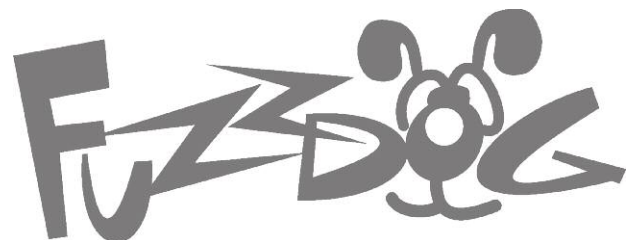


# Death Drive

Octave-up into Rat into boost for doomy destruction



# Important notes

## If you're using any of our footswitch daughterboards, DOWNLOAD THE DAUGHTERBOARD DOCUMENT

- Download and read the appropriate build document for the daughterboard as well as this one BEFORE you start.
- DO NOT solder the supplied Current Limiting Resistor (CLR) to the main circuit board even if there is a place for it. This should be soldered to the footswitch daughterboard.

## POWER SUPPLY

Unless otherwise stated in this document this circuit is designed to be powered with 9V DC.

## COMPONENT SPECS

Unless otherwise stated in this document:

- Resistors should be 0.25W. You can use those with higher ratings but check the physical size of them.
- Electrolytics caps should be at least 25V for 9V circuits, 35V for 18V circuits. Again, check physical size if using higher ratings.

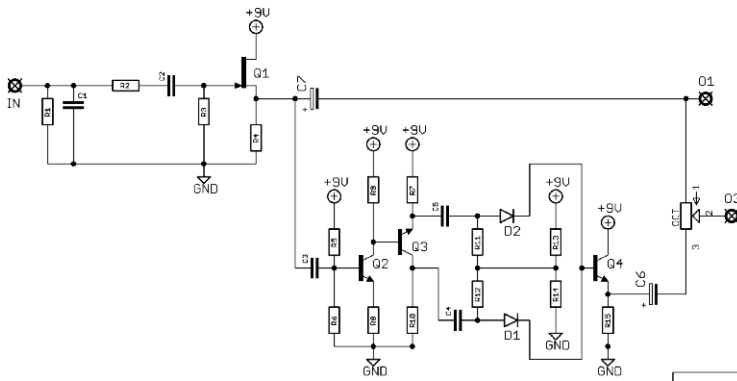
## LAYOUT CONVENTIONS

Unless otherwise stated in this document, the following are used:

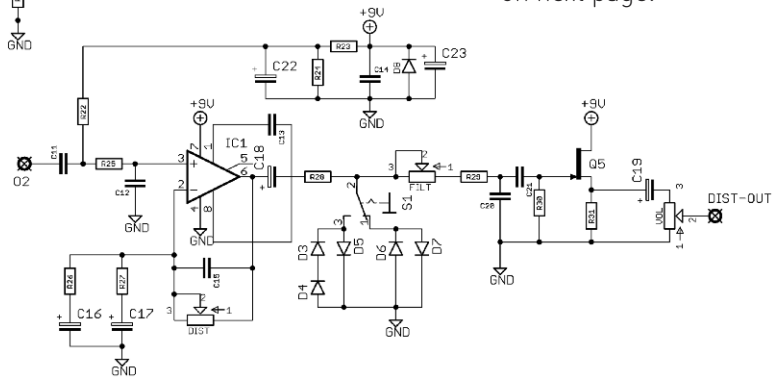
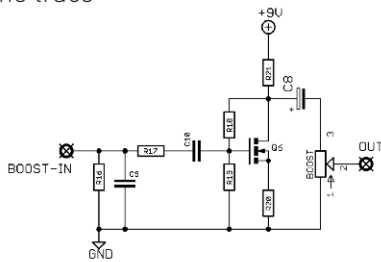
- **Electrolytic capacitors:**  
Long leg (anode) to square pad.
- **Diodes/LEDs:**  
Striped leg (cathode) to square pad. Short leg to square pad for LEDs.
- **ICs:**  
Square pad indicates pin 1.

# Schematic + BOM

Bigger, legible version on next page.



