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USER MANUAL



## Thank you

Thank you for purchasing SALLEN-KEY and thank you for the support to BLACK NOISE.

SALLEN-KEY is our tribute of the legendary MS-20 filter. We've tried our best to honor this unique and iconic filter.

What make this filter special it is non linear feedback path.

This design avoid the filter to clipping when self-oscillating, but also give it is unique color.

We've choose to integrate LED's instead of diode. It not only slightly change the color of the resonance but also give nice feedback information about the drive of the resonance path.

Unlike the original we add a crossader allowing you the blend the Low Pass and High Pass filter to create complex filtering.

We hope you'll like as much as we are.

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1

Unplug you rack power from the main.

2

As shown on the sketch on the right, align the red line from the power ribbon cable with the line draw next to the power connector.

3

Check twice the alignment of the ribbon cable.

4

Turn Q knob up to 11.

5

Plug you rack power to the main and power you rack.

4

If the LEDs above the Q knob light up you module is ready, if not please contact us at :  
[contact@blacknoisemodular.com](mailto:contact@blacknoisemodular.com)

### General Specifications



#### Power Consumption

+12V : 18mA  
-12V : 18mA  
+5V : 0mA



#### Panel Width

8HP



#### Module Depth

20mm - skiff friendly

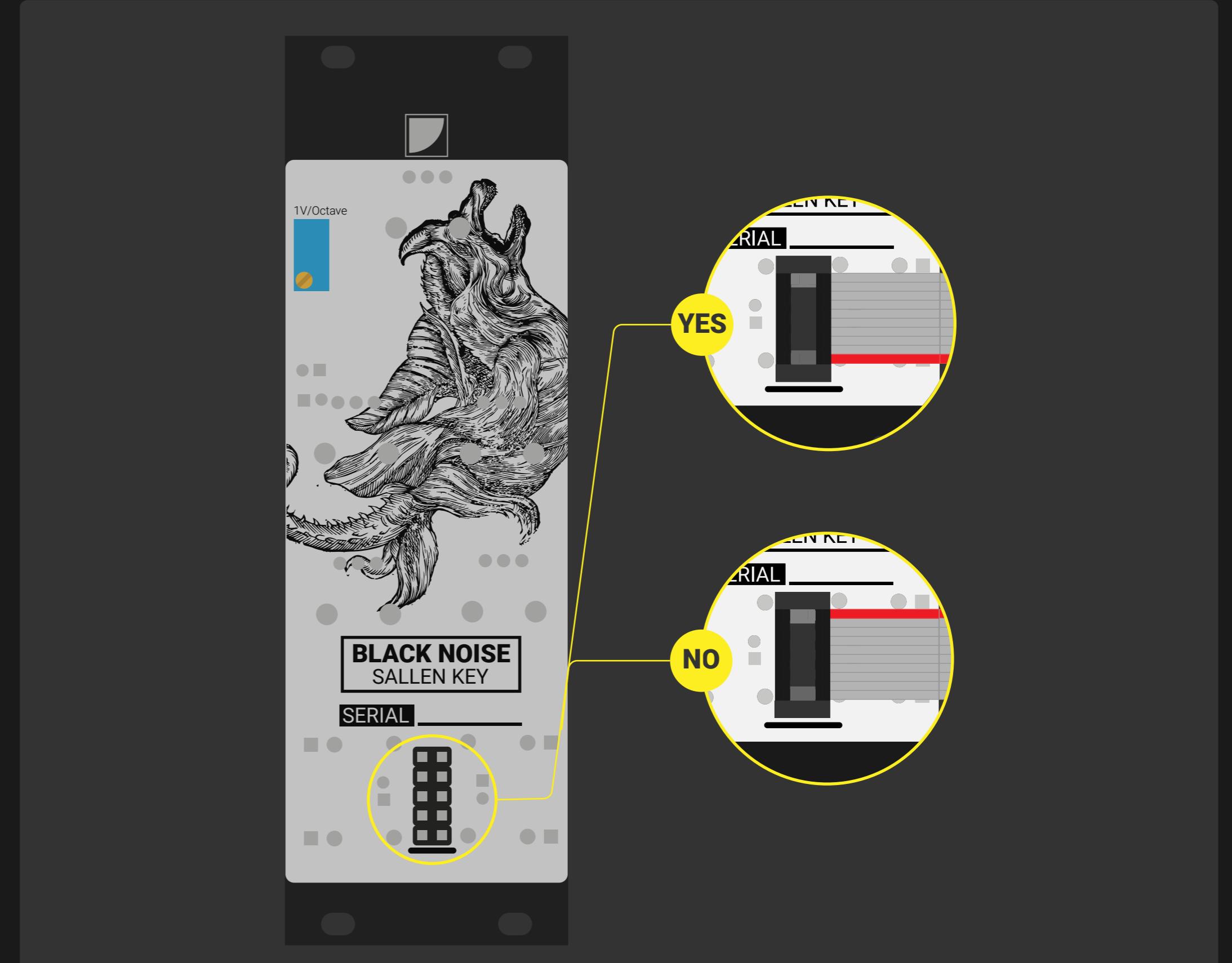
### Warranty

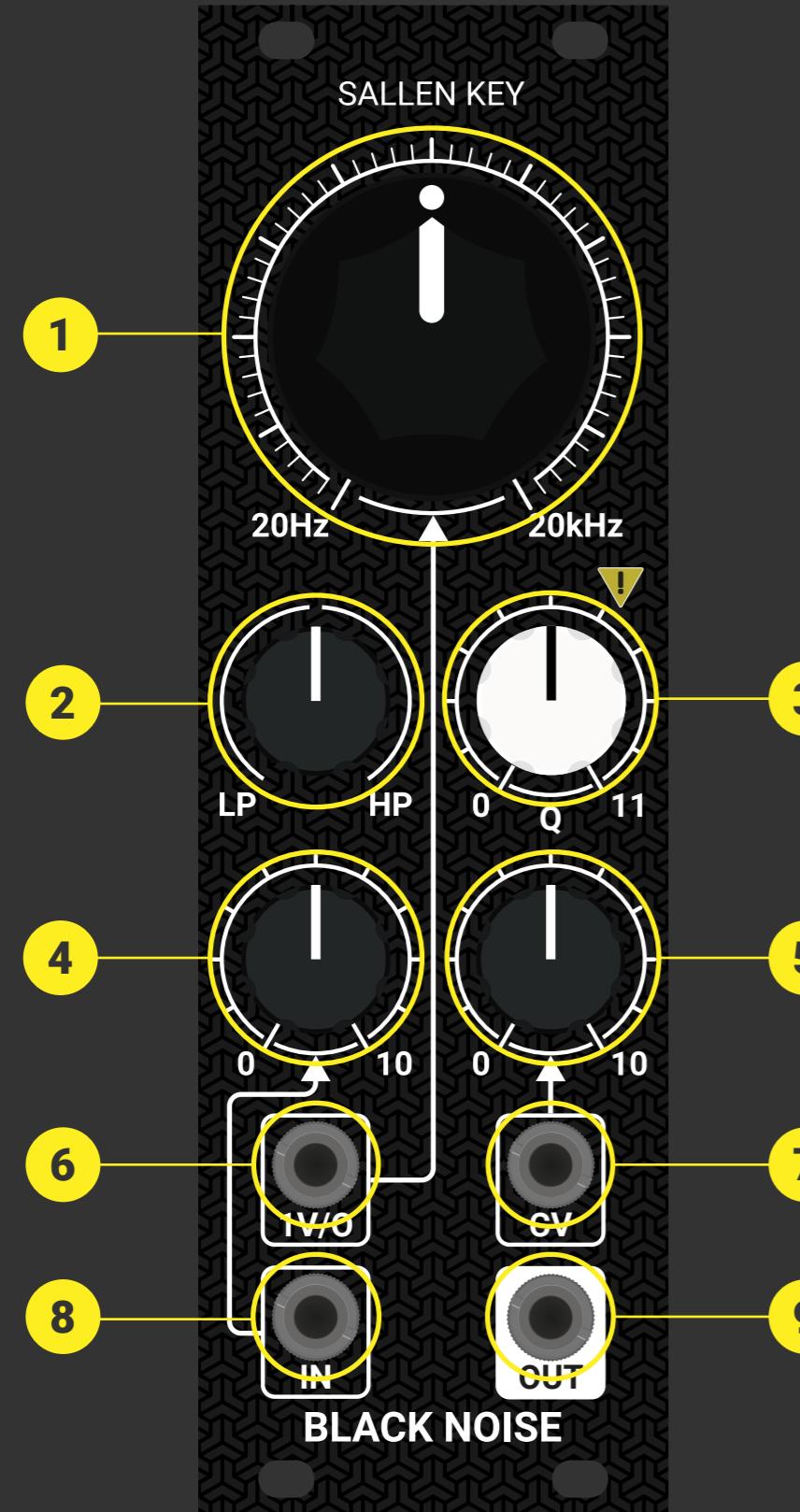
*BLACK NOISE warrants its products to be free of defects in materials or workmanship and to be conform with the specifications at the time of shipment for a period of two years from the date of purchase.*

