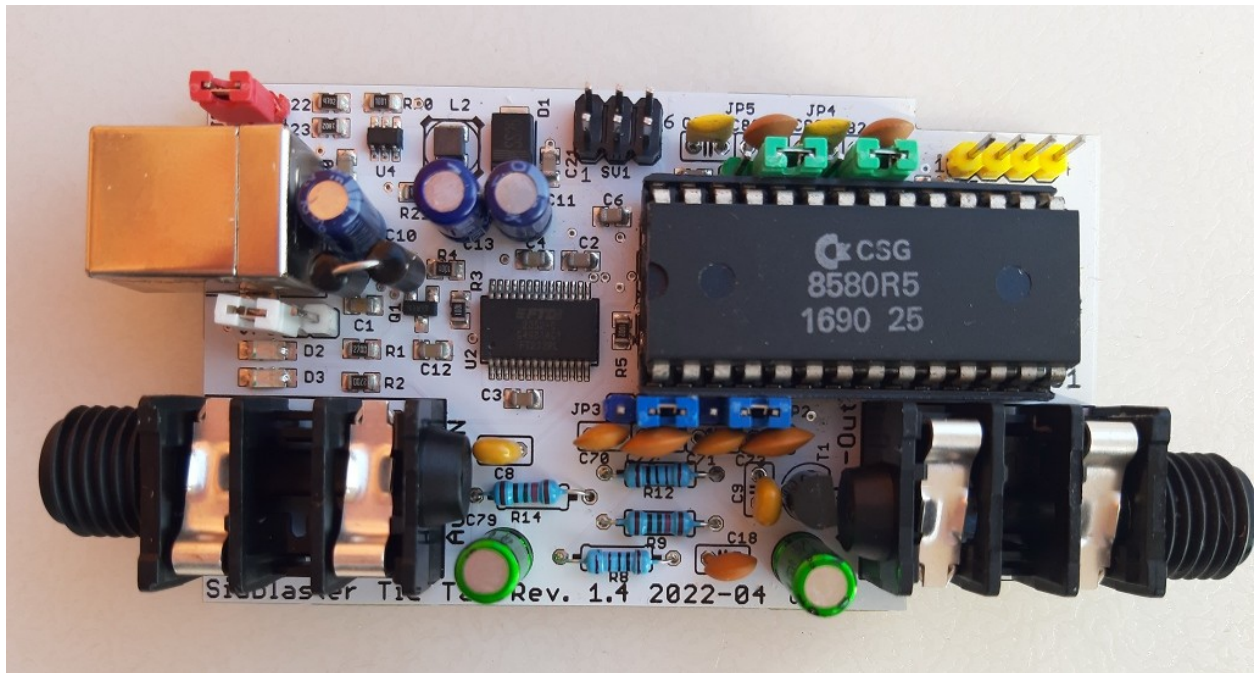


## Assembly instructions SIDBlaster-USB Tic Tac



For the assembly, some experience in soldering is required. Under all circumstances, you'll likely need:

- soldering station with a normal and a pointed soldering tip
- solder wire 0.7 and 1mm
- working lamp with magnifier
- flux pen
- hand suction pump
- tweezers
- small side cutter
- small flat or needle nose pliers
- isopropyl alcohol or denatured alcohol
- brush or toothbrush
- meter
- wooden toothpick
- Access to a Windows PC for the FTDI software to flash

