

Build Your Own Clone Classic Compressor Kit Instructions



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1. A detailed explanation of what the problem is. (not just, "It doesn't work, help")
2. Pic of the top side of your PCB.
3. Pic of the underside of your PCB.
4. Pic that clearly shows your footswitch/jack wiring and the wires going to the PCB
5. A pic that clearly shows your wiring going from the PCB to the pots and any other switches(only if your kit has non-PC mounted pots and switches)
6. Is bypass working?
7. Does the LED come on?
8. If you answer yes to 6 and 7, what does the pedal do when it is "on"?
9. Battery or adapter.(if battery, is it good? If adapter, what type?)

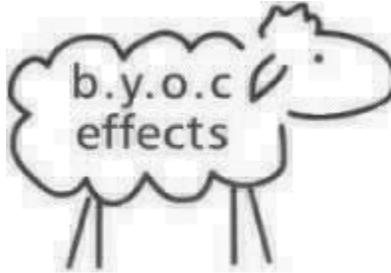
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Rev 1.0 There are no known errors.

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Parts Checklist for BYOC Classic Compressor Kit

Resistors:

- 1 - 4k7 (yellow/purple/black/brown/brown)
- 6 - 10k (brown/black/black/red/brown)
- 1 - 15k (brown/green/black/red/brown)
- 2 - 27k (red/purple/black/red/brown)
- 1 - 56k (green/blue/black/red/brown)
- 2 - 150k (brown/green/black/orange/brown)
- 2 - 220k (red/red/black/orange/brown)
- 3 - 470k (yellow/purple/black/orange/brown)
- 4 - 1M (brown/black/black/yellow/brown)

Capacitors:

- 1 - 220pf (221) ceramic disc (small round orange)
- 1 - 1n0 or .001 μ (102 or 1nj100, 1nj63, ect.)
- 5 - 10n or .01 μ film (103)
- 1 - 47n or .047 μ film (473)
- 6 - 1 μ aluminum electrolytic
- 1 - 10 μ f aluminum electrolytic
- 1 - 100 μ f aluminum electrolytic

Diodes:

- 2 - 1N4148 (small orange glass with black stripe)

Transistors:

- 5 - 2N5088, 2N3904, or 2N2222

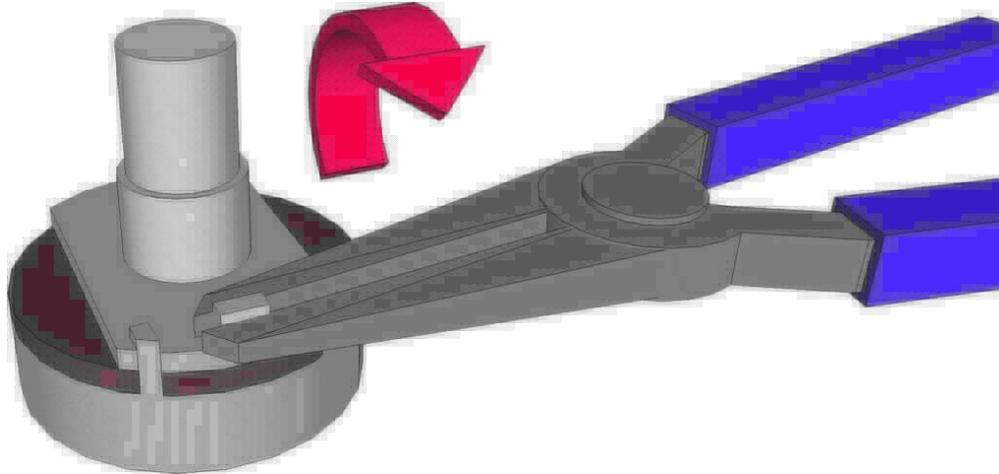
IC's:

- 1 - CA3080E
- 1 - 8 pin socket

VINTAGE UPGRADE PACK (sold separately):

- 1 - CA3080A (TO-100 metal can IC)
- 1 - TO-100 8 pin socket
- 5 - 2SC1849 transistors

