



Ethereal Panda

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Notes

Push Feel

I'll say it straight up, it doesn't really live up to the Holy Panda hype that it was shooting for at the time. The Ethereal Pandas are only mildly tactile with an ever so slight pre-travel with a harder topping out than tactile bump. As well, I'll note that in odd behavior the bottoming out doesn't feel nearly as solid as the topping out, which is quite strange.

Wobble

Surprisingly, this is the high point of this switch. While there is fairly minimal stem wobble in both the N/S and E/W directions and no top housing wobble, this changes upon opening them a few times. After a few test opening/closings, I noted an ever so slight E/W direction give in the top housing, but it was quite minor at that.

Sound

Scratchy with a leaf/spring ping heavy tactile bump is definitely not something you want to hear in a linear. While at lower typing speeds this isn't much of an issue, higher typing speeds are where this one will bite you a bit.

Context

While I am a big fan of Alphakeys, who brought these into existence, these do feel like a bastardization of the Panda switch name. Not only are we so far removed from what an actual Panda or Holy Panda is, but these don't even live up to the name and feel as if they are squarely aimed just to profit off of the hype around them at the time of release.

Other

See above in context. While they make a bottom of the barrel medium-to-high tactile switch with a fairly unique colorway, these just absolutely failed to deliver and I am upset that they had to do such on the reputation of the name of Pandas.