



Ethereal Panda

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Switch Type: Tactile		Tecsee
23	/35	Push Feel
18	/25	Wobble
4	/10	Sound
8	/20	Context
5	/10	Other
58	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

In the first iteration of this scorecard, I was rather harsh and upfront with the premise that these switches in no way, shape, nor form live up to their Holy Panda-inspired name and design. I can't say that has changed at all. Mildly tactile with an ever so slight pre-travel, these switches have a scratchy feeling and decently firm housing collisions even though they are wildly unbalanced.

Wobble

To my surprise, the stem wobble is the most solid aspect of the Ethereal Pandas. While there is fairly minimal N/S and E/W direction stem wobble and no top housing wobble, both of these do relax and begin to wobble a bit more upon opening and closing the switches a few times.

Sound

Scratchy, pingy, and fairly well muted through the tactile bump. Not only is this indicative of a poor tactile switch sound signature in a vacuum, the implied association between these and Holy Pandas doesn't make this any better. These features, as well, do not improve much upon aftermarket modifications.

Context

Interestingly, the time at which the Ethereal Pandas were released more or less signaled the end of the Holy Panda-based clone craze in switches. Almost certainly helping usher this era out, these switches bare no resemblance nor similarity to Holy Pandas and failed to capture the community's attention, and even more so at their steep price of ~\$0.70 to 0.80 per switch.

Other

The context section really does bleed into this one here on this scorecard, and for a good reason. While these do have a unique colorway and were among some of the earlier custom Tecsee switch releases, these absolutely failed to deliver on expectations and will rightfully be forgotten by many in the years to come.