

Samurai Booster Kit Building Manual



Effect Pedal Kits: Samurai Booster

The Samurai Clean Booster is the perfect answer for anybody looking for an ultra-clean booster, able to mirror your sound exactly without adding any color to it. Even if the pedal is powered with a standard 9V power source it duplicates the voltage internally. This allows the Samurai Clean Booster to work at 18V, giving you a lot more of headroom than other boosters. What does that mean? Simply that the pedal will be able to replicate your sound without modifying it a lot louder than the standard booster would!

Thanks to its high input impedance, the Samurai Clean Booster won't load any gear placed before it, making it perfect to be placed just after your instrument or other high output impedance devices. And if you want an extra boost, you can turn on the "Boost" switch: this will give you an extra amount of gain, making it perfect to help your amp overdrive naturally. Get it on all the time, or just when you need this little push for your solos!.

BOM (1/2)

		Resistors (7)			Capacitors (1	0)
3	R1, R4, R7	1M	1	C1		100p (ceramic)
2	R2, R6	4.7k	3	C2, C4, C5		220n
2	R3, R5	680	3	C3, C8, C9		10u (electrolytic)
			1	C6		15n
			1	C7		1n
			1	C10		100n

BOM (2/2)

Diodes, Transistors and ICs				Generic Parts and Potentiometers			
1	U1	ICL7660	1	Battery clip			
2	Q1, Q2	J113	1	DC Jack			
2	D1, D2	1N60	1	RLED	1k LED resistor		
			1	LED Bezel			
			1	3PDT			
			2	IN, OUT	6.35mm Jacks		
			1	SW1, SW2	DPDT		
			1	250kB	VOL		

Component Placement



Board Layouts

<u>3PDT PCB</u>



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

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- **<u>Electrolytic capacitors</u>** (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

