



JKDK x XCJZ Hillstone

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Switch Type: Tactile		BSUN
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72	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

With an early in downstroke, medium-high strength tactile bump that is short and to the point, these BSUN-made JKDK x XCJZ collab switches are an excellent return to “old school modern” tactility that dominated 2018-2020. Complementing the strong but not overpowering tactile bump is that of the pointed, yet rounded bottoming out that feels firm and snappy at the point of collision. Biggest issue with these switches, though, is a cross-batch inconsistent ‘plop’ at the point of bottom out which feels as if it may be due to inconsistent factory lubing.

Wobble

While the stem wobble of the Hillstone switches is markedly better than that of BSUN entries from years’ past, these switches definitely still have a lot of room to improve up to modern standard. Noticeable but probably not unproblematic amounts in both N/S and E/W directions.

Sound

Those of you who are fans of medium volumed, yet slightly deeper and ‘punchy’ sounding switches will enjoy the singular punch sound at bottoming out and how well it complements the downstroke tactile bump. While there is the tiniest bit of noise present from scratch – be it by leaf or by stem – the much bigger deviation in sound is the aforementioned ‘plop’ in the push feeling which is not only audible but deviates further at higher actuation speeds.

Context

Obviously marketed a bit more than most BSUN-made releases in 2023, these JKDK x XCJZ collaborative switches feel like the start of something better in the future rather than immediate solution now. Long term support is questionable, but at a price point of \$0.34 per switch to eastern audiences, it has a potential to stick around in the west if not marked up too much.

Other

While it is nice to BSUN returning to form in late 2023, these switches feel just a tad basic and uninspired. JKDK x XCJZ could definitely push more out of BSUN and probably will soon...

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