*During that period any malfunctioning or damaged units will be repaired, service and calibrated into your workshop. This warranty does not cover any problems resulting from damages during shipping, incorrect installation or power supply, abusive treatment, or any other obvious user-inflicted fault.*

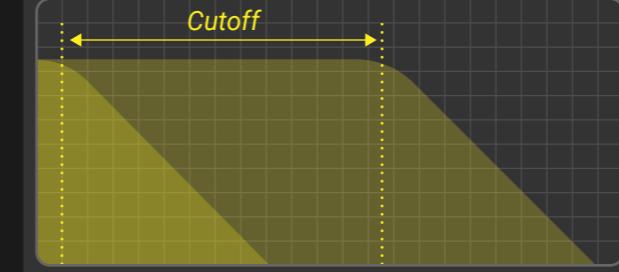
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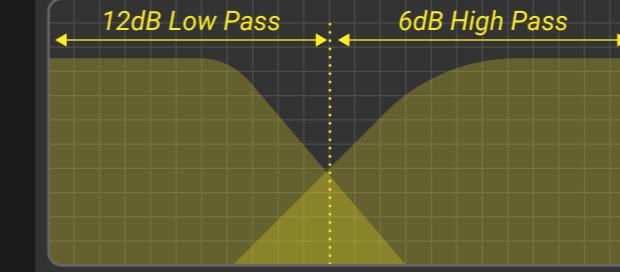


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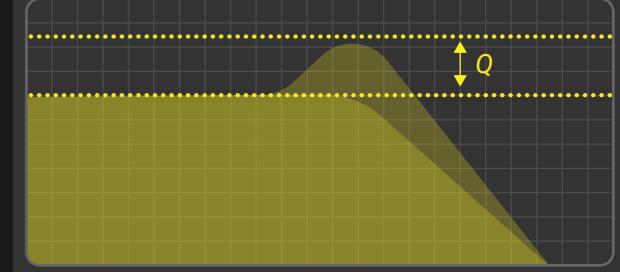
Allow you to control the cutoff frequency of both filters. Cutoff frequency can also be controlled by CV using the dedicate Cutoff CV input. Cutoff CV input can be attenuated using the dedicate knob. When the filter self-oscillate Cutoff knob allow you to control frequency aka the pitch.

### 2 LP/HP Crossfader



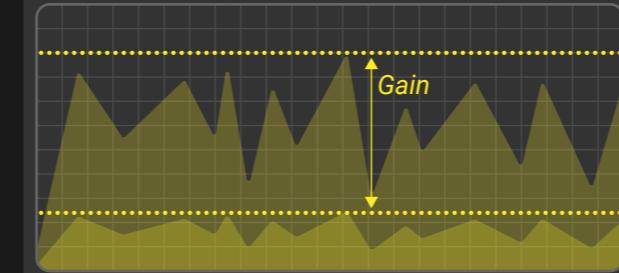
Sallen-Key is composed of two filters : A -12dB/oct Low Pass A +6dB/oct High Pass The knob act as a crossfader between both filters. Full left is 100% LP, full right is 100% HP in between position will offer you a mix of both.

