

## Introduction

This document will describe how to assemble and checkout a K42 Keyboard/Reader Kit. The assembly of the K42 is not difficult, but probably not a good "first kit". Before you start working on the kit you will need to gather the following items

- 1) A low wattage (40W) soldering iron or pencil or temperature controller solder station.
- 2) Good grade of Rosin core solder, Please do not use ACID CORE Solder !!
- 3) A few pieces of hook up wire
- 4) Good pair of wire cutters, small pliers, assorted screwdrivers, and a 5/64" Allen wrench
- 5) A Volt Ohmmeter or DVM is required for several assembly steps
- 6) A magnifying glass is very helpful
- 7) Power supply providing a voltage between 8 to 13 VDC (9VDC is optimum) at about 250 ma.
- 8) Audio signal generator or radio receiver with a calibrate function.

It is very important to take your time and to carefully follow the instructions and assembly photos. These instructions will take you through a step by step process that will test portions as you go. This will make debugging much easier since if a problem arises you will be able to locate the source and repair it right away. Please don't assemble the kit in a manner other than as described, the order of the steps is very important from a mechanical perspective and if you don't follow them you can end up with a kit that can't be completed.

These instructions assume you have basic electronic kit building experience and can identify different types of electronic components. Photos are provided which will greatly aid in assembling the kit correctly. Additional info is provided in **RED**. The biggest enemy of kit success is poor soldering, so please take care with each solder joint, and use just enough heat to get a good connection. A good joint should be both shiny and smooth.

## Bill of Materials

The bill of materials is listed below. The first step is to inventory and identify all parts ahead of time. This will allow the assembly to proceed smoothly. The parts are packed in separate compartments; try not to mix the resistors in different compartments together, the precision resistors are packed by themselves. You might want to verify resistor values with an ohmmeter if you are color impaired like I am. We try to do a good job putting the kits together but sometimes we make mistakes, let us know if you are missing any parts.

Reference Des.	Qty	Part Description	Package	Other Info	Check Off
C1,C2,C4,C5 C16,C17	6	.001uF Capacitor (102)	Ceramic Disk	.2" spacing	_____
C3,C9,C11,C14	4	.1uF,Capacitor (104)	Ceramic Disk	.2" spacing	_____
C6,C12,C18 C19,C20,C21	6	.01uF,Capacitor (103)	Ceramic	.2" spacing	_____
C10,C13	2	.012uF Mylar Cap (123)	Mylar film	.2" spacing	_____
C7, C8	2	4.7uF Electrolytic Cap	Radial	.1" Spacing	_____
C15	1	100uF Electrolytic Cap	Radial	.1" Spacing	_____
R1	1	5K Trimmer Potentiometer			_____
R5	1	68 Ohm Resistor	1/4 Watt	Blu Gray Blk	_____
R13,R14,R15,R16,	4	470 Ohm Resistor	1/8 Watt	Yel Violet Brn	_____
R2,R3,R4,R6,R11, R12,R17,R18,R21	9	4.7K Ohm Resistor	1/8 Watt	Yel Violet Red	_____
R10	1	47 ohm	1/2 Watt	Yel Violet Blk	_____
R9	1	6.65K Ohm 1% Resistor	1/8 Watt	Blue Axial	_____
R8	1	33.2K Ohm 1% Resistor	1/8 Watt	Blue Axial	_____
R7	1	66.5K Ohm 1% Resistor	1/8 Watt	Blue Axial	_____

U1	1	Solid State Relay AQW210EH or LAA125	8 pin DIP		_____
R19, R20	2	470 Ohm for LAA125 or 620 Ohm for AQW210	1/8 Watt	Yel Violet Brn Blue Red Brown	_____ _____
U2	1	16F688 Keyer PIC	14 pin DIP	white dot, skt'd	_____
U3	1	CY8C27143 PSoC	8 pin DIP	socketed	_____
U4	1	TLC2272/TS922/LMC6482 Dual Op Amp	8 pin DIP	no socket	_____
U5	1	16F688 Console PIC	14 pin DIP	µP, socket	_____
U6	1	24LC32A Serial EEPROM	8 pin DIP	no socket	_____
U7	1	12F508 LED Driver PIC	8 pin DIP	µP, no socket	_____
L1,L2	2	1uH, Inductor	Ferrite Bead		_____
Q1	1	2N2222 Transistor	TO-92		_____
Q2	1	2N7000 Transistor	TO-92		_____
D1,D2,D3,D4,D5,D6	6	CWR Tuning LED	Right Angle	Red or Green	_____
D7	1	1N4001 Diode	DO-41		_____
VR1	1	LM7805 5 Volt Regulator	TO220		_____
DP1	1	Sunlike SD1602H	LCD Display	PCB Module	_____
SP1	1	Mini Speaker			_____
J1,J3,J4	3	Stereo Phone Jack	1/8 Inch Jack	AF, Key, Pdl	_____
J2	1	Keyboard Connector	PS2 6 Pin DIN		_____
J5	1	Power Connector	2.5 mm female receptacle		_____
P1	1	Power Connector	2.5 mm male plug		_____
ENC1	1	Rotary Encoder	Panel Mount		_____
MISC	1	Hex Nut for Rotary Encoder (on encoder)			_____
MISC	1	Flat Washer for Rotary Encoder (on encoder)			_____
MISC	1	K42 Enclosure			_____
MISC	1	Control Knob	Plastic 1/4" shaft		_____
MISC	4	Rubber Feet	Press in		_____
MISC	1	16 pin Header	Right Angle	Tin solder	_____
MISC	2	1/4" plastic spacers	LCD Mounting		_____
MISC	3	4-40 Hex Nuts	w/lock washers		_____
MISC	1	K42 Rev C PC Board			_____
MISC	4	4-40 1/4" Screws	Black for enclosure cover		_____
MISC	5	4-40 1/4" Screws	For heatsink and PCB mounting		_____
MISC	2	14 pin DIP socket for U2 and U5 (Keyer & Console PICs)			_____
MISC	2	8 pin DIP socket for U3 (PSoC) and U1 (Opto SSR)			_____
MISC	1	10" length of hook up wire			_____
MISC	1	Heatsink			_____

