



USER MANUAL FOR VERSION III AMPLIFIERS SEPTEMBER 25th 2014 WWW.GARAGE1217.COM





Specifications

- Single ended OTL class-A output stage.
- Power consumption: 13W continuous, 19W peak.
- Power supply: 24VDC (0.55A cont, 0,8A peak)
- Input Resistance: $11k\Omega / 31k\Omega$ dependant on setting and module
- Input Sensitivity (6N23): 270mV (dependent on tube)
- Gain: 14-26dB (selectable and dependent on tube)
- Max Output voltage 6.3V into 120Ω
- Output Resistance: Selectable 1.5Ω , 32Ω or 69Ω
- Frequency Response: 10 Hz 150 KHz (-0.5dB) with 32Ω load
- Frequency Response: 4 Hz 350 KHz (-3dB) with 32Ω load
- Signal to Noise ratio: 91dBA (dependent on tube)
- Crosstalk: -88dB (dependent on tube)
- THD: > 0.013% (dependent on tube)
- Suitable for: 32 300Ω Headphones

Tubes / Valves that can be used in Project Sunrise

- 6V and 12V heater voltage tubes can be used

OUTF POW INT	OUTPUT	OUTPUT RESISTANCE		
	POWER INTO:	1.5R	32R	69R
	16Ω	480mW	80mW	25mW
	32Ω	1w	280mW	210mW
	64Ω	550mW	240mW	125mW
	120Ω	280mW	170mW	110mW
	300Ω	120mW	90mW	70mW
	600Ω	65mW	60mW	50mW



WARNING:

Although Project Sunrise runs at a generally safe 24VDC, Injury from improper assembly is quite possible. The main danger comes from installing the polarized capacitors backwards as they can only be installed in one direction much like a battery (more detail on capacitor installation comes later in this manual) If a capacitor is installed backwards, it may burst resulting in burns or eye injury. **If you are not experienced in electronics or electronic kit assembly, it would be wise to have an experienced electronics person review your work before powering the unit on.** Upon first power up, wear eye protection and be wary of any burning smells or electrical noises such as loud pops or buzzes. If you followed this installation guide properly and all components are in their proper places and were installed in their proper orientation, you will soon be enjoying your amplifier without issue!

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Thank you for purchasing the Project Sunrise Headphone Amplifier Kit. This kit requires minimal electronics and soldering knowledge. The layout is easy to follow and setup is a snap! Please make sure to follow the instructions outlined in this guide and you will be enjoying your amp in no time. First, lets go over the tools and items required for your build which are as follows:

Required Assembly Tools:

- Soldering iron, 25W minimum Variable temp soldering station preferred with 1.5 2mm wide chisel tip
- .032 diameter 60/40 or 63/37 Tin/Lead solder is recommended. Lead free is difficult to work with and not recommended
- Magnifying glass (recommended but not required)
- Rubber Gloves (recommended but not required)
- 3M Green or Red Scotch Brite (recommended but not required)
- 3/32th Allen Key
- 5/64th Allen Key
- Flush cuts
- 90% Isopropyl alcohol (recommended but not required)
- Paper Towels (recommended but not required)
- Digital Multi Meter (DMM or DVOM)

Before You Start Soldering:

Prep work needs to be done. Wash your hands thoroughly and dry. Put on the recommended rubber gloves and scrub down the PCB (circuit board) on both the front and back side with 90% isopropyl alcohol to clean any residuals off of the board from manufacturing. Once the board has been cleaned, set it on a dry paper towel out of the way. Try to use the rubber gloves during the entire assembly process to keep oils off of the board and solder joints.

Heatsink Assembly Preperation:

Pre-assemble the heatsinks as shown below. The insulators and shoulder washers MUST be used appropriately and as shown or a short will occur, damaging the amplifier. Do not over tighten the allen bolts. They should be tightened down securely without crushing the insulating shoulder washer. Make sure the IRL510 and LM317 devices are pointing straight down once secured. After each heatsink is completed, set it on its side so the leads that go into the PCB are not bent.





