



Gateron Hippo

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Notes

Push Feel

While these are not exactly the most perfectly smooth stock linear switch out there, they are definitely a noticeable improvement on the other custom colored Gaterons of the past few years. As well, a fairly solid bottoming and topping out experience as is commonly noted in the opaque, KS3 style housings was also seen here as well.

Wobble

Most certainly one of the biggest selling points about the Hippo switches that I discussed in my full review of them is that they have a distinctly reduced stem wobble versus both stock and other custom Gateron offerings, which is definitely going to up the appeal of these for frankenswitching. Otherwise, no top housing wobble noted even after a couple of openings.

Sound

The stock sound of the Gateron Hippos is probably one of the weakest points of them due to the general inconsistency in between the loudness and pitch of the topping out. While minor lubrication seemed to reduce this a bit, I'd imagine more aggressive lubing, filming, or other modifications may be needed to reduce this variation even further.

Context

While not officially released yet at time of posting, their handling by Kinetic Labs gives me good indication that the contextual rollouts in terms of availability and pricing will be excellent for this switch and it already has plans for further spring weight options (past the 63.5 g option) in the future. The score might be higher if we had more information about it.

Other

A historical first by Gateron with their first shot at an UHMWPE stem, and they did it fantastically. Not only is there improved smoothness, but excellent tolerancing on the stem wobble which makes me genuinely excited for future customized Gateron switches.

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