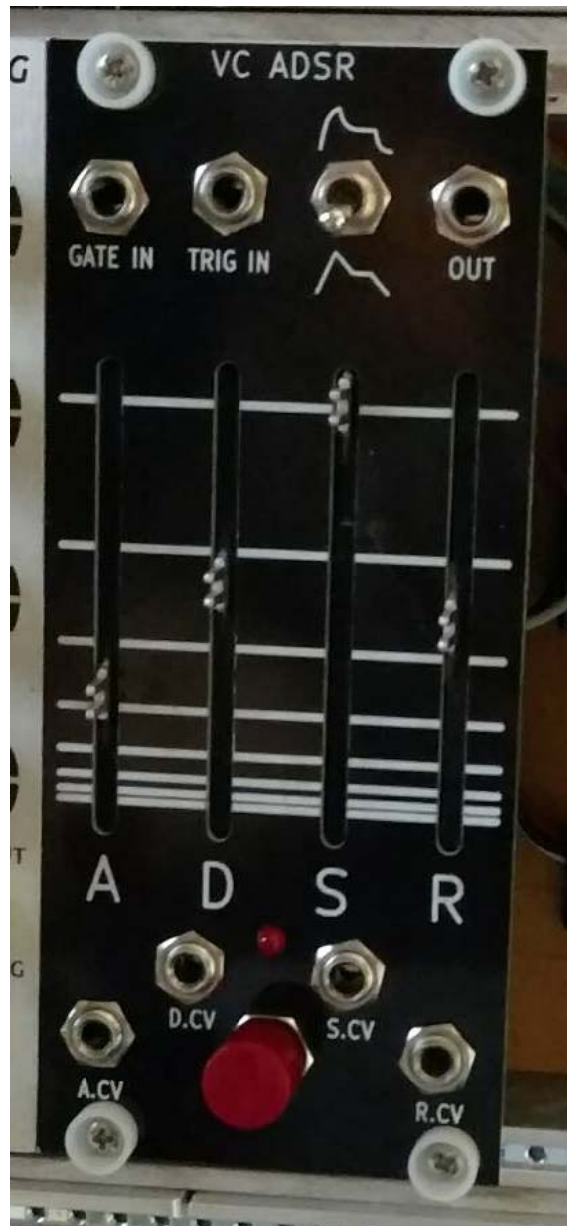


Befaco VCADSR V1.1 Assembly Instructions

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Assembly Instructions

The back PCB assembly is very straightforward (Figure 1). Just remember that you only have 12mm of clearance between the 2 boards, so you don't want anything sticking up any farther than necessary. There IS room for low-profile machined sockets (listed as OPTIONAL in the BOM) if you like socketing your chips.