## Preparation:

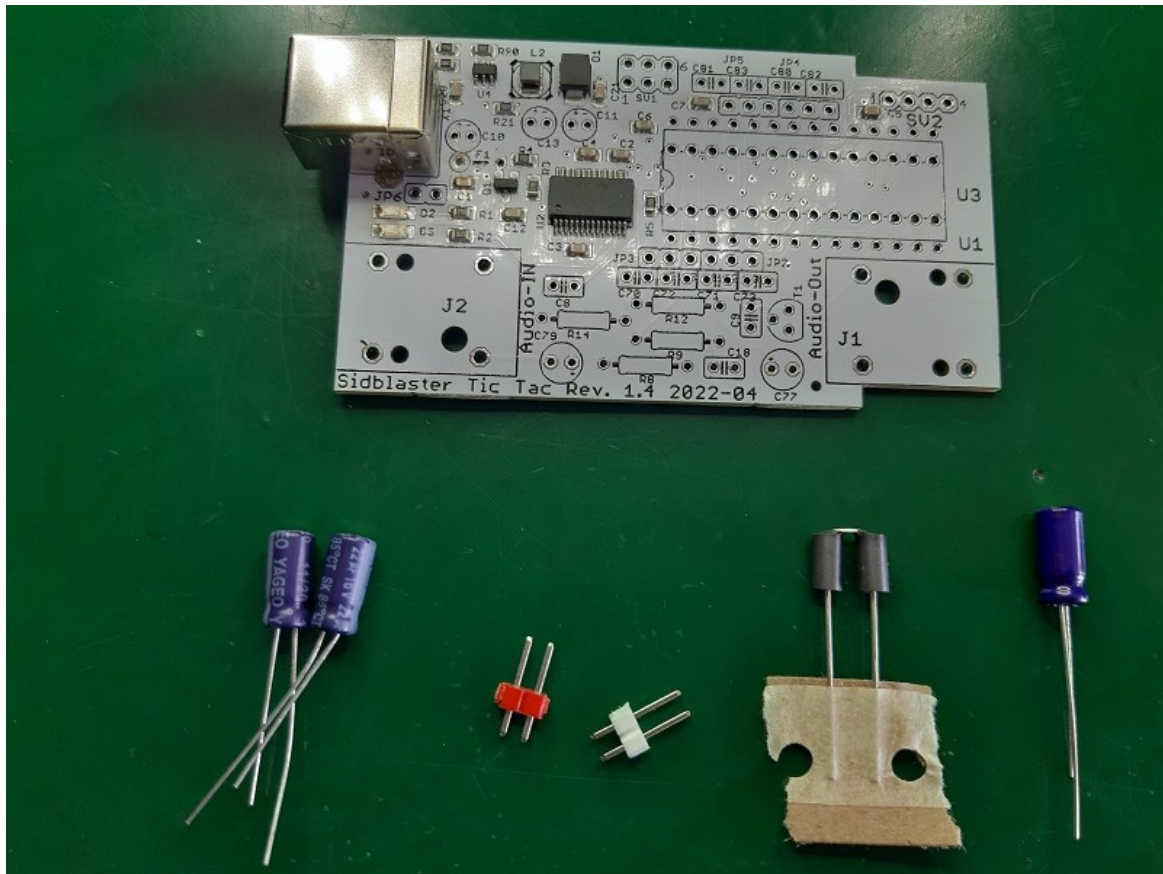
Download the whole GitHub repository binary. (Clone it or download it as a zip file)

