

# Marvellous Marshall

RambleFX's fantastic take  
on Marshall grunt



# 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

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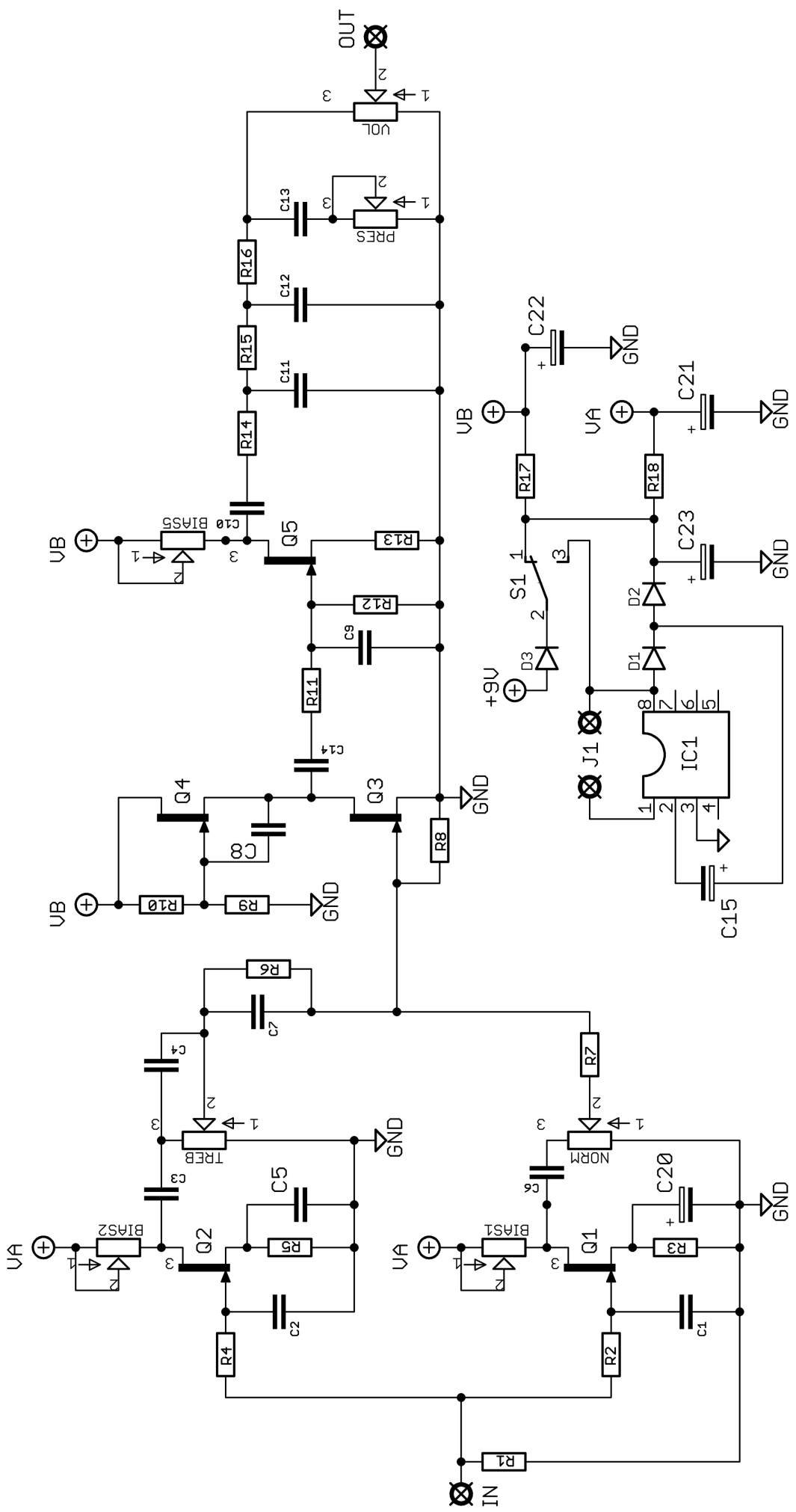
- Resistors should be 0.125W. You can use those with higher ratings but check the physical size of them.
- Electrolytics caps should be at least 25V for 9V circuits, 35V for 18V circuits. Again, check physical size if using higher ratings.