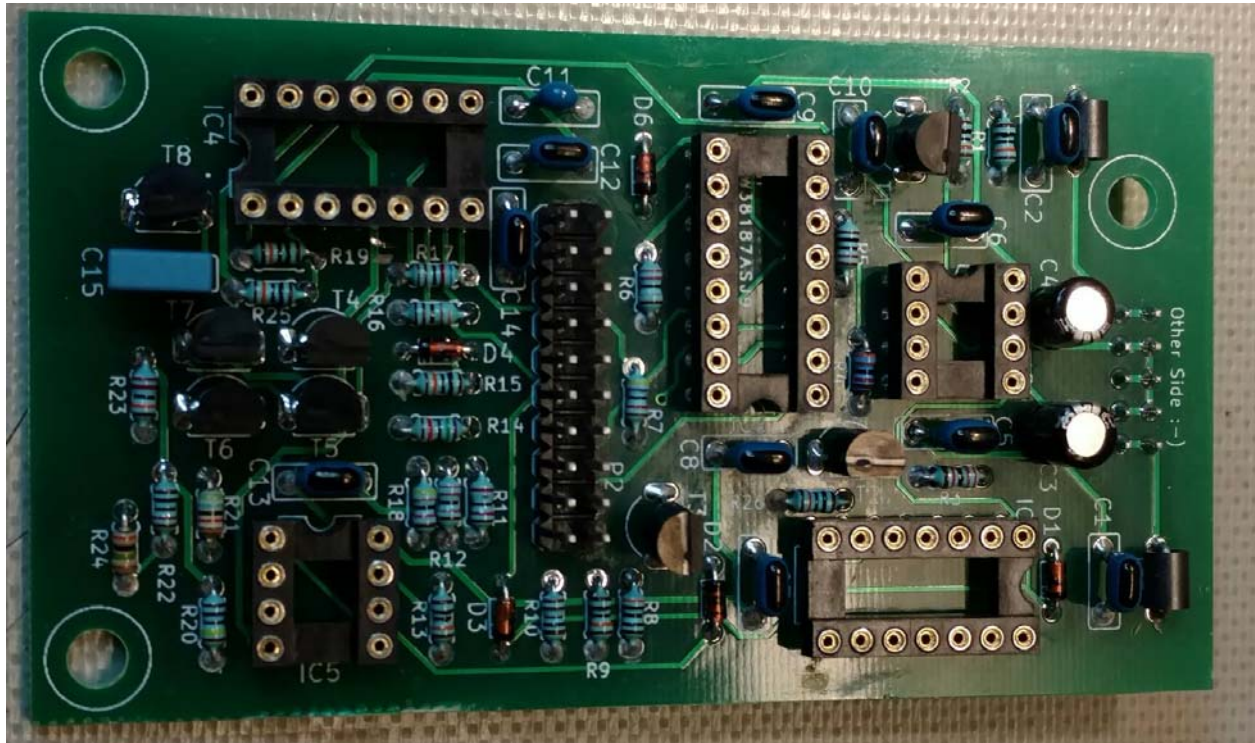


Figure 1: Assembled BACK PCB. Mount T1 - T8 close to the board

Assembly of the front PCB to the panel is a little tricky, because the pins for the inter-board connector J8 and some of the resistors stick up underneath the sliders, so the sliders can not be mounted flush with the PCB (a holdover from the original Befaco design that I will rectify in a future version someday)

The process is as follows:

- 1) Install all components (resistors and J8) on the bottom side of the front PCB (Figure 2)
- 2) Trim the leads on the top side as short as possible
- 3) Place all of the top side components except the LED on the board, but do not solder
- 4) If you use the pushbutton switch in the BOM, I found that putting the lock washer under the panel works best. Likewise, put the keying washer upside-down on the toggle switch (see Figure 3)
- 5) Install the panel, and install and tighten the nuts on the jacks and switches

- 6) Gently separate the PCB from the panel by a couple mm, keeping the sliders flush with the panel, so you have good clearance between the bottom of the sliders and the resistor and J8 leads. Keep the PCB and panel parallel to each other. (Figure 4)
- 7) Solder the jacks and switches. Note that the jack and pushbutton pins will probably not be sticking very far through the PCB - this is OK, as the primary strength of the solder joints are inside the slots anyway.
- 8) Press the sliders flush against the front panel and solder their pins
- 9) Remove all the nuts, remove the panel, and place the LED in its proper location in the PCB (watch the polarity)
- 10) Reinstall the panel
- 11) Flip the assembly panel side down, and use the LED's leads to guide it into the hole in the panel. It will not fall through the panel due to the lip at the bottom of the LED. Press the LED as far into the hole as it will go, then solder and trim the leads.
- 12) Not strictly necessary, but I also trimmed the leads on the sliders, as some of them *can* interfere with parts on the back PCB, depending on how straight and low you installed everything on the back PCB.

Since the PCB supports are a bit of a pain to unlock, this is a good time to just plug the back board and front board together for a test before installing the supports, just in case you need to fix anything. The power connector on the back PCB should be at the top.

Finally, install the PCB supports into the front PCB (Figure 5 - note that the one at the top might need to be twisted back and forth a bit to get it to lock - I didn't leave quite enough clearance for the little "wings" to flip out). Then snap the back PCB on, and you are done.

