

Use these instructions to learn:

• How to build a tube drive pedal

The Persuader Deluxe utilizes a Darlington preamp to push cascaded triodes into distortion. One dual triode vacuum tube is included with each kit (JJ 12AU7). In order to experiment with your sound, you can easily swap this tube out for other compatible tubes - just plug and play! A boost switch provides an additional layer of flexibility with added gain and a little extra bottom end. An LED indicator lights up when the Persuader Deluxe is engaged and not in true bypass mode.

Warning: This circuit was designed for use with a 9 VDC power supply only.



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TOOL LIST

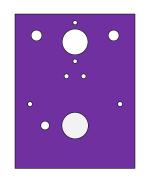
- Wire Strippers
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Cutting Pliers
- Desoldering Pump
- Solder (60/40 rosin core)
- Soldering Station
- Phillips Head Screwdrivers
- Slotted tip screwdrivers (3 mm tip)
- Channellock Pliers (or similar type)
- Ruler
- Hobby Vise (or other means to secure box while working)
- Exacto knife or similar cutting tool.

PARTS LIST 1

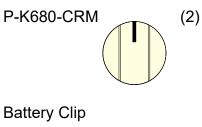
Stranded Wire (22 AWG) - White K-PUL1569-WHITE (4 FT)

Enclosure

P-H1590BBCE-DP (1)



Knobs



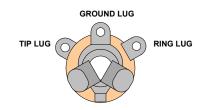
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1/4" Mono Jack (Output Jack) W-SC-11-T (1) GROUND LUG



¹/₄" Stereo Jack (Input Jack) W-SC-12B (1)

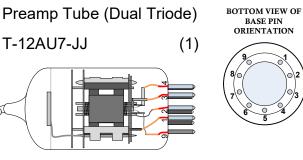


3PDT Foot Switch

P-H501

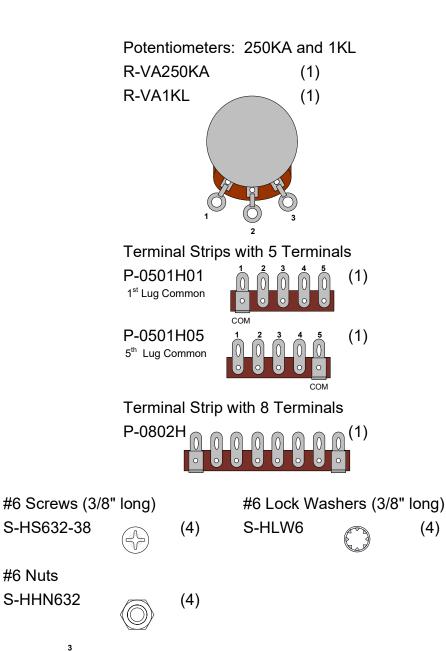


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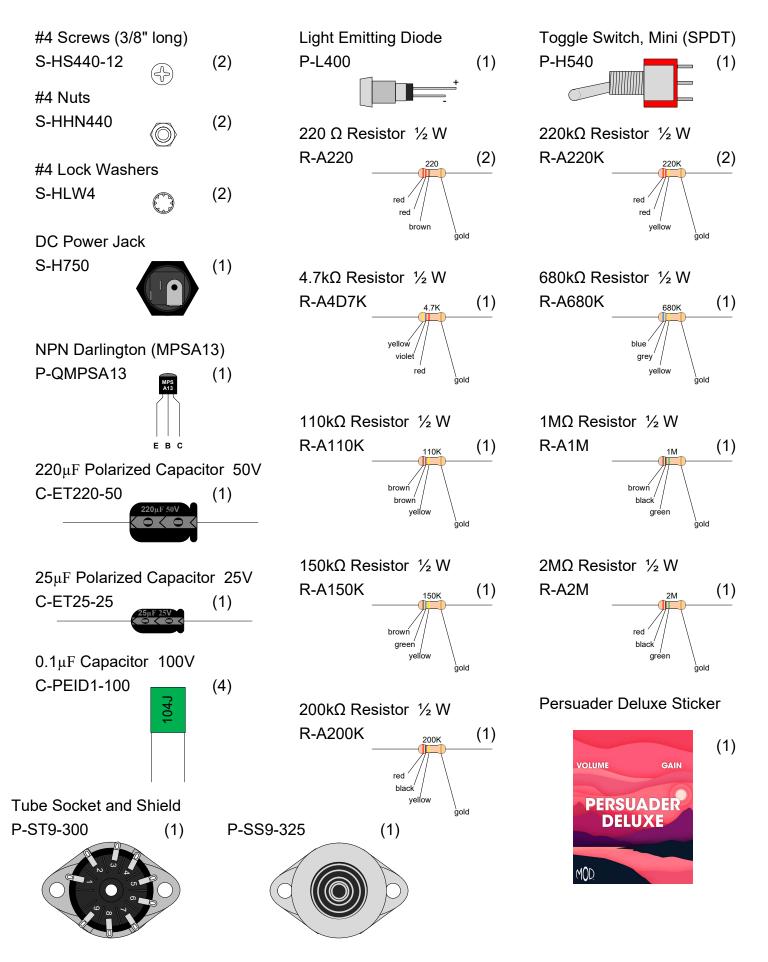
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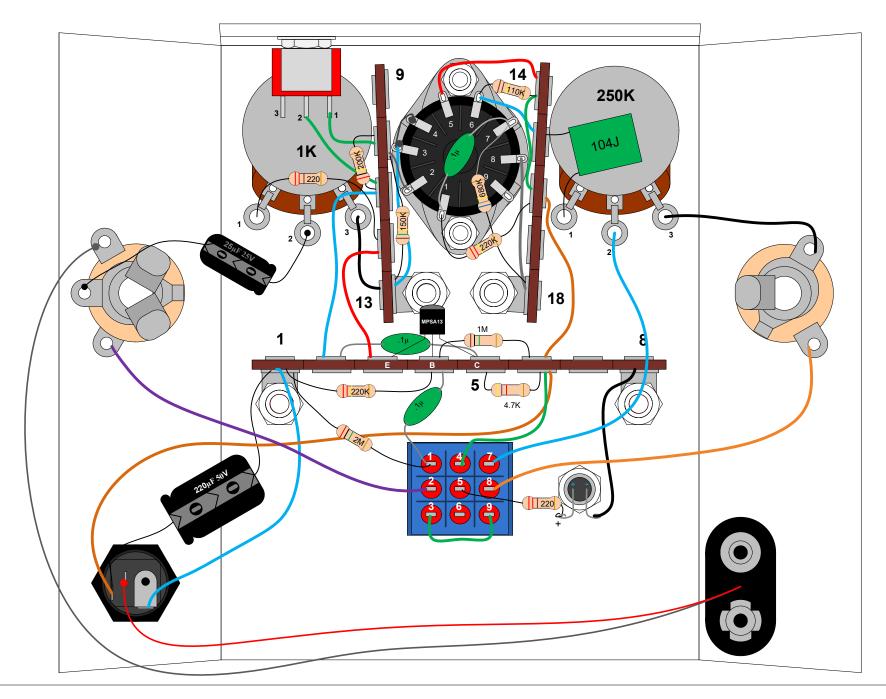
#6 Nuts S-HHN632

