



Designer Studio Graphite Gold

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Switch Type: Linear		Durock/JWK
27	/35	Push Feel
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7	/10	Other
67	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Moderately weighted at 63.5 g of bottoming out force, the Graphite Golds are a thinly lubed linear switch that while smooth still have a lot of their raw underlying character. Seated in an all-nylon housing, the bottoming outs are firm and muted in feeling but contrasted with a thin, pointed topping out that is exacerbated by faster typing speeds.

Wobble

Manufactured by Durock/JWK, the stem wobble on the Graphite Golds is incredibly average with a moderate amount of N/S direction stem wobble and a much smaller E/W direction stem wobble and a minor cross-batch lack of variability.

Sound

Much like with the 'Push Feel' section above, the thinness in the factory lubing of the Graphite Golds lends to a much more raw character, though perhaps with a bit more scratch in sound than in feeling. While free from spring ping, the same issue with a thin and pointed topping out in sound can be noted here as was previously with respect to feeling.

Context

Priced between \$0.75 and \$0.85 per switch, this debut liner switch by Designer Studio is well stocked at various vendors across the world and decently well known for such an unknown switch but way too highly priced for the quality that it stacks. The introduction of 'G1' stem material, alone, is not commanding of the price and the quality in these early releases simply aren't demanding of it.

Other

While the Designer Studio Graphite Gold switch performance is painfully average and slightly underwhelming when factoring in the price for the switches, the design intent put into them and the exploration of new, alternative stem materials by Designer Studio set this up not only as a great starting point but promising future for their switch releases.