

Tecsee Sapphire V2		
Switch Type: Tactile		Tecsee
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Notes Push Feel

Relative to the V1 Tecsee Sapphires, the V2s with UHMWPE stems do some things better and some things worse. While there is a reduction in the occasional ping and polycarbonate blend housing thinness in the push feel, the bump is also noticeably more deadened and feels much more like a mid-strength tactile bump than a medium-high strength one.

Wobble

Much like with other recent materials exploration in other Tecsee switches, the stem wobble on these new UHMWPE stems is significantly worse than the V1, polycarbonate stemmed Sapphires. Simply take the only really noticeably in N/S direction wobble in the V1s and increase the strength and add it to the E/W direction as well. Quite upsetting, to be honest.

Sound

One of the biggest surprise changes in the performance of the new Sapphire switches was the sound. While the V1s were already decently muted and solid sounding in both the tactile bump and housing collisions, these add much more bass notes while also slightly decreasing the overall typing sound at all speeds. They're still very much the Tecsee Sapphires you've tried before, but a bit more subtle with respect to the sound aspects.

Context

The still high price commanded of these switches alongside their older (and arguably better performing) predecessors really makes this seem more like a manufacturing exercise than anything. They still stand as a decent tactile option choice, don't get me wrong, but they really did nothing to improve on their previous iteration.

Other

While one to one changes in features like housing or stem material is neat to me as a collector and reviewer for comparison standards, they could really stand to better suit the customers at large with even minor improvements upon new releases rather than just a different plastic.