Based on the trace by Bugg



R1	1M	C1	100p	IC1	OP07*
R2	1K	C2	100n	Q1	2N5457**
R3	1M	C3	100n	Q2	2N5089
R4	10K	C4	100n	Q3	2N5087
R5	470K	C5	100n	Q4	2N5089
R6	47K	C6	1u elec	Q5	2N5457**
R7	10K	C7	1u elec	Q6	BS170
R8	2K2	C8	10u	D1-2	Ge***
R9	22K	C9	100p	D3	1N4148
R10	10K	C10	1u‡	D4	3mm Red LED
R11	100K	C11	22n	D5-7	1N4148
R12	100K	C12	1n	D8	1N4001
R13	47K	C13	33p	VOL	100KA
R14	47K	C14	100n	DIST	100KA
R15	10K	C15	100p	FILT	100KA
R16	1M	C16	4u7 elec	OCT	50KB
R17	1K	C17	2u2 elec	B00S	100KA
R18	470K	C18	4u7 elec	S1	SPDT ON-OFF-ON
R19	470K	C19	1u elec		
R20	470R	C20	3n3		
R21	10K	C21	22n		
R22	1M	C22	10u elec		
R23	10K	C23	100u elec		
R24	10K				
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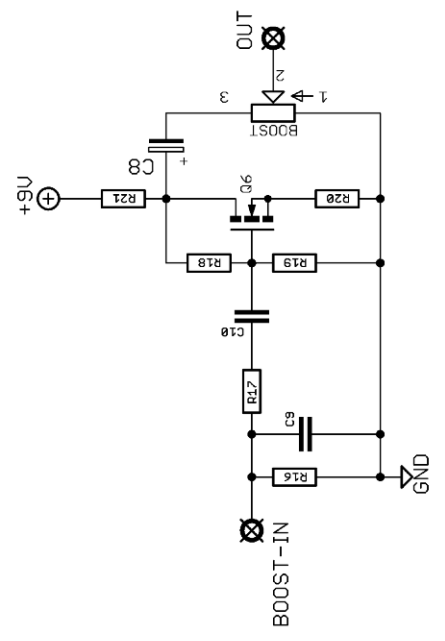
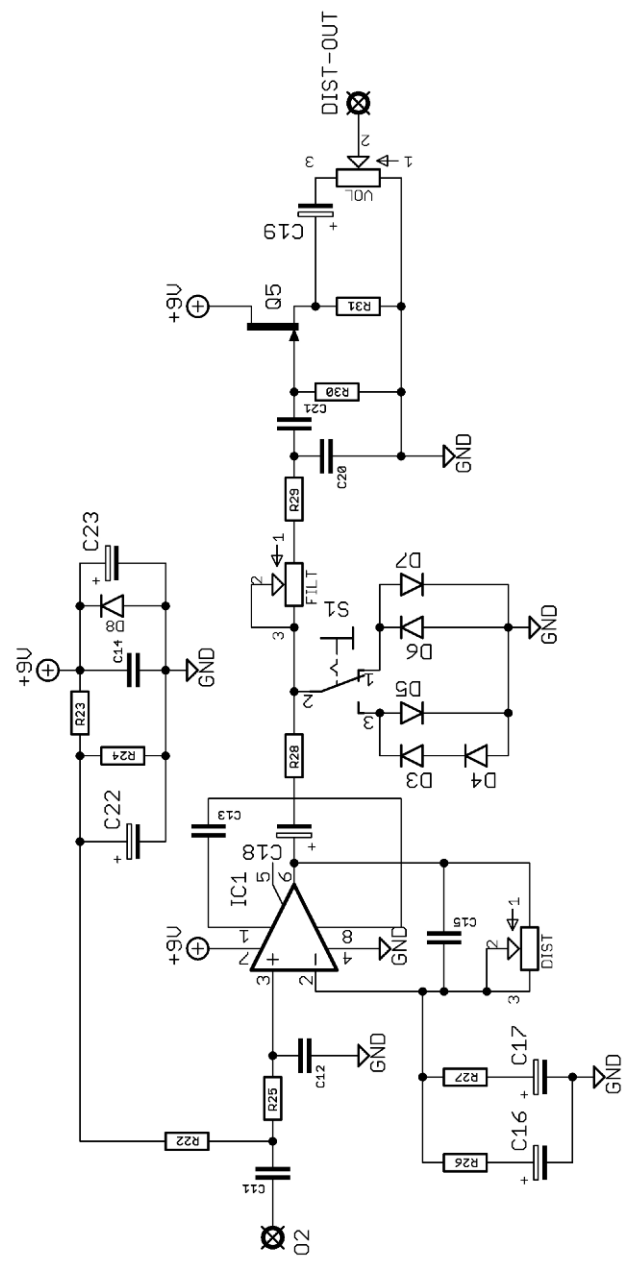
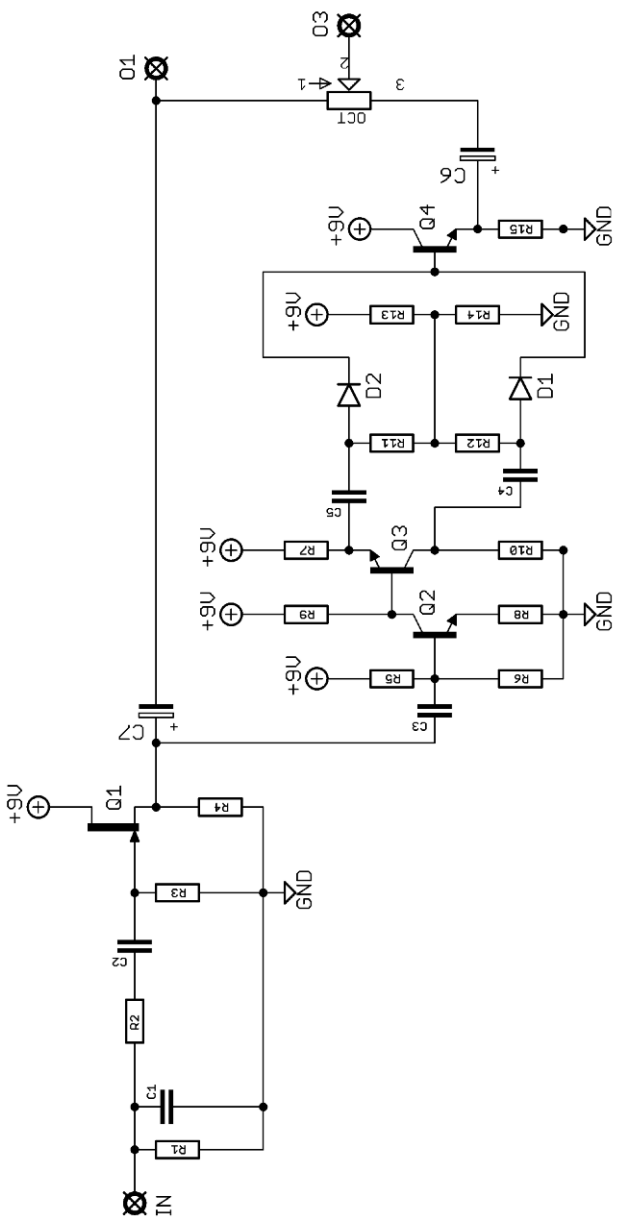
\*Original is LM308. Other single op-amps will work.

