

# BONEYARD

**FX TYPE: DISTORTION**

Based on the Carl Martin® Plexitone™

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The **Boneyard** is a modified Carl Martin® Plexitone™, which is a very high gain distortion powered by an on-board transformer running at +/- 12v. To simplify the design, the Boneyard eliminates the transformer and instead uses a simple voltage inverter to power the effect at +/-9v. Additional changes are suggested to the BOM to modify the overall gain and eliminate potential oscillation.

## The controls are as follows

**CRUNCH:** This is the normal gain control.

**HI-GAIN:** This swaps out the **CRUNCH** pot with a larger pot for added gain.

**SW1:** This switches between the **CRUNCH** and **HI-GAIN** modes. It can be set up as either an SPDT toggle or an additional 3PDT switch for foot control.

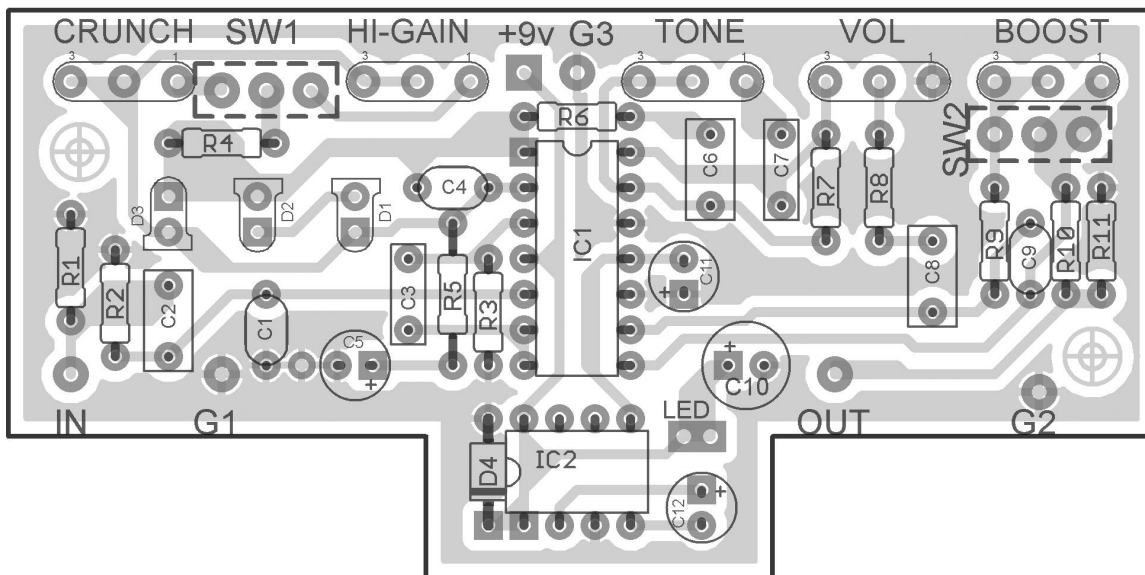
**TONE:** This is an active tone control.

**VOL:** A passive volume control before the final output stage.

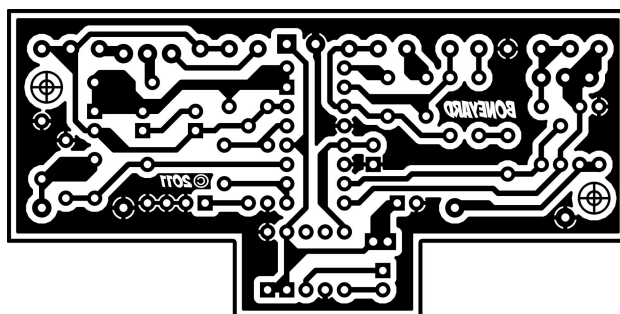
**BOOST:** An active boost control that can give added output to either the **CRUNCH** or **HI-GAIN** modes.