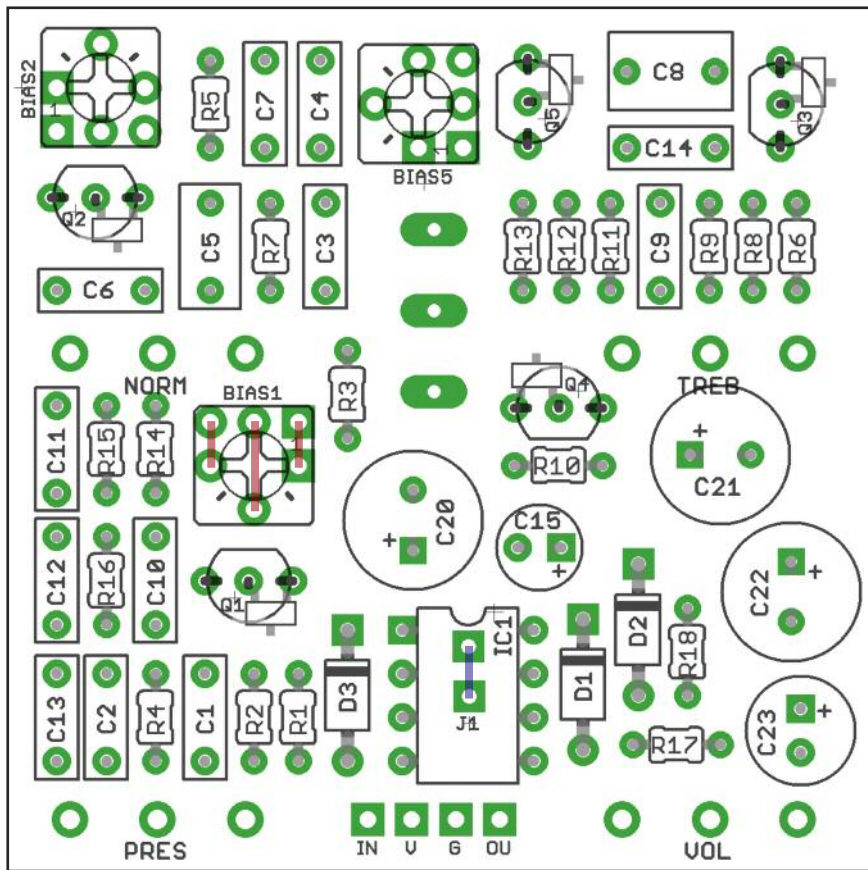
## LAYOUT CONVENTIONS

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

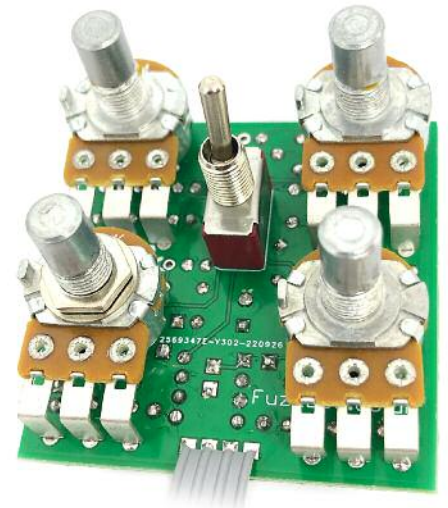
- **Electrolytic capacitors:**  
Long leg (anode) to square pad.
- **Diodes/LEDs:**  
Striped leg (cathode) to square pad. Short leg to square pad for LEDs.
- **ICs:**  
Square pad indicates pin 1.







There are extra pads for the trimmers. They are connected within the PCB traces as shown in BIAS1 example left. As long as one pin of your trimmer goes in each row you're good.



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.

Be very careful when soldering the diodes and transistors. They're very sensitive to heat. You should use some kind of heat sink (crocodile clip or reverse action tweezers) on each leg as you solder them. Keep exposure to heat to a minimum (under 2 seconds).

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

You should solder all other board-mounted components before you solder the pots **with the exception of C20 - place this last**. 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. 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.

Follow the same procedure for the toggle switch.

There are two pads under the IC (J1). If you're using a 7660S or 1044 you need to connect these as shown in blue. If you're using LT1054 no need to jumper.

Unless you've found some very small 330uf caps, or you're using an enclosure much deeper than a 1590B, you're going to have to place C20 as shown, above the toggle switch lugs.