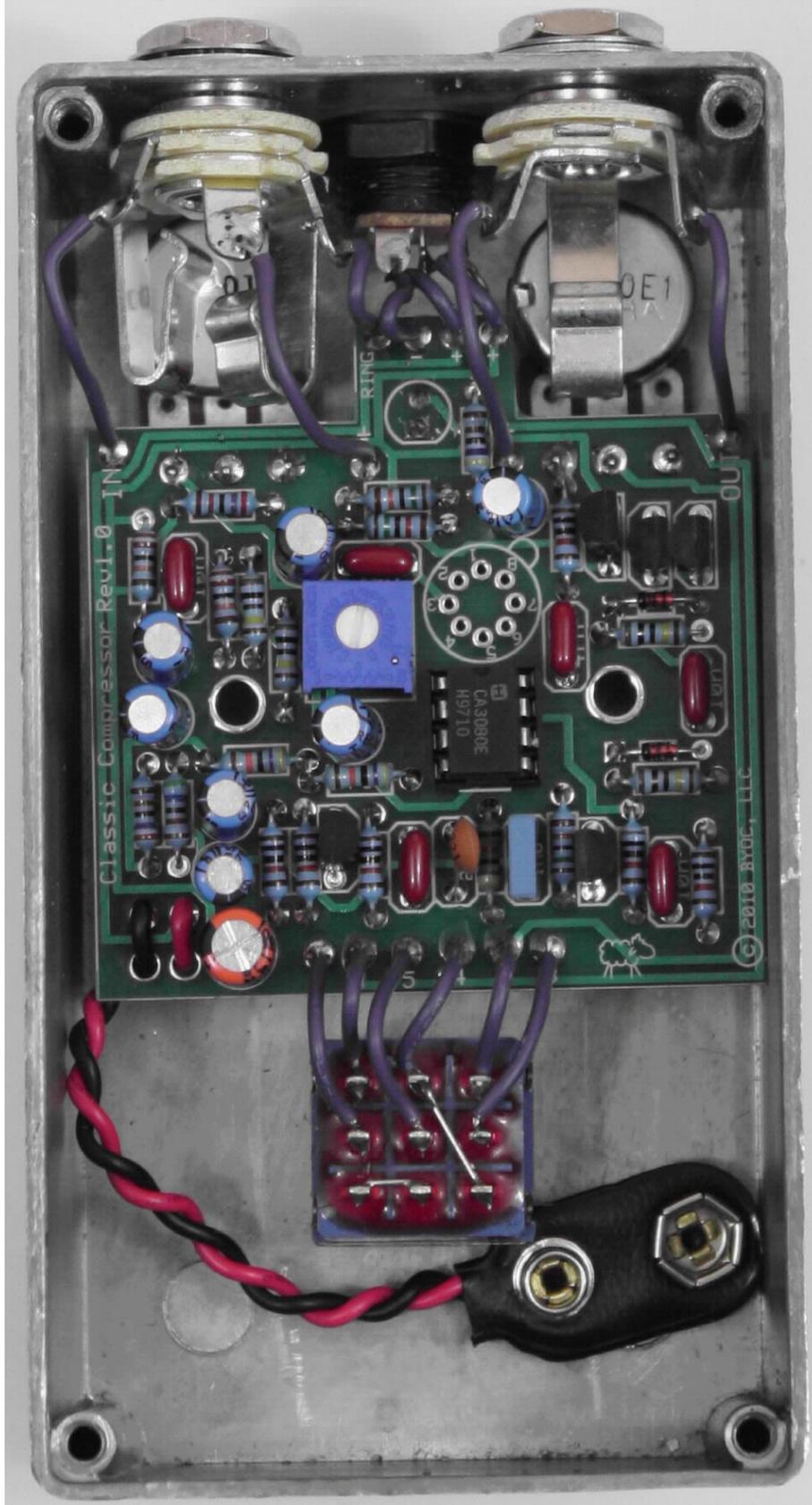
Potentiometers: Be sure to snap off the small tab on the side of each panel mounted pot.