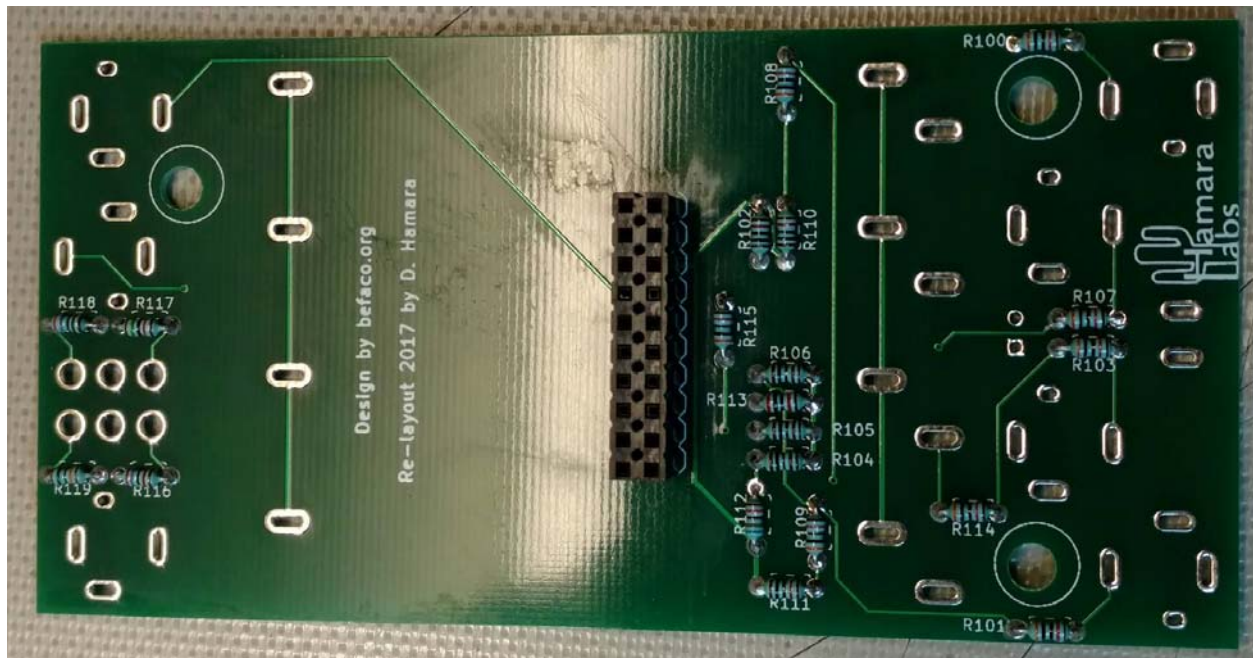


Figure 2: Bottom side components on the FRONT PCB

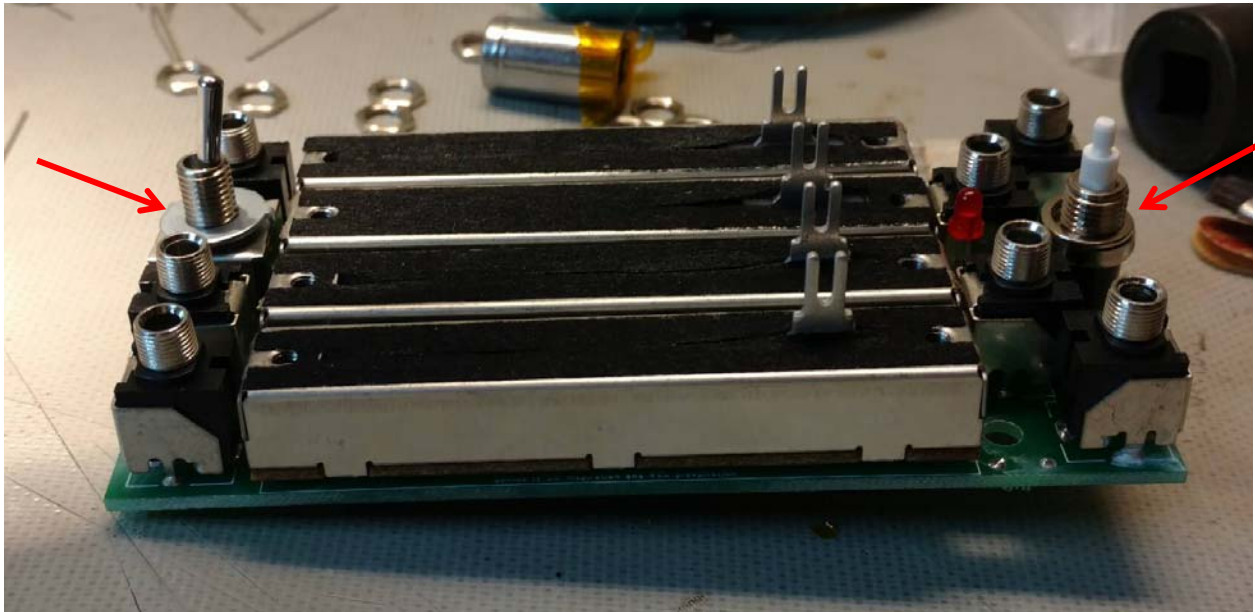


Figure 3: Place the washers on the toggle and pushbutton switches UNDER the panel for a better fit