\*\*Original is PF5102. Other N-channel FETs work in these buffer sections, and will have very little or no impact on tone. Pads are included for through-hole or SMT FETs.

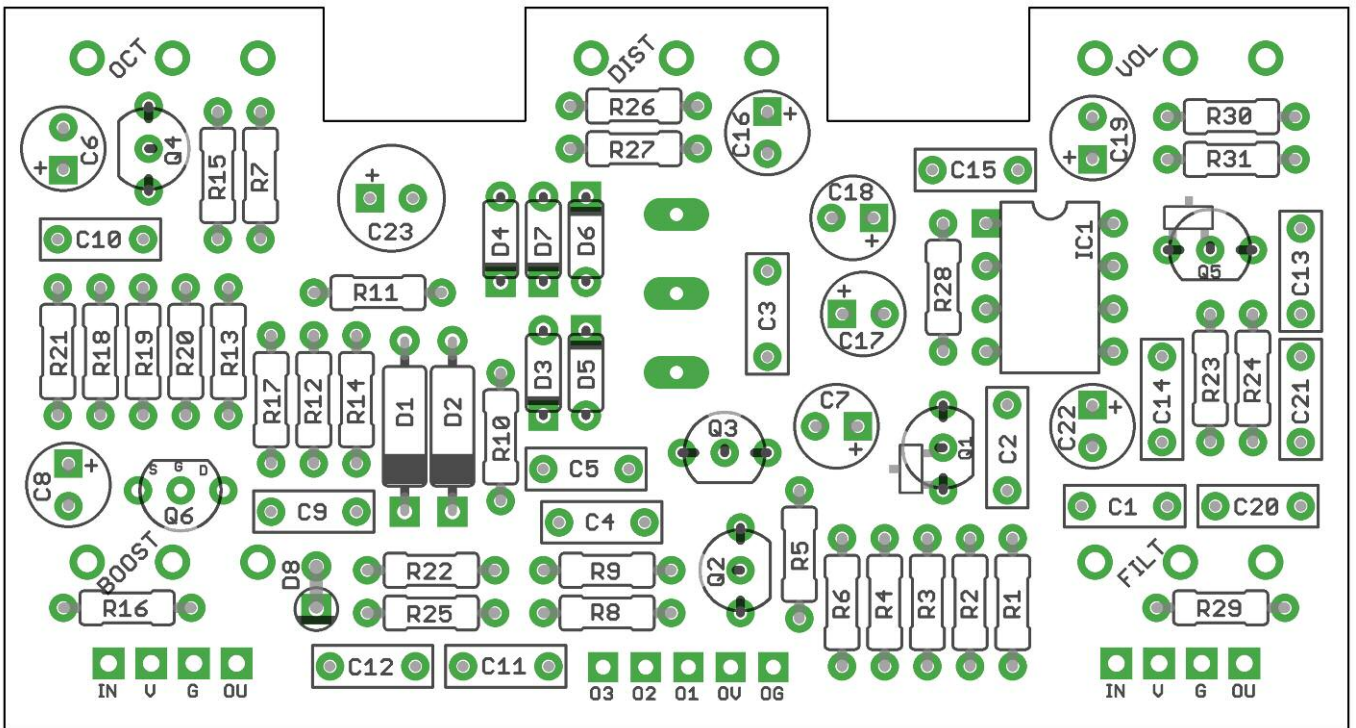
\*\*\*We supply D9K which have the stipes at the anode rather than cathode. These don't even need to be germanium - 1N4148 work fine. They need to be matched for forward voltage.

**These need to be reversed when placed in the PCB, i.e. cathode to square pad.**

‡C10 is 1u on the original. We haven't allowed a large space for that on the PCB, so if you want to use this value you'll need a small format part, such as MLCC. There's really no need to have such a big value in there. Use anything from 100n - 1u.







PCB layout ©2019 Pedal Parts Ltd.

Two of the power and signal pads on the PCB conform to the FuzzDog Direct Connection format, so can be paired with the appropriate daughterboard for quick and easy offboard wiring. Check the separate daughterboard document for details. The optional Octave-Bypass pads need to be wired differently, but a daughterboard can still be used.

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. Same goes for the IC if you aren't using a socket.

