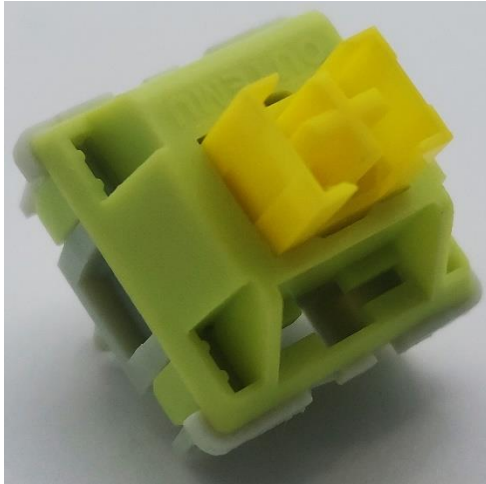




Outemu x XCJZ Dopamine

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Notes

Push Feel

In spite of the fact that the Outemu x XCJZ Dopamine silent linears utilize the “old school” silencing technology of rubber pads embedded in the slider rails of the stems, they are surprisingly good about now having mushy nor squishy bottom out feelings. While the bottom out is still a bit dampened by the pad compressing at the bottom of a stroke, it does still result in an overall firm, muted housing collision. Perhaps the worst part about these switches is their every so slightly scratchy, almost shuffling feeling that comes throughout the linear stroke.

Wobble

Ever so slightly more N/S than E/W in their stem wobble, the Outemu x XCJZ Dopamine switches are better than the majority of switches out there with respect to stem wobble and very unlikely to bother many if any users.

Sound

In terms of being silent linear switches, the Dopamines do a good job and muting a large amount of their sound produced under normal typing speeds. However, at slightly faster typing speeds the aforementioned shuffling feeling and pad compression mentioned above can give these switches a touch of a squishier tone that detracts from their overall silent nature.

Context

In spite of being priced decently well and a rare offering in the form of an Outemu made silent linear from 2024, the Dopamines have virtually no availability and community recognition at large. It’s very likely that these were released almost exclusively to Eastern audiences, which is a shame given their otherwise overall strong performing characteristics. I can’t think of the last time that a good, solid performing silent linear came around.

Other

While XCJZ does seem to have slowed their development of new switches into 2024, it is good to know that they’re at least out there working on often uncatered to switch types like these here.

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