

Changes to the Build, Schematic, Parts, or Important Information Supplemental to the Build Manual and YouTube Build Series are located here.

1. Ground wire from IEC ground lug to blue junction, use enclosed 18awg (yellow/green stripe) wire, instead of Power Transformer off cut. This will give you a slightly lower resistance connection to ground. Because the wire is a heavier gauge do not “double it back”, just lightly tin one end (that will be inserted in the blue junction).
2. Alps PCB blue junctions, instead of installing 3 bay junctions, assemble 2, 2 bay junctions by sliding them together before soldering (neat design!). Do this for both the “IN” and “OUT” sides. This will eliminate the possibility of soldering the blue junctions in the wrong position! Pay particular attention in the Build Video as to which side to solder the junctions onto the wee blue PCB (mount the blue junctions on the side with no labels and apply solder to the side with labels).
3. Alignment! You have 3 components that must be installed in position and at 90 degrees to the PCB to allow the PCB and Top Plate to fit together. As you install the sockets, switches and in particular the RCA jacks, take the time to periodically check if the two boards fit together. If you have a small misalignment issue, correct it before proceeding.
4. If you decide (against our advice) to use The Rocket as a “buffer” or to “add colour” to your existing system and plug it into another gain stage (eg. Integrated Amplifier). Always start with the Integrated Amps volume set low and use The Rocket potentiometer as your main volume control. This will reduce the noise floor from all preceding stages.
5. A ground revision has been implemented on the updated v2.0 PCB. There is a new ground pad marked “To Alps” “G” north of C4A. Connect this pad to the ALPS pot blue junction ground using 18awg yellow/green stripe wire (this connection is on the same side of the Alps pot). Further use the supplied 18awg yellow/green wire for the other “G” connection to the Alps Pot and for the rear IEC ground to blue junction.

That’s all for now, carry on building!