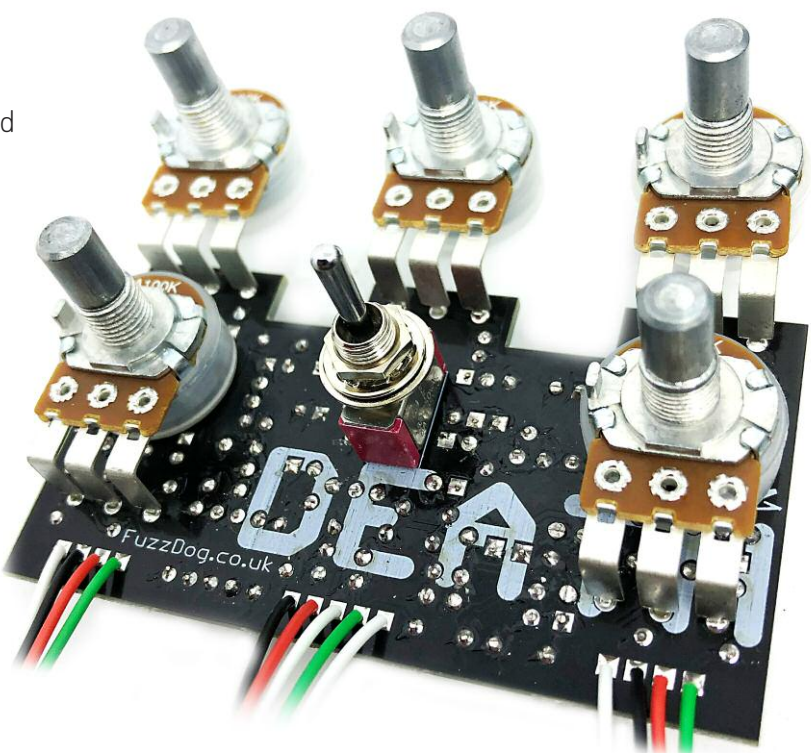
The BS170 is very sensitive to static - handle with care.

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.**

If you aren't going to use a footswitch to engage/bypass the OCTAVE section of the circuit, add a jumper as shown below.



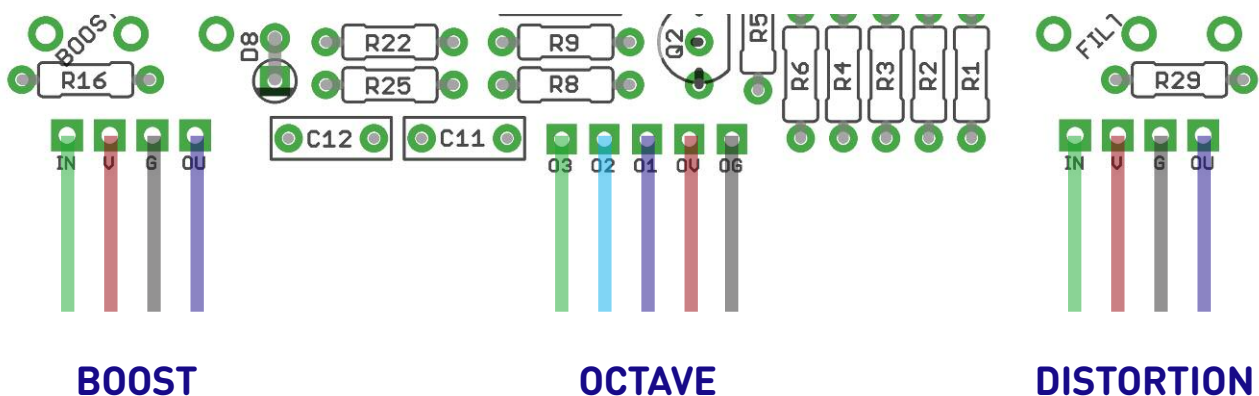
...otherwise add wires to all five of those pads. 0V is for +supply, 0G is ground.

01 is Octave Bypass

02 is the input to the Distortion section

03 is Octave Out

Add long wires to the other two sets of pads for offboard wiring.



# Testing

You can test the Distortion and Boost sections individually, as if they're separate boards. Do the test wiring as shown below for each section.