PARTS LIST 2



FINAL ASSEMBLY REFERENCE DRAWING

This is a large version of the final assembly drawing. Refer to this drawing as you make your way through each step of the instructions. Before you make a new connection at a particular terminal or solder lug, notice how many other connections will be made at that terminal. That way you can decide whether it's best for you to solder the connection and leave space open for future connections or hold off on soldering until after every connection at that location has been made.

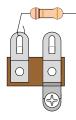


SOLDERING TIPS

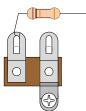
It is important to make a good solder joint at each connection point. A cold solder joint is a connection that may look connected but is actually disconnected or intermittently connected. (A cold solder joint can keep your project from working.)

Follow these tips to make a good solder joint. *Take your time with each connection and make sure that all components are connected and will remain connected if your project is bumped or shaken.*

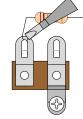
- 1. Bend the component lead or wire ending and wrap it around the connection point.
 - Make sure it is not too close to a neighboring component which could cause an unintended connection.
- 2. Wrap the component lead so that it can hold itself to the connection point.
- 3. Touch the soldering iron to both the component lead and the connection point allowing both to warm up just before applying the solder to them.
- 4. Be sure to adequately cover both component lead and connection point with melted solder.
 - Remove the soldering iron from your work and allow the solder joint to cool. (The solder joint should be shiny and smooth after solidifying.)
 - Cut off any excess wire or component leads with cutting pliers.
 - Clean the soldering iron's tip by wiping it across the wet sponge again after making the solder joint.



1. Bend the component lead and wrap it around the connection point.

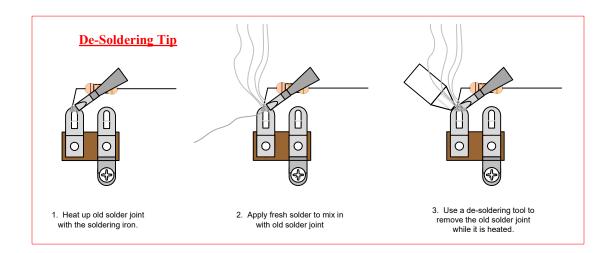


2. Wrap the component lead so that it can hold itself to the connection point.



3. Heat up both component lead and connection point with the soldering iron.





Please refer to DRAWING 1 and DRAWING 2.

Orient box with two 5/16" holes on top and $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole nearest you.

Apply the sticker to the top of the box and use a blade to cut out the holes.

Mount input jack in 3/8" hole on left side of box with hardware provided. Washer goes under nut on outside of box. Make sure center solder lug of input jack is facing up. Correct positioning of jack will make soldering connections much easier. When positioned correctly, tighten nut.

Mount output jack in 3/8" hole on right side of box with hardware provided. Washer goes under nut on outside of box. Make sure two solder lugs are in most upright position before tightening nut.

Mount the 8 lug terminal strip to the two 9/64" holes as shown in drawing 2 using #6 hardware. We will refer to terminal numbers as illustrated

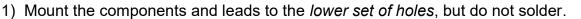
jack

below when connecting components.

