

Magnus Modulus

The Magnus Modulus is another PT2399 based DIY echo modulation effect pedal. I wanted to make a digital delay and liked the idea of adding modulation ala Echo Base. I decided to use a stage from the BYOC Ping Pong with the LFO from the Tremulus Lune for maximum modulation control. I didn't reinvent the wheel here, just a bunch of other ideas put together into one awesome effect.

The delay lengths are controlled via a voltage controlled oscillator in the PT2399 at pin 6. The nominal delay length is set by R9 and Delay Time pot. The modulation is coupled on top of this DC value via R10 and C13. There is no need for a variable resistor (transistor, LDR). While I had the LFO and buffers already on board I decided to add a tremolo coupled into the output amplifier stage with a J201 acting as a switch.

This project is intended as a DIY effect and hopefully an evolving one. This is a highly modifiable circuit, hopefully you'll find the setup you like the most. The values in the schematic and layout are my personal favourites, your taste may differ so I'll suggest a few mods. The project fits in a 1590BB if you have skills...

MODS: Delay filtering – I have a really hot bridge pickup in my Les Paul and it can make the delay section distort (I use both pickups and designed the pedal using the middle one, it sounds awesome) I increased the values of C11 and C18 to filter more of the highs. Capacitors you can play around with to change the filtering are: C5, C6, C11, C18. You can add a capacitor at the space I left empty at C22 in the input buffer. Some of the 100uF caps are overkill...

I used 240k resistors in the LFO, the original has 220k, you can add a 'fine' rate control as well.

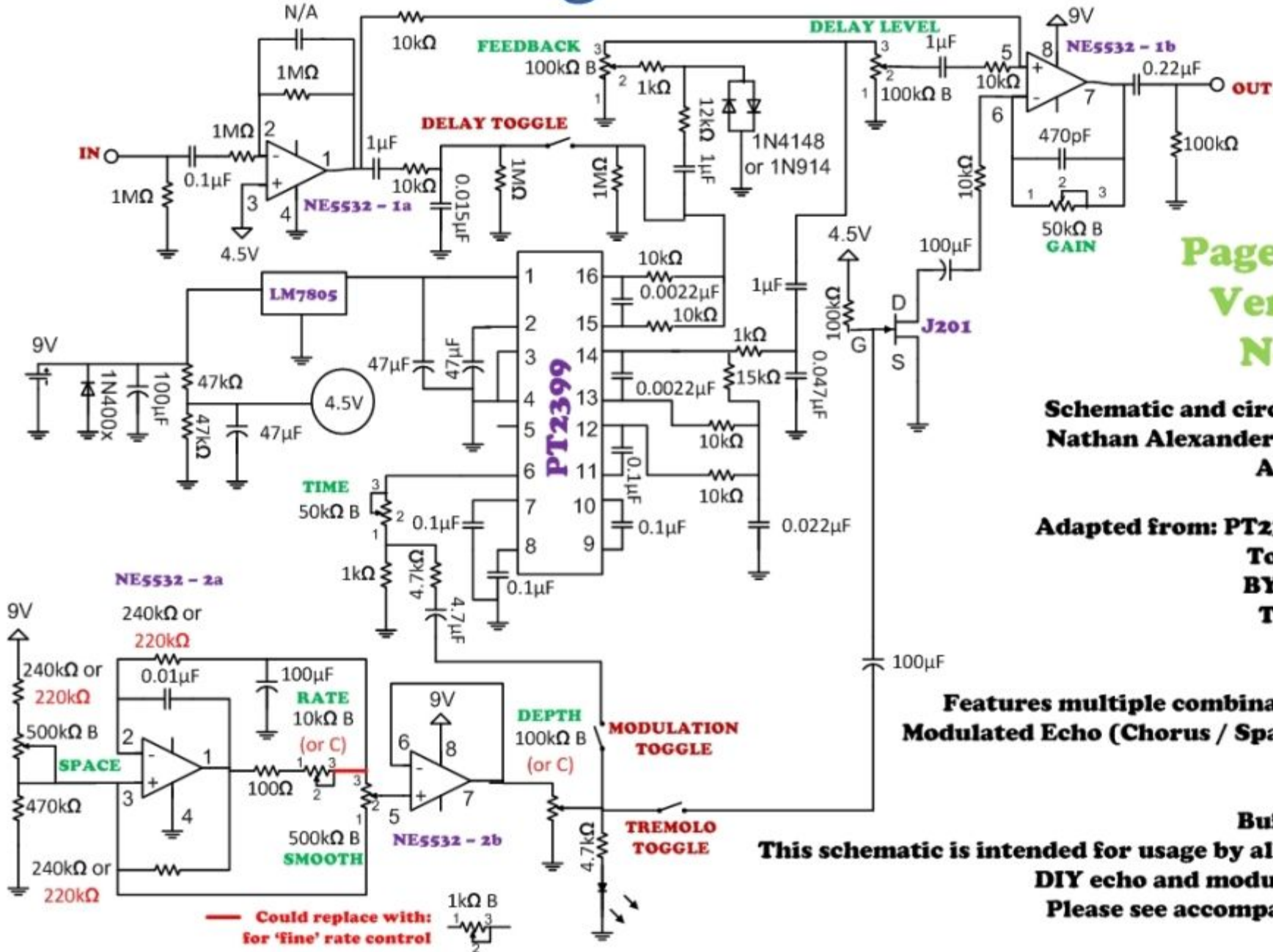
The tremolo could be implemented with an LDR, I used the J201 as it is pretty common. There is a bit of charge injection that's only really noticeable with the space (or smooth, can't remember) knob is turned down, the tremolo sounds really good and smooth when that control is set properly though. To use an LDR, don't use any of the components between the tremolo switch and pin 6 of the buffer op-amp. The LDR should go from pin 6 of the op-amp to ground and have an on resistance around 5k to 10k.

