

SPACKLER

FX TYPE: Boost

Based on the Demeter® Fat Control™

Enclosure Size: 1590A

"Softie" compatibility: none

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Overview

The Spackler is a modified version of the Demeter® Fat Control™. The effect is a mid-range boost that will push the front end of an amplifier while boosting the lower-mid frequency range resulting in what some might call added “warmth” and “depth” to a guitar signal. The Spackler works well as a stand-alone effect, or before another effect like a dirt box.

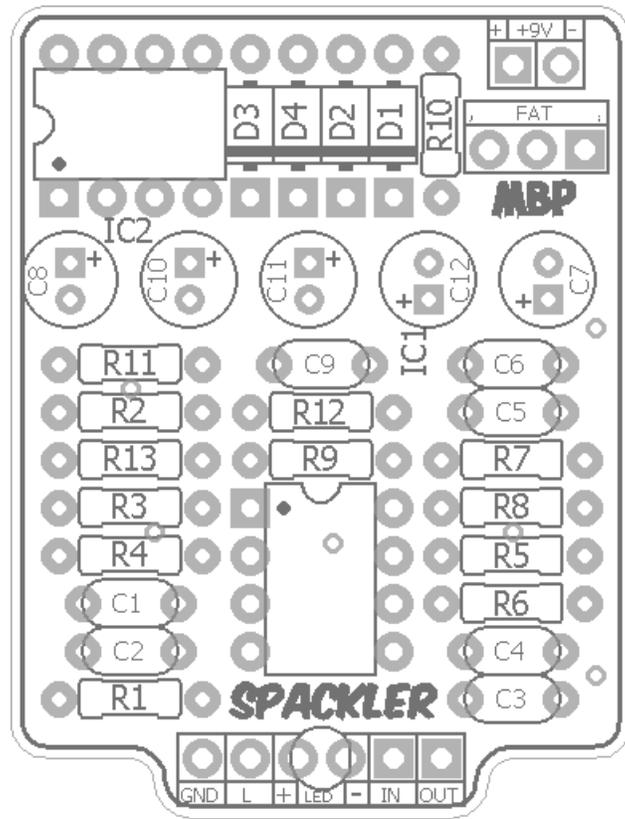
This version of the Spackler adds a charge pump for 18v operation. While this does not add much in the way of extra boost, it does add a little extra “girth” to the lower frequencies, I found.

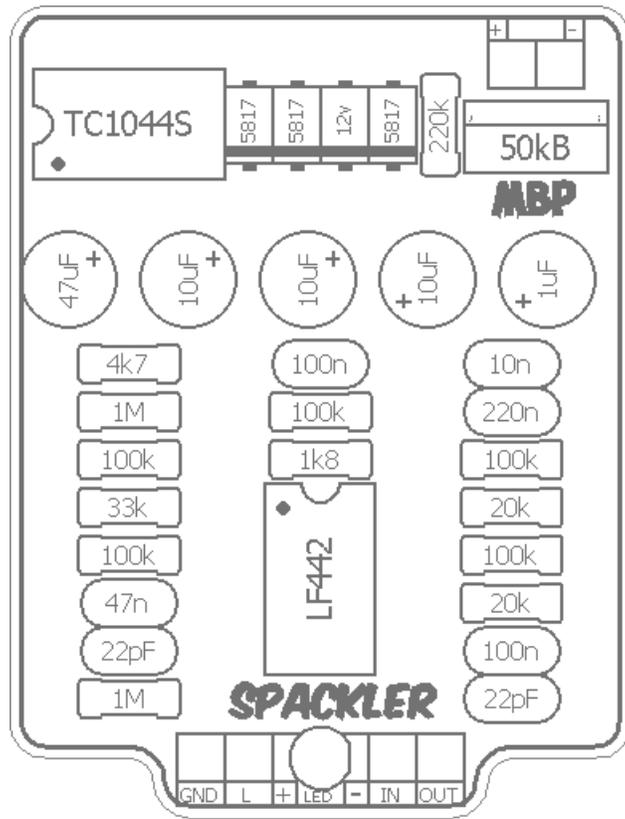
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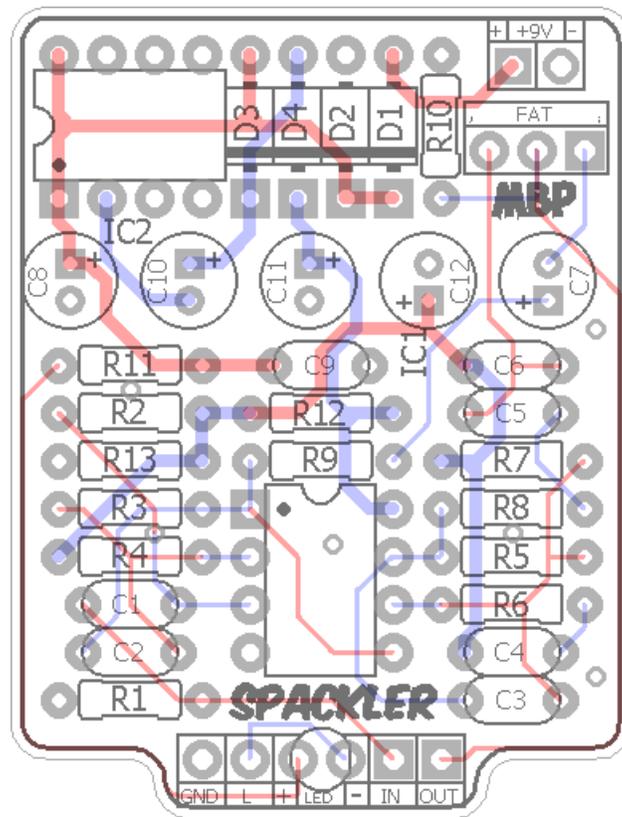
- **BOOST:** From flat (CCW) to boost (CW). Unity is a little less than halfway up the control.