Stripping and tinning wire: Throughout these instructions you will be told to strip and tin a length of wire numerous times. Unless noted otherwise, cut the wire to the length stated in the instructions, then strip $\frac{1}{4}$ " of insulation off each end. Twist each end of the stranded wire and apply a small amount of solder to each end (tin the wire ends). This prevents the stranded wire from fraying and makes soldering much easier.

Connect and solder all of the following to their respective terminals as listed. (Make sure none of the component leads are so close together that it could lead to an unintended connection). Be careful not to overheat the MPSA13 transistor when soldering.

Terminals #4 and #6 will have more than 3 components/leads connected to them. Because of this we will use both the upper and lower portion of the terminal.



Terminals #1 & 4:

220K resistor

Terminals #4 & 6:

• 1M resistor

Terminals #5 & 6:

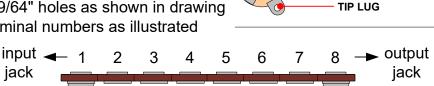
• 4.7K resistor

Solder the lower terminal hole connections on Terminals #1, 4, 5 and 6 now.

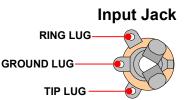
The remaining components and wires can be connected to the upper portion of their respective terminals. Unless otherwise noted, "mount" means to mount the component, solder the component in place and trim the leads.

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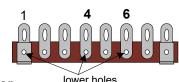




Output Jack



GROUND LUG





2) Mount two of the .1µF capacitors.

Terminals #2 & 5:

Mount one $.1\mu$ F cap to terminals #2 and #5 with the cap upside down and its leads facing up. This will allow room for the next component to be mounted in the same area.

(Make sure the leads of the cap do not come into contact with any terminals besides terminals #2 and #5).

Terminal #4:

Turn another $.1\mu$ F cap upside down with the leads facing up and mount one lead to terminal #4. (The other lead will be connected to the footswitch later in these instructions).

3) Mount the MPSA13 transistor.

Be careful not to overheat the MPSA13 transistor when soldering.

Terminals #3, 4 & 5:

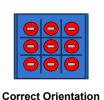
- "Emitter" to terminal #3
- "Base" to terminal #4
- "Collector" to terminal #5

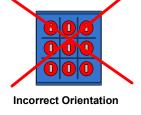
SECTION 2 – Mount the Potentiometers, Footswitch, LED and DC Power Jack

Please refer to DRAWING 3.

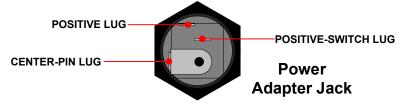
Mount the 1K potentiometer in the upper left hole using hardware provided. Mount the 250K potentiometer in the upper right hole using the hardware provided. Solder lugs for both pots should be pointed toward the bottom side of the enclosure. (*Remove the small mounting tab on each pot by bending it back with pliers*).

Mount footswitch in the ½" hole. The large nylon washer goes under the mounting nut on the outside of the box. The Lock washer mounts on the inside of the box between the box surface and the other nut. Make sure that the footswitch solder lugs are oriented left to right, not up and down as illustrated here.

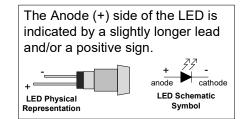




Mount the power adapter jack in the 15/32" hole on the bottom left side of box. Orient the solder lugs on the power adapter jack so the larger center-pin lug is facing the bottom side of the box. Tighten the adapter jack.



Mount the LED in the $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole next to the footswitch. Align the LED leads so that the anode (long lead) is closer to the footswitch.



MPS A13 E B C

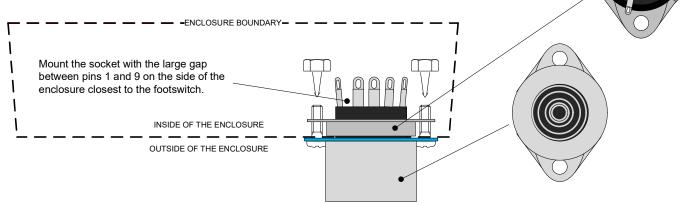
SECTION 3 – Mount the Tube Socket, Shield, 5 Lug Terminal Strips & Toggle Switch

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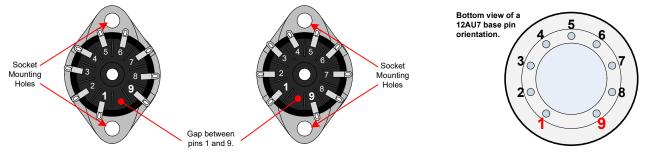
Use the #4 screws, lock washers and nuts to mount the tube socket and shield as shown below.

1) From outside of the enclosure, insert the two #4 screws through the mounting holes of the tube shield base and into the two 1/8" chassis holes.

2) Place the tube socket onto the two screws so that the gap between pins 1 and 9 is directed toward the end of the box with the footswitch.



Note: Due to variance in socket manufacturing, the pins on your socket may not be in the same position relative to the socket's mounting holes as shown in the layout drawings; however, the gap in the socket will always be between pins 1 and 9. Make sure you are making your tube socket connections to the correct pin numbers with respect to the gap and not their position relative to the mounting holes.