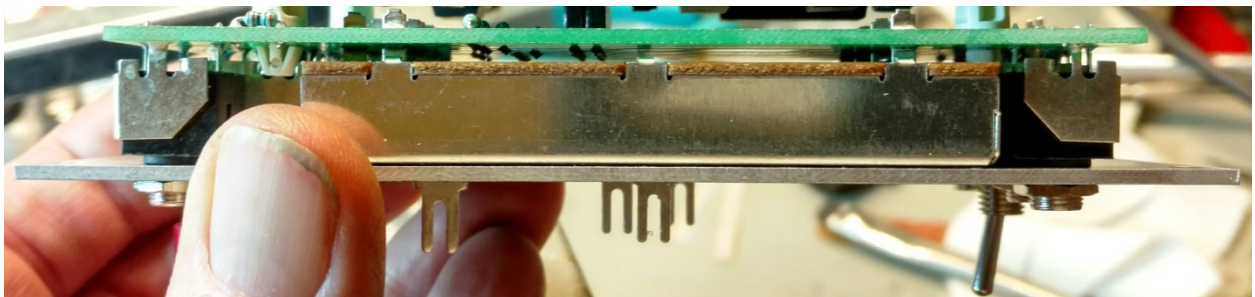


Figure 4: Panel-mounted components