Build Your Own Clone FET PreAmp 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?)

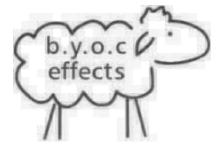
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Parts Checklist for BYOC FET PreAmp Kit

Resistors:

- 1 470ohm (yellow/purple/black/black/brown)
- 1 4k7 (yellow/purple/black/brown/brown)
- 1 6k8 (blue/gray/black/brown/brown)
- 2 8k2 (gray/red/black/brown/brown)
- 3 10k (brown/black/black/red/brown)
- 2 15k (brown/green/black/red/brown)
- 1 22k (red/red/black/red/brown)
- 1 33k (orange/orange/black/red/brown)
- 1 100k (brown/black/black/orange/brown)
- 3 470k (yello/purple/black/orange/brown)
- 1 3M3 (orange/orange/green/gold)

Capacitors:

- 2 100pf ceramic disc (small round orange)
- 2 5n6 or .0056µ film (562)
- $1 10n \text{ or } .01\mu \text{ film } (103)$
- 2 33n or .033µ film (333)
- 1 47n or $.047\mu$ film (473)
- 1 470n or 0.47μ film (474or μ 47)
- 4 10µf aluminum electrolytic
- 1 100µf aluminum electrolytic

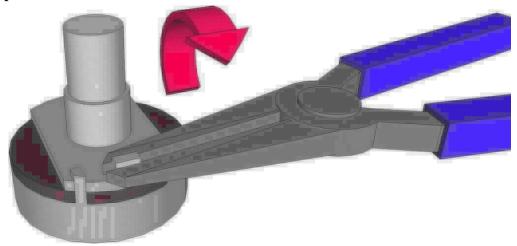
Transistors:

1 - 2SK246 JFET

IC's:

- 2 HA1457W
- 2 8 pin in-line socket

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



- 1 A1M Audio taper (VOLUME)
- 2 B50k linear (BASS & TREBLE)

Hardware:

- 1 SPDT Toggle Switch
- 1 drilled enclosure w/ 4 screws
- 1 byoc FET PreAmp PCB
- 1 3PDT footswitch
- 3 knobs
- 1 DC adapter jack
- 1 1/4"mono jack
- 1 1/4"stereo jack
- 1 5mm red diffused LED
- 1 battery snap
- 4 bumpers

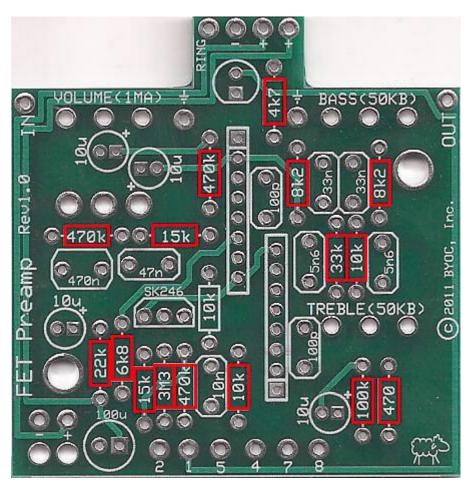
hook-up wire



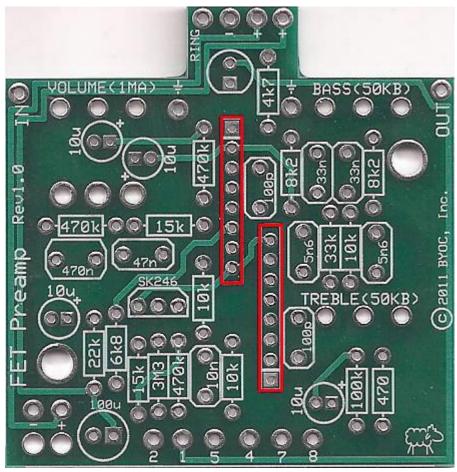




Populating the Circuit Board

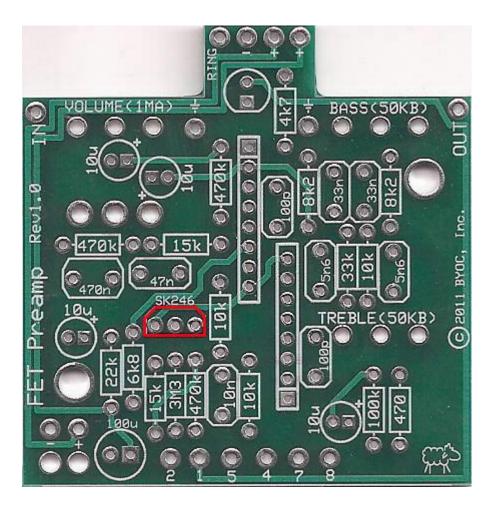


STEP 1: Add the resistors . Resistors are not polarized, so it does not matter which end goes in which solder pad. Take your time and be sure not to confuse similarly banded resistors such as the 470ohm with the 470k. This is a very common mistake.