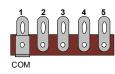


3) Fasten the two #4 lock washers and nuts onto the two screws and tighten.

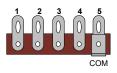
(Because the space is tight and the nuts/washers are small, it may be helpful to insert the screws and place a piece of masking tape over them to hold them in place to make it easier to get the washer and nut on the screw after the socket is in place.)

4) Mount the 5 lug terminal strip with the grounded terminal #1 between the 1K pot and the tube socket using #6 hardware.

5) Mount the 5 lug terminal strip with the grounded terminal #5 between the 250K pot and the tube socket using #6 hardware.

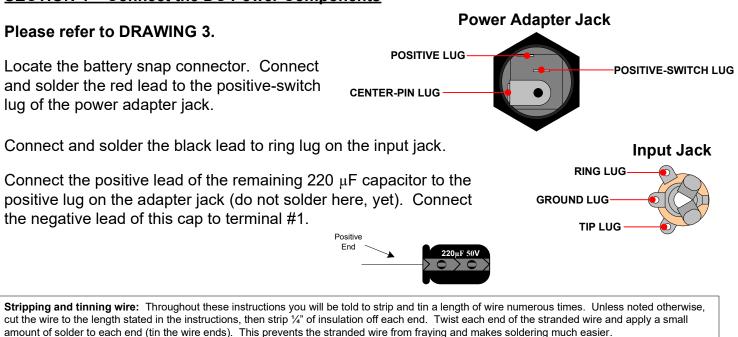


Be careful to mount these so that none of the terminals are unintentionally shorted to ground by surface to surface contact with the tube socket or potentiometer bodies.



6) Mount the toggle switch in the ¹/₄" hole adjacent to the 1K gain pot using hardware provided.

SECTION 4 – Connect the DC Power Components



Strip and tin a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " length of wire. Wrap one end around the positive lug of the adapter jack (same terminal as the 220µF capacitor). Now solder this connection and make sure the positive capacitor lead and wire end are not touching the nearby adapter jack lugs. Connect the other end of this wire

Strip and tin a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " length of wire and connect the adapter jack center-pin lug to terminal #1.

SECTION 5 – Wiring Connections in the Vacuum Tube Section

Please refer to DRAWING 4.

1) Strip and tin a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of wire and connect:

Terminals #6 & #16

to terminal #6.

2) Strip and tin a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of wire and connect:

Terminals #14 & #16

3) Cut a 1" piece of wire and connect:

Tube Pin 5 to Terminal #14

4) Cut a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of wire. Strip 3/8" of insulation from one end and $\frac{1}{4}$ " of insulation from the other end. Connect:

Tube Pins 3 & 4 to Terminal #13

Connect the longer end to tube socket pins 3 & 4. Connect the other end to terminal #13.

5) Strip $\frac{3}{4}$ " of insulation from the end of the wire supply and tin. Snip off the $\frac{3}{4}$ " piece of tinned wire and connect:

Tube Pin 2 to Terminal #10

Routing this wire along the bottom of the terminal strip on the side next to the tube socket can make for a nice insulator to ensure that terminals #15 and #16 will not short out against the tube socket.



6) Strip and tin a 1" piece of wire and connect:

Toggle switch lug 1 to Terminal #10

7) Strip and tin a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of wire and connect:

Toggle switch lug 2 to Terminal #11

8) Strip and tin a 1 ¹/₂" piece of wire and connect:1KL pot lug 3 to Terminal #13

9) Strip and tin a 2 ¹/₂" piece of wire and connect:
Terminals #2 & #11

10) Strip and tin a 1 ³⁄₄" piece of wire and connect:

Terminals #3 & #12

11) Strip and tin a 2" piece of wire and connect:

Tube Pin 8 & Terminal #18

12) Strip $\frac{3}{4}$ " of insulation from the end of the wire supply and tin. Snip off the $\frac{3}{4}$ " piece of tinned wire and connect:

Tube Pin 6 & Terminal #15 -Don't solder at Pin 6, yet.

SECTION 6 – Mounting Components in the Vacuum Tube Section

Please refer to DRAWING 5.

1) Mount the 25μ F cap to the input jack's ground lug and 1KL pot lug 2. Make sure the negative (-) end of the cap is connected to ground.

2) Connect the 220 Ω resistor to:

1KL Pot lug 1 & Terminal #12

3) Connect the 150K resistor to:

Terminals #10 & #13

4) Connect the 200K resistor to:

Terminals #10 & #11

5) Connect the 110K resistor to:

 Tube pin 6 & Terminal #14
 -You can solder the Pin 6 connection, now.

6) Connect the 680K resistor to:

Tube pin 7 & Terminal #18 -Don't solder at Pin 7, yet.

7) Connect the 220K resistor to:

Tube pin 1 & Terminal #16 -Don't solder at Pin 1, yet.

8) Connect a $.1\mu$ F cap to:

Tube pins 1 & 7-You can solder the Pins 1 & 7 connections, now.

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250KA Pot lug 1 & Terminal #15

SECTION 7 – Wire the Output Jack and Footswitch Connections

Please refer to DRAWING 6.

