Gateron linears stock before the mold updates of 2021. That being said though, both housings, and especially the top one, suffer from a very thin and plasticky feeling topping out.

Wobble

The Keyfirst Creams are very much on par with or potentially ever so slightly better than custom colored Gateron orders from the time that these were released in. With stem wobble in both directions that may or may not be problematic to the average user, its was much more noticeable in the N/S direction than the E/W direction.

Sound

Following on the heels of the push feel section, the overall sound of these switches is driven by an unbalanced pair of housing collisions from a medium-deep bottoming out to thin, plasticky, and flimsy sounding topping out. While unfortunately fairly par for course for many modern releases today, these just don't cut it as a good sounding stock switch.

Context

Within the grand scope of switch releases over the past few years, these ultimately were neither widely available nor decently priced for what they brought to the table performance wise. While an interesting color choice, and likely one that suited the eastern markets a bit better than the west, these simply don't stand out enough in terms of color or performance to have a true contextual staying power.

Other

The real upside to this switch that is often glanced over is that it was the first demonstration of enhanced smoothness in Gateron linear switches prior to their 2021 production updates. A historical and interesting note, though attached to an otherwise unmemorable switch.