You can use less knobs, the gain knob could be a trimmer if you don't want a booster.

Taking out the limiting diodes will increase the output significantly during self-oscillation and is not recommended

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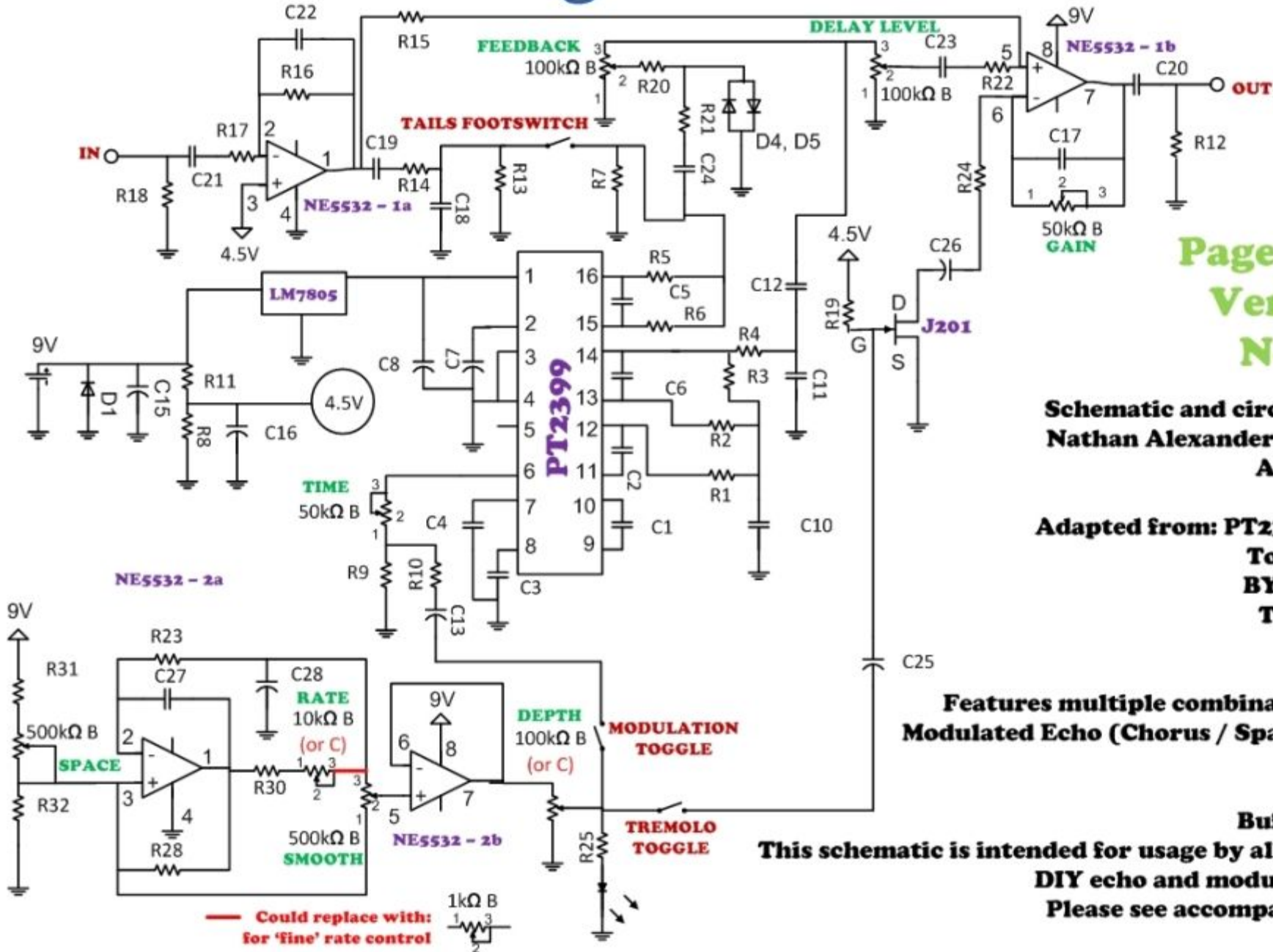
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Semiconductors

