



Star Purple

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Switch Type: Tactile		SP Star
29	/35	Push Feel
16	/25	Wobble
6	/10	Sound
13	/20	Context
7	/10	Other
71	/100	Total

Notes

Push Feel

The Star Purples are one of the best examples of an early starting, no pretravel, high strength tactile switch that so many people first getting into tactile switches try and seek out. Aside the ever-present scratch detracting from this score a bit, the tactile bump in the Star Purples is almost seemingly *too* snappy for it's spring weight and specs.

Wobble

Even though these have no top housing wobble even after having opened and closed them a few times, this is by far the worst with respect to stem wobble for the SP Star family of switches. Noticeably loose in both N/S and E/W directions, I'd be concerned about the average person noticing the wobble with keycaps on.

Sound

A solid and consistent sound with respect to housing collisions as well as a loud, mid-pitched snapping noise at the tactile bump really make these switches sound great. The biggest issue comes down to a stem/leaf ping which becomes noticeable at high speeds.

Context

While the 'Star' Purples were only the first of a relatively well performing yet someone underhyped line of SP Star switches, these were quite affordable for their overall performance at the time and still represent one of the more secretive yet interesting manufacturer debuts of the 2020 switch boom.

Other

Unfortunately, these did not catch on with the same fire as more recent SP Star based tactile releases. These do though stand as a great testament as to how far SP Star is coming as a manufacturer and their continued drives for improvements at a micro level.