# Biasing

Once assembled it's time to bias those FETs.

There's a trimmer each for Q1, Q2 and Q5.

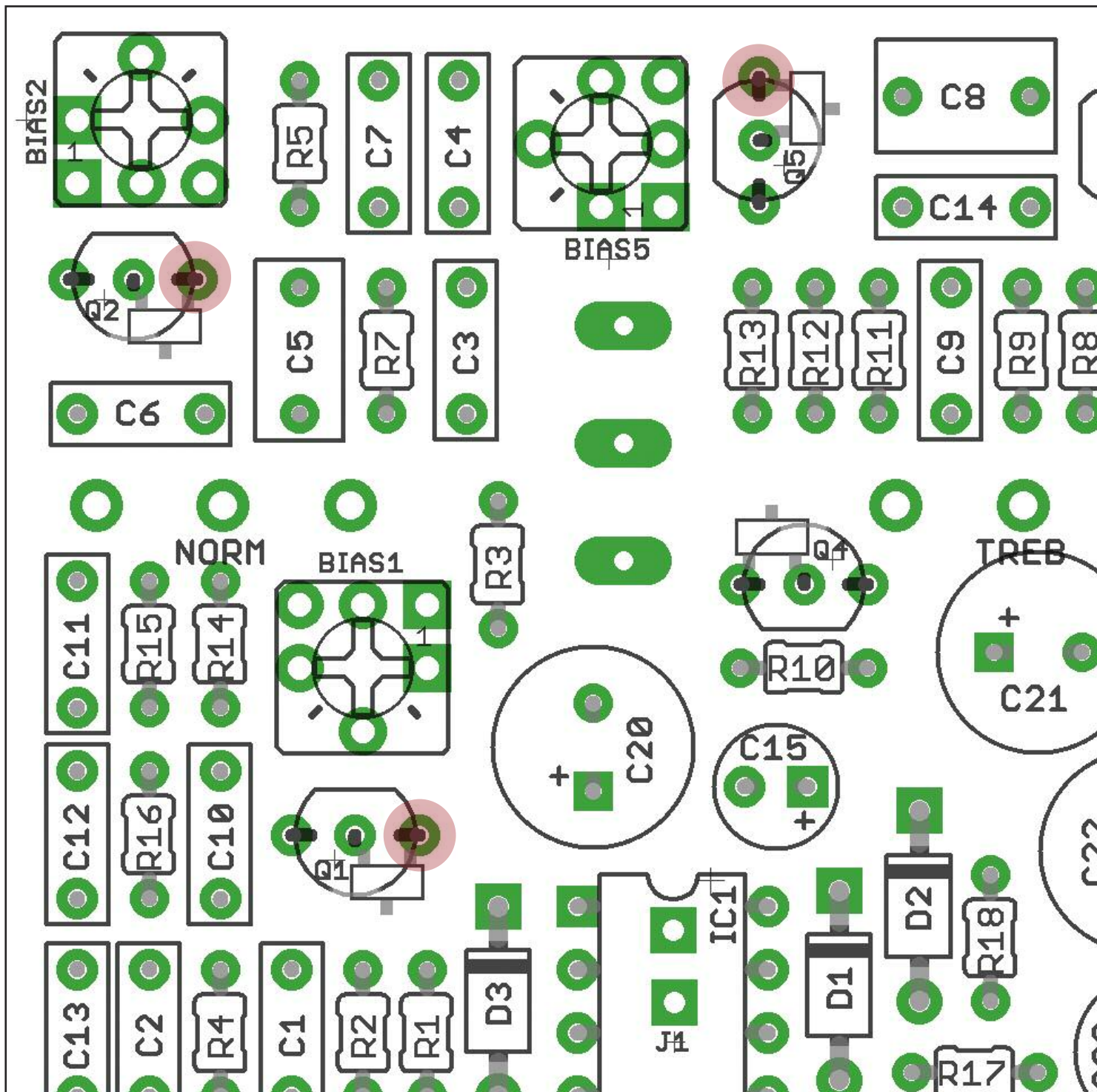
Set your toggle to 9V mode (down position).

Set your multimeter to DC voltage and place the common lead on any ground point. Measure the voltage at the V pad, which should be close to 9V if your supply is good.

Now measure the voltage at the drain of Q1 and adjust until it is just under half your supply voltage, roughly 4V.