IC 1: PT2399 x 1

LM7805 x 1

IC2, IC3: NE5532 – x 2
(or other dual op-amp)

J201 x 1

Potentiometers

TIME 50kΩ B

RATE 10kΩ B (or C) C probably best

SPACE 500kΩ B

DEPTH 100kΩ B (or C) C probably best

SMOOTH 500kΩ B

FEEDBACK 100kΩ B

DELAY LEVEL 100kΩ B

GAIN 50kΩ B

Resistors

R1: 10K R23: 240K
R2: 10K R24: 10K
R3: 15K R25: LED
R4: 1K Resistor
R5: 10K R26: LED
R6: 10K Resistor
R7: 1M R27: LED
R8: 47K Resistor
R9: 1K R28: 240K
R10: 4.7K R30: 100R
R11: 47K R31: 240K
R12: 100K R32: 470K
R13: 1M
R14: 10K
R15: 10K
R16: 1M
R17: 1M
R18: 1M
R19: 100k
R20: 1K
R21: 12K
R22: 10K

Can use
220K instead
of 240K

Capacitors

C1: 0.1uF C23: 1uF
C2: 0.1uF C24: 1uF
C3: 0.1uF C25: 100uF
C4: 0.1uF C26: 100uF
C5: 0.0022uF C27: 0.01uF
C6: 0.0022uF C28: 100uF
C7: 47uF
C8: 47uF
C9: 0.1uF
C10: 0.022uF
C11: 0.047uF
C12: 1uF
C13: 4.7uF
C14: 0.1uF
C15: 100uF
C16: 47uF
C17: 470pF
C18: 0.015uF
C19: 1uF
C20: 0.22uF
C21: 0.1uF
C22: N/A

Diodes

D1: 1N400x x 1 (1N4001, 1N4004 etc.)
D4,D5: 1N4148 / 1N914 x 2
3 LEDs with appropriate resistors (2kΩ-10kΩ)

Hardware

SPST Toggle Switch (or SPDT, DPDT x 2)
3PDT Footswitch x 2
DC Jack + 9V adaptor
(+)-----(.)-----(-)
¼" Audio Jacks (1 MONO, 1 STEREO)

