

Helping You DIY



Mics | Pedals | Tubes | Tools

Imagine stepping into an incredible world of electronics, design, and troubleshooting by building your own high-quality audio equipment.

At Austin Ribbon Microphones, we're not just selling gear — we're supporting your passion for creation. Transform your curiosity into confidence and creativity with our DIY kits for microphones, pedals, and amplifiers.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious beginner, our tools, videos, illustrated instructions and support enable you to build some extraordinary things...or have us build them for you and receive them ready-to-play!

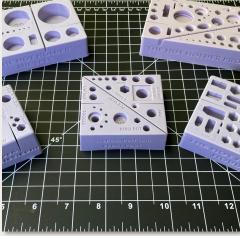
Start your journey today and experience the satisfaction of making music and sound equipment with your own hands.

Create something amazing!









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Collection of Austin mics, pedals, kits, and tools.

The Hot Holder™

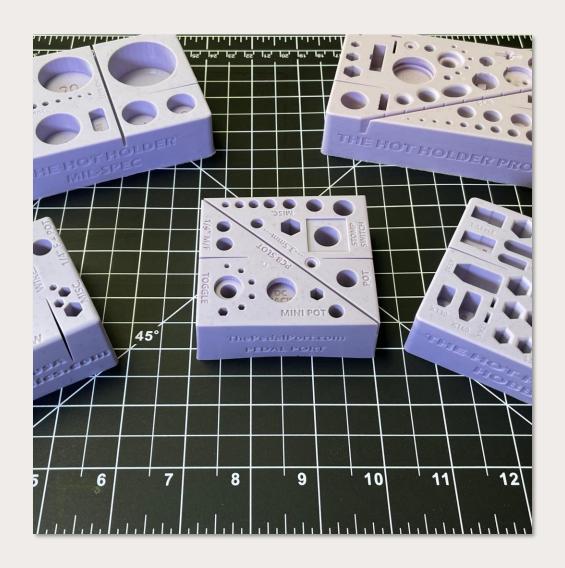


Next-Generation Soldering Tool

Our Hot Holder™ series of products are the next generation of parts holders for soldering. The Hot Holder perfectly and safely grips audio connectors, wires, circuit boards, and just about anything else, in any orientation: without sucking out the heat!

Hot Holders are game changers for any technician: Audio, stage and lighting, R/C Hobby, MILSPEC, custom designs, etc. Branded logos and quantity discounts are available.

- Superior stability and gripping. Suction base prevents sliding.
- Flexible, high-temperature silicone grabs parts tight without heat-sinking.
- Won't melt. Can't scratch. Doesn't crush or deform parts.
- Designs for Audio, Hobby, Stage and Lighting, DIY, Mil-Spec, and more.
- ► Made in the USA.



BLACKMIC



Hand-Built, World-Class Ribbon Mlc

The Austin BLACKMIC is our hand-built, USA ribbon microphone at an unbeatable price-point.

BLACKMIC is not a kit, but a fully assembled and ready to use world-class ribbon microphone. Each BLACKMIC is hand-built to order by Rick Wilkinson. There is limited availability, and lead times can vary depending on the season. Please contact us for details.

Features

- ➤ Black powder coat, laser-engraved front-facing logo
- Austin OTA-2 humbucking transformer (Made in Texas)
- NOS Switchcraft™ XLR connector
- **Elastic shock mount**
- > Two-year service warranty
- Designed and Made in the USA



NOTE: All Austin mics, pedals and preamps are available as do-it-yourself "DIY" kits at a substantial discount. See "Kits and Workshops" page or visit our website for details.

True Blumlein[™]

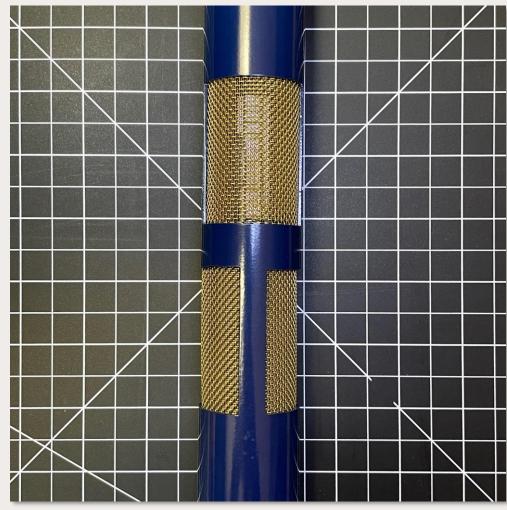


Stereo Ribbon Microphone

The True Blumlein™ mic is a center-point, fixed-angle, coincident ribbon microphone which features a Blumlein polar pattern: the most desirable stereo pattern available!

The True Blumlein is the equivalent of two mono Austin mics stacked head-to-head, with 3-pin Switchcraft XLR connectors on each end so you can use XLR Cables you already have. No weird "Y" cables required.