## Assembly Steps:

**Owners of a kit with a pre-assembled SMD part (Rev. 1.4) start at point 16.**

**Owners of a kit with a pre-assembled SMD part (Rev. 1.5) start at point 18.**

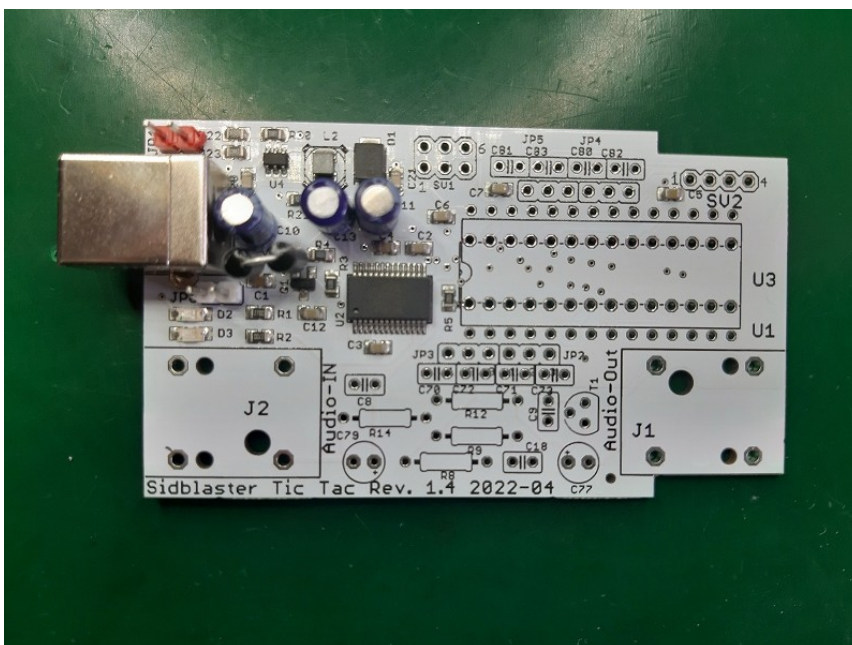
- 1 equip FT232 chip (U2); the following pin numbers must be soldered up: 1; 4; 5; 7; 12; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 20; 21; 23; 25.  
hint: subsequently check the right connections according to the circuit diagram with a multimeter ("wiring test")  
**Please note: For correct operation, pin 26 must be switched on mass. This was forgotten in the layout of revision 1.2. Therefore, bridge pin 25 with pin 26.** This is fixed from revision 1.3
- 2 equip LEDs D2: blue; D3: red; consider mark!
- 3 equip R1 and R2, 270 Ohms
- 4 equip C1, 10nFs
- 5 equip U4, Imprint: **B6287G**; **attention!** U4 is turned by 180° in relation to U2
- 6 equip C3, C4, C2, C21, C5, C6, C7, C20, C12(from Rev. 1.4): 100nFs
- 7 equip R23 (18k)
- 8 equip R22 (47k)
- 9 equip R20 und R21 (1k)
- 10 solder on inductor (L2), tip: tin-plate pads in advance
- 11 solder diode D1 (SS26)
- 12 Q1 (from Rev. 1.4) equip
- 13 Equip R3, R4 (from Rev. 1.4) 1K
- 14 Equip R5 (from Rev. 1.4) 10K
- 15 clean circuit-board



