



Aflion Thunder Shadow

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Switch Type: Tactile		Aflion
26	/35	Push Feel
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74	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Perhaps the single weakest part of the entire performance of and context surrounding the Aflion Thunder Shadow switches is its push feel, and that’s certainly saying something as its far from bad. Sandwiched between deep, almost nylon-like housing collisions is a leathery feeling, medium-light tactile bump that starts early in the downstroke and is balanced pretty well with the snappier housing collisions. While the scratchiness can’t be stressed enough here, it is almost redeeming in that invokes a sort of Cherry-like nostalgia when used in hand.

Wobble

For being budget, nearly throw away offerings from Aflion, the Thunder Shadow switches, as well as their other release siblings, all have rather impressive stem wobbles. There’s very little N/S or E/W direction wobble in these switches and the batch that I received is pretty consistent among the different switches.

Sound

While a touch scratch-forward in their tone, these switches are complex, deep, and snappy sounding in their housing collisions and the tactile bump. The bottoming outs are especially snappy and have just a subtle bit of sharpness to their tone at higher actuation speeds that really does well to drive home their push feeling.

Context

Aflion, historically, has never really been known for their marketing and they sure didn’t feel compelled to step it up with their ‘Shadow’ series of white-housing, dustproof switches. That being said, though, these are as budget friendly as they come and really do show that Aflion has a pretty damn incredible ability to drive home the performance for price metric in every release.

Other

The hardest part about buying into any Aflion release is their lack of longevity and general availability. These really do have a chance at being something good, if they were well known...

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