



Haimu Whisper

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Type: Silent Tactile		Haimu
27	/35	Push Feel
14	/25	Wobble
4	/10	Sound
13	/20	Context
5	/10	Other
63	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

Made by a relatively new manufacturer to western audiences in 'Haimu', these silent tactile switches boast an interesting stem spring silencing mechanism which provides a silent tactile feeling without rubber dampeners to provide a mushy feeling. To that end, these switches *do* provide a silent tactile feel that is slightly less mushy in the bottoming out than most, but not by much. As well, the early in stroke, low strength tactile bump and the linear travel regions have a rather noticeable leathery characteristic scratch underneath their factory lubrication.

Wobble

While I can't say I've tried a wide swathe of Haimu releases yet, the wobble in these Whispers definitely has room to improvement. With quite a large stem wobble in both directions, I would imagine quite a few people would be hesitant to use these, and especially if they are sensitive to wobble and/or using taller keycaps.

Sound

Unfortunately, the sound of the Whisper switches is nearly bimodal in my set that I received. The good half of switches definitely performed in line with expectations for silent tactiles having a dampened, soft and mute set of housing collisions that would be great in an office setting. The other half, though, are basically the same in volume as normal tactile switches, making for an unfortunate mix of the good with the bad.

Context

Priced below average versus other switches on the market currently, and doing so in an under catered-to category in 'silent tactiles' I genuinely want the Haimu Whispers to be better than they are. While a mediocre first western showing, there's a *lot* of room left for improvement.

Other

While the efficacy of the mechanism is certainly challenged here, I definitely appreciate and hope to see further development on the interesting silencing mechanism posed here.

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