1) Locate the unattached end of the $.1\mu$ F cap (from Section1) and connect to:

Footswitch lug 1 -Don't solder the footswitch connection, yet.

2) Connect the 2M resistor to:

Footswitch lug 1 & Terminal #1 -You can solder the lug 1 connection, now.

- 3) Connect the remaining 220Ω resistor to:
- Footswitch lug 5 & LED Anode (+) <

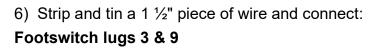
(Make sure the resistor lead does not short against any of the other Footswitch lugs).

4) Strip and tin a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ piece of wire and connect:

LED Cathode (-) & Terminal #8

5) Strip and tin a 2" piece of wire and connect:

Footswitch lug #4 & Terminal #6



7) Strip and tin a 4" piece of wire and connect:250KA Pot lug 2 & Footswitch lug 7

8) Strip and tin a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ piece of wire and connect: Output Jack's ground lug & 250KA Pot lug 3

9) Strip and tin a 2 ¹/₂" piece of wire and connect:
Output Jack's tip lug & Footswitch lug 8

10) Strip and tin a 3" piece of wire and connect:Input Jack's tip lug & Footswitch lug 2

SECTION 8 – Finishing Up

It's always a good idea to thoroughly double-check your connections before applying power.

Attach the knobs provided to the two potentiometer shafts. Install 9 volt battery, close cover using screws provided. Plug guitar into input jack on right. This turns unit on. Plug cable into output jack and plug into your amplifier. Battery will last only about 1 hour of continuous operation. 9 volt, center negative power supply is highly recommended for use with this unit.

Unplug from the input jack of the unit to turn it off and save power.

Footswitch lug numbering convention



Output Jack GROUND LUG TIP LUG

GROUND LUG

TIP LUG

Clip the anode lead of the LED and resistor to a

they are tightly connected to each other.

reasonable length and connect them by bending and crimping the leads around each other. Solder them once

Suggested Tube Uses

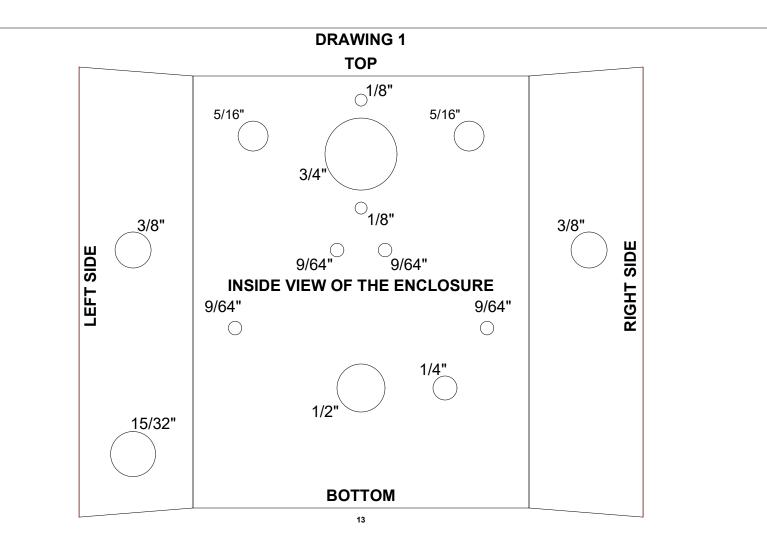
-Visit the Persuader Deluxe page on AmplifiedParts.com for a full list of compatible tubes.

5751: Subtle bluesy style break up at low gain settings capable of being overdriven to distortion a highest gain settings, with overall lower volume. At lowest gain settings it provides approximately unity gain at full volume.

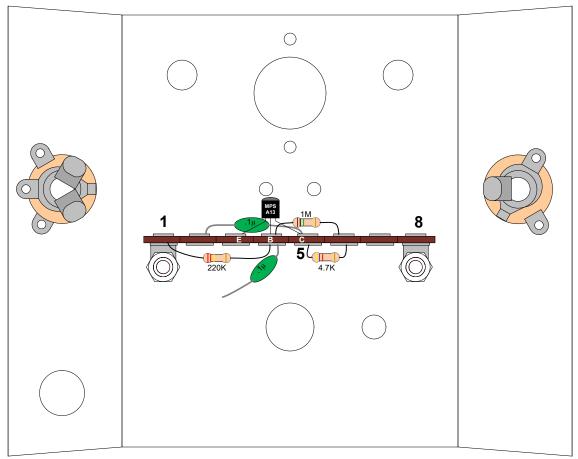
ECC83 / 12AX7: At minimum gain settings this tube provides a clean boost and falls into the overdrive category at maximum gain settings.