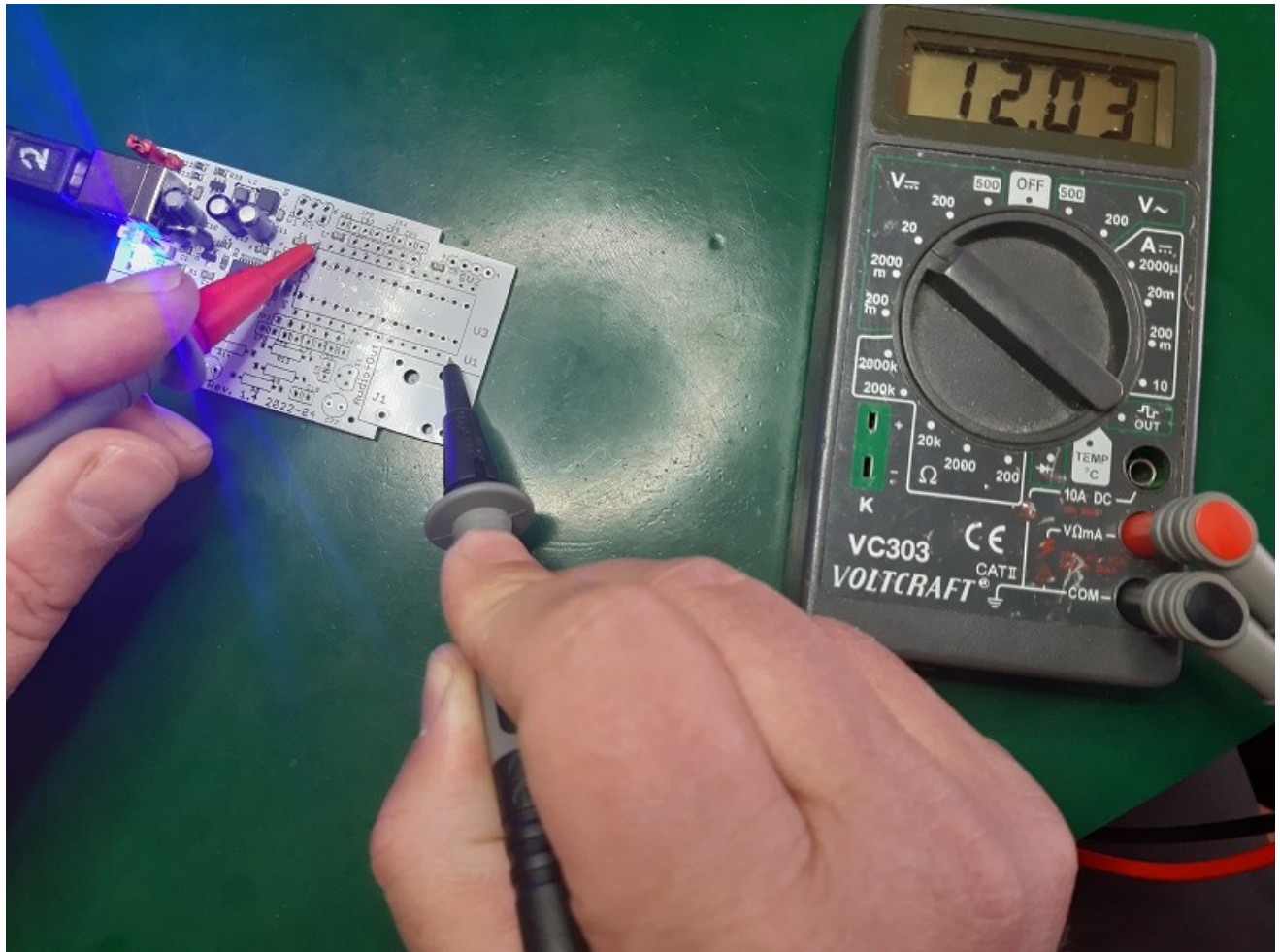
16 equip L1

17 C10, C11 (22uFs), C13 (4,7μF)(from Rev 1.4) consider polarity

18 equip USB jack socket