## Notes

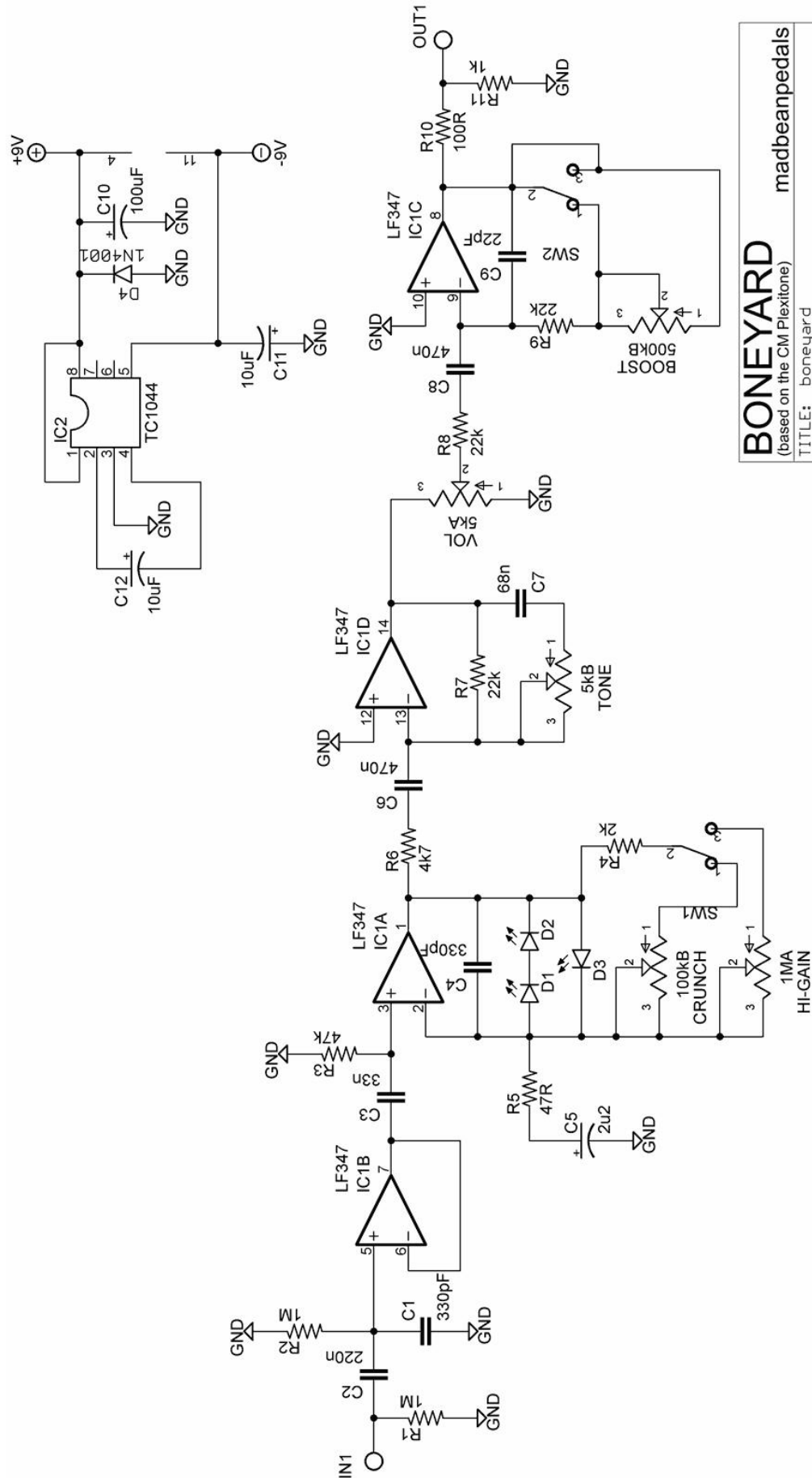
- There are two BOMs listed for this project. The first BOM is the “stock” version, which is also the version depicted in the schematic drawing. The second is a modified version which is the one you should build. Tracing information on the stock version seems to have a couple of sketchy values which resulted in TOO MUCH gain and oscillation to be use-able. Therefore, the alternate BOM was developed to eliminate this problem. The Modified BOM offers all the gain and range you need without the noise and unwanted feedback!
- A 1590BB is suggested for ease of assembly. If using three 3PDT switches, as depicted in the wiring diagram below, you will want to set up your enclosure horizontally to allow the most useable space between the switches. However, a two switch version will allow you to set the 1590BB vertically, which takes up less space length-wise on a pedal board. For a two switch version, it is recommended to use an SPDT for **SW1** instead of a 3PDT, and use the **BOOST** function as a foot switch instead.
- If you do not have a 5kA for the VOL control, use a 10kA and put a 10k resistor across lugs 3&1 of the pot. This will yield approximately 5k.
- You can use an LT1054 in place of the TC1044/MAX1044 listed. This will allow you to run the **Boneyard** at +/-12v with a single 12v power supply adaptor (note that the TC1044/MAX1044 should only be used with a 9v adaptor). If using the LT1054, you will need to either lift up or clip out pin1 on the IC for it to work properly. Or you could use two IC sockets and simply clip out pin1 on the top socket so you do not have to alter the actual LT1054.



3.23" W x 1.61" H (including borders)



Stock Version						Modified Version (build this one)					
Resistors		Caps		Diodes		Resistors		Caps		Diodes	
R1	1M	C1	330pF	D1 - D3	RED LED	R1	1M	C1	330pF	D1 - D3	RED LED
R2	1M	C2	220n	D4	1N4001	R2	1M	C2	220n	D4	1N4001
R3	47k	C3	33n	IC		R3	47k	C3	33n	IC	
R4	2k	C4	330pF	IC1	LF347	R4	2k	C4	330pF	IC1	LF347
R5	47R	C5	2u2	IC2	TC1044	R5	47R	C5	2u2	IC2	TC1044
R6	4k7	C6	470n	Pots		R6	4k7	C6	470n	Pots	
R7	22k	C7	68n	BOOST	500kB	R7	22k	C7	68n	BOOST	50kB
R8	22k	C8	470n	CRUNCH	100kB	R8	22k	C8	470n	CRUNCH	50kB
R9	22k	C9	22pF	HI-GAIN	1MA	R9	22k	C9	150pF	HI-GAIN	250kB
R10	100R	C10	100uF	TONE	5kB	R10	100R	C10	100uF	TONE	5kB
R11	1k	C11	10uF	VOL	5kA	R11	1k	C11	10uF	VOL	5kA
		C12	10uF					C12	10uF		