sit a couple mm above the PCB

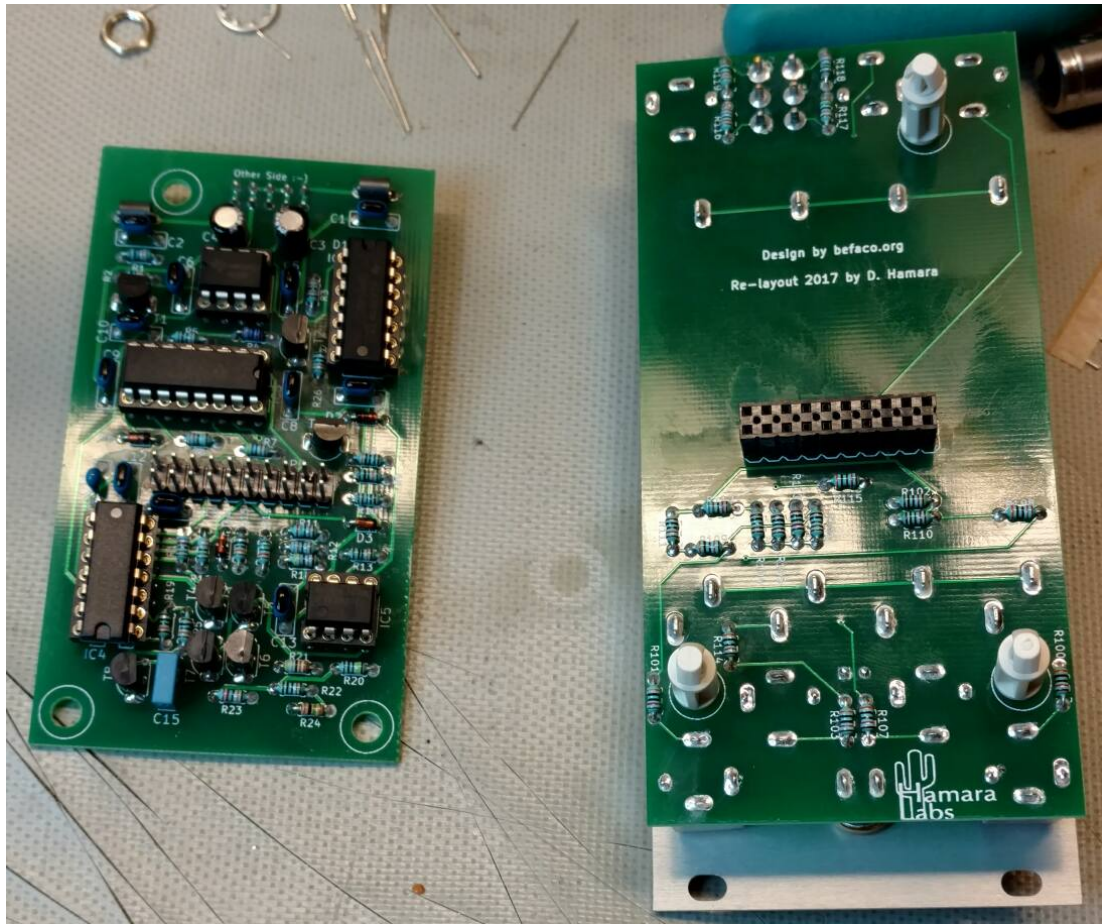