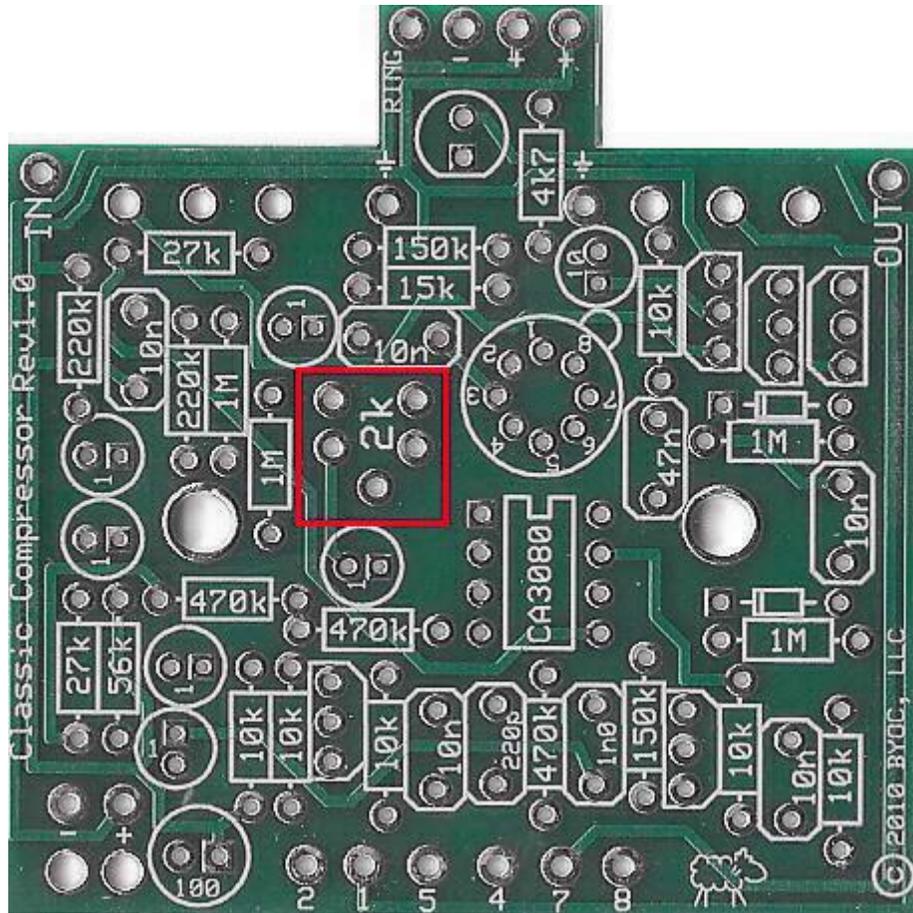


- 1 - A100k linear (LEVEL)
- 1 - B500k audio (SENSITIVITY)
- 1 - 2k trimpot

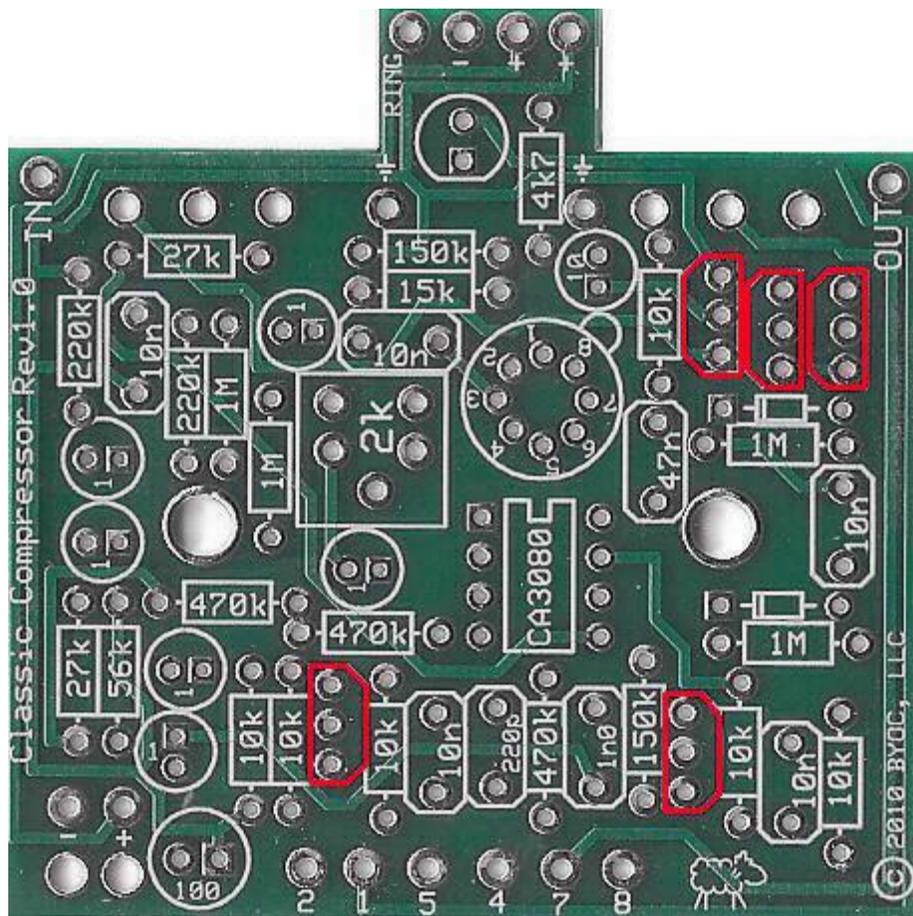
Hardware:

- 1 - drilled enclosure w/ 4 screws
- 1 - byoc classic compressor PCB
- 1 - 3PDT footswitch
- 2 - knobs
- 1 - AC adaptor jack
- 1 - 1/4" mono jack
- 1 - 1/4" stereo jack
- 1 - red LED
- 1 - battery snap
- 4 - bumpers
- hook-up wire



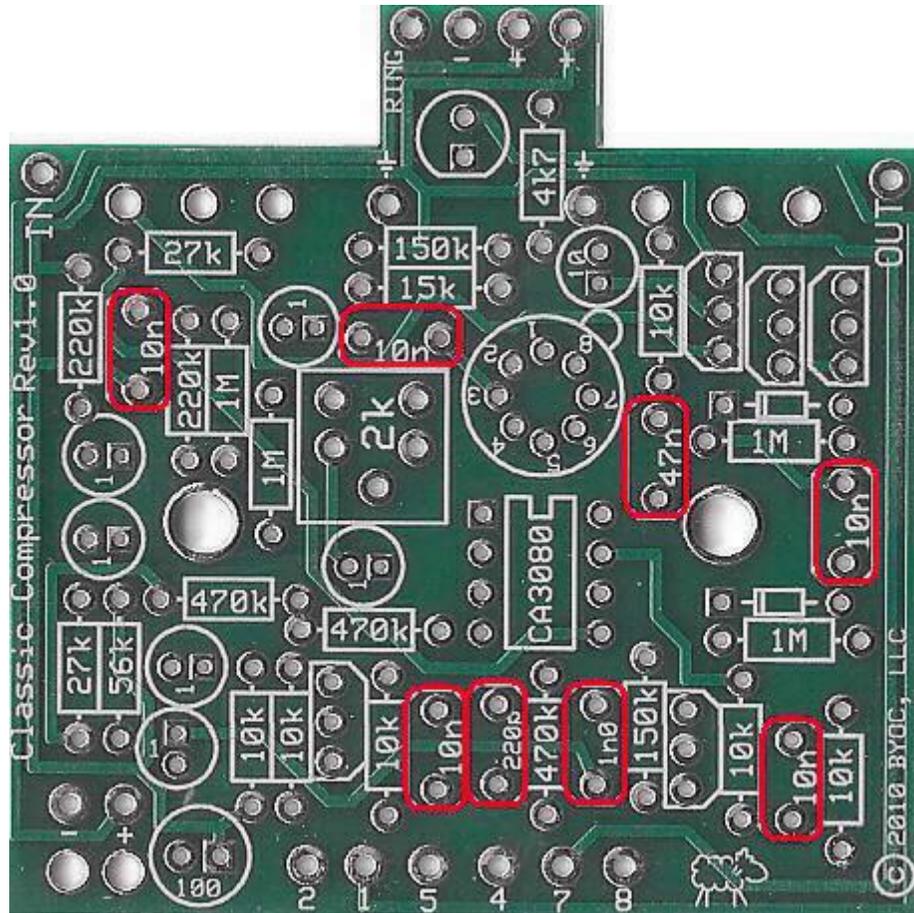


Step 3: Add the trim pot. The space on the PCB has 5 holes, but the trim pot will only have 3 leads. This is so that the PCB can accept a variety of different brands and styles of trim pot. There should only be 1 way that your trim pot will fit into the PCB without having to bend the leads.