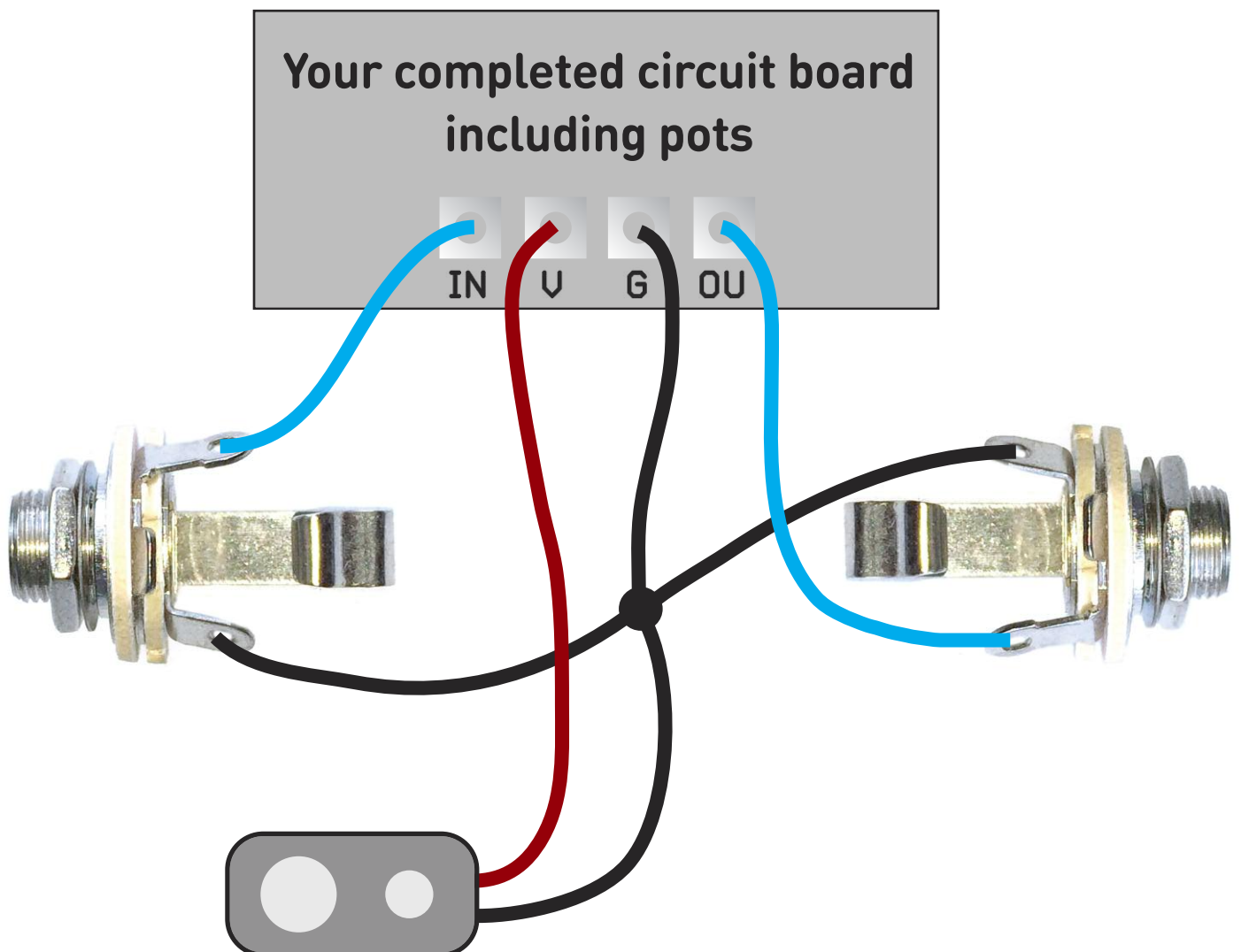
**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will troubleshooting help be offered if you have skipped this stage. No exceptions.**

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!

You'll have to connect the wire from pad 02 to either 01 or 03, or you'll get no signal from the Distortion section.

There's no need to connect power to the 0V and 0G pads - these are purely to supply power to an LED if you're adding the Octave footswitch.