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Resistors		Caps		Diodes	
R1	1M	C1	47n	D1	1N5817
R2	1M	C2	22pF	D2	12v Zener
R3	33k	C3	22pF	D3	1N5817
R4	100k	C4	100n	D4	1N5817
R5	100k	C5	220n	IC	
R6	20k	C6	10n	IC1	LF442
R7	100k	C7	1uF	IC2	TC1044SCPA
R8	20k	C8	47uF	Pot	
R9	1k8	C9	100n	FAT	50kB
R10	220k	C10	10uF		
R11	4k7	C11	10uF		
R12	100k	C12	10uF		
R13	100k				

Value	QTY	Type	Rating
1k8	1	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
4k7	1	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
20k	2	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
33k	1	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
100k	5	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
220k	1	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
1M	2	Metal / Carbon Film	1/4W
22pF	2	Ceramic / MLCC	25v min.
10n	1	Film	25v min.
47n	1	Film	25v min.
100n	2	Film	25v min.
220n	1	Film	25v min.
1uF	1	Low-Profile Electrolytic	25v min.
10uF	3	Low-Profile Electrolytic	25v min.
47uF	1	Low-Profile Electrolytic	25v min.
1N5817	3		
12v	1	Zener	
LF442	1		
TC1044SCPA	1		
50kB	1	9mm, 12mm or 16mm	

Low-Profile Electrolytic:

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/electrolytic-radial-low-profile-16v-1-f-100-f/>

12v Zener:

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/diode-zener-1n4742a/>

12mm Pots:

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/alpha-single-gang-12mm-solder-terms/>

16mm Pots:

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/alpha-single-gang-16mm-solder-terms-linear-audio-taper/>

TC1044SPCA:

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/ic-tc1044scca/>

The LF442 is pretty hard to come by these days. If you can find one, by all means use it. You can use an LM1458 as a sub (the LF442 is basically a low current version of the LM1458):

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/ic-mc1458p-ti/>

Or, if you have money to burn you can go high-end with an OPA2134 or 2604!

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/ic-opa2134pa/>

<http://smallbear-electronics.mybigcommerce.com/ic-opa2604ap/>

Other (less expensive) dual-op amps can be used, as well: TL072, etc.

Thinline DC Jack:

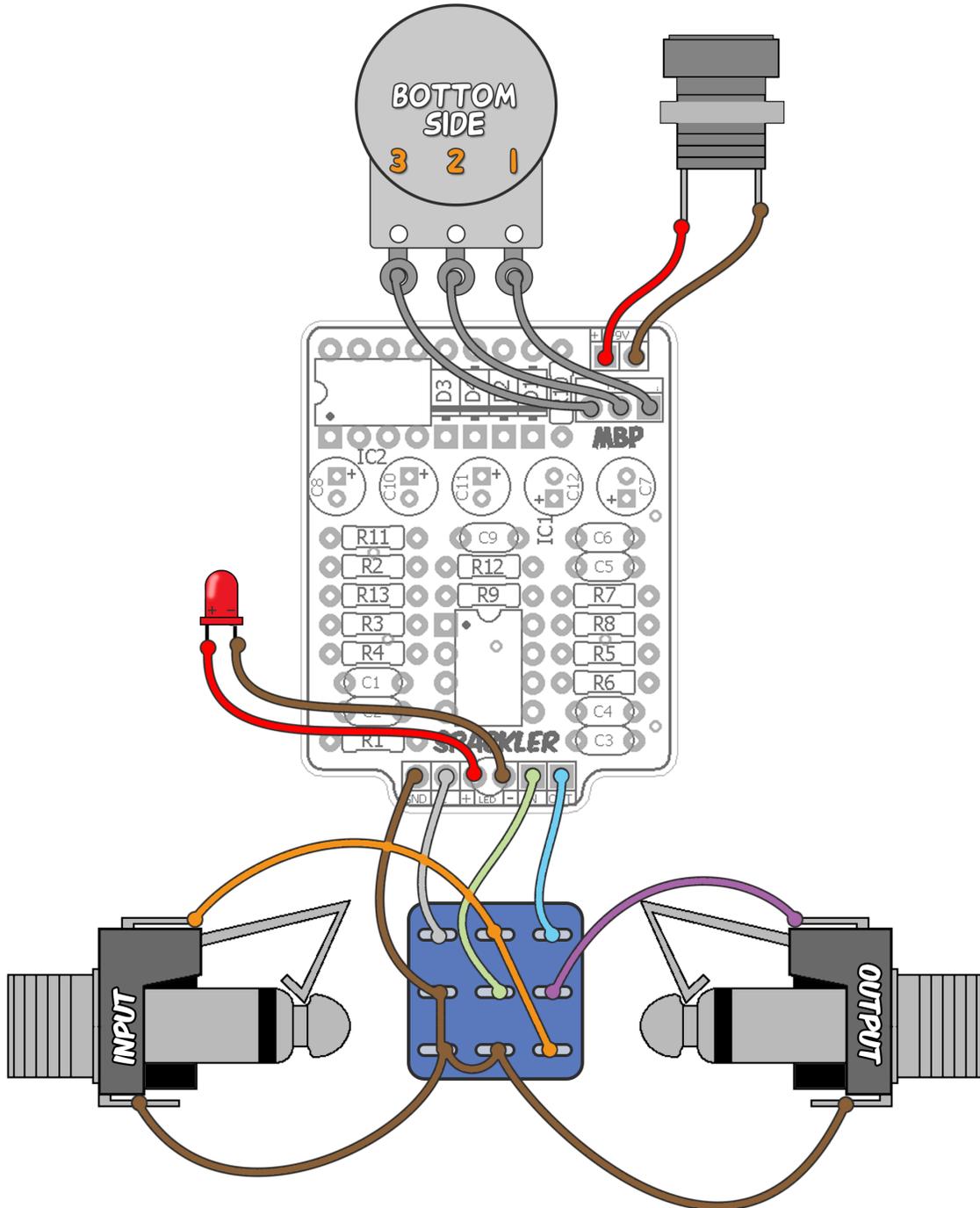
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Enclosed Mono:

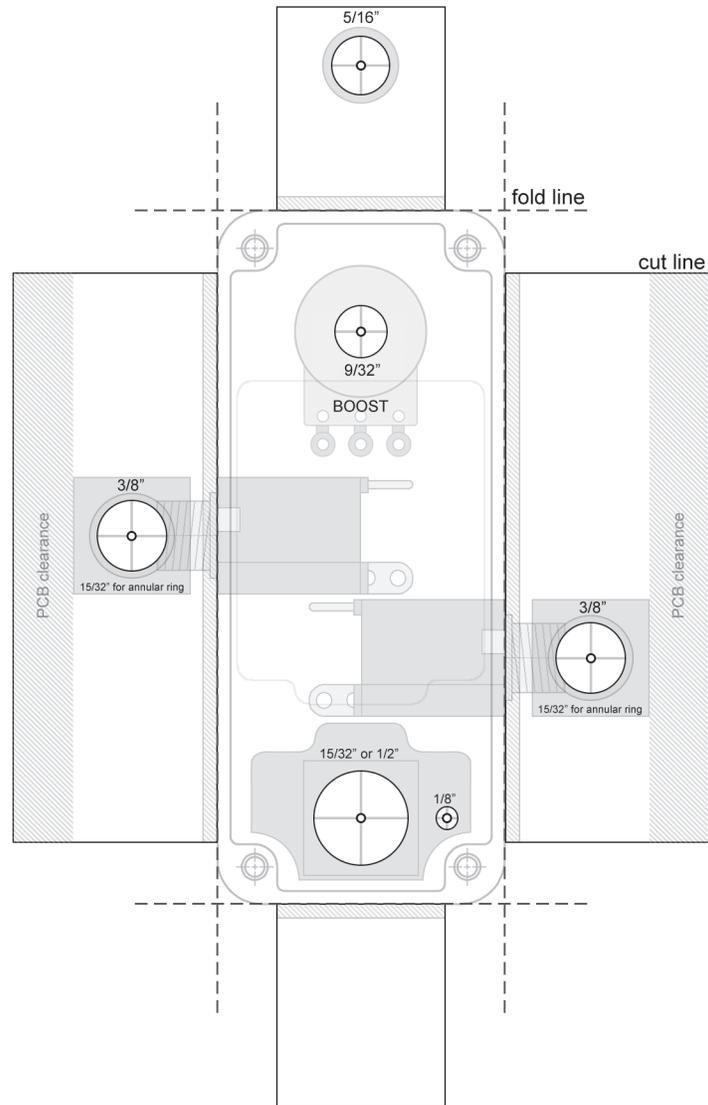
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- none



Note: Drill Guides are approximate and may require tweaking depending on the types of jacks, switches and pots you use.



- This template will work for either mono enclosed jacks or the “Lumberg” style.
- You should use the “Thinline” style DC jack for this build.
- It also shows the 3PDT02 bypass PCB but this is not required. If you are wiring straight to a 3PDT you can use the same LED location on the right side or choose a different spot.

IC1	DC	IC2	DC
1	8.94	1	9.17
2	8.96	2	4.68
3	7.36	3	0
4	0	4	ignore
5	8.94	5	0
6	8.96	6	4.55
7	8.96	7	5.8
8	17.98	8	9.17

- 9.42vDC One Spot
- Current Draw ~ 2mA