Do the same with Q2 and Q5. You should now have sweet Marshall-ish tones. Feel free to tweak them up or down to taste. If you're experiencing more noise than you'd like, down is the way to go.

If you're using multi-turn trimmers (you really should you know), these will adjust very slowly. Be careful not to force the screw to turn beyond it's limit. You'll experience a bit of resistance to your screwdriver at that point - stop.



# Test the board!

**Check the relevant daughterboard document for more info before you undertake this stage.**

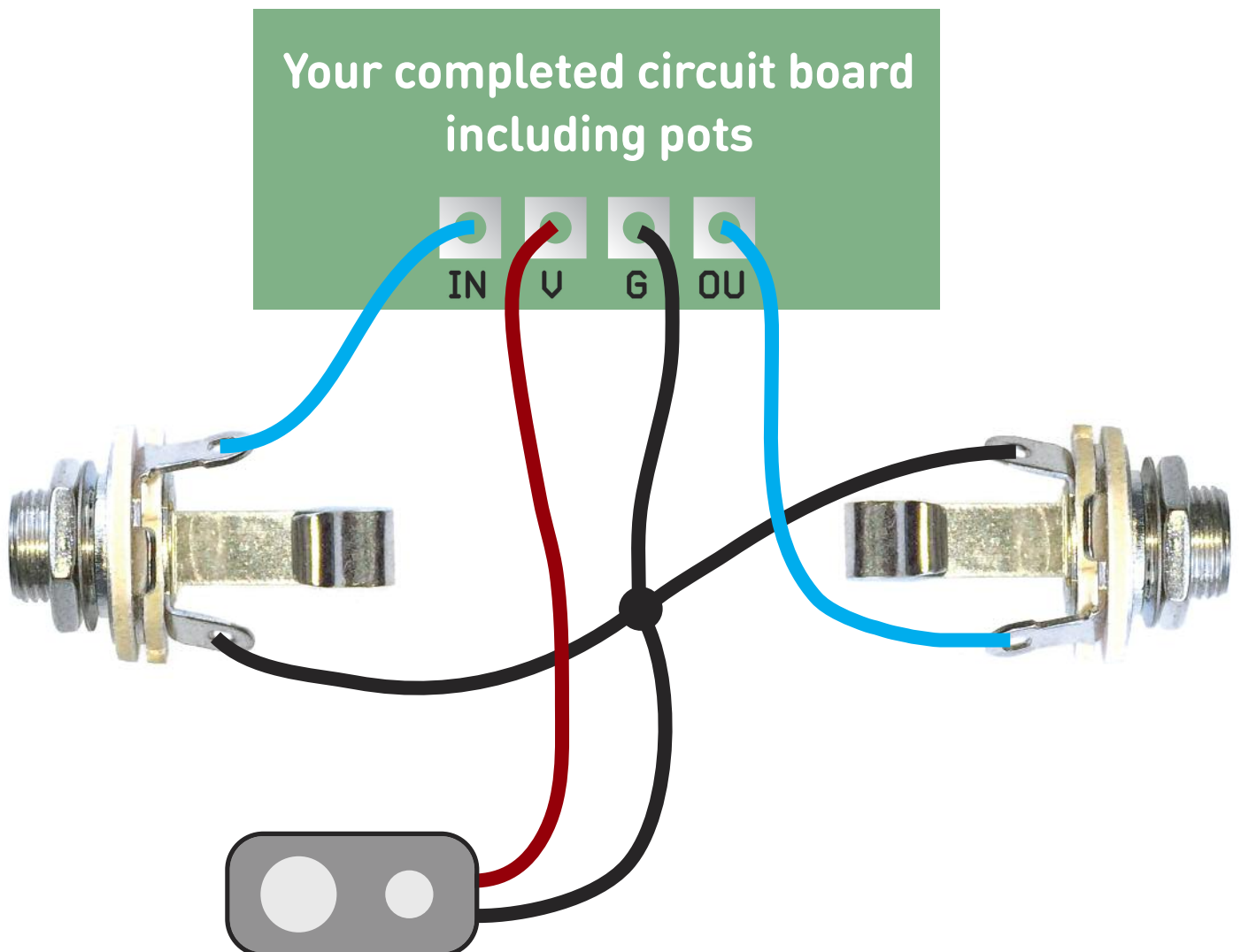
**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will troubleshooting help be offered if you have skipped this stage. No exceptions.**

Once you've finished the circuit it makes sense to test is before starting on the switch and LED wiring. It'll cut down troubleshooting time in the long run. If the circuit works at this stage, but it doesn't once you wire up the switch - guess what? You've probably made a mistake with the switch.