## Step By Step Assembly Instructions

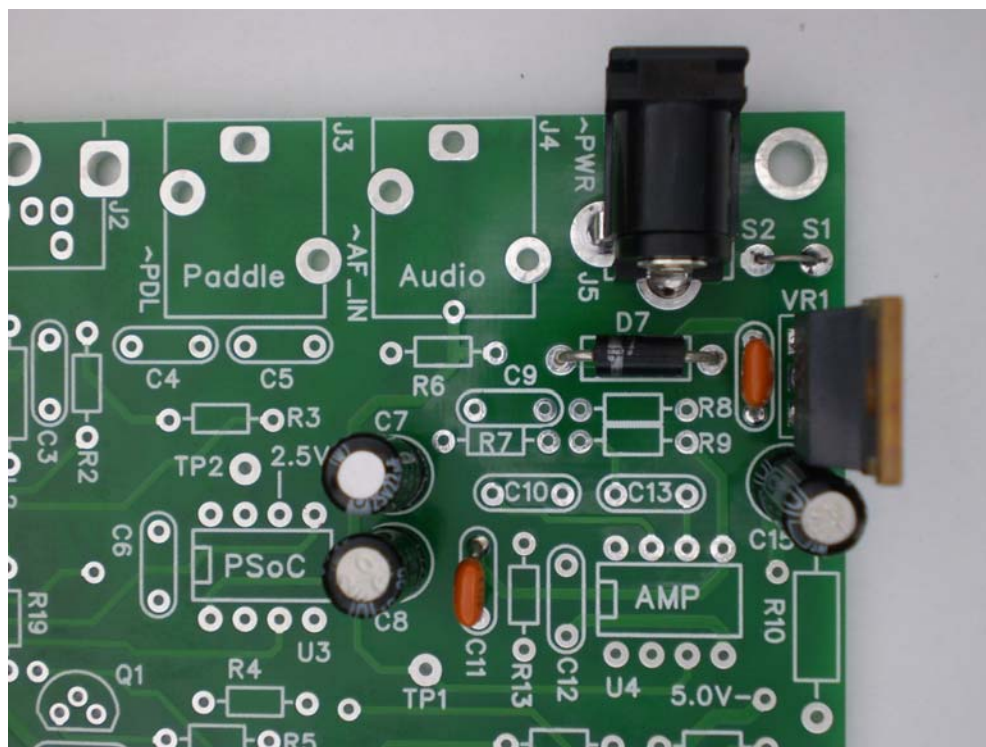
- 1) After inventory, carefully inspect the PCB for defects such as solder shorts or breaks due to over etching. We buy high quality boards and rarely have any problems but it's easier to find one now before we solder anything to the board. Use the PCB layer pictures on pages 28 and 29 as a reference. There is also a *Placement by Part Value* picture on Page 30 which is very helpful.
- 2) We will start with the power supply, install and solder:

- \_\_\_ Power Connector J5
- \_\_\_ Voltage Regulator VR1 **LM7805 TO-220**

### Capacitors:

- \_\_\_ C7 (4.7uF electrolytic) may be black or grey in color
- \_\_\_ C8 (4.7uF electrolytic)
- \_\_\_ C15 (100uF electrolytic)
- \_\_\_ C11 (.1uF) **104 Dipped**
- \_\_\_ C14 (.1uF) **104 Dipped**
- \_\_\_ D7 (1N4001)
- \_\_\_ Solder and trim leads

The long lead of the electrolytic caps (C7,C8,C15) is positive and must go into the square pad. If you are not going to use an on/off switch (optional) solder a jumper between pads S1 and S2. You can always remove the jumper and add a switch later. Observe the band on D7 and line it up to match the silkscreen.



- 3) Once these parts are soldered in place, make up a power supply cable to test the board. A mate to J5 is included in the kit. Solder two wires to the connector, plus lead on the center pin. If you have a 9 to 13VDC supply with a 2.5mm connector, that will work fine. Current rating must be greater than 100 ma.