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Project Sunrise Operation Guide:

Normal Operation and Notes:

- Plug in the amplifier and then the power supply (in that order). Make sure the tube, headphone jack and input RCA's are secure. Once the amplifier is turned to the ON position, the front red LED (closest to the volume knob and headphone jack) will illuminate red for approximately 1 minute. This indicates the protection circuit is active while the tube is warming up. It may take several minutes for the tube to fully warm up depending on the tube type used
- When the protection circuit activates and de-activates, a slight click may occur
- When the power switch is turned on and the amplifier is plugged in, the red power LED at the back of the amplifier will illuminate
- Depending on the tube type chosen and the sensitivity of headphones used, background noise (hiss) may be present. Choosing a higher output impedance setting, or a lower gain tube can generally eliminate any background noise with sensitive headphones. This does not mean a high gain tube cannot be used in our designs. Selecting a higher output resistance or lower input gain setting will reduce noise with higher gain tubes. We advise you experiment with several tubes to find out what you like best
- Some channel imbalance below 9 o'clock on the volume potentiometer is normal. We recommend you adjust your source output levels and use Project Sunrise with a volume setting of 9 o'clock or greater
- If input capacitors are bypassed, you will hear a scratching sound when adjusting the volume potentiometer
- Some faint scratch when turning the volpot is normal. This does not indicate a bad volpot just a micro amount of DC that is present with certain tubes. This type of scratch is generally only heard with no music playing / rotating the volpot
- Cell phones, radio frequency devices or cheap SMPS power supplies in close proximity to Project Sunrise may create noise that is audible when listening to music (generally clicks or digital noises) Amplifiers with exposed / visible tubes are susceptible to these types of noises.
- Clean your Project Sunrise with a microfiber cloth and plastic cleaner (dusting with a microfiber cloth is generally all that is required). Compressed air is also great option for dust.
- Project Sunrise can supply 1A of heater current to the chosen tube ensuring even the hardest to power tubes such as a 6n6p or 6n30p can be used
- Hot swapping tubes is not recommended (swapping tubes while the amplifier is on). Even though it does not cause technical errors or malfunctions it could damage headphones rated for 1W or less.









VOLPOT GROUNDING



GROUNDING THE VOLUME POTENTIOMETER IS REQUIRED AS WITHOUT IT, THE AMPLIFIER MAY BE SUBJECTED TO NOISE / INTERFERENCE.

THE IMAGES ARE OF THE PREVIOUS GENERATION SUNRISE, HOWEVER THE GROUNDING PRINCIPAL IS EXACTLY THE SAME.

FIRST, INSERT A WIRE LEAD INTO THE RIGHT SIDE VIA NEXT TO THE VOLPOT AND SOLDER IN PLACE.



WRAP THE WIRE LEAD AROUND THE THREADED PORTION OF THE VOLPOT AS SHOWN.



PUT ON WASHER AND NUT INCLUDED IN THE KIT. ONCE TIGHT, THE VOLUME KNOB MAY BE INSTALLED.





COMPLETED SUNRISE LAYOUT AND PHOTO:





Project Sunrise runs in Class A operation generating high temperatures on the heatsink assemblies. Never touch the heatsink assemblies or tube during operation or severe burns may occur. Temperatures in excess of 70C / 158F are common in these areas.

ONLY OPERATE THE AMPLIFIER IN A WELL VENTILIATED AREA! <u>NEVER COVER THE AMPLIFIER OR OPERATE IN A CLOSED OR CONFINED SPACE SUCH AS A CABINET!</u>

See areas of caution below highlighted in red.