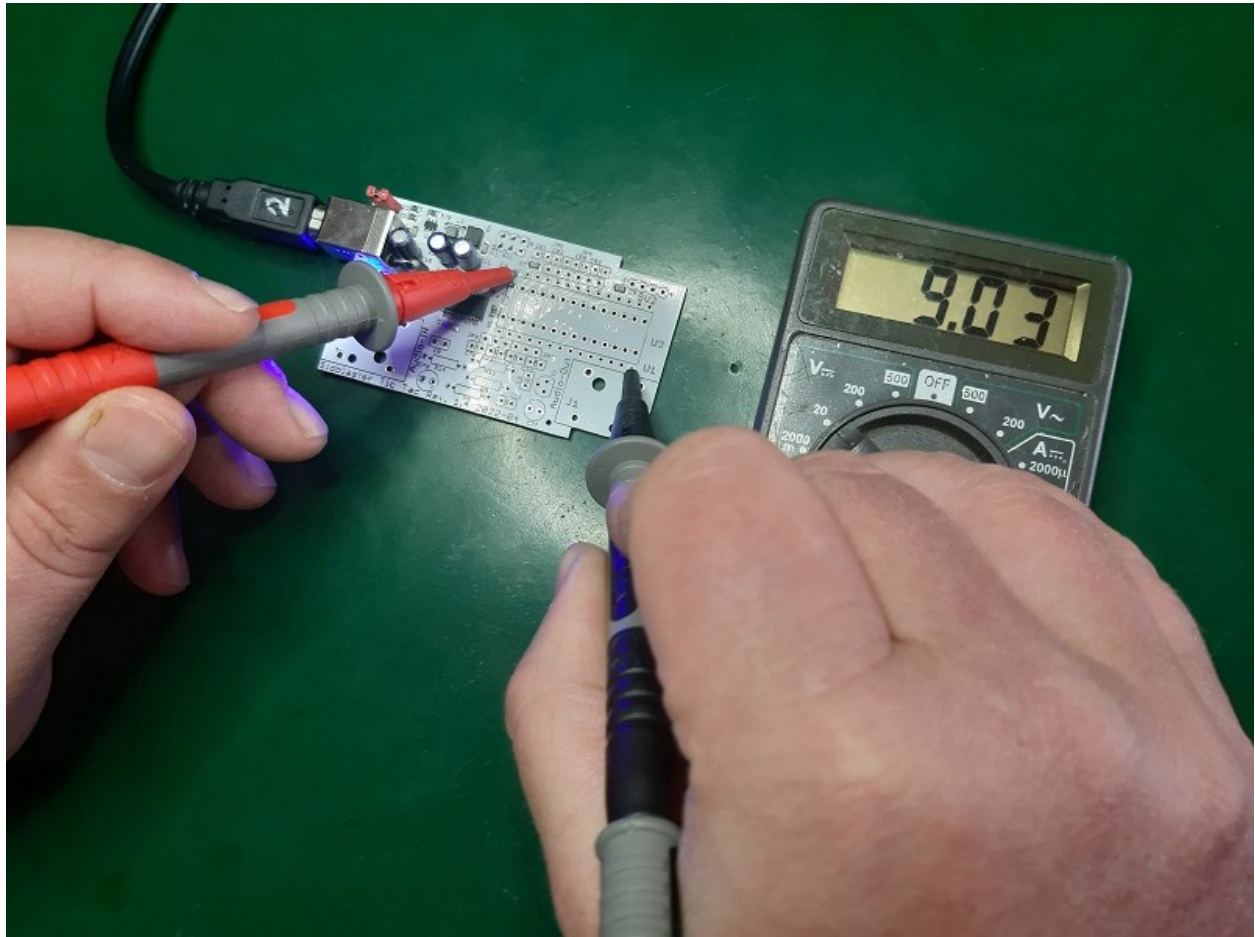
19 **test:** connect current source, blue LED must be on; measure voltage between pin 14 (GND) and pin 28 (+12V) of U3 (SID)