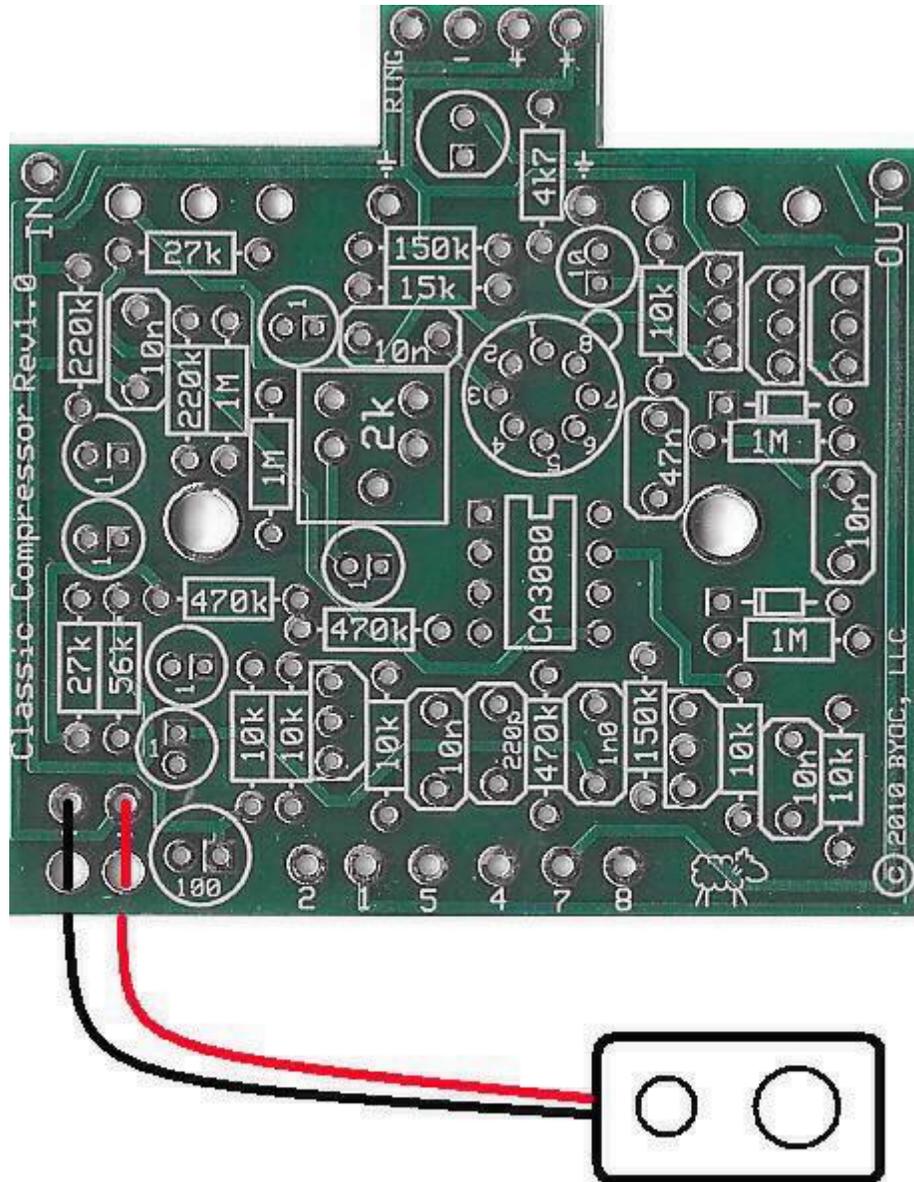


Step 5: Add the Transistors. Be sure to orient the transistor so that the flat side of the transistor body matches up with the flat side on the PCB layout. This is the same for both the 2N5088 and 2SC1849 or any transistor that is supplied with this kit.

NOTE: This PCB is designed with the standard EBC pinout. Both the 2N5088 and 2SC1849 transistors that are supplied with BYOC kits have the standard EBC pinout. However, some brands of 2SC1849 have a BCE pinout. If you have sourced transistors from somewhere other than BYOC, be aware of your transistors' pinouts.

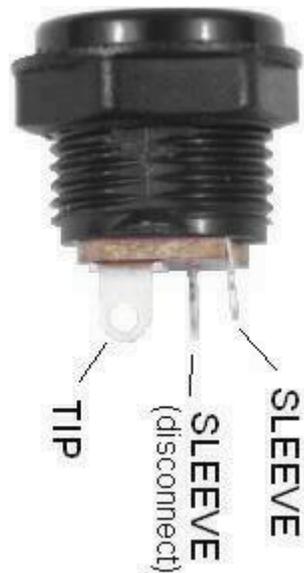


Step 6: Add the film and ceramic disc capacitors. These are not polarized and can be inserted into the PCB either way.



