

Wee Beaver

Super knarly fuzz from El Musico Loco (RIP)



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.

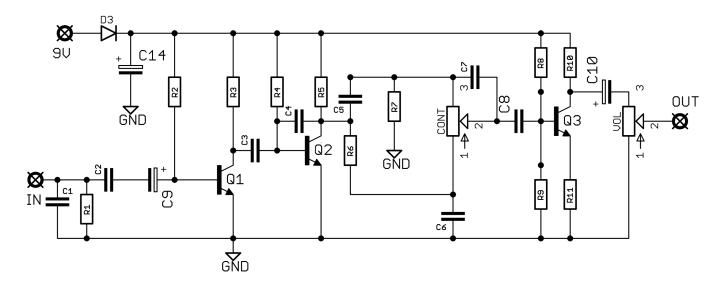
• Diodes/LEDs:

Striped leg (cathode) to square pad. Short leg to square pad for LEDs.

• ICs:

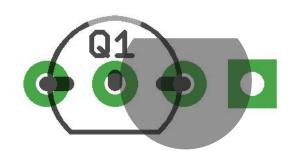
Square pad indicates pin 1.

Schematic + BOM

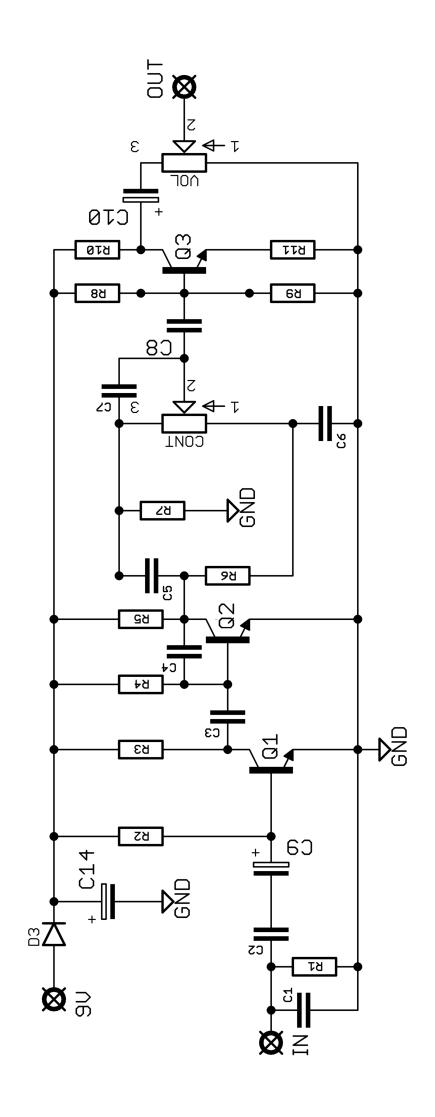


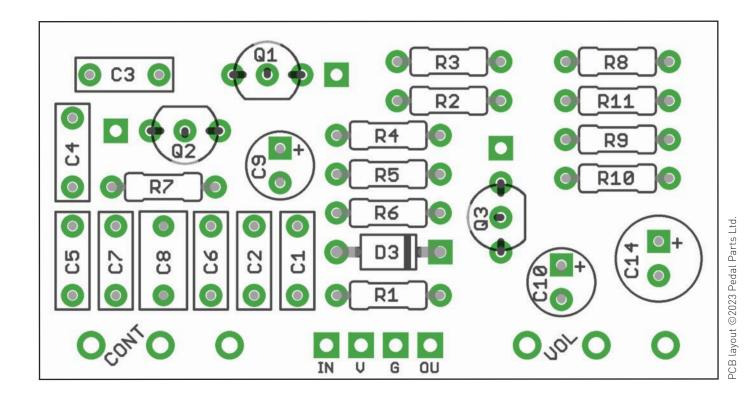
R1	1M	C1	47p	D3	1N5817
R2	4M7	C2	10n		
R3	3K9*	C3	100n	Q1-3	2SC1815**
R4	1M	C4	470p		
R5	3K9*	C5	4n7	CONT	1MB
R6	39K	C6	10n	VOL	1MA
R7	39K	C7	470p		
R8	330K	C8	470n		
R9	91K	C9	2u2 elec		
R10	10K	C10	2u2 elec		
R11	2K7	C14	100u elec		

^{**}These ECB pinout transistors fit the outline printed on the PCB. We've included an extra emitter pad on each Q so you can easily use a different BJT with standard EBC pinout such as 2N5088 or 2N3904. Position those as shown:



^{*}The original has these as 4K1 - who has those handy? It'll make very little difference to use this readily available value.