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

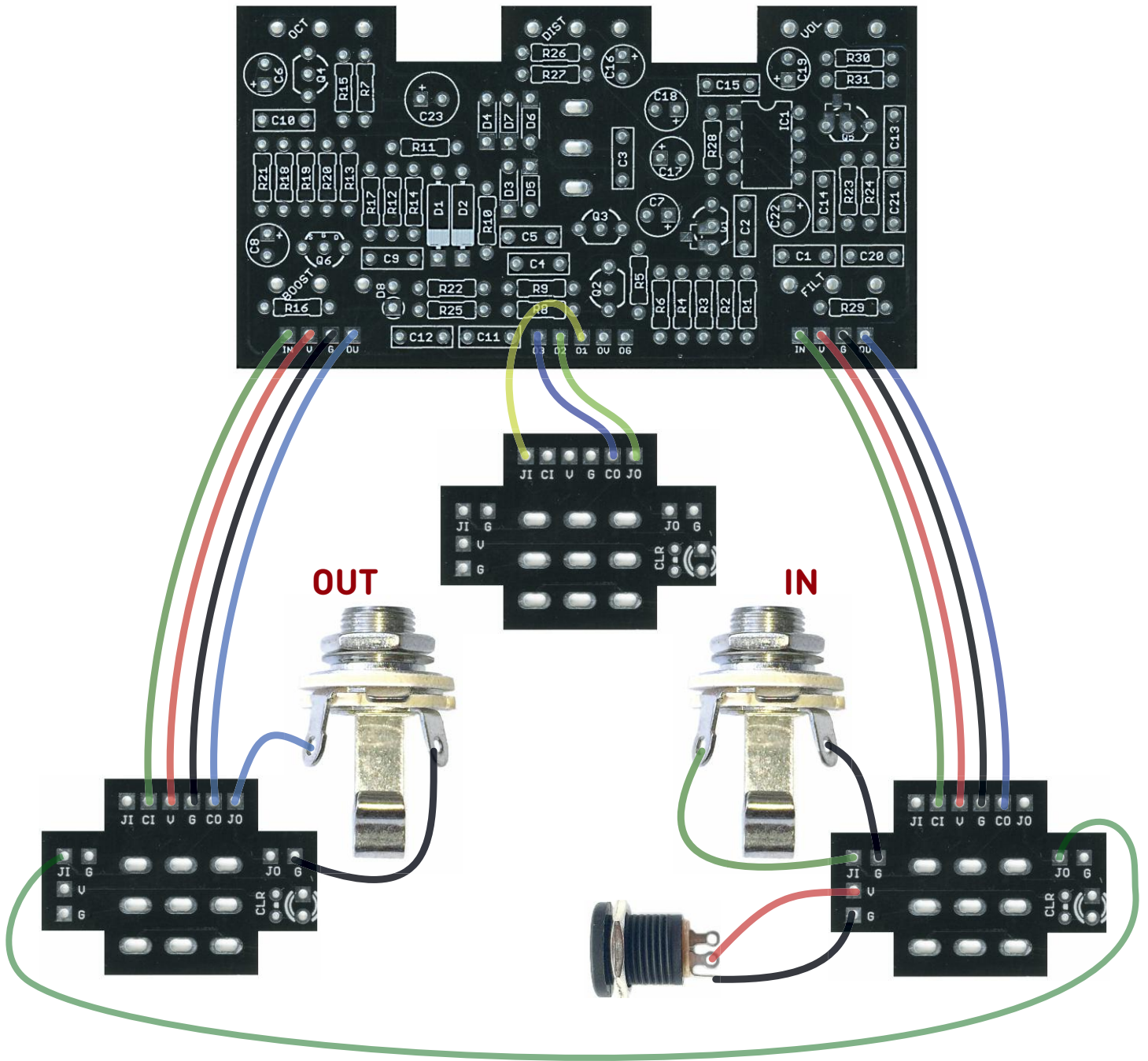




# Wire it all up

**The image below assumes you're using an Octave Bypass footswitch. If not just leave that out, having added the jumper shown earlier in this document.**

You should also connect OV and OG to V and G on the Octave daughterboard, we just left them out of the image as it would get messy. The wiring shown will light up the LED when Octave is engaged.



Please refer to the separate daughterboard document for further info regarding the current limiting resistors and LEDs. The DC socket can connect to any of the three daughterboards.

See next page for more info if you're building a 1590BB, two switch version.



# Keeping up appearances...

**On the bigger box versions of this kit, the LEDs all sit to the same side of the footswitches. However, that would look decidedly weird on the two switch, 1590BB version.**

To keep things sweet you'll have to flip the Distortion side daughterboard over before soldering in the footswitch and LED. That way the LED can still sit in the daughterboard and line up with the hole.

Everything will function exactly the same, you'll just have wires twisted around between the boards. Keep them slack and you'll have no issues.