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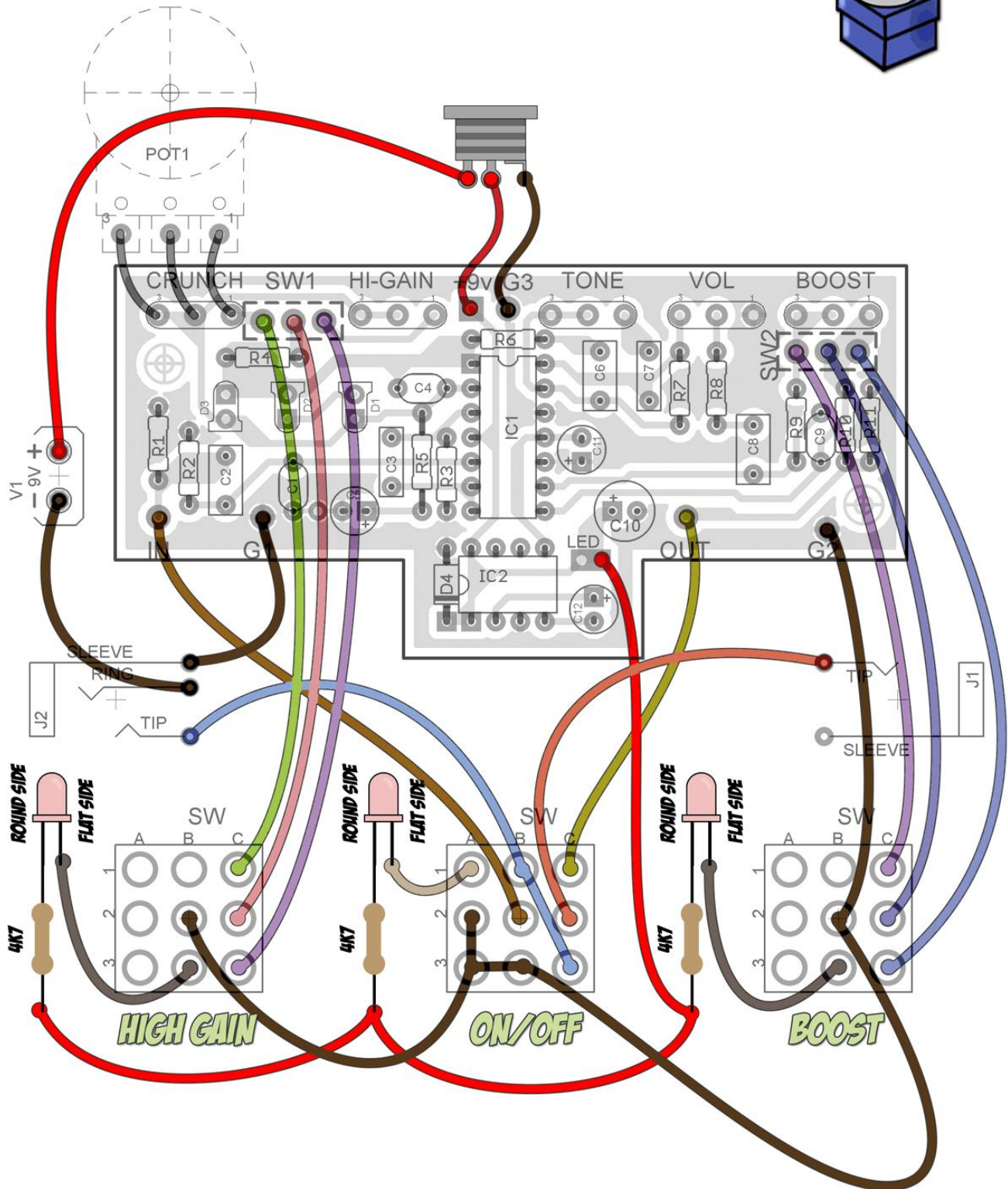
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## Smallbear Parts Guide

R1, R2	1M	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=664">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=664</a>
R3	47k	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=663">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=663</a>
R4	2k	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=661">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=661</a>
R6	4k7	
R5	470R	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=660">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=660</a>
R11	1k	
R7 - R9	22k	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=662">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=662</a>
R10	100R	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=659">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=659</a>
C1, C4	330pF	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=969">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=969</a>
C9	150pF	
C2	220n	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=894">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=894</a>
C6, C8	470n	
C3	33n	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=892">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=892</a>
C7	68n	
C5	2u2	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=1070">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=1070</a>
C11, C12	10uF	
C10	100uF	
D1 - D3	RED LED	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=332">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=332</a>
IC1	LF347	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=200">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=200</a>
IC2	TC1044	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=244">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=244</a>
	LT1054	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=794">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=794</a>
BOOST	50kB	<a href="http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=555">http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=555</a>
CRUNCH	50kB	
HI-GAIN	250kB	
TONE	5kB	
VOL	5kA	

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