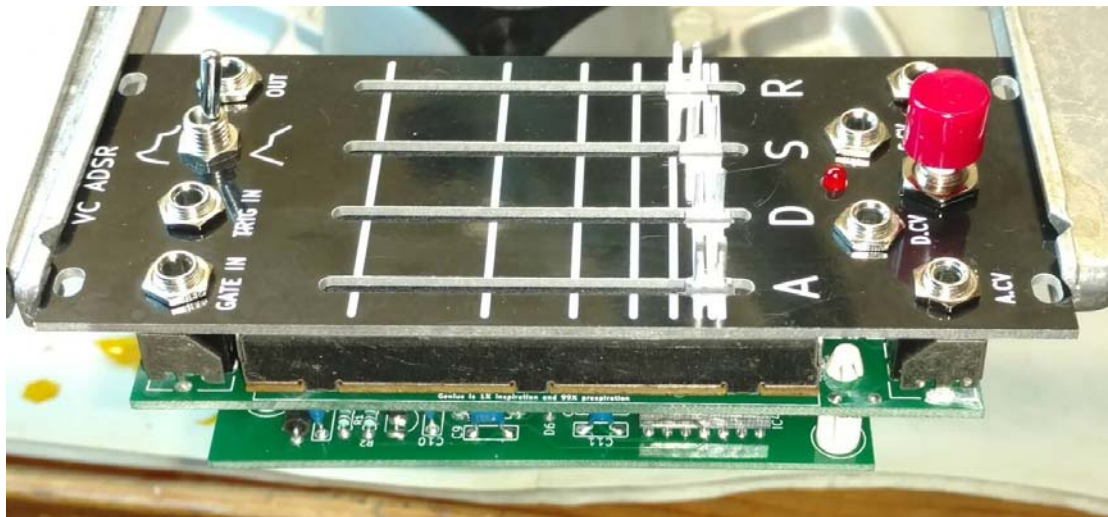
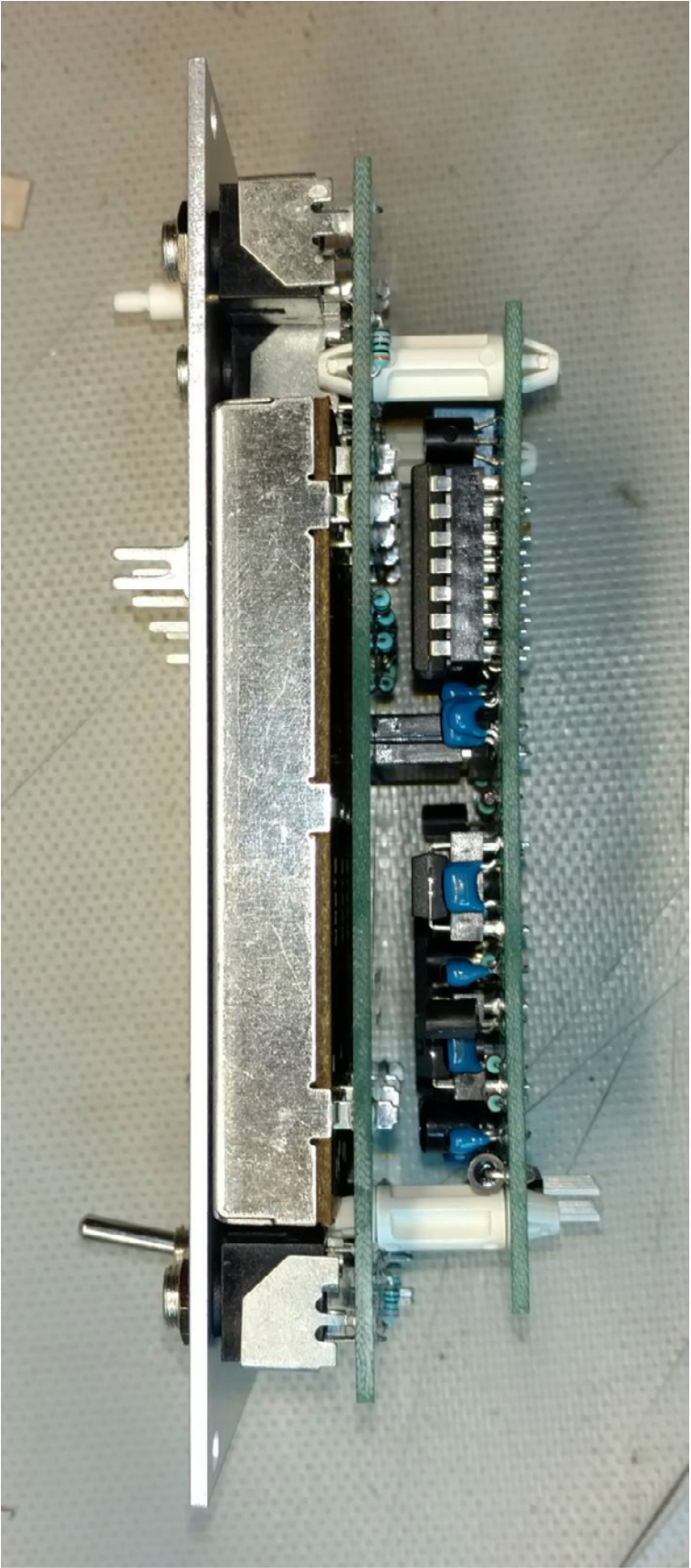