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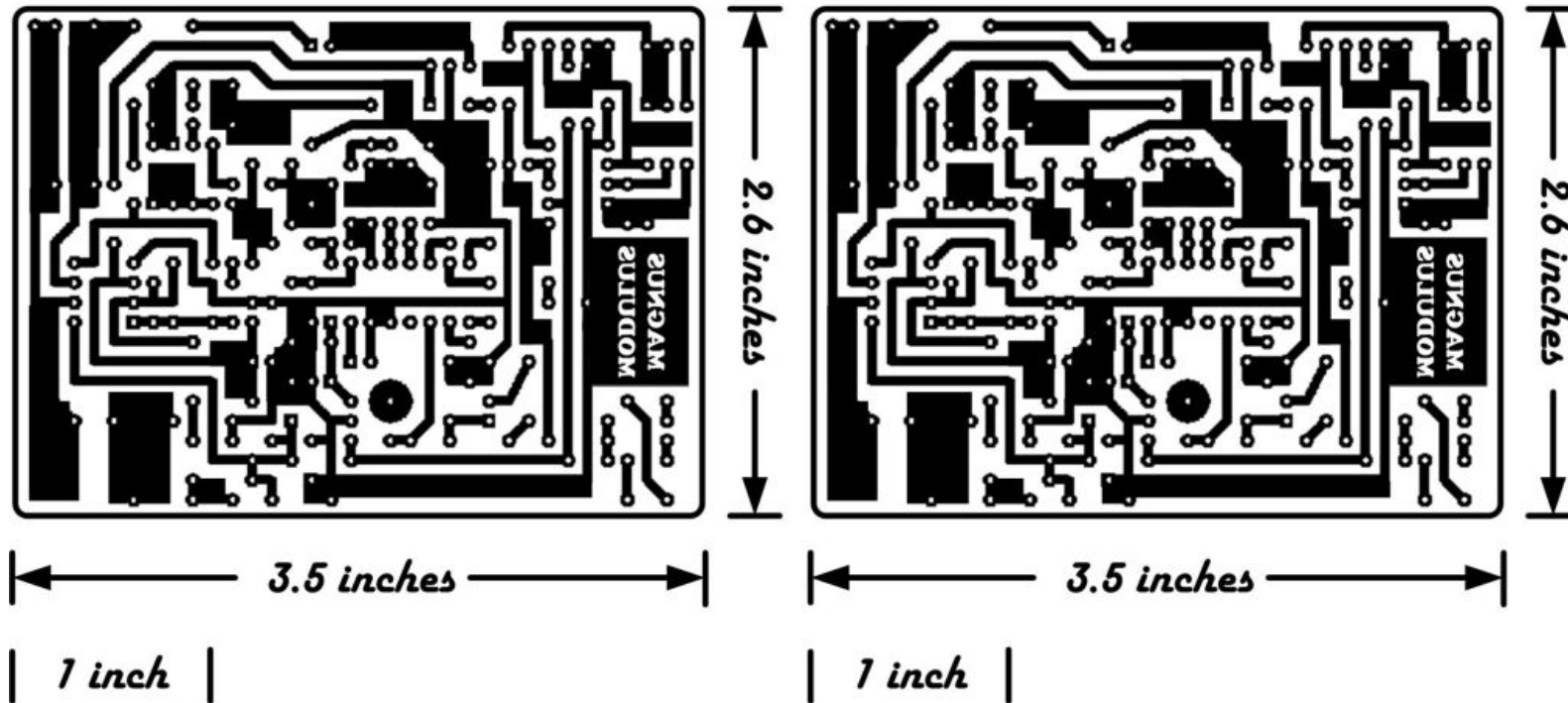
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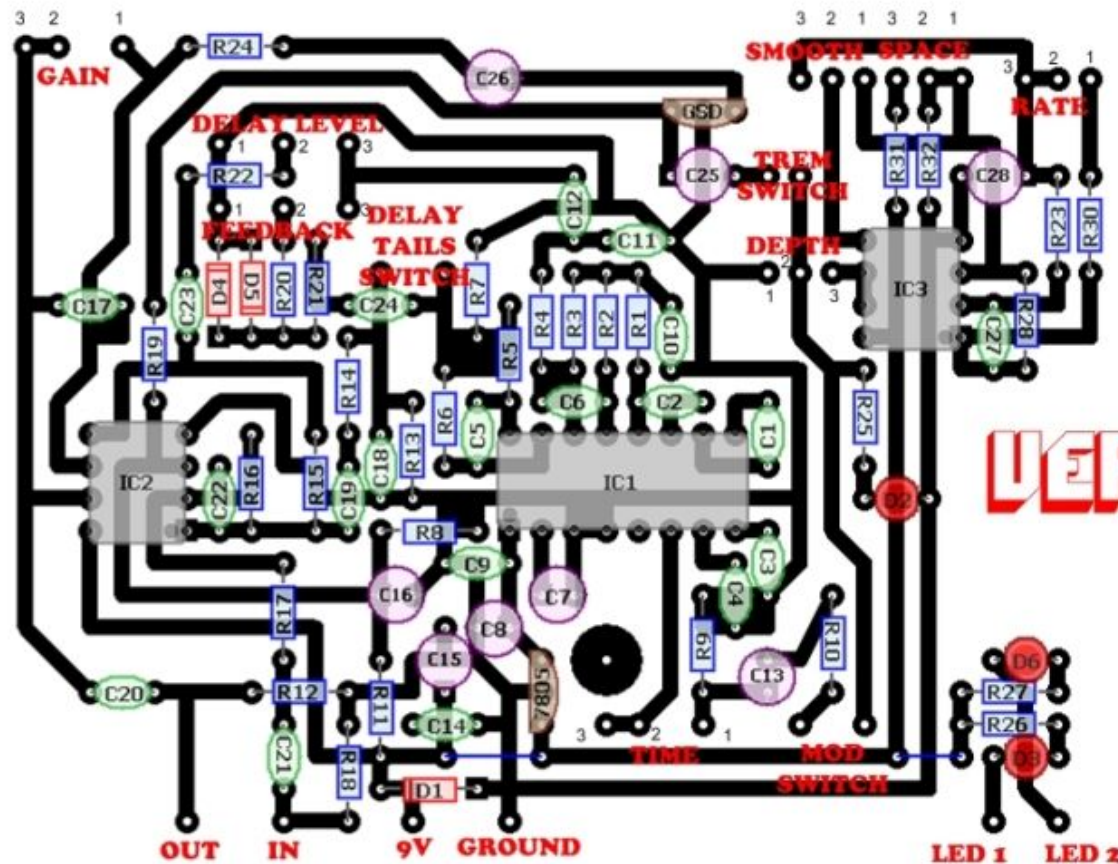
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