



Amethyst

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Switch Type: Tactile		Tecsee
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Notes

Push Feel

Unequivocally, the Ashkeeps Amethyst tactile switches are what they are marketed as. The sharp bottoming out on the long pole, double staged spring, and polycarbonate housings are all particularly noticeable here with a bit of a surprise given their overall unlubed smoothness. While the tactile bump region in particular does have a bit of inconsistent scratchiness between switches, it is otherwise a fairly long, mid-strength, and likeable tactile bump.

Wobble

With no top housing wobble, the only wobble present in these switches are in the N/S and E/W direction of the stem. Even though neither are bad by any stretch of the imagination, there is a sort of grinding in the N/S direction that I assume is a stem/leaf interaction issue.

Sound

The sound is by far the best feature of the Amethyst switches. Shooting for snappy with “clacky” bottoming out, these switches absolutely nail this with an equally middle-high pitched topping out to pair with the bottoming out. Additionally, there is an ever-subtle *pop* noise that comes out at topping out that is rather unique among tactiles of this strength.

Context

Released sans marketing, these switches have decent availability but a quite great price per performance at \$0.55 per switch. Even though they are nothing revolutionary, I will be curious to see if these garner more attention with the community at large in time.

Other

The Amethyst and Auralite switches are a great pairing to demonstrate how ‘in house stock options’ for switches for companies can not only be executed well from a design and marketing standpoint, but to the strong benefit of new customers to the hobby.