### 3 Q - Resonance



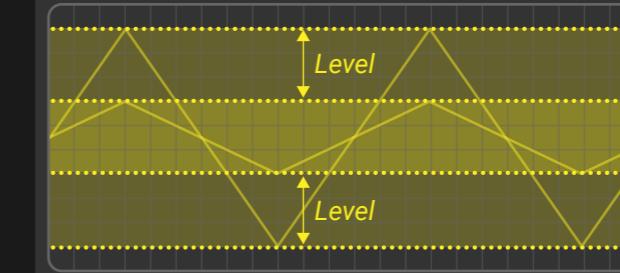
Like the original MS20, Sallen-Key offer a non-linear feedback path. This design avoid the filter to clipping when self-oscillating, but also give it its unique color. Due to this design the resonance is dependent of the input gain. You can attenuate the input gain with the dedicated attenuator.

### 4 Input Gain



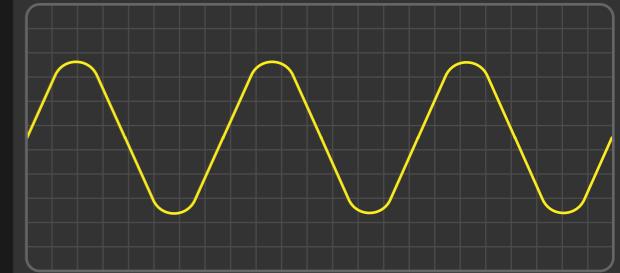
Gain of the input signal can be controlled using the dedicated attenuator. Due to this design the resonance is dependent of the input level.

### 5 Cutoff CV Attenuator



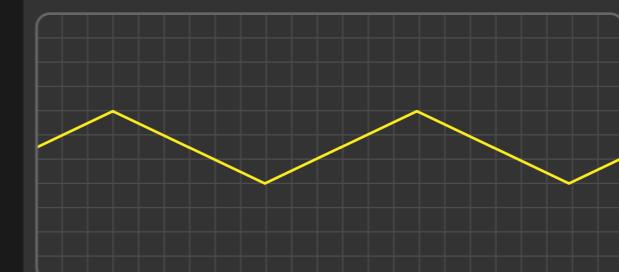
Cutoff CV Attenuator allows to attenuate the amplitude of the Cutoff CV Input.

### 6 1V/Octave Input



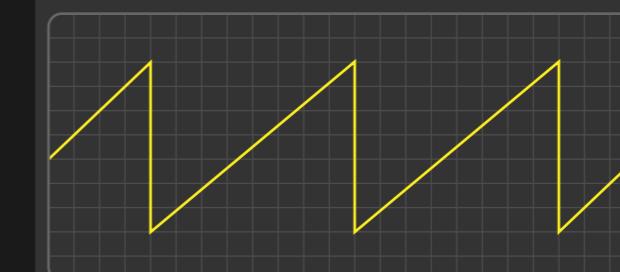
Since SALLEN-KEY can self-oscillate it can be used as a sound source. Using the 1V/Oct you can control the frequency aka the pitch. SALLEN-KEY can track over 6 octaves. You can adjust the tracking using the trimmer on the back.

### 7 Cutoff CV Input



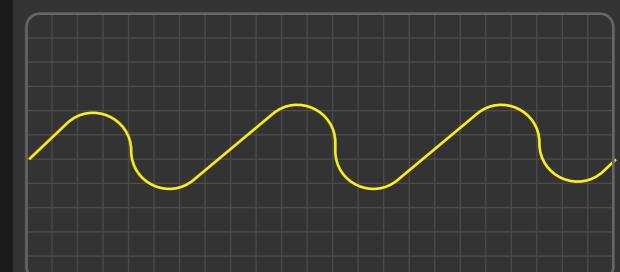
Cutoff can be modulated by CV using the dedicated input. You can attenuate the amplitude of the CV signal using the dedicated attenuator.

### 8 Audio Input



Input for the audio signal.

### 9 Audio Output



Output of the filtered signal.