Easy Set Bias Adjustment

Easy set bias makes adjusting tube bias quick and easy. You can access the channel selector for the Easy Set Bias from the outside of the chassis without having to take off the top cover. Dial in the bias by turning the blue trimmers clockwise if bias for the channel is low or counter-clockwise if the bias for the channel is high. Rotate trimmer until both LED's turn off. To set, make sure to turn off any music source playing into the amp and turn the volume down to its lowest setting



HOW TO SET BIAS USING THE EASY SET BIAS FEATURE



BIAS TEST OFF – LEAVE SETTING IN THIS POSITION AT ALL TIMES UNLESS TESTING BIAS



BOTTOM LED GLOWING = BIAS VOLTAGE LOW



RIGHT CHANNEL BIAS TEST SETTING



LEFT CHANNEL BIAS TEST SETTING



TOP LED BRIGHT = BIAS VOLTAGE HIGH



ROTATE TRIMMER CLOCKWISE TO RAISE BIAS VOLTAGE



ROTATE TRIMMER COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO LOWER BIAS VOLTAGE



BOTH LEDS OFF = CORRECT BIAS VOLTAGE

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Manual Bias Setting Using a Multi Meter

- First, make sure no equipment such as headphones, an mp3 player or other source device is plugged into the amplifier - Turn the volume knob down counterclockwise (its lowest setting) and make sure the power is off
- Insert your tube of choice into the amplifier and make sure all proper jumper tabs have been placed according to your tubes voltage and how you want to use the amplifier
- Set your Multi-Meter (DVOM or DMM) to voltage DC. Set the range for 20VDC. The Bias test points are large enough for you to insert the probes of most DMM's directly into the board so you do not have to hold the probes up. Make sure no metal parts of your probe touch any other components on the amplifier as a short could occur.
- Turn on the amplifier and watch the voltage for around 30 seconds. If the voltage does not appear on screen, turn each of the blue 25 turn trimmers 10 turns counterclockwise then re-check.
- If it measures under 20, let the amp warm up for 15 minutes
- Once the amp is warmed up, measure each of the two positive bias points in real time while turning the adjustment screws. (Counterclockwise will lower voltage, clockwise will raise voltage) Dial in each side to around 12VDC
- Plug your music source into the RCA jacks on the back side of the amplifier. First, only use a cheap set of headphones to test the sound of the amp in case of any assembly issues. Once you are satisfied the amp is functioning properly, plug in your favorite headphones and enjoy the amp! Re-check the bias every 30 minutes for the first few hours and make any tweaks as needed. Please remember to disconnect headphones, source devices and turn the volume its lowest settings prior to tweaking bias

Once bias measures stable, every few months or longer depending on how much you listen to the amp, it may need its bias calibrated again. This is normal. Also every time you make a change such as changing tubes or changing input capacitor jumpers, you will need to re-calibrate the bias





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Project Sunrise has several jumpers settings to customize the amp the way you would like it. Below gives you the details on what these jumper settings do!

THE 6V / 12V JUMPER ALLOWS YOU TO USE BOTH 6 AND 12 VOLT TUBES. BEFORE POWERING ON YOUR AMPLIFIER, YOU MUST MAKE SURE WHAT VOLTAGE YOUR TUBE RUNS AT AND SET IT ACCORDINGLY VIA THE JUMPER. ATTACH THE JUMPER TAB TO THE CENTER PIN AND TO THE SIDE PIN CLOSEST TO THE VOLTAGE YOU DESIRE (6v OR THE 12v SIDE)

(EXAMPLE OF 6V SETTING IN RED)

TO NOTE: IF IN DOUBT, SET THE AMP TO 12V. IF ONLY ONE CHANNEL WORKS, CHANGE IT TO THE 6V SETTING. YOU CANNOT DAMAGE A TUBE IF SET TO THE WRONG VOLTAGE





Project Sunrise now features a selectable gain module which allows a quick change of input resistor values combined with jumpers for a quick high/low setting adjustments



Selecting custom resistor values to change input gain:

- Actual gain is tube dependant. For example, a 12AU7A will have far less gain than a 12AX7
- The high gain setting is fixed at 20dB (again variable depending on tube used but is a good rule of thumb)

The low gain setting is defaulted at 14dB. However one may make or order custom modules to raise or lower the LG / low gain jumper setting. Examples:

- 10K resistors will increase gain by +6dB (gain of 20)
- 15K resistors will increase gain by +3dB (gain of 17)
- 30K resistors (default value for the LG setting) 0dB change (gain of 14)
- 45K resistors will further decrease gain -3dB (gain of 11)
- 60K resistors will further decrease gain by -6dB (gain of 8)

These options are made available to help mate the amplifier with the widest selection of equipment possible



LED Light Color



Another feature of Project Sunrise is an adjustable RGB (RED GREEN BLUE) LED under the tube. RGB LED's can produce almost any color desirable. Often manufacturers tie you into their specific color scheme on their products. We feel it is important for you to choose the color you desire which can set an enjoyable mood when listening to your music. Adjust the brightness and color by turning each of the trimmers with a small jewelers screwdriver.

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Resistors R1 = 100K SM X 1 R2 = 470K SM X 1 R3 = 10K SM X 1 R4 = 330K SM X 1 R5 = 330R SM X 2 R6 = 4K7 SM X 1 R7 = 68R LG X 2 $R8 = 56R LG \times 2$ R9 = 30K SM X 2 (DIP-8 SOCKET) R10 = 2.2K LG X 2 R11 = 220R SM X 3 R12 = 100K LG X 2 R13 = 1K LG X 2 R14 = 100R SM X 2 R15 = 12K SM X 1 R16 = 470R LG X 2 R17 = 5R6 SM X 2 R18 = NOT POPULATED R19 = 3.3K SM X 1 R20 = 1K SM X 1 R21 = 5.1K SM X 1 R22 = 470R LG X 2 R23 = 1K LG X 2 R24 = 100K SM X 1 R25 = 1K SM X 2

Diodes

Z1 = C22 X 1 Z2 = C18 X 1 D1 = RED 3MM LED X 1 D2 = 1N4148 X 2 D3 = RGB SMD LED X 1 D4 = RED 3MM LED X 1 D5 = SB240 DIODE X 2 D6 = RED 3MM LED X 2 D7 = RED 3MM LED X 1

Capacitors

C1 = 100nF X 6 C2 = 47uF X 1 C3 = 2200uF X 2 (GOLD FG CAPS) C4 = 1uF X 2 C5 = 470uF X 2 (GOLD FG CAPS) C6 = 100uF X 1 C7 = 100uF X 1 C8 = 22uF X 1 C9 = 2200uF X 2 (BLACK CAPS) C10 = 100pF X 2

<u>Transistors</u>

Q1 = BC546B X 2 Q2 = BC560B X 3 Q3 = IRL510 X 2

Inductor L1 = 100uH X 1

Regulators

IC1 = LM317A X 2 IC2 = POPULATED WITH 0R JUMPER DC-DC X1

<u>Jacks</u>

J1 = HEADPHONE JACK X 1 J2 = TUBE SOCKET X 2 J3 = BLACK RCA JACK X 2 J4 = RED RCA JACK X 2 J5 = DC INPUT JACK X 1

Jumpers

JP1 = 4 PIN RIGHT ANGLE X 2 JP2X = 3 PIN EXTENDED HEADER X 1 JP2 = 3 PIN STRAIGHT X 5 JP3 /IC2 = 0R JUMPERS X 2 JP4 = 4 PIN RIGHT ANGLE X 1

<u>Switches</u> SW1 = POWER SWITCH X 1

<u>Fuse</u> F1 = 2A FUSE

Potentiometers / Trimmers

P1 = 10K VOLUME POTENTIOMETER P2 = 50K SINGLE TURN TRIMMER X3 P3 = 50K 25T VERTICAL TRIMMER X2

<u>Relay</u> U1 = 24V RELAY