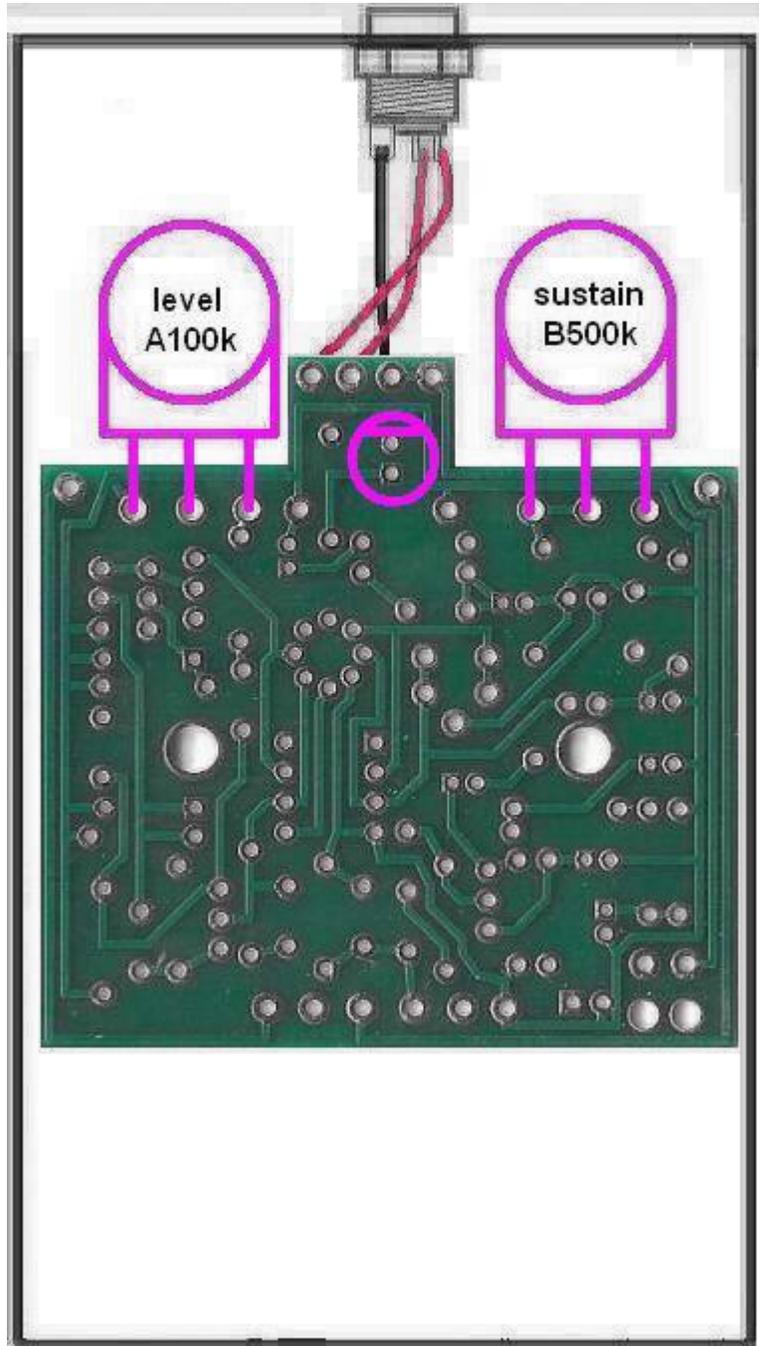
Step 8: Add the battery snap. Thread the solder ends of the battery snap into the strain relief holes from the bottom solderside of the PCB and out through the top. Insert the solder ends of the battery snap wires into the topside of their respective solder pads. Solder on the bottom side of the PCB. Remember the red wire goes in the “+” hole and the black wire goes in the “-” hole.

Main PCB Assembly

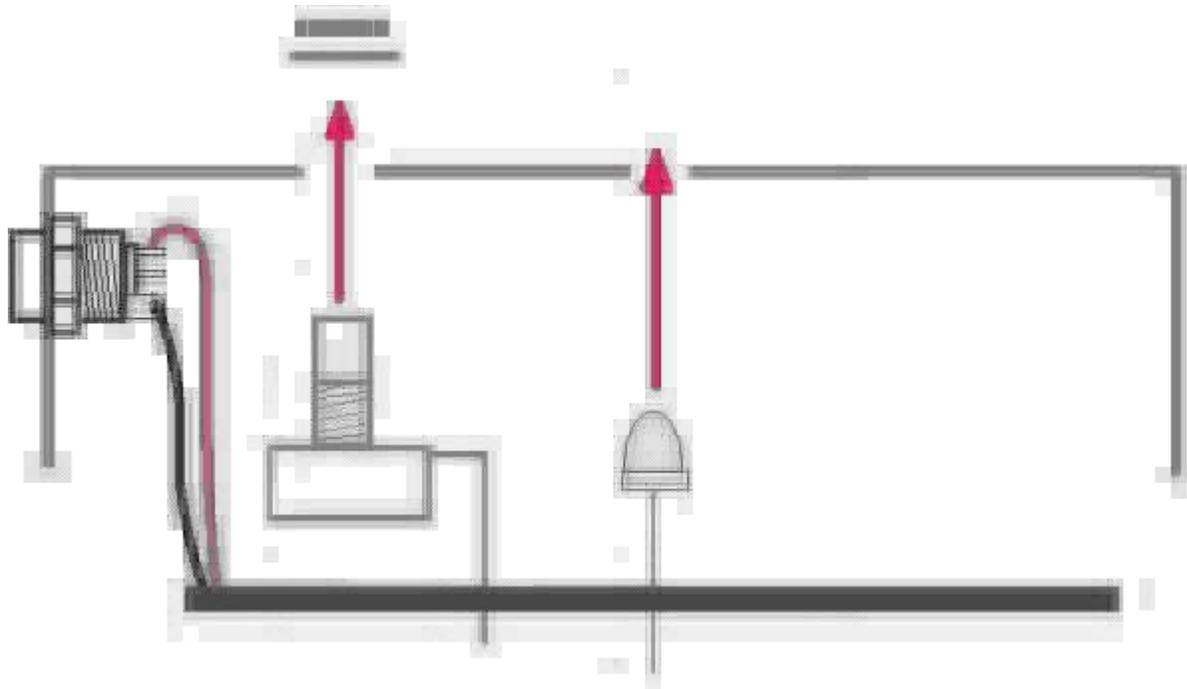


Step 1: Mount the DC adapter jack to the enclosure.

