## 3-BAND EQ

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## INCLUDED COMPONENTS



## BREADBOARD FLOW



## Power rails flow horizontally.

The negative rail will connect to the pin header marked GND, and the positive rail will connect to the pin header marked VCC.

Audio rails flow vertically.
Channels a-e are connected, and channels $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{i}$ are connected.


## READING RESISTORS

Reading resistors may seem intimidating, but it's a very important aspect of breadboarding and is actually very easy! To determine the resistor value, follow the table and colors below. To ensure you are reading the correct value, keep in mind that the tolerance band is always found on the far right.


Shown below are the resistors and values that we'll be using in this build.



1 M

2.2M

## STEP ONE \| POWER FILTERING

Power filtering helps to filter unwanted noise from power supplies, while preventing incorrect polarity from damaging the circuit. Ensure that polarized components (diode + electrolytic capacitor) are inserted correctly. In the schematic below, power is shown as 9 V , whereas the breadboard shows VCC. Please note that for the majority of pedal circuits, these terms are interchangeable. The two 10K resistors form a divider network, forming reference voltage, or "VR" at 4.5 volts.


## STEP TWO | INPUT

The input capacitor blocks AC signal, while setting the amount of low frequency audio allowed into the circuit. The pull down resistor prevents popping from the switch, and the 1 M resistor to VR establishes reference voltage for the circuit. The first op amp stage serves as a buffer.

OP AMP PINOUT


## STEP THREE \| TREBLE

The combination and placement of the potentiometer, resistors, and capacitors in this stage allow for control over the treble frequencies.


## STEP FOUR | MID

The combination and placement of the potentiometer, resistors, and capacitors in this stage allow for control over the mid frequencies.


## STEP FIVE \| BASS

The combination and placement of the potentiometer, resistors, and capacitors in this stage allow for control over the treble frequencies. The final connection of the three potentiometers to the op amp stage allow for amplification of the EQ bands.


## STEP SIX | OUTPUT

The transistor network amplifies the output signal, with the volume knob acting as an attenuator, setting the output volume of the circuit.


TRANSISTOR PINOUT


## TROUBLESHOOTING

Not getting power to the Power Rails/LED is not turning on when the toggle switch is set to the
'Engage' position.

Check that the proper connections are being made from the "VCC" \& "GND" pin headers to the Power Rails. Pay attention to the orientation of Polarized components (Diodes and Electrolytic Capacitors).

Check the polarity of your power supply. Breadboards require "Center negative" polarity (as is with the power supply shipped with the bundle).

Not getting any effect when the toggle switch is set to the Engage position.

Most common issues will pertain to the proper connections being made. This could be as simple as a component being 1 slot away from the correct Audio Rail.

Check that transistor/op amps are in the correct orientation, and not flipped around 180 degrees.

Getting effect when toggle switch is set to Engage, but it doesn't sound as expected.

Check that the transistor/op amps is in the correct orientation and not flipped around 180 degrees. Check that the resistors are in the correct place and didn't get swapped with a different value. Pay attention to the orientation of Polarized components (Diodescand Electrolytic Capacitors).

Still stuck? Please reach out to us with any questions you have! We're here to help. Please email us at: diy@coppersoundpedals.com