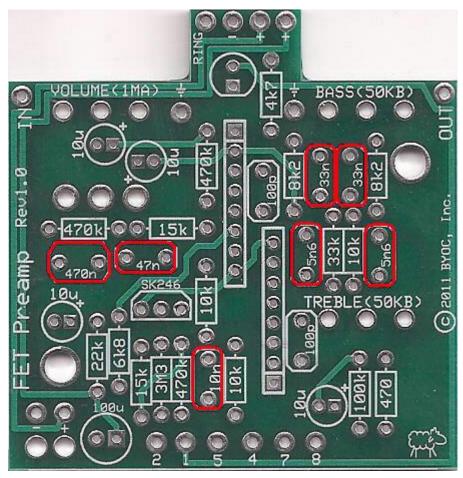


STEP 2: Add the 8 pin IC sockets. **ONLY SOLDER THE SOCKET! NOT THE ACTUAL IC!** This is a socket. The sockets get soldered to the PCB. The ICs get inserted into the sockets. The actual IC chip itself, never gets soldered. You will insert the IC into the socket after the entire pedal has been built.

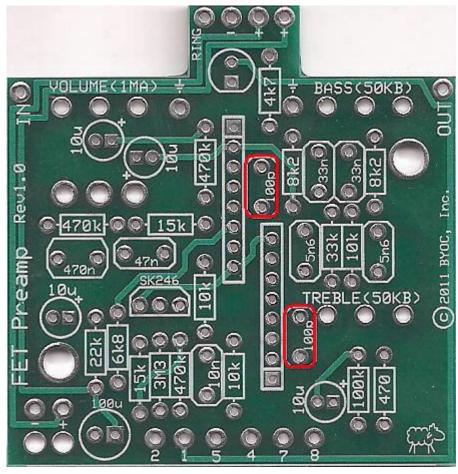
See page 26 for instructions on how to install the IC.



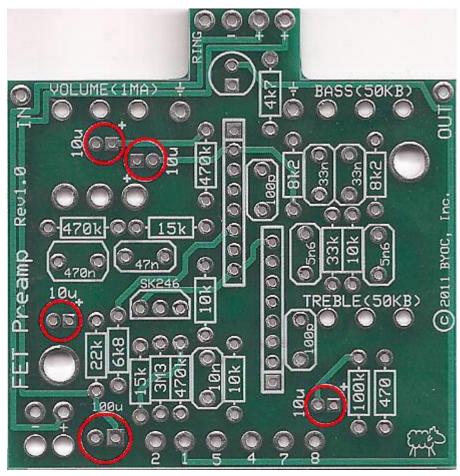
Step 3: Add the Transistor. Be sure to orient the transistors so that the flat side of the tansistor body matches up with the flat side on the PCB layout.



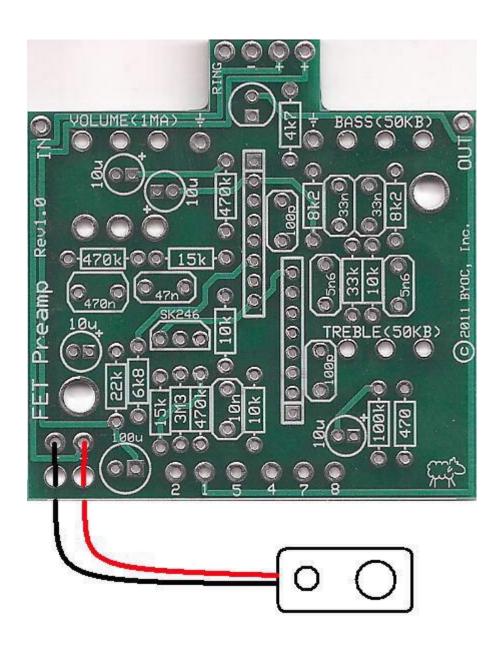
Step 4: Add the filmcapacitors. Film caps are not polarized and can be inserted into the pcb in either direction.



