

Minimum Goals/"Commitments"

| Items | Description | Demo |
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| Preamplifier | Amplify the signal from pickup to audio line signal. | Produces an output of 1 Vrms |
| Tone Control | Capable of changing the frequency response of the bass and treble | Can change the voltage output of 10 Hz - 1 kHz (bass) and 1 kHz - 20 kHz (treble) with potentiometers. |
| Tube Overdrive | Lightly distorts signal at low levels and "soft clips" at higher volumes | Tube stage is capable of producing unclipped output waveform up to ~-10dB, with compression/overdrive kicking in above ~-10dB |
| Effects Line Level Outputs | Output stage resets processed signal to exact line levels and allows system to drive stereo line loads. Output is split using S-taper panpot circuit. | Output can drive two 10-30k ohm RCA line load at 1Vrms. Sweeping panpot results in S-taper signal output levels. |
| Power Output | Amplifies line level signal to levels capable of driving a small speaker. | Play music through speakers and show output on scope. |

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| Magnetic Pickup | Making a pickup that can get a signal a violin string. | Pickup produces signal (50-200 mV). |
| Spring Reverb | Creates a standing wave of the input frequency in a mechanical spring. Long decay of input impulse is produced | Spring tank amplifier can saturate tank with >5Vpp at full input signal (~160mW). |
| Mixing Stage/Preamp | Amplifies weak reverb signal and applies highpass to cut out low frequency bumps. Mixes "wet" reverb signal with "dry" original signal | Preamp cuts frequencies below 60-100Hz. Mixer allows user control over wet/dry mix. |
| Effects Stage Noise Level | Noise level should be | Noise level is under -30dB |

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| | reasonable volume | (30mVpp) |
| Output Stage Power Output | System outputs 75W of power to two speaker channels with accurate volume adjustment and little to no distortion. | Play music through two speakers, demonstrate volume adjustment and system accuracy on an oscilloscope. |

Stretch Goals

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| Low Noise Effects Stage | Noise level should be nearly inaudible | Noise level under -45dB (5.6mVpp) |
| Output Stage Power Supply | An off-line forward converter capable of generating 30VDC and 12VDC with minimal noise. | Show voltages on a multimeter, drive large load (e.g a motor) using the output. |
| Output Stage Power Output | System outputs 100W total of power to two speaker channels with accurate volume adjustment, no noise or audible hissing, no distortion, and a clean execution on a PCB with SMT parts. | Play music through two large speakers, demonstrate volume adjustment and system accuracy on an oscilloscope. |
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