



Gateron Yellow KS-8

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Gateron Yellow (KS-8)		
Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
27	/35	Push Feel
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8	/10	Other
72	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Coming in quite impressive at many of the points of concern for linear switches such as smoothness and consistency, the biggest point of contention for the KS-8 Yellows are the housing collisions. If these collisions weren't quite as thin and plasticky feeling, these would be an absolute killer of a budget linear option.

Wobble

While the housings on these switches are rock solid, there is unfortunately noticeable stem wobble in both the N/S and E/W direction. While the E/W direction is a bit less noticeable than the N/S direction stem wobble, its still enough of a concern in stock form for even an average enthusiast.

Sound

Much like with push feel these switches are solid in the stroke and poor at the housing collisions where they are a bit thin and high pitched for an optimal linear switch. Mix in a spring ping noticeable at higher typing speeds and it really takes this score down a notch.

Context

It's really hard to argue with the overall impact and acceptance of these switches in the community at large. Affordable, accessible, and running at a shoestring budget price for nearly 6 years now, the only knock against them is that they're milky relatives as well as more recent iterations improve on the flaws noted here with these switches.

Other

These were among some of the first switches I ever encountered in this hobby and they are an absolute cornerstone of the beginner frankenswitch market to this day. Regardless of your personal feelings, you can't argue their impact on the community during their stay.