



Roccat Kova[+] Review



Today we will be looking at the latest Roccat Kova[+] mouse from the German Roccat company which I am really starting to like. Why? Because they listen, they monitor the response from the community and engineers accordingly. We reviewed the baby Kova a while back [Fantastic 4 Mouse Review](#) it was good but not perfect. What we did not like about it was its slippery plastic feel which actually leads to loosened grip and attributes to various negative aspects. It's also felt cheaper than the rest.

We have a situation where the very high quality mouse with proper grips also has weight support, I tend to always remove the weights and leave the mouse as light as possible. If it can be adjusted I also make the detection height of the mouse as low as possible. Meaning when I pick it up I don't want it to detect movement. I guess it's a matter of play style. My mouse click and movement averages are about 30% above that of another gamer (Taken from Heroes of Newerth stats). I am not saying I am very good, I can say as a fact that I move and click around allot, for me a heavy mouse is cumbersome. What's important for me is how easy I can move the mouse around, pick it up and place it down without affecting my original position.

If you are a gamer who likes a simplistic mouse (a fan of the Razer mouse), who likes lightweight, grip and extreme accuracy and responsiveness, you might just like what I have to say, lets delve right in and see what we have.

Packaging, Quality and InstallationAs always without neglect Roccat took time to package the Kova[+] using a high quality package which does not surprise, I almost expect it from them. Upon removing the mouse I immediately felt the utmost awesome rubberized feel of the Kova[+]. The package comes with their high quality drivers cd, owners card and quick manual.

Although the mouse looks allot like the Kova which is left and right handed capable, the Kova[+] makes an exceptional difference by fully rubberizing the mouse with a thin soft rubber. This time around, the wire is also flexible enough that it won't affect movement.

The mouse has a very smooth scrolling center wheel, feels soft and silent. The two main finger button are easy to press and also gives a soft click sound. It has two buttons to the left where your thumb would press. These buttons are well placed. It also has the exact same on the right, this can be either assigned to another action or can be used by the left handers thumb. Side buttons are relatively easy to reach and click.

Looking at the underside you will spot a nicely centered laser with 4 well surfaced Teflon pads. Keep in mind that Roccat uses high quality components on the inside just as much as on the outside.

After completing the installation process you might be familiar with the excellent driver UI. It is full of features to tweak the mouse to your liking. Not too much, just enough to make a difference to how you play. For instance you can change sensitivity options, vertical scroll speed, DPI switcher checkboxes, horizontal tilt, windows pointer speed, double click speed. Another feature is the EasyShift button for duplicate button assignment or macros. You can also change the light color (most colors spectrum) or pulsation from the UI. Overall the mouse is of very high quality and engineered with precision, in-fact I cannot think of anything I would have changed with this design. They have done a good job so far.

ROCCAT™ KOVA [+] | DRIVER V 1.22 | FIRMWARE V 1.03

ROCCAT
SET THE RULES

KOVA [+]
MOUSE SETTINGS

MAIN CONTROL BUTTON ASSIGNMENT **ADVANCED CONTROL** UPDATE/SUPPORT

// COLOR + LIGHT CONTROL



// MAKE YOUR SETTINGS

GLOBAL LIGHT SETTINGS

LIGHTS ON/OFF

BREATHING EFFECT ON/OFF

CHOOSE A SINGLE COLOR

ACTIVATE MULTICOLOR CYCLING

CHANGE TO THE NEXT COLOR ...

AFTER 1 BREATH / 5 SEC

AFTER 2 BREATHS / 10 SEC

AFTER 3 BREATHS / 15 SEC

// POLLING RATE

125 HZ

250 HZ

500 HZ

1000 HZ

// SOUND FEEDBACK

PLAY A SOUND WHEN CHANGING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SETTING/S:

PROFILE SWITCH

DPI CHANGE

SENSITIVITY CHANGE

SET VOLUME: LOW HIGH

GAME PROFILES /KOVA+1 CREATE PROFILE LOAD PROFILE SAVE PROFILE EDIT PROFILE

PROFILE SLOT #1	PROFILE SLOT #2	PROFILE SLOT #3	PROFILE SLOT #4	PROFILE SLOT #5
Default1 WP	Default2 WP	Default3 WP	Default4 WP	Default5 WP

Quick help: OK APPLY CANCEL



Features

The Kova[+] is a well featured mouse, all done in a nice simplistic package. The neat features include; High quality laser sensor with 400dpi, 800dpi, 1600dpi or 3200dpi settings. Many might argue that you get 5600dpi mice out there, but I can almost guarantee that 3200dpi is as much as any person would ever need. The driver with its UI features nice Macros. Extend the EasyShift button to allow double controls for buttons. Griptech side areas works well for claw hand style mouse control or mouse repositioning.

With this all you get;

- 3200dpi optical gaming sensor
- 130 inches per second maximum speed
- 30Gs of acceleration
- 1000Hz polling rate
- 16-bit Data Channel
- 2m USB cable

Gameplay and general usage

After a week of testing, I am able to give an honest verdict. I got used to it quite quickly, it feels very comfortable with no efforts or noticeable drag moving around or stopping where you want to. The mouse is smaller than the average sized mouse, the smaller factor of the Kova[+] for the first time felt more comfortable than a bigger mouse. I notice that my hand forms a claw styled grip on the mouse. On other smaller mice this might be an issue, but because the Kova[+] has so much grip it feels more comfortable and I feel much more in control.

After an hour and a half of constant game play I told a fellow reviewer that I REALLY LOVE THIS MOUSE! My hand did not feel strained after a few hours, this could be because it is so lightweight and easy to move, my reactions also felt just as swift after a few hours of game play. I am using the mouse on a Roccat Alumic Pad I reviewed here [Alumic Review](#). Except this time I used its smoothest surface (it has 2, one offers more resistance), I have super slide and full control with the Kova[+].

I have had very good mice in the past, they all had their great aspects, but for the first time I feel really fast. Maybe this is just a perfect mouse for me, or maybe it truly does have great hardware. I find that my hand does not over compensate or under compensate when I move fast to a dotted sized destination. When the mouse gets lifted slightly and placed back for repositioning you are mostly where you left off because of its low level detection.

One thing I also noticed was the very smooth fluent flow of movement. I compared it with a few other of my mice and this really does feel smoother, whether this is proof of good drivers or good hardware the end results are great.

The recommended retail price for this mouse is about **R 600.00**, which is very reasonable for the value you are getting.

Conclusion and Score

This mouse replaced my [Roccat Kone\[+\]](#), not because the Kone[+] is inferior, in-fact this is actually a very prominent and golden award winning mouse. It is purely because of the control with little effort I have with the Kova[+]. After a week of game play with the Kova[+] the Kone[+] now actually feels too big and heavy for my liking.

Not only is this compact mouse very comfortable, for day to day computing it is pleasantly comfortable. I am surprised that I found it so comfortable actually. This made me realize that comfort is all the factors combined, the way it feels, moves and most importantly the grip. Combine all of this with success and you have a comfortable mouse.

Roccat has created my ultimate mouse, it will be hard to beat this design, quality and movement control. The mouse deserves consideration if you are on the lookout for a new mouse. Even if you are not the simplistic lightweight mouse type of guy, give this mouse a try if you ever have an opportunity, you might just change the way you move in your games. It even changed my experience with mouse and I would probably judge them stricter after experiencing the Kova[+].

I thought of any cons I could give this mouse, but honestly, I can't they have nailed this it.

9.6/10 Platinum Award