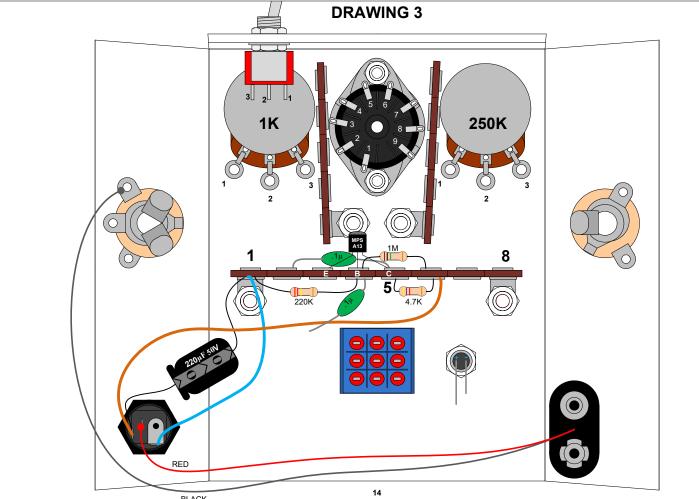
ECC82 / 12AU7 (included with kit): The 12AU7 displays light distortion at minimum gain settings and covers the same territory as the 12AX7 at middle gain settings. With the boost switch engaged it goes beyond overdrive into fuzz/distortion.

ECC81 / 12AT7: Often relegated to the role of phase inverter or reverb driver, the 12AT7 really shines in the Persuader Deluxe. At minimum gain settings, it will provide a clean boost just this side of overdrive launches into aggressive distortion at maximum gain.



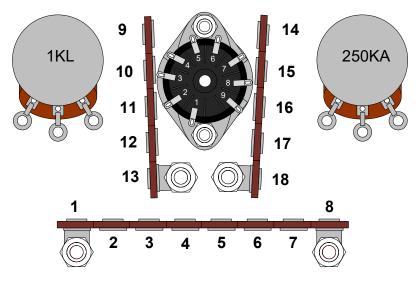
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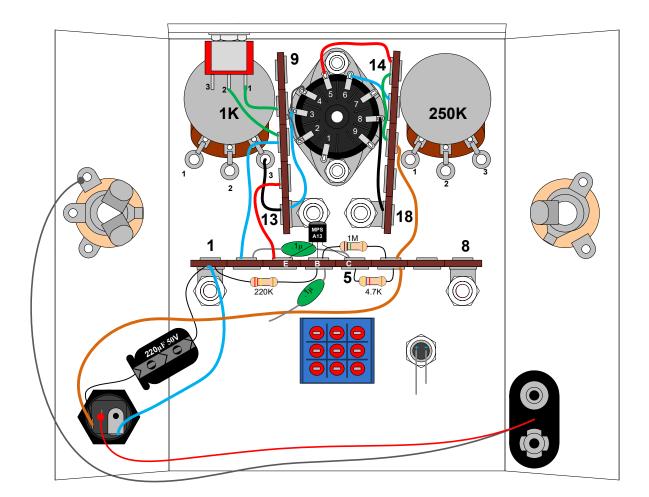


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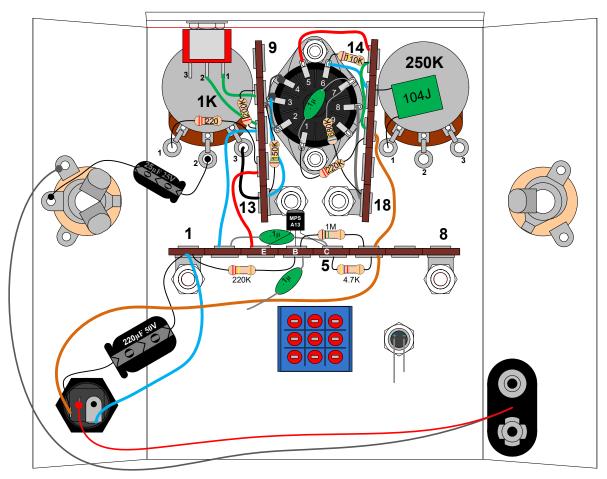
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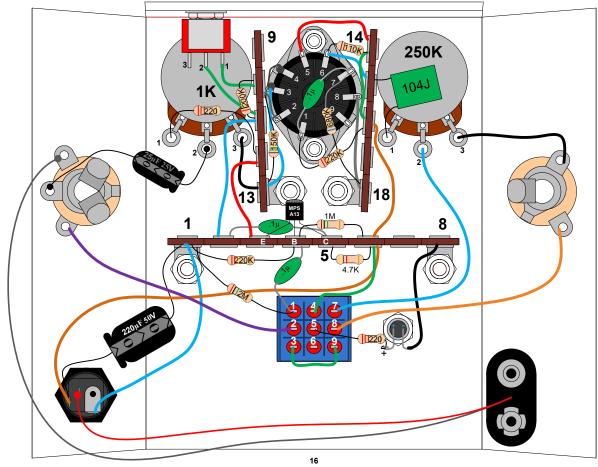
Terminal Numbering Convention



DRAWING 5



DRAWING 6



Use this troubleshooting supplement to help:

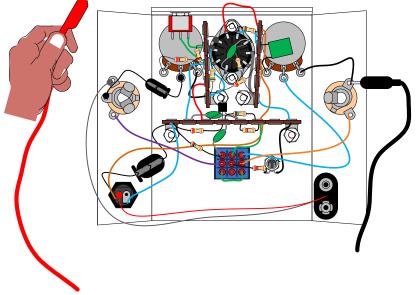
• Measure DC voltage test points to identify major discrepancies and locate problem areas.