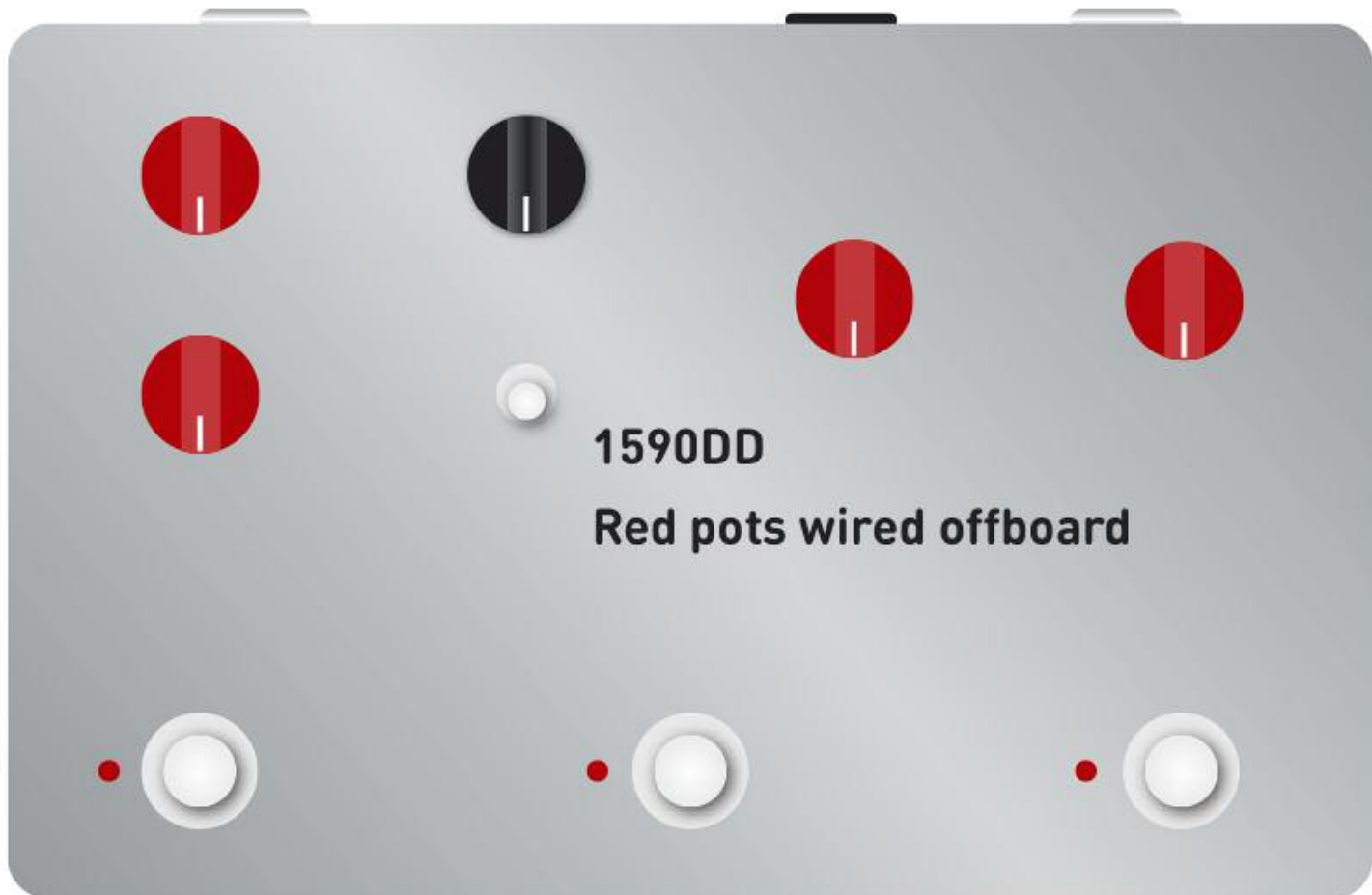
# On/Offboard wiring

**We designed the board to fit nicely in a 1590BB with all controls mounted on the PCB. Using a bigger enclosure means some pots need to be wired offboard.**

The images on the next two pages show which pots need to be wired. You may need to bend the legs down to ensure they don't touch the PCB in some places.









# Drilling templates

**The templates on the following pages are a guideline only. Ensure correct marking of your enclosure, and compare component positions on your built circuit to your markings before drilling.**

The only critical positions in relation to the main PCB are any board mounted components.

We've only provided one template for the 1590DD size enclosure, as there are no rules for that one. Position your controls however you see fit, as long as you have one or two board mounted components to hold your PCB securely.

Our templates are based on using Lumberg KLBM-3 jacks which fit nicely above the pots in these cases. If you're using a different type you'll have to work out for yourself how far down the pots need to be to allow clearance for any lugs.

On the 1590DD enclosures there's an extra rib in the centre, so take that into consideration when drilling your middle footswitch and your DC socket hole.

