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Razer launches the Huntsman Elite-- a flagship gaming keyboard featuring the company's own branded "Opto-Mechanical" switches promising both more speed and durability compared to other switches.



Opto-mechanical swtiches are based on breaking an IR beam when a key is pressed. According to Razer, this principle makes for a simpler construction than traditional mechanical keys, since they do not have the physical characteristics causing problems in traditional mechanical switch designs. In addition, the opto-mechanical switch has a 1.5mm actuation point, allowing for a 30% speed increase, while actuation force is at a light 45g. Each switch has a metal key stabiliser bar, and is rated for up to 100 million keystrokes.

"We have amassed years of experience developing and manufacturing our very own Razer Mechanical Switches designed specifically for gamers," Razer adds. "This focused expertise has now expanded upon our brand's legacy with the new Razer opto-mechanical switch that delivers an all-new level of performance that is optimised for top-tier eSports competition."

Further Huntsman Elite features include 10-key rollover, macros, aluminium top plate, hybrid onboard/cloud storage, Chroma RGB lighting effects, a dial allowing brightness and volume control (via Synapse 3 software), dedicated media keys and a detachable leatherette wrist rest. A non-Elite Huntsman model is also available, but it lacks the dial, media keys and wrist rest.

The Huntsman keyboards are available now.

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