



Mode Signal

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Notes

Push Feel

Billed as Mode-exclusive, 'ergo-clear alternatives', the Signals sit rather squarely in the snappy, mid-range tactility people have come to expect of Ergo Clears as well as T1s. While ever so slightly shaded towards higher tactility, these switches only really suffer from an imbalance in housing collisions and a thin, slightly pointy topping out much like their siblings in the Mode Reflex switches.

Wobble

The Mode Signal switches are fairly cut and dry with respect to stem wobble and are also par for the course for Durock/JWK made switches. A potentially problematic, slightly noticeable amount of equal magnitude stem wobble in both directions and no top housing wobble even after having opened them a couple of times.

Sound

Due to the relatively light factory lube application, the Signals come with an unfortunately consistent, semi-apparent leaf click as a result of interactions between the switch leaf and stem legs. While the bump, itself, gives a moderately loud, snappy noise, it is fairly well balanced in terms of volume relative to that of the housing collisions.

Context

Among the first brand-based, always in stock offerings from an otherwise non-switch company, the Signals are an excellent tactile alternative to Mode's Reflex switches. While perhaps a bit strong for many true beginner's tastes, these extremely fairly priced switches are very much targeted perfectly to someone's experience level who is interested in Mode's keyboards.

Other

These are more or less just a standard Durock/JWK offering, though their quality, price point, and marketing coming from a relatively switch-inexperienced company like Mode really serves as an excellent example for how to do in-stock switches for other keyboard designers out there.