K4305

2 x 10 LED STEREO VU METER

- For instant visualization of audio signal levels.
- Easy hook up to a LINE level (LOW input) signal source.
- For use with mixing panels, amplifiers, CD players, radio's, ...
- A special input (HIGH INPUT) is provided, which allows direct connection to a SPEAKER* output.
- DOT or BAR display mode selectable to suit your application.
- Attractive display window supplied, which can be used both horizontal as vertical.
- If wanted, the unit can be calibrated by means of a trim potentiometer.

*NOT SUITED FOR CONNECTION TO HIGH POWER CAR STEREO SYSTEM

Specifications:

- 2 X 10 LED's
- BAR OR DOT MODE
- INDICATION RANGE: 0dB = 0.775mVrms.
  -20dB, -10dB, -7dB, -5dB, -3dB, -1dB, 0dB, +1dB, +2dB, +3dB
- FREQUENCY RANGE: 20Hz to 30KHz
- LOW INPUT FOR 0dB: 150mV to 6Vrms (47K)
- HIGH INPUT FOR 0dB: 1.5V to 60Vrms (470K).
- POWER SUPPLY: 10 to 15VDC / 250mA max.
- PCB DIMENSIONS 2X: 68X37mm

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ASSEMBLY STEPS

Required tools to assemble the kit:
A small soldering iron of max. 40W.
Thin (1mm) solder, do not use any flux.
A small cutter to trim the excess wires.

1. Mount the components against the PCB surface and carefully solder the leads.
2. Obtain cone-shaped, shiny soldered joints by heating the component leads sufficiently.
3. This solder joint results in a bad connection.
4. Trim the excess wires up to the level of the solder

- Careless assembly will certainly lead to troubles.
- Insert the part, oriented correctly, into its correct holes on the PCB.
- Mount the components in the correct order as stated in this manual.
- The component values in the diagram are for reference only. The values in this partlist are correct and must be followed.
- Use the boxes □ to tick off your progress.

Before starting to build, also read the general guidelines
Assembly

Mount all components onto the PC boards (mount the two boards)

1. JUMPERS

- J1
- J2, mount for BAR mode, do not mount for DOT mode.

2. DIODES (Check the polarity)

- D1: 1N4148
- D2: 1N4148
- D3: 1N4000… 1N4007

3. ZENER DIODES (Check the polarity)

- ZD1: 6,2V (6V2)
4. ¼W RESISTORS

- R1: 47K (4-7-3-B)
- R2: 47K (4-7-3-B)
- R3: 330 (3-3-1-B)
- R4: 10K (1-0-3-B)
- R5: 10K (1-0-3-B)
- R6: 2K2 (2-2-2-B)
- R7: 470K (4-7-4-B)

5. IC SOCKETS
(Check the position of the notch)

- IC1: 8P
- IC2: 18P

6. RESISTOR TRIMMERS

- RV1: 220K (250K)

7. CAPACITORS

- C1: 220nF (0.22µF, 224)
- C2: 220nF (0.22µF, 224)

8. ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR
(Check the polarity)

- C3: 47µF
- C4: 47µF
- C5: 47µF
9. 1W RESISTORS

R8: 68 (6-8-0-B)
10. MOUNT THE LEDs, BEND THE LEADS CAREFULLY
(Check the polarity)

- LD1: green (5)
- LD2: green (5)
- LD3: green (5)
- LD4: green (5)
- LD5: green (5)
- LD6: green (5)
- LD7: green (5)
- LD8: yellow (4)
- LD9: yellow (4)
- LD10: red (2)
11. Insert the IC’s in the socket (Check the position of the notch)

- IC1: 741
- IC2: LM3916

Mount the units in a suitable housing or on a suitable panel:

12. Mounting possibility:

A. Make or search for suitable bracket:
B. Make the holes in the housing or panel and mount the bracket:

- Drill holes Ø3.5
- Mount bracket
- Secure with:
  - M3 NUT
  - LOCK WASHER
  - 10mm M3 COUNTERSUNK-HEAD BOLT
  - 2...3mm FRONT PANEL
C. Mount the PCB’s with spacers onto the bracket:

1. Mount the PCBs with spacers onto the bracket.
2. Use 15mm spacers between the PCBs and the front panel.
3. Use 20mm M3 bolts to secure the bracket to the front panel.
4. Use M3 nuts and lock washers to tighten the bolts.
5. Solder the side of the PCBs as shown in the diagram.

Diagram:
- PCBs with spacers
- 15mm spacers
- 20mm M3 bolts
- M3 nuts and lock washers
- Soldered side of the PCBs
Connect the unit to a suitable signal, this can be line level (LOW input):

**13. Connecting to a line level output (tuner, preamp, cd player...) and connecting a power supply from 10 to 15VDC / 250mA max.**

Connect the unit to a suitable supply voltage between 10VDC and 15VDC, this can also be a standard DC adapter. You can also build your own power supply, see diagram. Use a 2x12V transformer, two rectifier diodes and a electrolytic capacitor or use a single 12V transformer with a bridge rectifier and a electrolytic capacitor.
Connect the unit to a speaker output (HIGH input):

14. Connecting to a speaker level output and connecting a power supply from 10 to 15VDC / 250mA max..

Connect the unit to a suitable supply voltage between 10VDC and 15VDC, this can also be a standard DC adapter. You can also build your own power supply, see diagram. Use a 2x12V transformer, two rectifier diodes and a electrolytic capacitor or use a single 12V transformer with a bridge rectifier and a electrolytic capacitor.
Connect the unit to a car radio:

15. Connecting to a speaker output from a regular car radio.

The 12VDC car battery power or car radio antenna output can be used to supply the VU meter.

REMARK: Do not connect the unit to a high power car booster or car stereo, this equipment uses isolated ground connection. The connection to this kind of amplifier can cause permanent damage to the amplifier or car radio!

- Adjust the unit's sensitivity according to your preference by means of the trim potentiometer RV1