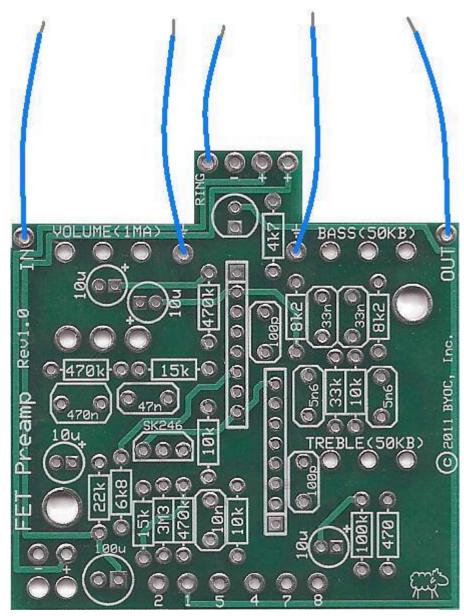
Step 5: Add the ceramic disc capacitors. These are not polarized and can be inserted into the PCB either way.



STEP 6: Add the aluminum electrolytic capacitors. These are polarized. The positive end will have a longer lead and should go in the square solder pad. The negative end will have a shorter lead with a black or white stripe running down the body of the capacitor.



Step 7: 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.

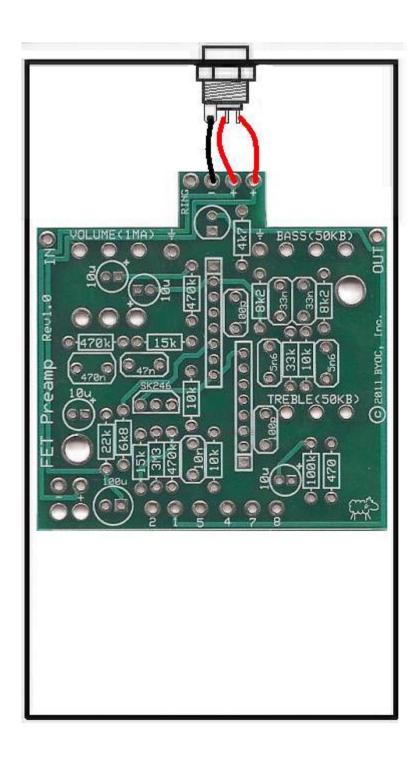


Step 8: Add wires to the IN, OUT, RING, and two Ground eyelets. Start by cutting four 2.5" pieces of wire and one 1.5" piece of wire. Strip 1/4" off each end and tin the ends. Tinning means to apply some solder to the stripped ends of the wires. This keeps the strands from fraying and primes the wire for soldering. Solder a 2.5" piece of wire to each of the IN, OUT, and Ground eyelets on the PCB. Solder the 1.5" piece of wire to the RING eyelet on the PCB. Load the wires in from the top and solder on the bottom of the PCB.

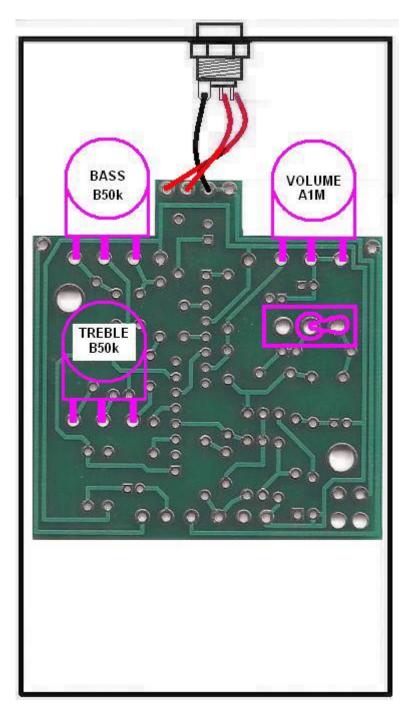
Main PCB Assembly



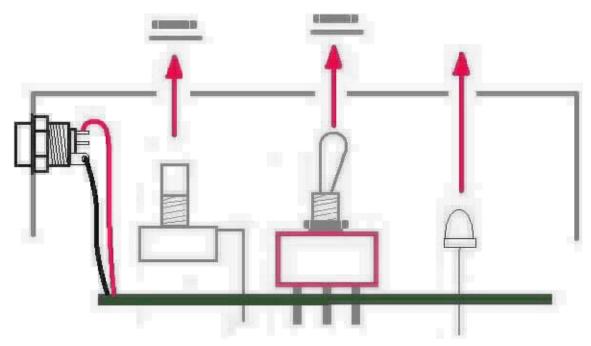
Step 1: Mount the DC adapter jack to the enclosure.