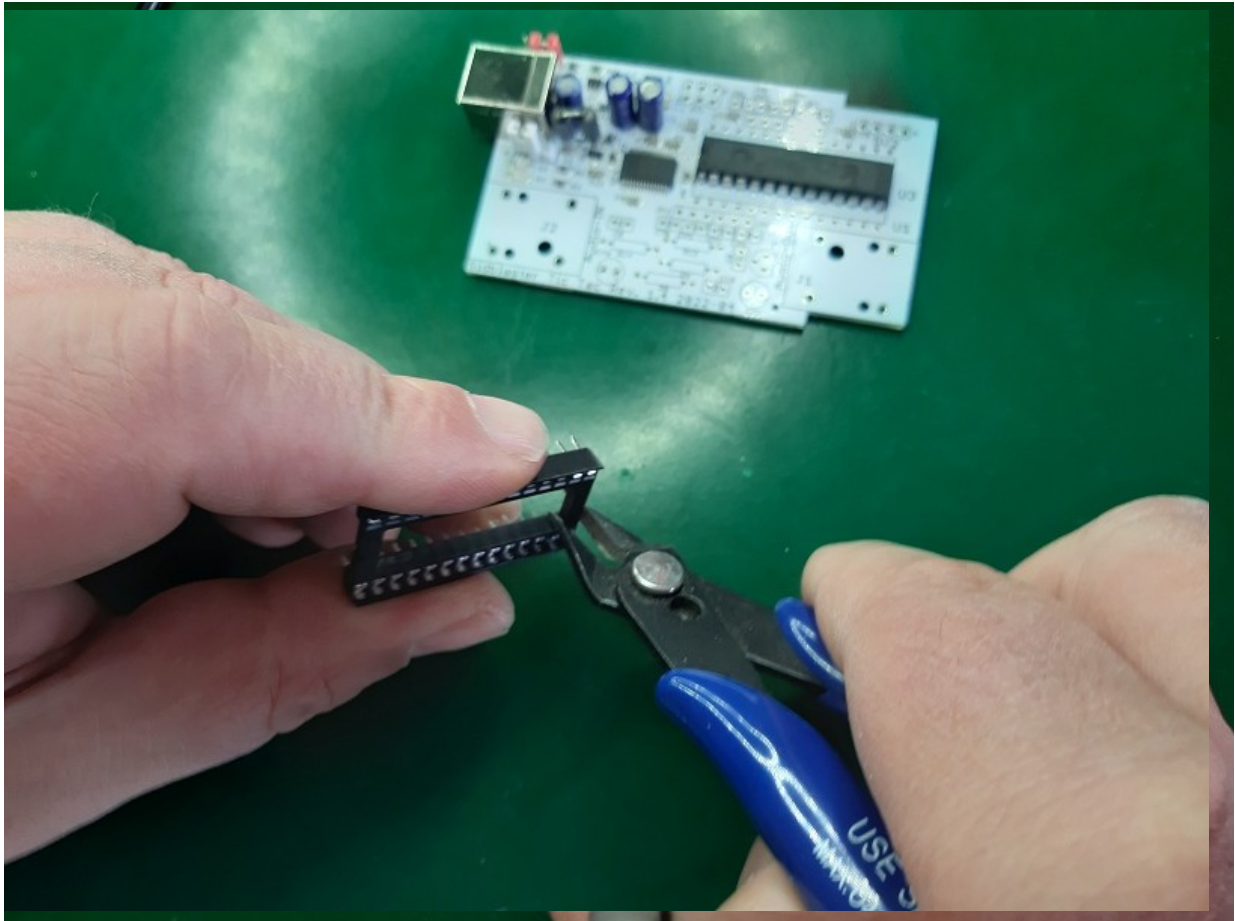
20 equip JP1 (red) and JP6 (white)