(Keep in mind that the voltage measurements will vary slightly from kit to kit. The voltages you measure should be in the same ballpark, but do not expect to get the exact same value.)

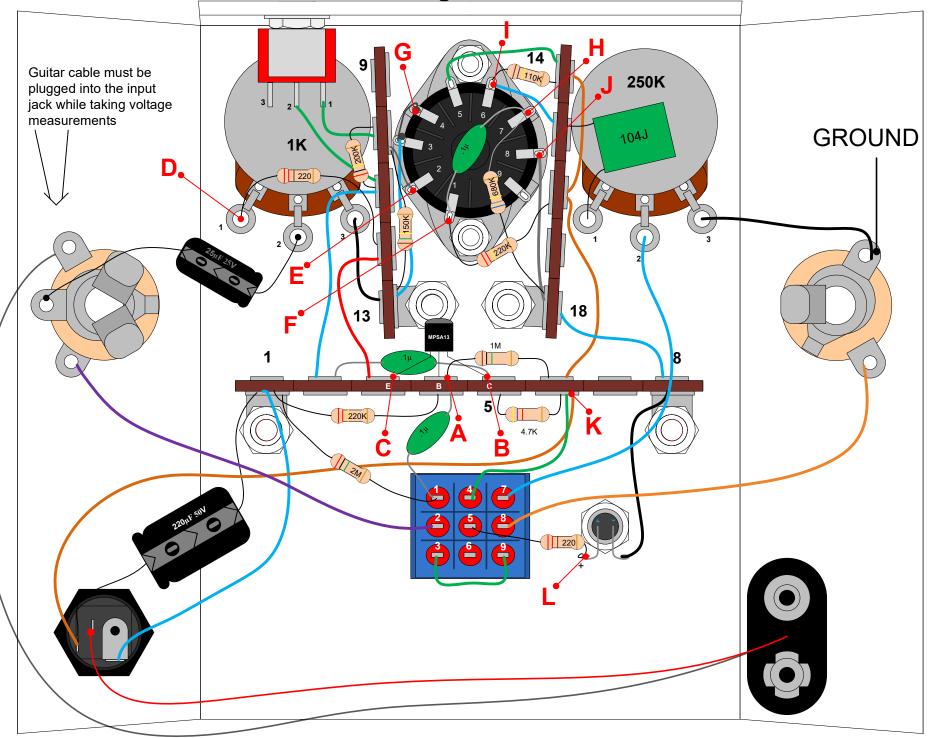
Test Point	Location Description	DC Voltage Measurement
Α	Transistor Base Terminal	1.6 VDC
В	Transistor Collector Terminal	6.9 VDC
С	Transistor Emitter Terminal	0.6 VDC
D	Gain Pot "Hot" Lug	0.5 VDC
E	Tube pin 2 (grid)	-0.5 VDC
F	Tube pin 1 (plate)	4.8 VDC
G	Tube pins 3 & 4 (cathode & filament)	0 VDC
Н	Tube pin 7 (grid)	-0.4 VDC
I	Tube pin 6 (plate)	7.0 VDC
J	Tube pin 8 (cathode)	0 VDC
K	Power Supply	9.1 VDC
L	LED Anode (+)	2.4 VDC

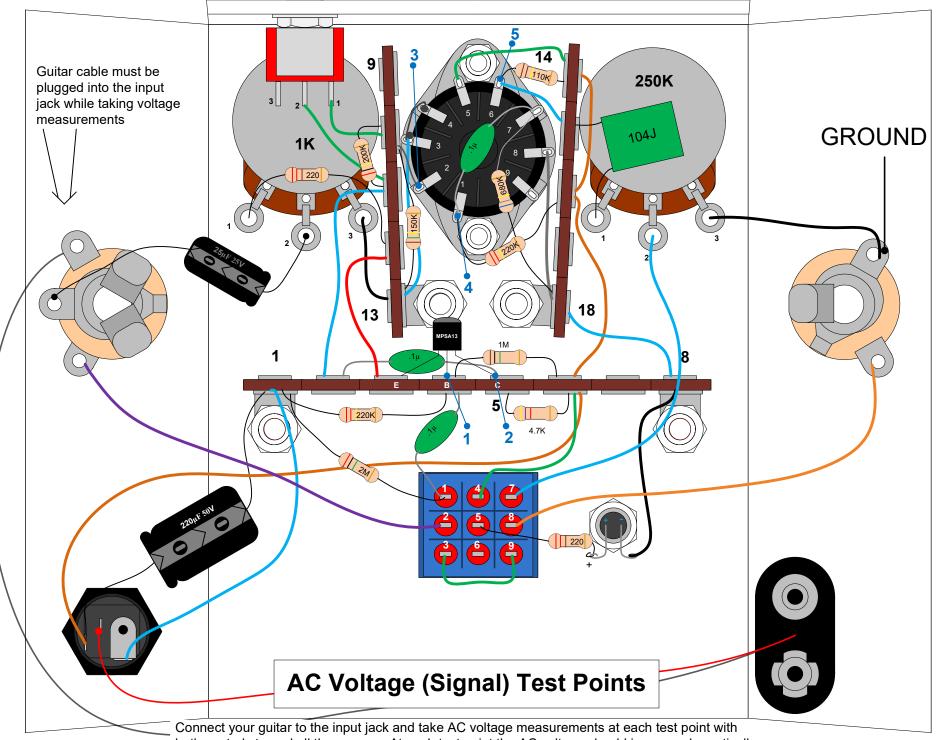
Using a volt meter, connect the ground side lead of the meter to any ground point on the pedal. One ground point would be the output jack's ground lug. The other volt meter lead will be used to measure DC voltage at the test points listed above and shown in the drawing on the next page.