The sleeve disconnect terminal of the DC adapter jack connects directly to the positive terminal of the battery via the PCB. The sleeve disconnect terminal is connected to the sleeve terminal when there is no DC adapter plugged into the jack. When a DC adapter jack is plugged into the DC adapter jack, the connection between the sleeve disconnect terminal and the sleeve terminal is broken, thus disconnecting the battery from the circuit when a DC power supply is in use. This allows you to safely keep a battery in your pedal and still use a DC power supply.



Step 3: Flip the PCB over so that the bottom or solder side is up. Insert the A100k(LEVEL), B500k(SUSTAIN) potentiometers, and the LED into the bottom side of the PCB. **DO NOT SOLDER ANYTHING YET!!!** The LED will have one lead that is longer than the other. The longer lead goes in the hole with the square solder pad.



Step 4: Hold the PCB in one hand so that the component side of the PCB is in the palm of your hand and the bottom side with the pots, toggle switch and LED is facing up. Now use your other hand to guide the predrilled enclosure onto the PCB assembly so that the pots and LED all go into their respective holes. Once the PCB assembly is in place, secure it by screwing on the washers and nuts for the pots and toggle switch. Only tighten them with your fingers. You do not want them very tight yet. Be sure to keep your hand on the PCB so that it does not fall off the PC mounting posts of the pots and toggle switch.

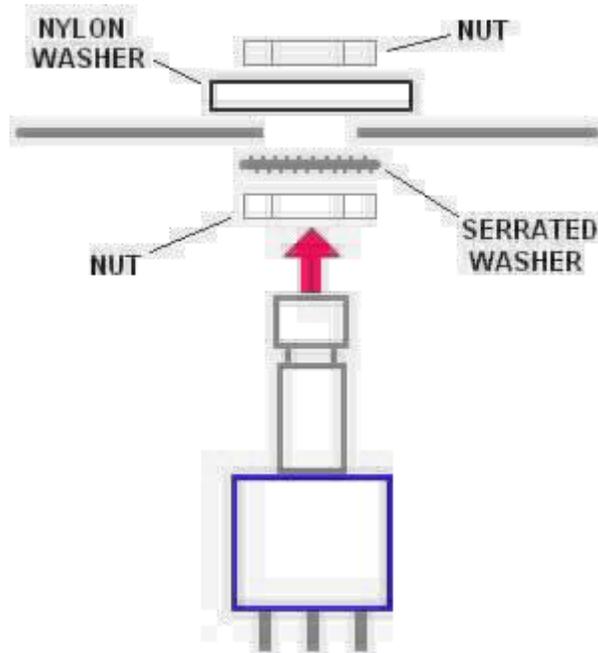
Step 5: Turn the entire pedal over so that the component side of the PCB is facing up. Lift the PCB up off the pots and toggle switch about 2mm just to make sure that the back of the PCB does not short out against that pots. Make sure the PCB is level and symmetrically seated inside the enclosure.

Step 6: Solder the pots and LEDs. You will solder these parts on the component side of the PCB. After you have soldered them in place, be sure to tighten up their nuts.

Wiring

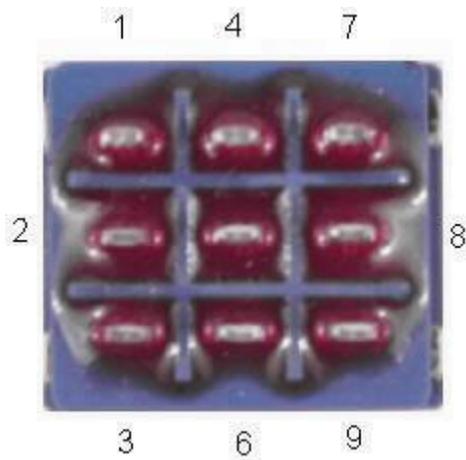
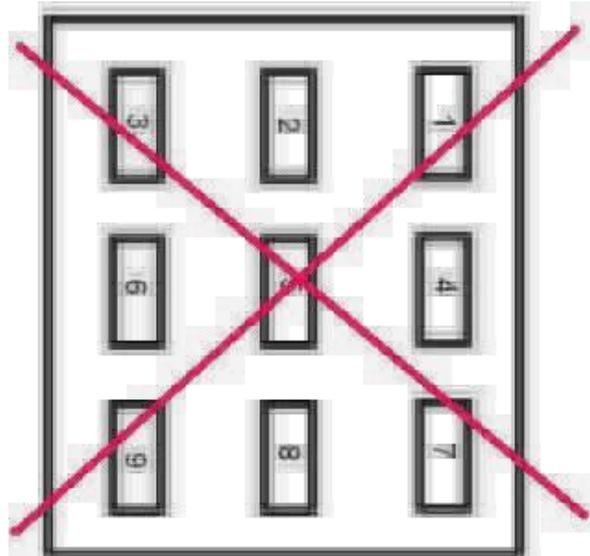
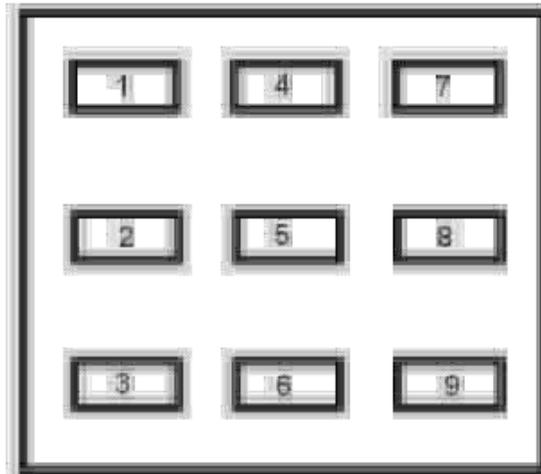