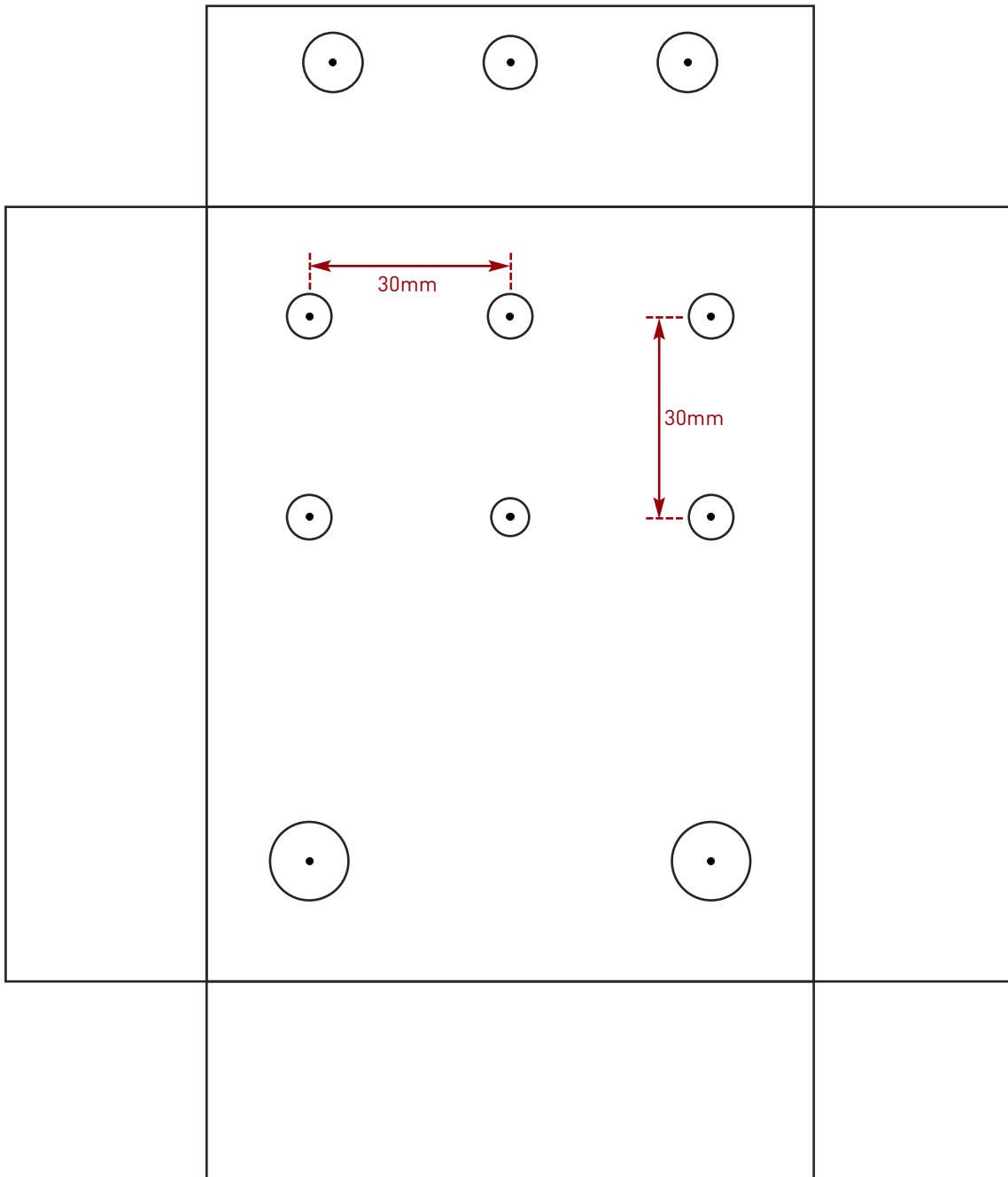
# Drilling template

## Hammond 1590BB

It's a good idea to drill the pot and toggle switch holes 1mm bigger if you're board-mounting them.

Recommended drill sizes:

Pots	7mm
Jacks	10mm
Footswitch	12mm
DC Socket	8/12mm
Toggle switches	6mm



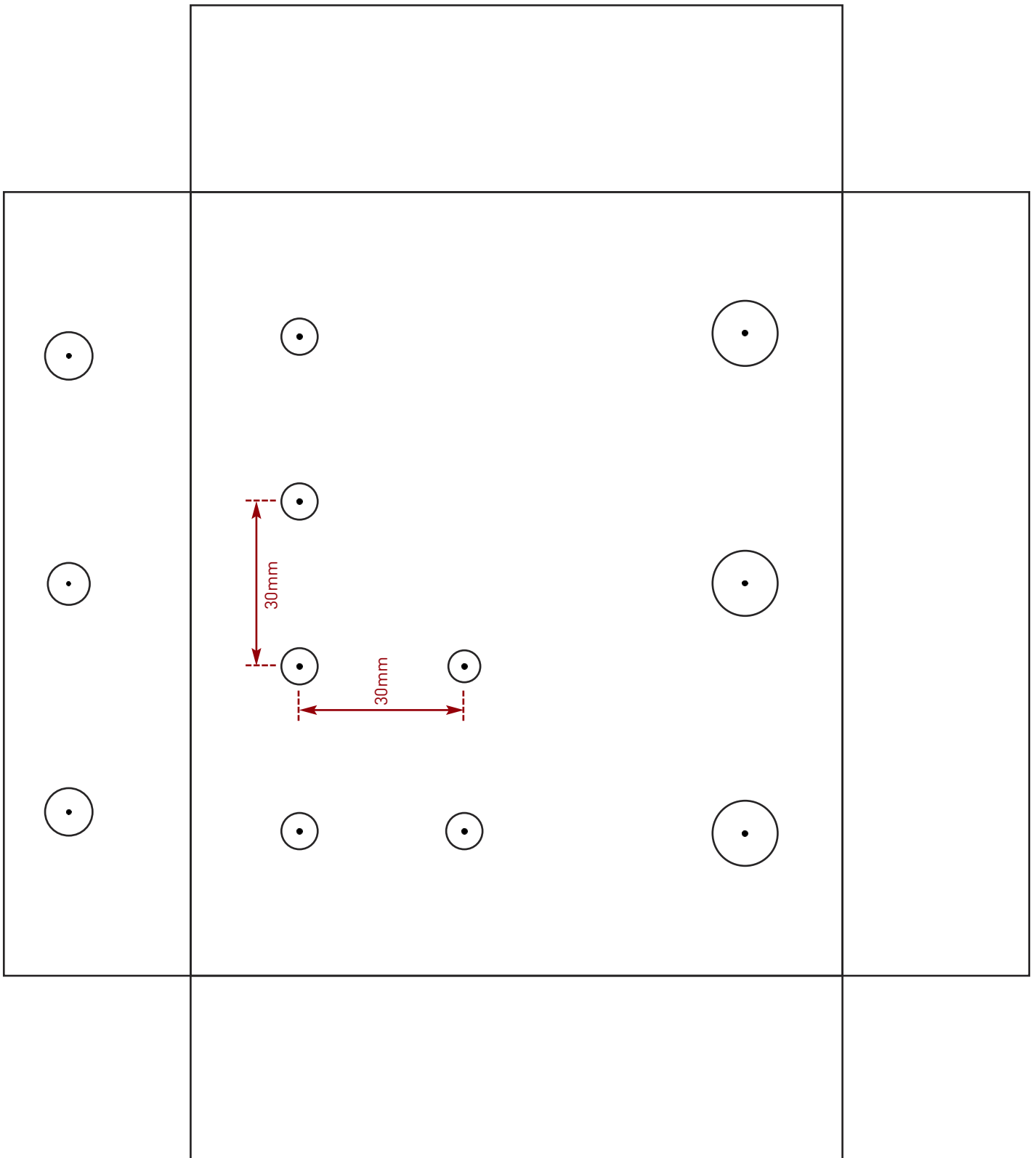
# Drilling template

## Hammond 1590XX

It's a good idea to drill the pot and toggle switch holes 1mm bigger if you're board-mounting them.

Recommended drill sizes:

Pots	7mm
Jacks	10mm
Footswitch	12mm
DC Socket	8/12mm
Toggle switches	6mm



# Drilling template

Hammond 1590DD

