



Gateron CJ

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Switch Type: Linear		Gateron
29	/35	Push Feel
19	/25	Wobble
5	/10	Sound
14	/20	Context
6	/10	Other
73	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

For being relatively simple in linear switches, these do quite feel like a tale of two halves with respect to push feel. On the one side, these are incredibly smooth in their stock form and consistently so across the batch of switches I've tested. On the other hand, they do feel a bit thin, sharp, and plasticky in the topping out, though I'm inclined to not nearly as harshly critique this point as it appears to be in line with previous Gateron Ink housings of previous releases.

Wobble

The newer molds being used by Gateron for these CJ switches definitely show a marked improvement over previous stock releases with respect to stem wobble in the N/S and E/W direction. While it is still there and definitely noticeable compared to some of their newer, better molded switches, its likely to not be bothersome to most users.

Sound

While the sound yet again follows the push feeling of this switch, I do feel a bit inclined to point out their shortcomings here compared to other switches with Ink top housings. The housing collisions of this otherwise scratch noise free switches are relatively unbalanced, high pitched, and with a sort of grainy plastic sound to them that is not entirely pleasant on the ears.

Context

Coming amidst a wave of new releases from Gateron attempting to better fill the mid-tier pricing range of their offerings, these switches are within the realm of reasonably priced and quite readily accessible to the community at large. That being said though, these don't quite sit up to par in price-per-performance relative to other recent Gateron releases with these newer molds.

Other

Historically, the choice to use POM in these housings is rather neat and is a great marketing point for Gateron, though the surprising performance of these bottom housings makes me both skeptical of and excited for the further release of Gateron POM switches if they'll be this good.

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