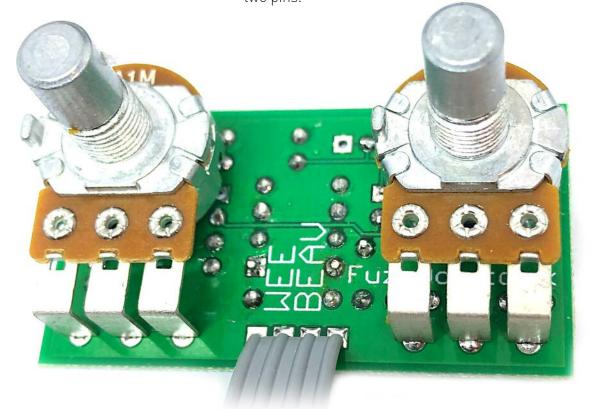
Snap the small metal tag off the pots so they can be mounted flush in the box.

You should solder all other board-mounted components before you solder the pots and switches. 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.

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 diode 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).



Test the board!

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

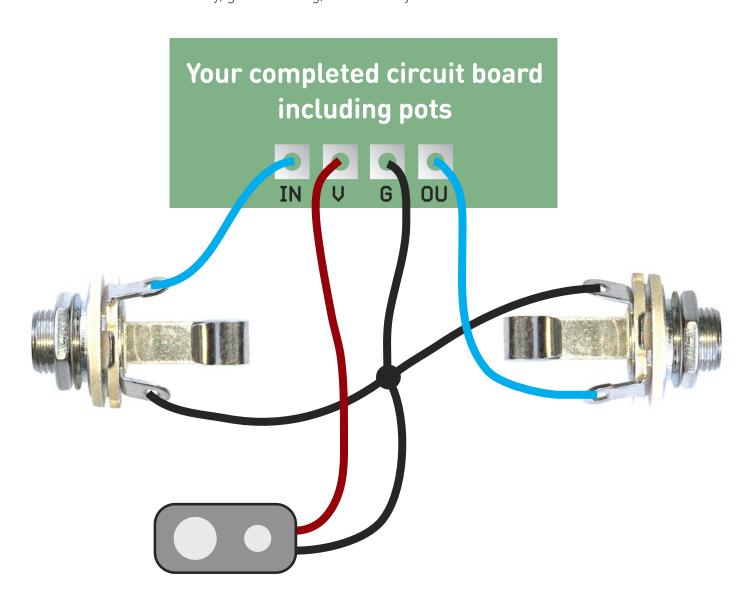
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will troubleshooting help be offered if you have skipped this stage. No exceptions.

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!

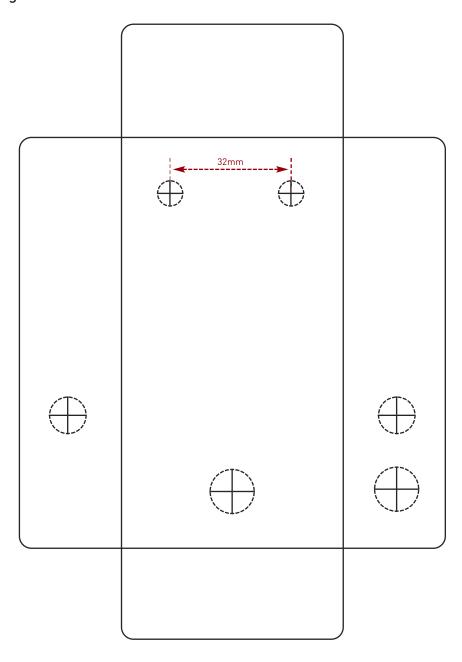
Drilling template without battery - side DC

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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