Step 2: Connect the TIP (negative) terminal of the DC adaptor jack to the "-" eyelet on the PCB with 2 inches of hook up wire. Connect the SLEEVE of the DC adaptor jack to the "+" eyelet on the far right side of the PCB with 2 inches of hook up wire. Connect the battery disconnect terminal of the DC adaptor jack to the "+" eyelet more towards the center of the PCB with 2" of hookup wire. Load the wires in from the bottom of the PCB and solder on the topside.



Step 3: Flip the PCB over so that the bottom or solder side is up. Insert the A1M (VOLUME), B50k (BASS), and B50k (TREBLE) potentiometers, SPDT Toggle switch, 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 if 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 symetrically 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

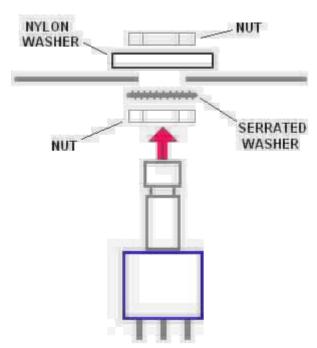
Stereo (input) Jack



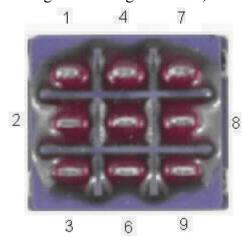
Mono (output) Jack



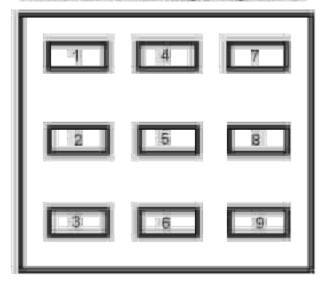
Step 1: Install the 1/4" jacks to the enclosure.

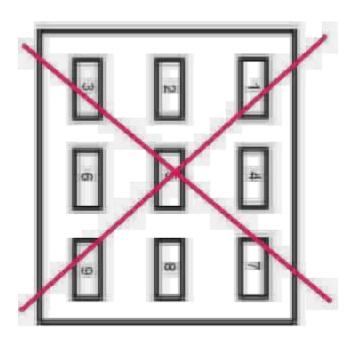


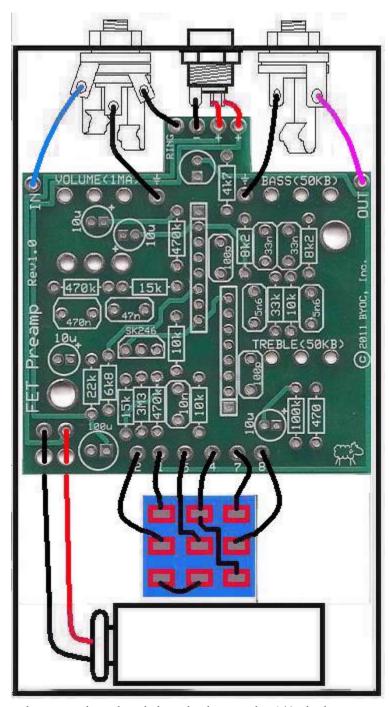
Step 2: Install the footswitch. Orient the footswitch so that the flat sides of the solder lugs are like the diagram below. NOTE: There are no actual number markings on the footswitch. There are two correct ways you can orient the footswitch. They are both 180 degrees of each other. Either way is fine.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



Footswitch Solder Lug Designations







Step 3: Connect the pre stripped and tinned wires to the 1/4" jacks. Step 4:

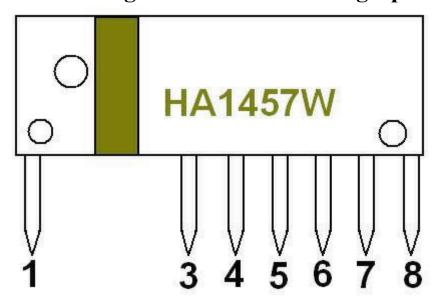
- Cut 4 x 3/4" pieces of wire. Strip 1/8" off each end. These will be used to connect lugs/eyelets 1, 2, 7, & 8
- Cut 1 x 1" piece of wire. Strip 1/8" off each end. This will be used to connect lug/eyelet 5
- Cut 1 x 1.5" peice of wire. Strip 1/8" of one end. Strip 1/2" off the other end. This will be used to connect lug/eyelet 4. The longer stripped end will be used to jumper lug 4 to 9.