Step 1: Install the 1/4" jacks to the enclosure.



Step 2: Install the footswitch. Orient the footswitch so that the flat sides of the solder lugs are like the diagram below. NOTE: There are no actual number markings on the footswitch. There are two correct ways you can orient the footswitch. They are both 180 degrees of each other. Either way is fine. It does not matter as long as the flat sides of the solder lugs are running horizontal, not vertical.

Footswitch Solder Lug Designations

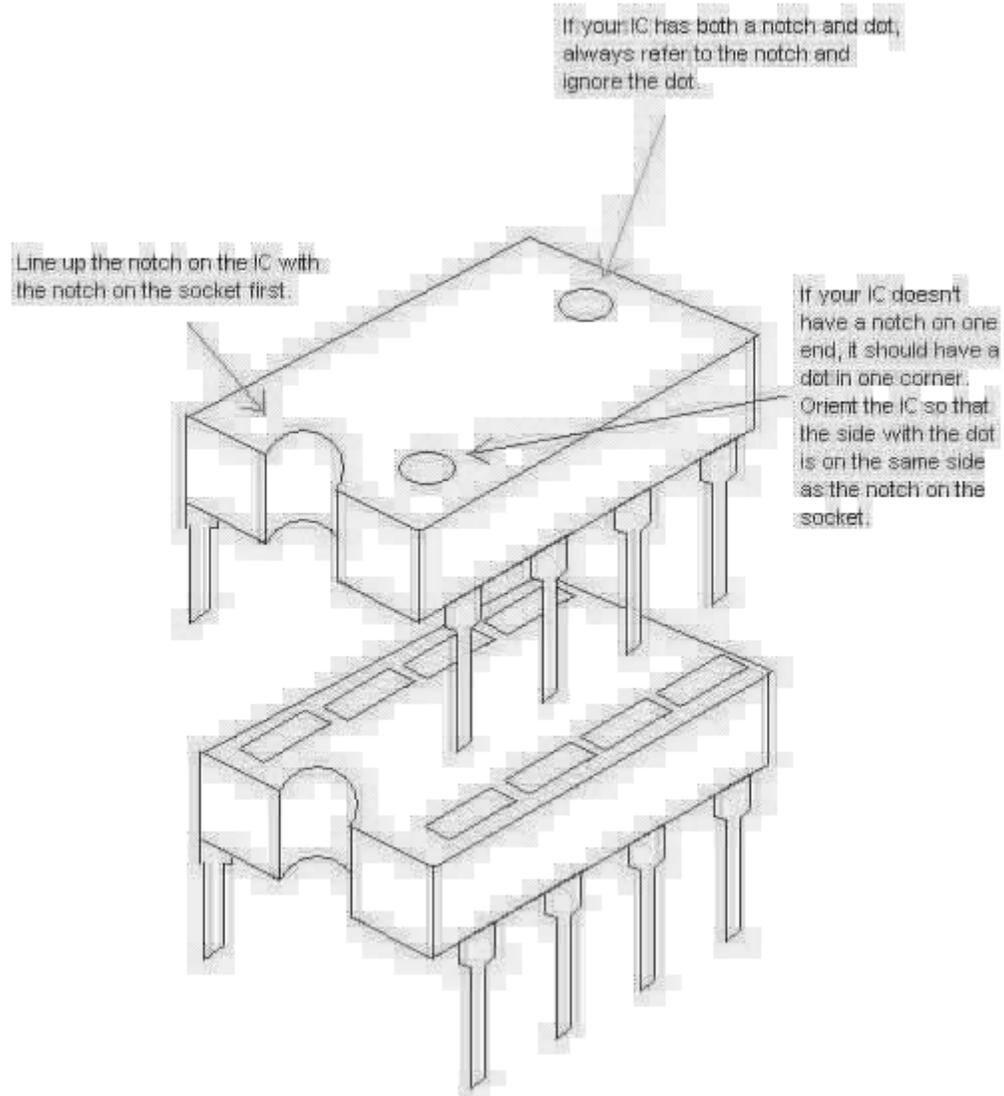


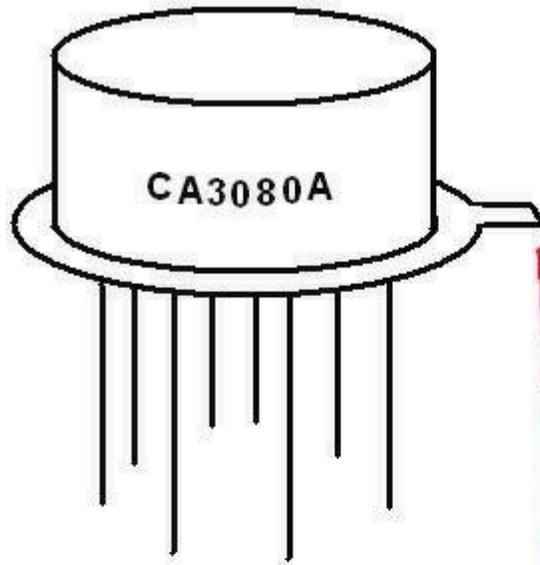
- Cut 3 x 2" pieces of wire. Strip 1/4" off each end. These will be used to connect the tip and sleeve of the IN jack and the tip of the OUT jack to the PCB.
- Cut 1 x 1.5" peice of wire. Strip 1/4" off each end. This will be used to connect the ring of the IN jack to the ring eyelet on the PCB.