- True Blue" powder coat is standard, or custom order any color
- Lundahl, Cinemag, or Austin OTA-2 transformer options
- NOS Switchcraft™ XLR connector
- Blumlein Bar" dual-point elastic shock mount available.
- > Two-year service warranty on ready-to-play units
- Made in the USA



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Ribbon Mic Preamp



Ribbon Microphone Preamplifier

Maximize the performance of any ribbon mic with our ultrahigh impedance preamp designed for ribbon microphones.

30k balanced input, and a line-level unbalanced output lets you bypass consumer-grade low-impedance preamp circuits in your mixer or recorder.

No phantom-power circuitry, and zero capacitors in the audio path enables your ribbon and dynamic microphones to deliver their full bandwidth. You'll hear the difference.

- > Through-hole components
- Low-noise, hand-soldered layout
- > OVDC offset servo output
- Laser-engraved, anodized aluminum enclosure
- Two-year service warranty on ready-to-play units
- > Made in the USA







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Guitar Pedals



AustinDrive Kit

Design your own tone with AustinDrive! Guided circuit design and learning to solder is your introduction to pedal mods and future DIY projects.

Audition and change more than 20 different resistors, diodes, capacitors and op amps to define your own sound. Educator, student, and workshop-quantity discounts available.

Summer Reverb Kit

Digital reverb with a kick. Genuine surfy spring reverb sounds from a digital pedal, and it CRASHES when kicked - just like a vintage Tube Spring Reverb tank!

Menacing Viscosity

This exceptional-sounding drive pedal delivers thick, complex, yet musical distortion. Awesome with humbuckers and droptunings, or single-coils in the neck position. Control the shape, edge and darkness of the distortion.



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Tube Spring Reverb Tank



The Sound of Surf, Reggae, and Blues

Our nod to classic 6G15 tube spring reverb tanks, with modern circuit components. Designed for intermediate DIY'ers... but following our fully-illustrated instructions and video tutorials, beginners can complete it too.

Finished cabinet kits, custom colors, and ready-to-play units are available. NOS USA Tubes also available for a nominal charge. Please contact us for details.

- Classic 6G15 circuitry, point-to-point wiring
- \triangleright 12AX7,12AT7, and 6K6 tubes
- Hammond Power Transformer
- > Color options/combinations available on request
- > 15.5" x 7.5" x 7.5" / 11lbs.
- Two-year service warranty
- Hand-Made in San Diego, California



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Aus-Tone Tube Amp



Classic Single-Channel Tube Guitar Amp

A hybrid of an early Princeton™ and a Champ™, our DIY AUS-TONE amp delivers 5-Watts of beautiful "Class-A" guitar tone. Our LVA Low-Voltage Adapter safely confirms and verifies your circuit at 10% of the voltage and 3% of the current before you ever plug it in! Prevents smoked components and blown fuses... even if power is accidentally wired directly to ground!

- > 5W Class-A tube amplifier with a 10" speaker and a Pine cabinet
- Introduces the basics found in EVERY tube amplifier
- Previous DIY experience recommended, or build with a mentor
- ➤ 15-hour build time
- Laser-engraved control panel
- Inquire about speaker upgrade options, and a Tremolo add-on coming soon!



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Kits and Workshops



Educational DIY

Educational do-it-yourself "DIY" kits are the foundation of Austin Ribbon Microphones. Since 2007, our USA kits have been made by thousands of students, educators, artists and musicians around the world.

- > Ribbon microphones
- Preamplifiers
- Guitar pedals
- > Fully Illustrated PDF plans & video tutorials
- **Educational**, not just assembly
- Full-day, on-site workshops & events
- Live "Zoom" group-builds
- Discounts for students, faculty, and groups

Direct customer support for YOU.

No chatbots or searching through group forums.

Parts, service, support and repairs.

FREE SHIPPING in continental United States.



NOTE: Austin DIY kits feature video tutorials and fully illustrated, step-by-step plans. Every kit includes personal, direct customer support as needed. Replacement parts and upgrade kits available at https://www.austinmics.com/parts-tools.

Equipment Repair



Audio Electronics Repair

If you have a tube amp or microphone that's not working properly, chances are I can repair it to proper working condition.



My name is Rick, and I'm an inventor and electronic designer/engineer. I own and operate Austin Ribbon Mics in San Diego, CA.

Because I design and make DIY microphone kits, mic preamps, guitar pedals, high-voltage tube amps and tube reverb tanks, I understand how they work...and how to repair them when they stop working.

Equipment That I Repair

- > Ribbon microphones
- Condenser microphones
- Dynamic microphones
- Mic preamps
- Guitar pedals
- Instrument amplifiers (tube and solid state)
- ➤ Hi-fi analog power amplifiers (tube and solid state)

I have repaired dozens of vintage Ribbon Microphones, Fender & Gibson tube amps, Matamp reverb tanks, solid state hi-fi mono block amplifiers, and studio-quality microphones. I use vintage parts when available and appropriate for the repair.

If you have a piece of electronic audio equipment in need of repair, email me at diyribbonmic@gmail.com and we'll get the discussion started.

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