

## HF Ring Modulator Kit Building Manual



# Effect Pedal Kits: HF Ring Modulator

This **HF Ring Modulator kit** is based on the **Jen HF Modulator**, a cool pedal that was produced in the 70s. Depending on how you set the controls the HF Ring Modulator will be closer to a **tremolo** or a **ring modulator**. It is able to produce a huge amount of noises as well as quite **psychedelic tones**, specially if combined with a fuzz in front of it (we highly recommend the **Fuzz Machine!**).

The **HF Ring Modulator** has three knobs that will give you control over the *Speed, Intensity* and *Tone* of the sound produced. While it might not be a pedal to use in a regular way, it's a useful pedal to add to your pedalboard when you need to get a **different sound** or want to experiment with new tones.

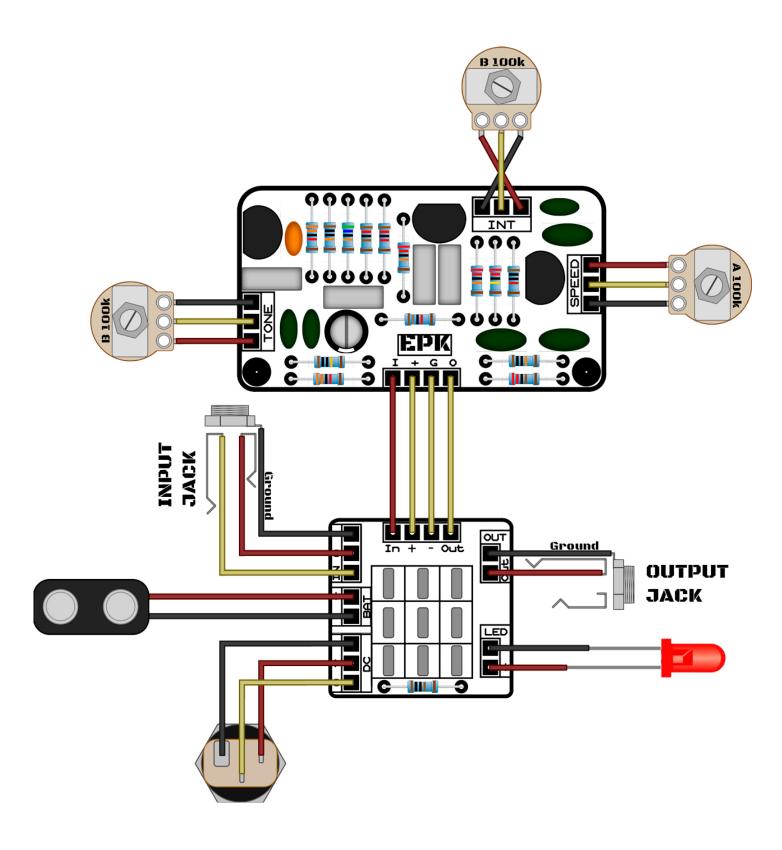
# **BOM (1/2)**

	1	Resistors (14)		Capacitors (12)		
2	R1, R3	33k		1	C1	100u (electrolytic)
1	R2	1M		1	C2	3.3n
2	R4, R14	100k		1	C3	10n
1	R5	560k		3	C4, C6, C7	220n
1	R6	12k		1	C5	220p (ceramic)
1	R7	1.2k		1	C8	100n
2	R8, R9	220k		1	<b>C9</b>	2.2n
1	R10	2.2M		3	C10, C11, C12	47n
1	R11	10k				
1	R12	18k				
1	R13	2.2k	— <u>İ</u>	1		

# **BOM (2/2)**

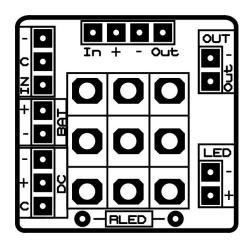
Diodes, Transistors and ICs				Generic Parts and Potentiometers			
3	Q1, Q2, Q3	2N3904	1	Battery clip			
			1	DC Jack			
			1	RLED	1k LED resistor		
			1	LED Bezel			
			1	3PDT			
			2	IN, OUT	6.35mm Jacks		
			1	100k Logarithmic (A) Potentiometer	Speed		
			2	100k Linear (B) Potentiometer	Int, Tone		

## **Component Placement**

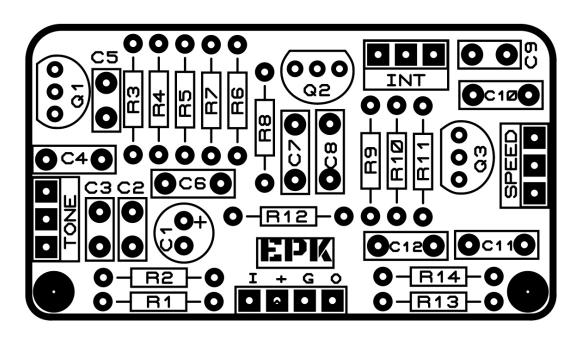


## **Board Layouts**

#### **3PDT PCB**

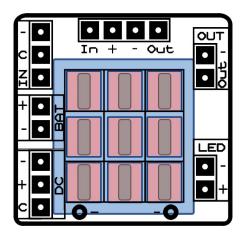


#### **Effect PCB**



## **Building Tips**

1- Pay attention to the **orientation of the 3PDT**! In the following picture you can see how the 3PDT pins should be positioned (inserting the pins in the holes can be a bit tight to avoid movement while soldering):



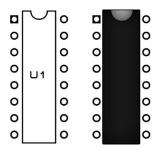
2- For a proper soldering you just have to apply the **right amount of solder wire**. A right solder joint should have a concave shape around the joint and look like this:



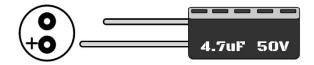
- 3- Don't apply too much heat! When soldering, the time you hold the solder iron against the joint should be **as short as posible** to avoid damaging any part (a few seconds should be enough). If you can't get a solder joint right, **let it cool** a bit before trying again.
- 4- If having troubles with the building, checking the schematic in the last page will help you find where the audio signal stops. When you find the spot, check out that everything around that joint is ok (components placed at their right place, solder joints...).

## **Building Tips**

- 5- Pay attention to the **parts that have a polarity** and make sure they are connected as in the component placement picture:
  - <u>ICs</u> (they have a small dot or indication that must fit the indication in the board



- **Electrolytic capacitors** (longer pin is connected to the "+" hole):



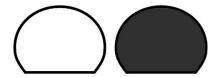
- Diodes (check for the mark and make it fit with the one in the PCB):



- **Leds** (longer pin is connected to the "+" hole)

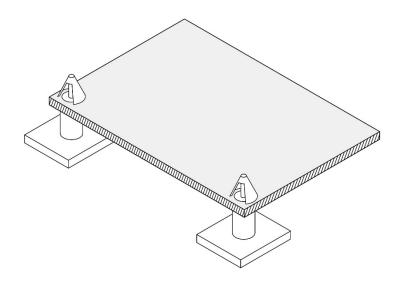


- <u>Transistors</u> (inserted to fit the drawing in the PCB)



## **Building Tips**

6- With the kit we include plastic PCB supports with an adhesive bottom. You can use them to anchor the PCB to your enclosure for a better stability. Just insert the PCB support tip into the 3.5mm holes and remove the adhesive protective film.



To avoid any issue always check the latest building manual. Use the pictures only as a reference! Colors/shapes of wires, PCB or parts can change slightly, this doesn't affect their functionality in any way.

Always double check part polarity, resistor and capacitor values, potentiometer placement, IC orientation... before soldering.

## **Schematic**