- 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.

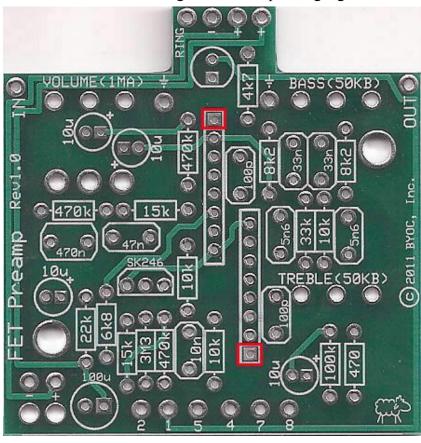
Step 5: Solder one end of the pre-cut and pre-stripped wires to the footswitch.

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 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.

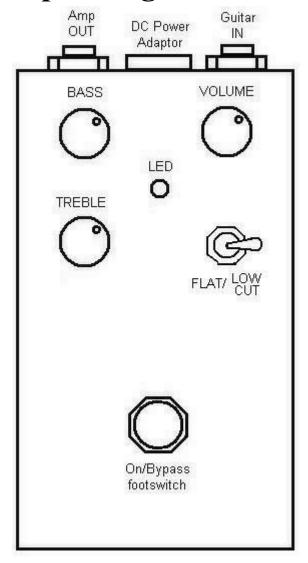
Installing the IC's and Finishing Up



Note that the HA1457W does not have a pin #2. Orient the chips and insert them into their sockets so that PIN #1 goes into the space highlighted in RED.



Operating Overview



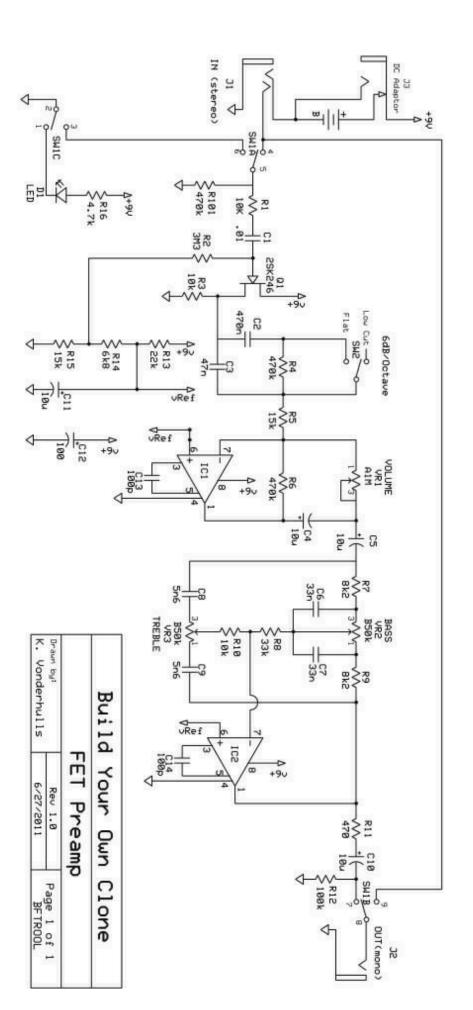
VOLUME, BASS, & TREBLE: Hopefully, you don't need an explaination of how these knobs work and what they do. One thing that is not obvious however, is the fact that you can increase the midrange frequencies by cutting both the treble and bass at the same time. And inversely, you can decrease the midrange frequencies by boosting the treble and bass. **FLAT/LOW CUT SWITCH:** This switch provides a -6dB/octave bass cut at the 200Hz frequency when toggled to the right.

DC POWER SUPPLY- Use a 2.5mm negative tip 9VDC adapter (this is your standard guitar fx style adapter). If using battery power, only use a single 9V battery.

CURRENT DRAW- 2.5mA

INPUT IMPEDANCE- 3.3M ohms

OUTPUT IMPEDANCE - 100k ohms



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