# DISCRETIONARY OVERDRIVE 

## DESCRIPTION

The idea for the DISCRETIONARY came from seeing several discrete op amps for hi-fi audio applications (even an Orange amp). I even attempted a design using the schematic of an actual LM741, but it was way too many parts and room for errors/failure. So instead I used the much simpler Joe Davisson Diode Compressor Op Amp. I then applied this to the EQD White Light, which is itself a modified Distortion +/OD250 style circuit. The result is a great sounding discrete dirt box, while retaining a relatively low parts count.

## SCHEMATIC



## BOM

| Resistors |
| :--- |
| R1 2 M <br> R2 3.3 k <br> R3 470 k <br> R4 10 k <br> R5 6.8 k <br> R6 10 k <br> R7 100 k <br> R8 4.7 k <br> R9 1 k <br> R10 3.3 k <br> R11 10 k <br> R12 1 k <br> R13 10 k <br> R14 10 k <br> R15 10 k <br> R16 10 k <br> CLR 4.7 k |

## Capacitors

| C1 | $47 n$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| C2 | $22 \mu$ |
| C3 | $1 \mu$ |
| C4 | $22 n$ |
| C5 | 100 p |
| C6 | $4.7 \mu$ |
| C7 | $10 n$ |
| C8 | $2.2 n$ |
| C9 | $100 \mu$ |


| C10 | $22 \mu$ |
| :--- | :--- |

Semiconductors

| D1 | 1N4148 |
| :--- | :--- |
| D2 | 1N4148 |
| D3 | 1N4148 |
| D4 | 1N4148 |
| D5 | 1N60p |
| D6 | 1N60p |
| D7 | 1N60p |
| D8 | 1N60p |
| D9 | 1N5817 |
| LED | 3 or 5mm |
| Q1 | 2N5087 |
| Q2 | 2N5087 |
| Q3 | 2N5088 |

Electromechanical

| Comp | SPST on/on |
| :--- | :--- |
| Gain | A1M |
| Level | A100k |
| Tone | B25k |

Notes
The value of R5 may need to be adjusted so the collector of Q3 is near 4.5 v , but usually 6.8 k works. Alternative transistors would be 2N3906 for Q1-2 and 2N3904 for Q3.

## SHOPPING LIST

| Value | Type (suggested) | Quantity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 2 |
| 3.3 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 2 |
| 4.7 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 2 |
| 6.8 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 1 |
| 10 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 7 |
| 100 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 1 |
| 470 k | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 1 |
| 2 M | $1 / 4$ watt metal or carbon film | 1 |
| 100 p | Ceramic | 1 |
| 2.2 n | Film | 1 |
| 10 n | Film | 1 |


| $22 n$ | Film | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $47 n$ | Film | 1 |
| $1 \mu$ | Electrolytic | 1 |
| $4.7 \mu$ | Electrolytic | 1 |
| $22 \mu$ | Electrolytic | 2 |
| $100 \mu$ | Electrolytic (35v+) | 1 |
| 1N4148 | Silicon switching diode | 4 |
| 1N5817 | Schottky rectifier diode | 1 |
| 1N60p | Germanium Schottky diode | 4 |
| LED | 3 or 5mm | 1 |
| $2 N 5087$ | PNP BJT | 2 |
| $2 N 5088$ | NPN BJT | 1 |
| A100k | 16mm right angle PC mount | 1 |
| A1M | 16mm right angle PC mount | 1 |
| B25k | 16mm right angle PC mount | 1 |
| SPST | On/on toggle | 1 |

LAYOUT




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