Plug a guitar cable into the input jack and take measurements at each test point with the gain control turned all the way up. Any major differences from the voltages listed above should indicate a problem area.

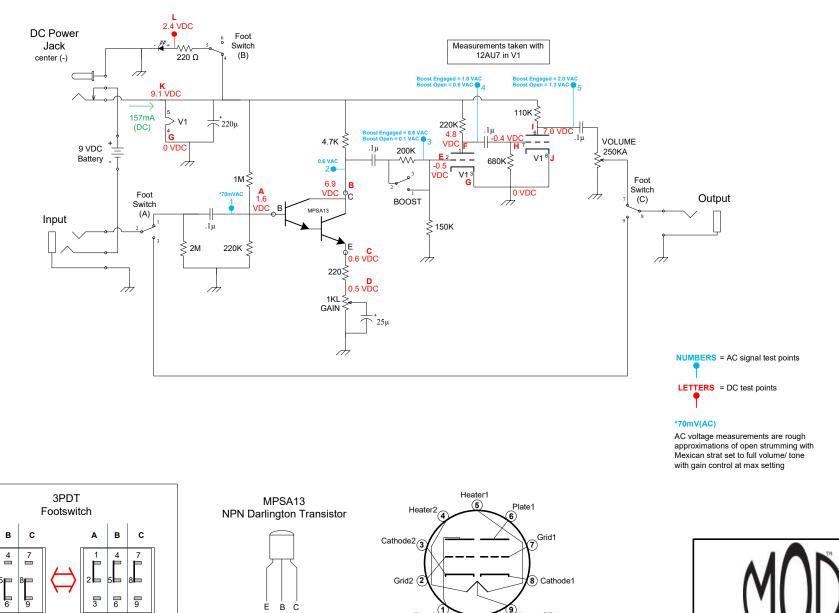


DC Voltage Test Points





both controls turned all the way up. At each test point the AC voltage should increase dramatically each time you strum the guitar. (No strum = 0.0 VAC, Hard strum = anywhere from 10 mV to 2 V).



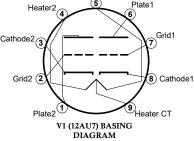


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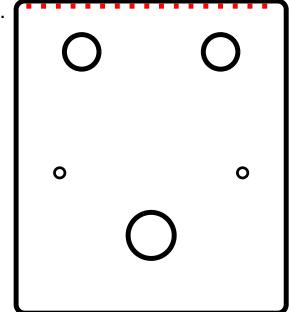




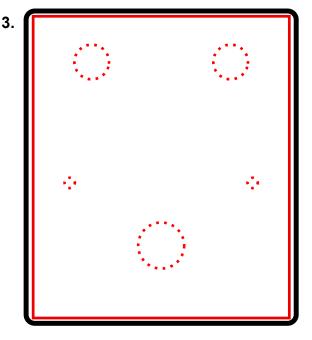
"The Persuader Deluxe" (K-980) Schematic

APPLYING THE STICKER TO MOD PEDAL ENCLOSURES

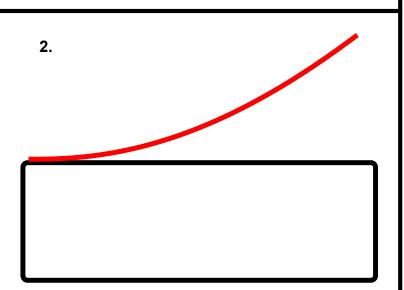




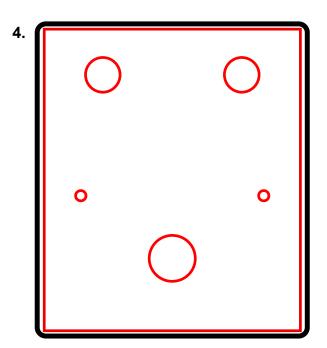
• Locate the top of the pedal as well as the top of the sticker. Page one of the instructions for your kit will have an image of the pedal that can be used for reference.



• Locate the holes beneath the sticker and depress them using a fingertip. Be sure that the area of the sticker surrounding the holes is fully adhered to the surface.



• Peel the backing from the sticker. Carefully line up the top edge of the sticker with the top of the pedal. Press down to apply the sticker only to the edge. Run a finger across the edge to push any air out from beneath the sticker. Continue this motion as you work your way down the pedal until the sticker is fully attached.



• With an Xacto knife or similar tool, carefully pierce the sticker in the center of each hole. Carefully work the knife from the center of the hole to the edge and begin cutting fully around the edge until the sticker has been fully cleared from the hole.