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're using a ribbon cable you can tack the wires to the ends of that. It's a lot easier to take them off there than it is do desolder wires from the PCB pads.

If it works, carry on and do your switch wiring. If not... aw man. At least you know the problem is with the circuit. Find out why, get it working, THEN worry about the switch etc.



Now's the time  
to refer to the  
daughterboard  
document for  
your chosen  
bypass method.

Enjoy your pedal!



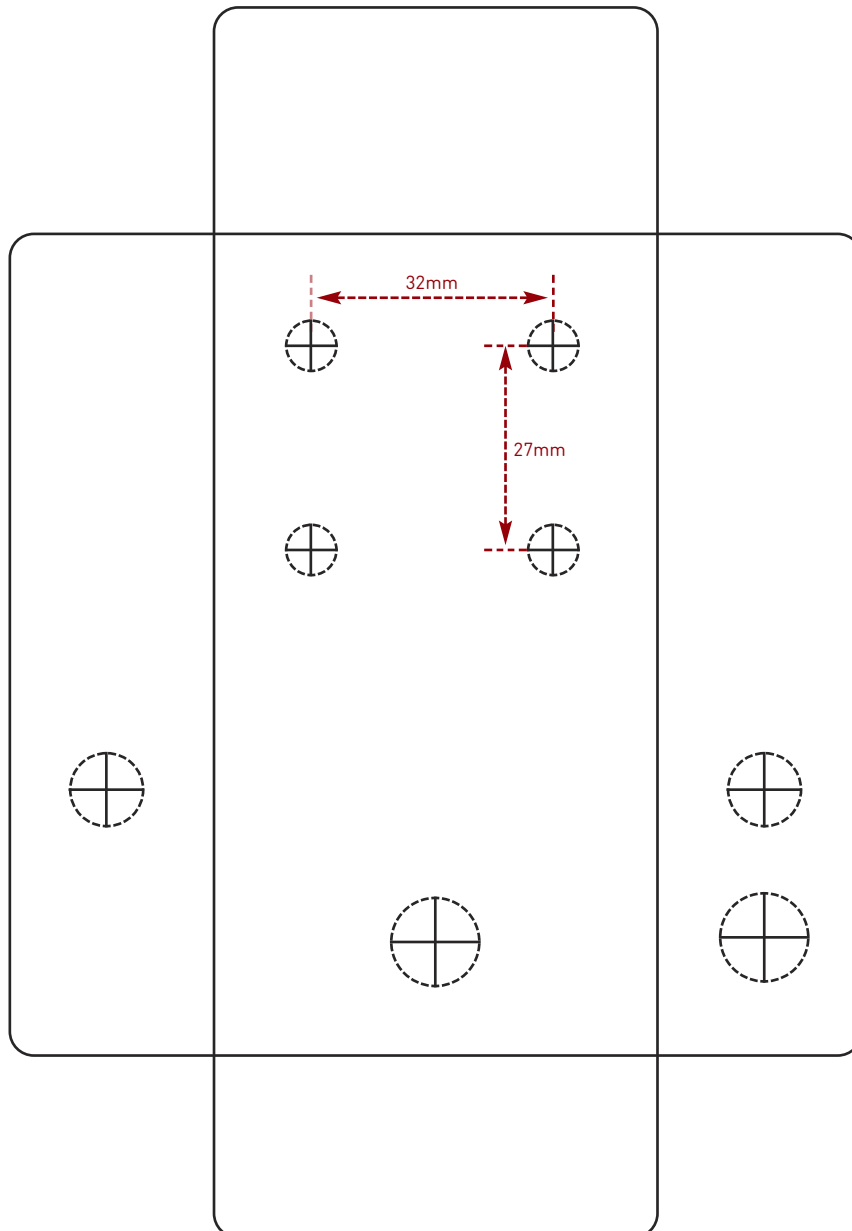
# Drilling template without battery

Hammond 1590B - 60 x 111 x 31mm

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

Recommended drill sizes:

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



This template is a rough guide only. You should ensure correct marking of your enclosure before drilling. You use this template at your own risk.

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