21 Test: set JP1 and mesure voltage at the SID socket (must be 9V now)

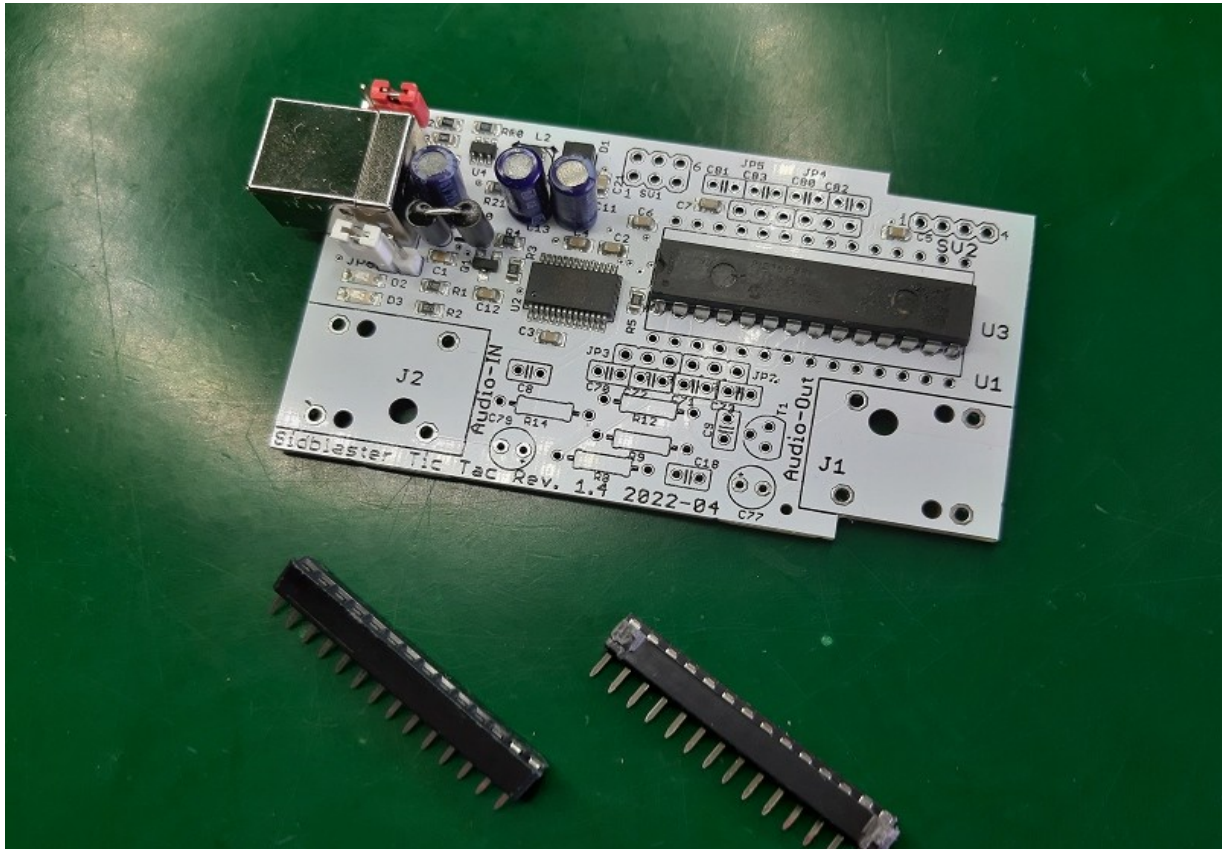


22 solder on U1, pinch off spare ends

23 IC socket for SID: cut connections with side cutter, sand smooth



24 solder in the two parts of the socket



25 **flash FT232 template:** software tool "FT\_Prog" by FTDI required. Connect circuit board, start FT Prog, scan for device, load template (GitHub), right click on Device ->Apply Template. Then click "program" and program. Attention! New template for Rev. 1.4!

26 equip SV1

27 **flash PIC  $\mu$ C:** A programming device like PicIt 3 is needed, possibly build adapter cable (see manual), software: MPLAB IPE. Kit customers receive a pre-programmed PIC.

28 **Test:** Connect board and start ACID 64 Player (Version 3.6.3; copy hardsid.dll (32Bit (In folder hardsid\_library in GitHub Repository)) to same folder before), play tune, SIDBlaster should be recognized, and red (green) LED flicker.

**Note:** It is best to equip 2 groups per blue (JP2&3) and green (JP4&5) pin strip with the associated capacitors and solder them together, otherwise holes could become clogged. If the holes get blocked, use a suction pump and toothpick.

**2. Note:** It is best to always solder strips and components to one pin first, so you have the convenient opportunity to correct the fit again.

29 equip JP2 & JP3 (blue); JP4 & JP5 (green)

30 equip SV2 (yellow)

31 equip C70, C71 (470pFs)

- 32 equip C72, C73 (22nFs)
- 33 equip C80, C81 (1800pFs)
- 34 equip C82, C83 (2,2nFs)
- 35 equip R12, R8 (1K)
- 36 equip R14, R9 (10K)
- 37 equip C18 (1000pFs)
- 38 equip C8, C9 (100nFs)
- 39 set jumper JP1: red; JP4 & JP5: green; JP2 & JP3: blue; JP6: white
- 40 Equip T1, observe polarity according to data sheet! (May deviate from the equipment label!) With Rev.1.2 a PN2222A must be fitted the wrong way round, from Rev.1.3 the equipment label is right for PN2222A
- 41 equip C77, C79 (10uFs, bipolar), polarity irrelevant
- 42 solder on jack sockets
- 43 Clean the circuit board with a toothbrush and spirit and let it dry. I personally get the best results with denatured alcohol.
- 44 measure voltages again
- 45 install SID
- 46 check jumper
- 47 connect to personal computer and test with ACID player (Version 3.6.3 with hardsid.dll, see above).