Step 5: Solder one end of the pre-cut and pre-stripped wires to the footswitch.

Step 6: Insert the other remaining ends of the pre-cut and pre-stripped wires into the topside of the PCB and solder. You can solder these on the topside as well. It is easier this way, but you may burn a small amount of the PVC coating on the wires. This is purely asthetic and won't damage the wires in anyway. But you can avoid this by removing the PCB assembly and footswitch from the enclosure entirely (the PCB assembly will still be attached to the enclosure via the DC jack wiring) so that you have access to solder the underside of the PCB.

Installing the IC and Finishing Up



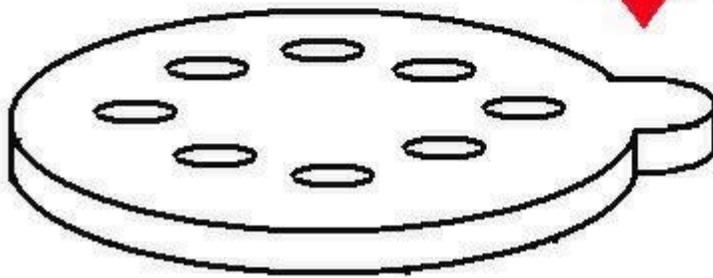


When inserting the CA3080A into its socket, orient it so that the tabs line up.

Insert the chip and test the pedal before clipping the leads. Once you've tested the pedal and it works, clip the



leads so that they are about 1/3 their original length.

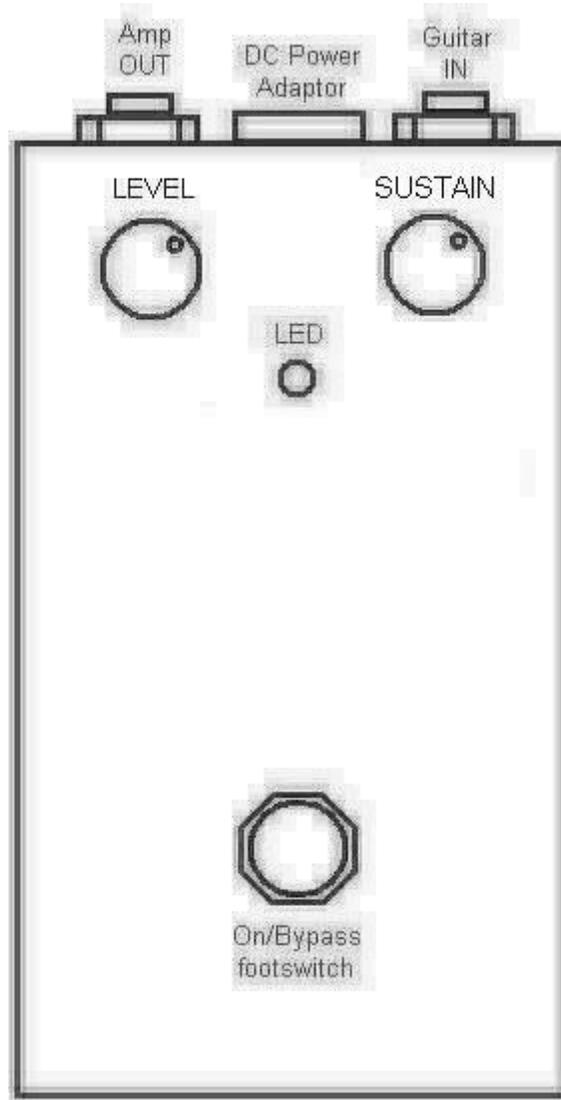


Once you've install the IC, it's time to test the pedal. If you don't get any sound at first, don't worry. You will need probably need to adjust the trimpot. If your trimpot isn't already set at the middle of its rotation, do so. This may or may not be the optimal setting for the trimpot, but it should definitely produce sound and be a good starting point for fine tuning.

You should adjust the trimpot to the position where you get the least amount of distortion when playing your guitar and where you get the longest smoothest decay. This may take a few minutes and several adjustments. You should still get a very small amount of pleasing distortion. It's just the nature of the circuit. It is not perfectly clean, but the distortion does give it some warmth and is part of the pedals character. If you have an 18v adapter, we recommend using it while adjusting your trimpot. It makes the trimpot much more sensitive and easier to dial in. 18v will also increase headroom and reduce distortion.

Don't forget to put the cover on the enclosure and apply the bumpers to the cover if you'd like to use them.

Operating Overview



LEVEL & SUSTAIN: Do you really need an explanation of what these knobs do?

DC power supply - Use a 2.5mm negative tip (this is your standard guitar fx style adapter) 9, 12, 15, or 18VDC adapter. The higher voltage will give you more headroom and output. If using battery power, only use a single 9V battery.

Current Draw - 5mA

Input Impedance - 470k ohms

Output Impedance - 100k ohms

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