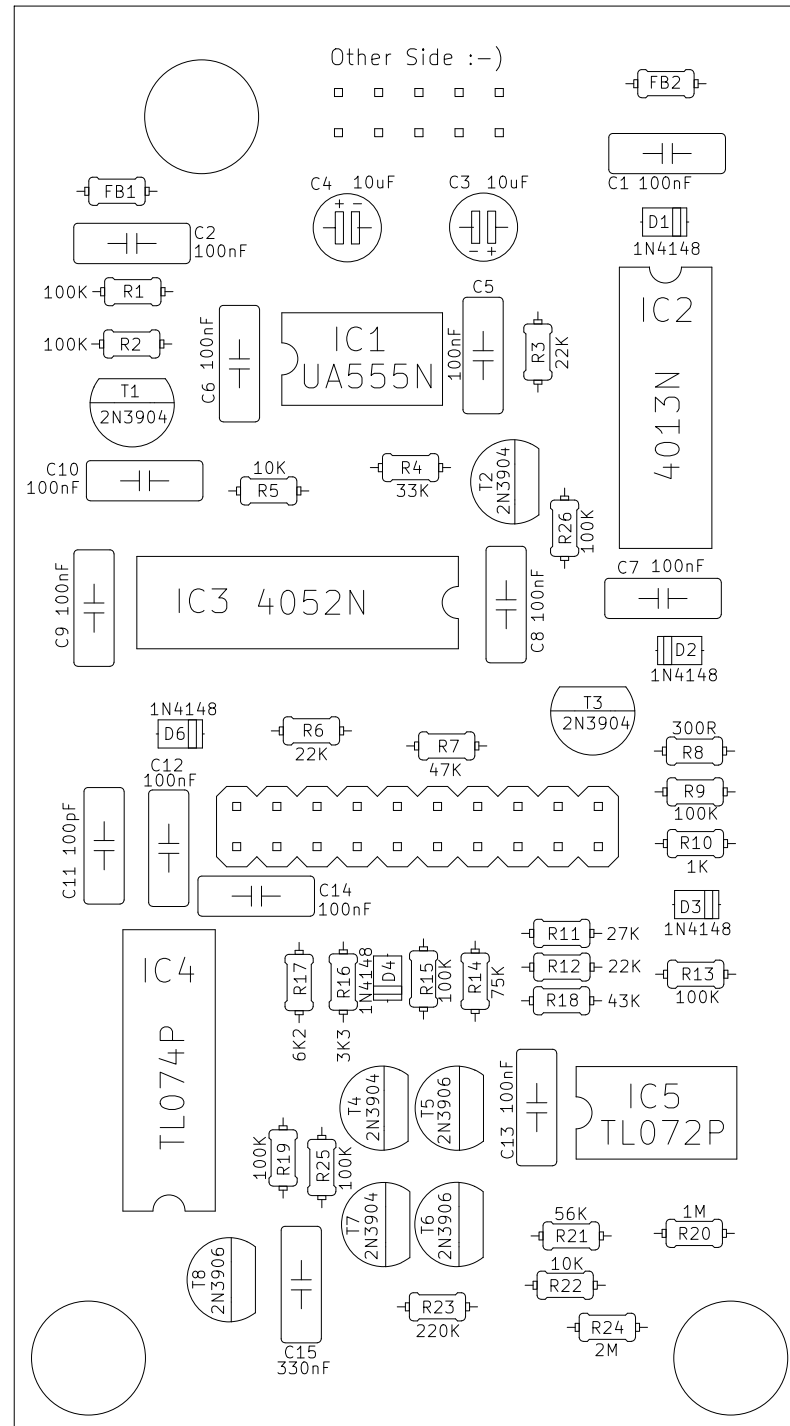
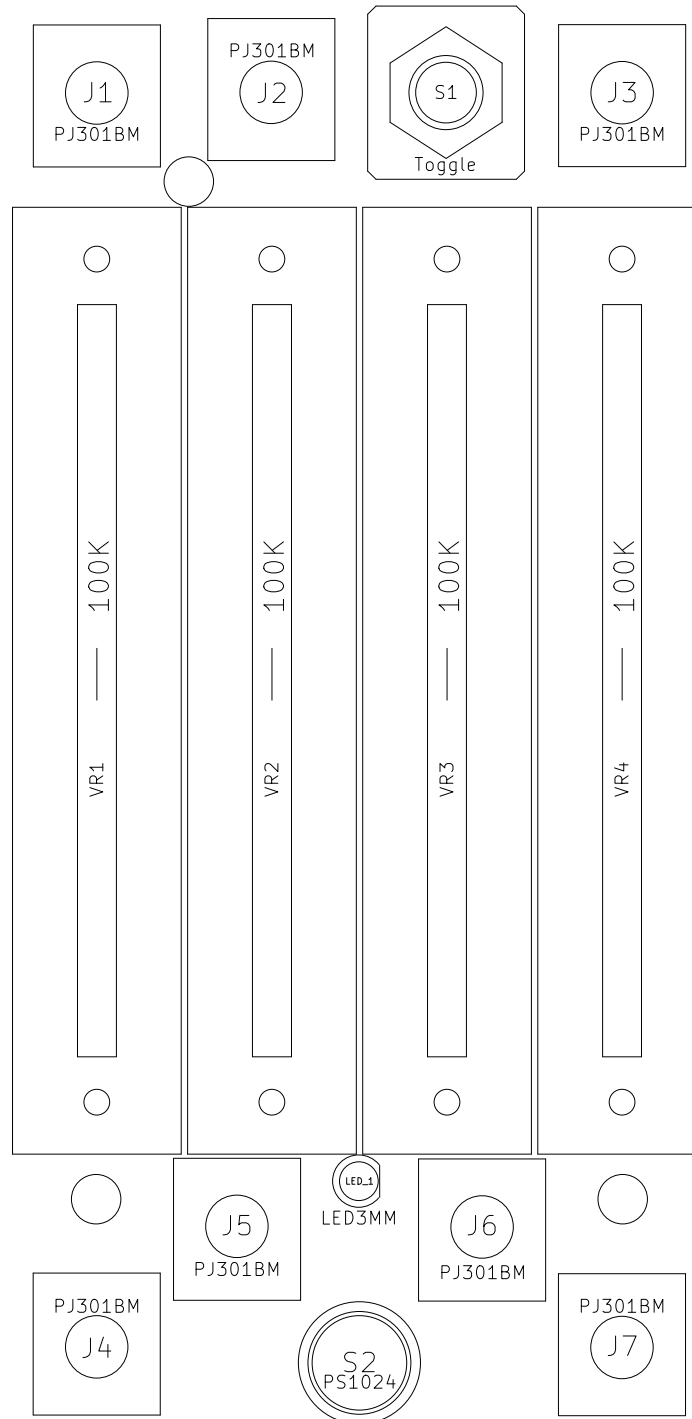


