

Gateron X V3		
Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
28	/35	Push Feel
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Notes Push Feel

Featuring classic 2021 era Gateron linear switch architecture smoothed over with polished slider rails and updated Gateron factory lubing, the X V3 switches are a faithful continuation of these trends with a generally smoother stroke. Overall the X V3s are smooth linears with no scratch or ping that bottoms out into a deep, yet soft and sometimes squishy bottom out. Like all good switches from before, the topping out is thinner, a bit more plasticky, and not nearly as deep as that of the bottom out by comparison.

Wobble

There is a moderate, yet not unexpected amount of N/S and E/W direction stem wobble in these switches. While far from bad, there's still enough present to bother some picky users.

Sound

While the sound of these switches pretty closely mimics that of previous Gateron X entries and other Gateron linears of yesteryear, it is a bit harder to enjoy here as it does cause bottom outs to sound occasionally sticky and makes for a less consistent sound profile batch wide. Despite this, these have a sort of warm, full bodied quiet sound to them that is deep, complex, and a bit unbalanced between topping out and bottom out though free from scratch or ping.

Context

Still priced at \$0.49 per switch and available from a wide range of companies, the Gateron X V3s are just the latest installation in a less appreciated but well cared for family of switches. Despite being a bit pricy today relative to what else exists on the market that wasn't conceived of in 2021, these do have demonstrated staying power and will likely remain for many more years.

Other

In addition to supporting an interesting premise as a family of switches with clearly marked production batching, the X V3 switches earn some solid props for being faithful, to the detail recreations of classic linear switches for the modern era – something which it surprisingly lacks.