



8008 Ink

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Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
26	/35	Push Feel
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61	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Indicative of an older, 2020-era Gateron line of linear switches, the 8008 Inks are decently smooth with a solid performance relative to stock offerings of the time. However, the subtle persistent scratch as well as thin housing collisions really make these sit a bit lower than premium Gateron switches and especially those released after the mold updates in late 2021 to early 2022.

Wobble

With respect to wobble, the 8008 Inks are pretty strongly affected by batch variability with both minor N/S top housing wobble as well as likely noticeable/potentially problematic levels of N/S and E/W direction stem wobble. These are certainly not Gateron's best molds.

Sound

Taking into consideration all of the features of the 8008 Inks, the sound is by far the weakest point in their performance. A small amount of scratch noise is mixed in with a slightly louder, thin sounding topping out and then completely overshadowed by a consistent spring ping which is especially noticeable at higher activation speeds.

Context

Released alongside Omnitype's (then Dixie Mech) GMK 8008 keycap set, the 8008 Inks caught very little attention from the wider community due in large part to their steep price tag at \$0.75. While interesting from a historical perspective being tied to such a keycap set, the quick decline in quality of these switches relative to more readily available and cheaper offerings really hurt their overall stock and likelihood they'll be remembered by many in the future.

Other

The one-point worth noting about the novelty and uniqueness of the 8008 Inks is that they were among the first custom Gateron switches to feature Ink thermoplastic material housings. Sadly, as discussed above, they've since been greatly outclassed by later custom, Ink-inspired switches.