

Total solder points: 108 Difficulty level: *beginner* 1 ☑ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ *advanced* 

# **PINK NOISE GENERATOR**



# K4301

Add a spectrum analyser with a microphone and check your audio system performance.

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To analyse the acoustic properties of a room (usually a living- room), a good pink noise generator together with a spectrum analyser is indispensable. Moreover you need a microphone with as linear a frequency characteristic as possible (from 20 to 20000Hz.). If, in addition, you dispose of an equaliser, then you can not only check but also correct reproduction.

#### Features:

- ☑ Random digital noise.
- ☑ 33 bit shift register.
- ☑ Clock frequency adjustable between 30KHz and 100KHz.
- ☑ Pink noise filter: -3 dB per octave (20 .. 20000Hz.).
- ☑ Easily adaptable to produce "pink noise".

#### **Specifications:**

- Output voltage: 150mV RMS./ clock frequency 40KHz.
- Output impedance: 1K ohm.
- Power supply: 9 to 12VAC, or 12 to 15VDC / 5mA.

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#### 1. Assembly (Skipping this can lead to troubles !)

Ok, so we have your attention. These hints will help you to make this project successful. Read them carefully.

#### 1.1 Make sure you have the right tools:

- A good quality soldering iron (25-40W) with a small tip.
- Wipe it offen on a wet sponge or cloth, to keep it clean; then apply solder to the tip, to give it a wet look. This is called 'thinning' and will protect the tip, and enables you to make good connections. When solder rolls off the tip, it needs cleaning.
- Thin raisin-core solder. Do not use any flux or grease.
- A diagonal cutter to trim excess wires. To avoid injury when cutting excess leads, hold the lead so they
  cannot fly towards the eyes.
- Needle nose pliers, for bending leads, or to hold components in place.
- Small blade and Phillips screwdrivers. A basic range is fine.

For some projects, a basic multi-meter is required, or might be handy

### 1.2 Assembly Hints :

- $\Rightarrow$  Make sure the skill level matches your experience, to avoid disappointments.
- $\Rightarrow$  Follow the instructions carefully. Read and understand the entire step before you perform each operation.
- $\Rightarrow$  Perform the assembly in the correct order as stated in this manual
- $\Rightarrow$  Position all parts on the PCB (Printed Circuit Board) as shown on the drawings.
- $\Rightarrow$  Values on the circuit diagram are subject to changes.
- ⇒ Values in this assembly guide are correct\*
- $\Rightarrow$  Use the check-boxes to mark your progress.
- $\Rightarrow$  Please read the included information on safety and customer service

\* Typographical inaccuracies excluded. Always look for possible last minute manual updates, indicated as 'NOTE' on a separate leaflet.



#### 1.3 Soldering Hints :

- 1- Mount the component against the PCB surface and carefully solder the leads
- 2- Make sure the solder joints are cone-shaped and shiny
- 3- Trim excess leads as close as possible to the solder joint





**REMOVE THEM FROM THE TAPE ONE AT A TIME !** 

AXIAL COMPONENTS ARE TAPED IN THE COR-RECT MOUNTING SEQUENCE !



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## 12. TEST & ADJUSTMENT



- 1. Turn trimmer RV1 to its centre position.
- 2. Connect a power supply :
  - · AC, 9 to 12 V then between points GND and V.
  - DC, 12 to 15 V (battery or power supply) then to GND and + to V.
- 3. Connect the output (OUT, GND) to the input of a spectrum analyser, using a screened flex (screen to GND).
- Now adjust the noise signal using trimmer RV1 so as to obtain as flat a reproduction characteristic as possible. Especially
  pay attention to the higher frequencies (adjust spectrum analyser sensitivity if necessary).

Remark: the nature of the lower frequencies (32 and 64Hz) makes their read-out unstable.

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO EXPERIMENT : By adapting C1 you can also modify the clock frequency (pin 3 of IC2) of the shift register (e.g. C1=18pF for a clock frequency up to and beyond 500KHz), so as to obtain a "white noise" at 500KHz and to adapt the filter (C2=100pF, do not fit C4 through C9). Output voltage will drop down to +/- 100mV RMS.

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## 13. Schematic diagram.



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# 14. PCB





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