



Gateron SolDark

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Switch Type: Tactile		Gateron
29	/35	Push Feel
16	/25	Wobble
5	/10	Sound
16	/20	Context
8	/10	Other
74	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

After having been sent what I was assuming to be another run of the mill, stock and color swapped Gateron tactile switch I was quite surprised with the SolDarks. These switches pack a massive, high strength tactile bump towards the top end of the downstroke and a very hard-hitting pair of housing collisions unlike anything I've seen previously from Gateron. While there is still some slightly awkward linear pretravel, scratch here and there, and perhaps a touch too much harshness on the housing collisions, these are truly a Gateron tactile first.

Wobble

Surprising push feel performance aside, the stem wobble is still unfortunately a bit run of the mill for Gateron and prior to their recent mold updates. Pretty sizeable stem wobble in both the N/S and E/W directions that I doubt would improve much with a higher spring weight.

Sound

Much is the case for many high strength tactiles, these are extremely loud at the point of tactile bump and especially so for the bottoming and topping out. While those latter two are quite well balanced, in stock form the scratch and a very pointed spring/leaf ping become much more obvious than anyone would like to hear.

Context

While these are currently being run alongside DCS Solarized Dark and thus the availability long term can't be accurately determined, the groupbuy is running with a wide variety of vendors, decent advertising, and above all an insane price. Even for stock Gateron offerings, the prices of these are worth a look on that metric alone, completely ignoring the very strange performance.

Other

With a relatively unique and insanely hard to capture color, a clearly out-of-the-box design, and a great price as well, this is the first time in a long time I've been excited for a relatively normal seeming Gateron switch, even considering the scratch and ping issues that need touching up.

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