

Cloven Ripper

Insane fuzz action with screaming octave-up



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It contains all the information you need for a successful outcome.





Notes to the BOM

- (i) CV7351 is the military equivalent of 2N1380. You could try other NPN germaniums in their place. You're looking for hFE between 150-200.
- (ii) Again, other NPN germaniums could be used and it's unikely you'll hear a difference. Target gain range 70-100hFE.
- (iii) We've added a buffered input stage to the Octave section of the circuit so you can add an octave blend control. You can omit this section if you want to have the octave simply switched on or off with the footswitch with no control.
 To omit the buffer and octabe blend control leave out the parts marked green in the BOM and add jumpers as shown below.
- (iv) We made an error laying out the PCB, and the parts for D6-7 were the wrong way around in the schematic (fixed on the schematic in this doc though). As such, 'normal' diodes such as 1N4148 should be reversed, i.e. striped end (cathode) to round pad. The Russian D9K we provide have the anode indicated by the double stripes, so these should be placed with the striped leg to the square pad. You can use silicon 1N4148 and get good results without matching. Germaniums need to be tested and matched closely for forward voltage to ensure a good octave-up effect. None of the other diodes on the PCB are affected, just D6-7.





Schematic - Octave Up Section



Schematic - Ripper Section



Schematic - Cloven Muff Section





The power and signal pads on the PCB conform to the FuzzDog Direct Connection format, so can be paired with the appropriate daughterboards for quick and easy offboard wiring. Check the separate daughterboard document for details

Be very careful when soldering the transistors and diodes. They're very sensitive to heat. Keep exposure to heat to a minimum (under 2 seconds) and leave a few seconds between soldering each leg.

The glass case on the Ge transistors is very delicate. Take care when bending the legs. Hold a the leg right up against the body with some small needle-nosed pliers to take the strain, and bend the leg with your finger. You should solder all other board-mounted components before you solder the pots. Once they're in place you'll have no access to much of the board. Make sure your pots all line up nicely.

The best way to do that is to solder a single pin of each pot in place then melt and adjust if necessary before soldering in the other two pins. Same for the toggle switch. If your pots don't have protective plastic jackets ensure you leave a decent gap between the pot body and the PCB otherwise you risk shorting out the circuit.

Snap the small metal tag off the pots so they can be mounted flush in the box.



Initial wiring

USE WIRES! Our ribbon cables are unlikely to be of any use unless you've compromised your enclosure layout to line up the pads to daughterboards.

Add long wires to the three sets of pads for offboard wiring, slightly longer than you'll need to wire them to the footswitch daughterboards for final assembly.

Use these to connect to your test rig, or wire them up as shown on the next page. ou should test each of the three circuits individually.





Testing

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will troubleshooting help be offered if you have skipped this stage. No exceptions.

Solder some nice, long lengths of wire to the board connections for 9V, GND, IN and OUT. Connect IN and OUT to the jacks as shown. Connect all the GNDs together (twist them up and add a small amount of solder to tack it). Connect the battery + lead to the 9V wire, same method. Plug in. Go!

If you have a circuit tester (we sell a few!) just use that as normal.



Wire it all up

Not a lot to it really...

The pads for connecting the jacks and DC socket are at the top of the main pcb. Connect up the daughterboards as shown. Pads are named the same on both. There's a current limiting resistor (CLR) for the LED on each daughterboard.



Recommended drill sizes:

Drilling template	Recommended drill sizes:	
Britang temptate	Pots	7mm
Hammond 1590XX	Jacks	10mm
	Footswitch	12mm
	DC Socket	8/12mm
It's a good idea to drill the pot and toggle switch holes	Toggle switches	6mm

1mm bigger if you're board-mounting them.