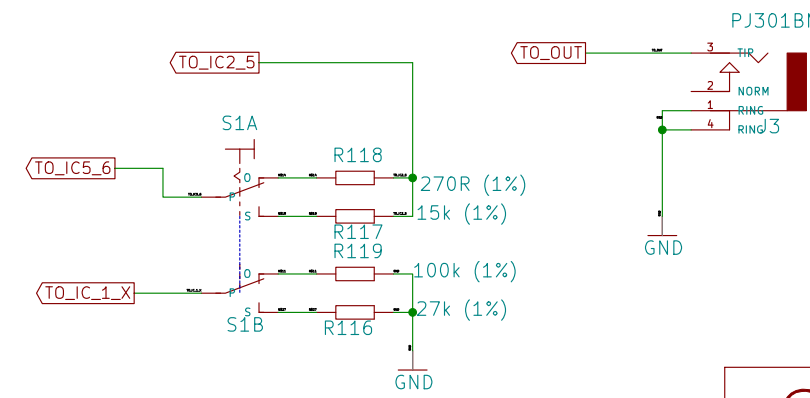
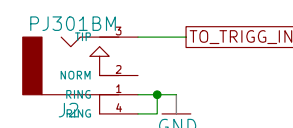
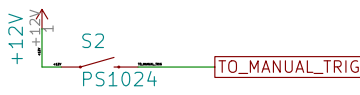
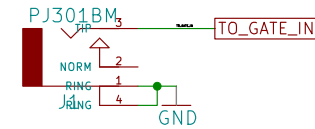
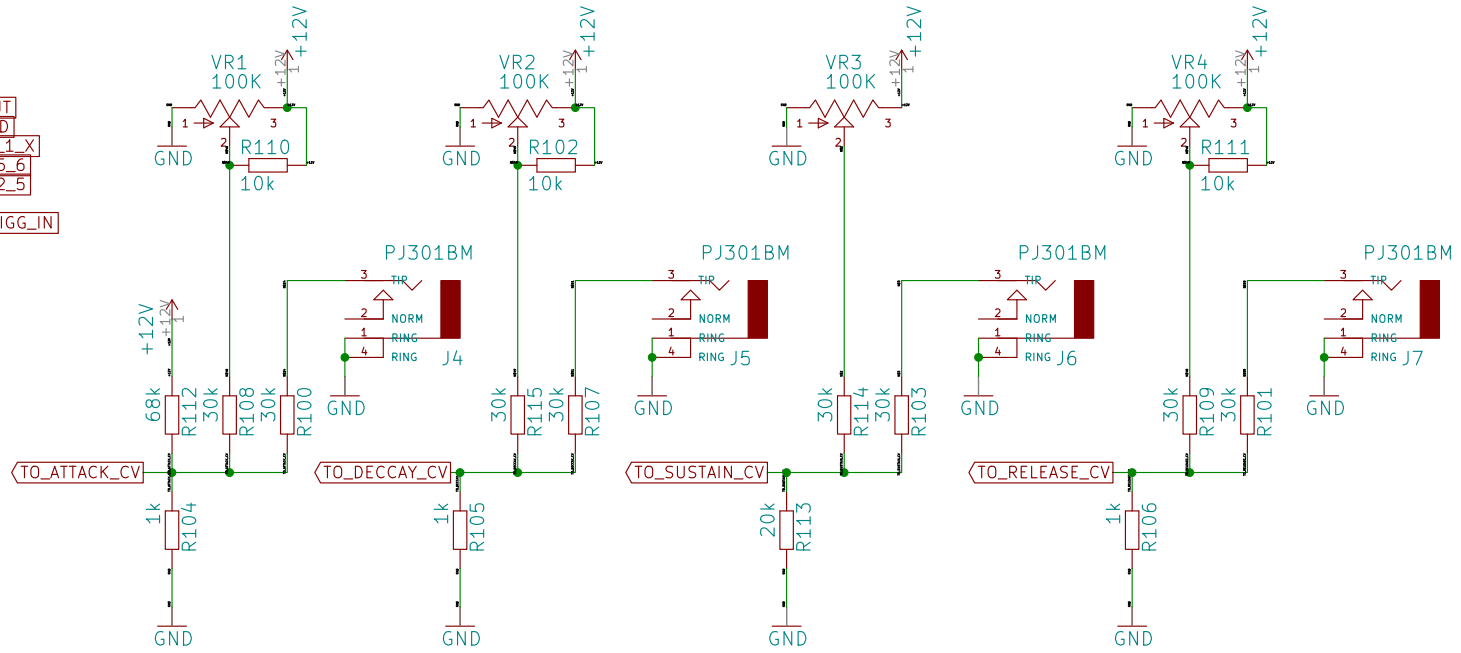
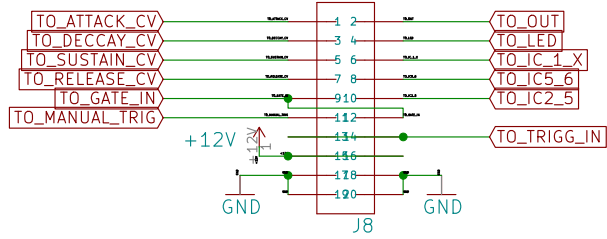
Figure 5: Final assembly - mate the back PCB to the front PCB











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