Double check that the center pin of the power connector is positive with respect to the shell and then plug it into J5. The K42 does have a polarity protection diode but it's worth the extra step to make sure the cable is right. You should see +5V on the test point pad closest to the left of R10. **Now Disconnect Power.**

- 4) Next step is to install parts to test the keyer portion of the K42.

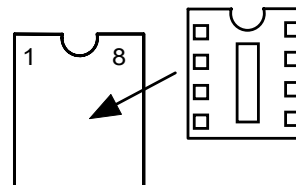
\_\_\_ Install two 1/8 inch jacks J1 and J3 READ BELOW BEFORE SOLDERING!!

Tack solder the rectangular hole first making sure the connector is aligned correctly. Use the silkscreen guide on the top of the board to center the connector as close as you can. Also insure the front of the connector is flush with the PC board edge. Solder the remaining two holes. It's important to align these connectors correctly so that they will fit properly in the metal enclosure.

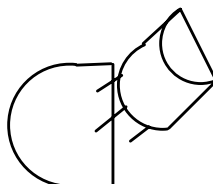
After installing both connectors

\_\_\_ Install and solder three IC sockets at sites: U1, U2, and U5.

Be sure to align the dimple in the socket with the silkscreen as illustrated :  
Now install and solder the following resistors and transistor:



- \_\_\_ R19 and R20 refer to note in the bill of materials
- \_\_\_ R2, R3, R11, R12, R17, R18, R21 (4.7K) **Yellow Violet Red**
- \_\_\_ R5 (68 ohm) **Blue Gray Black**
- \_\_\_ Q1 2N2222 transistor (TO92) Align flat side with silkscreen as shown:

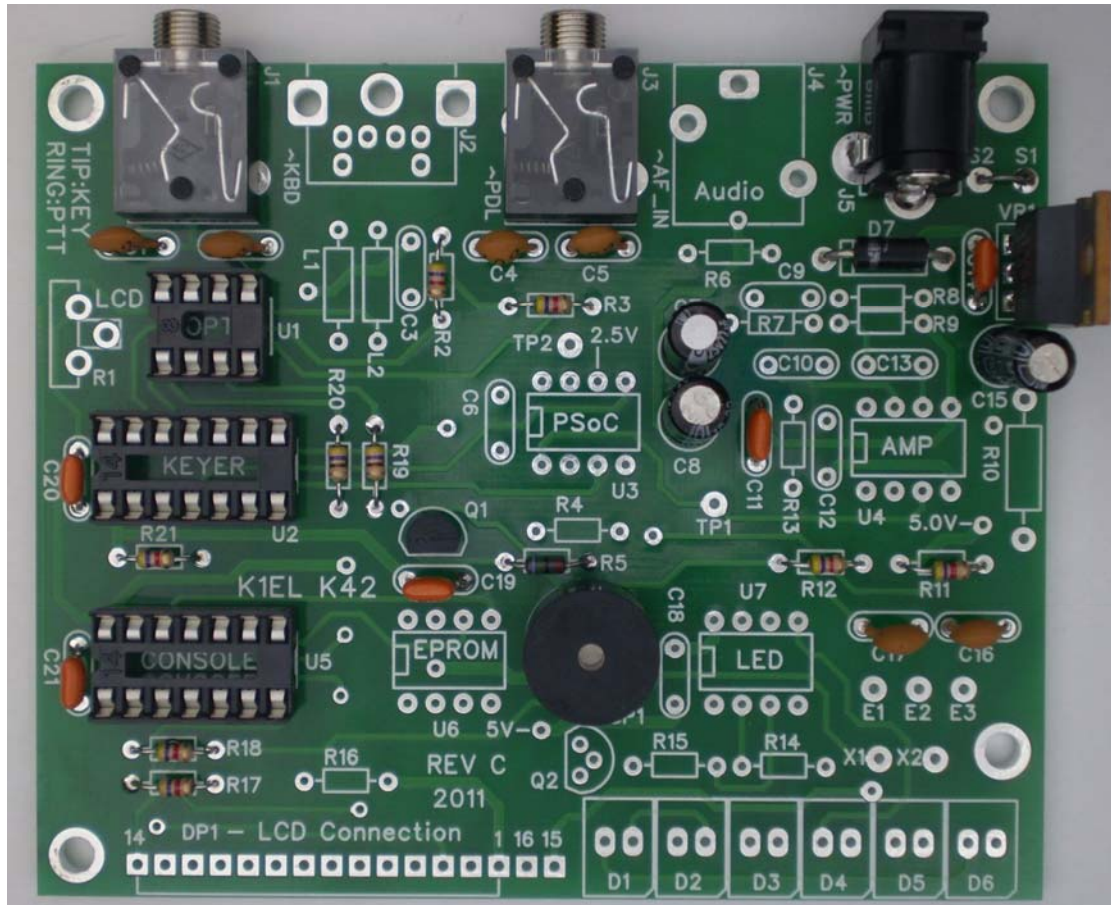


Now install and solder capacitors and trim all component leads:

- \_\_\_ C1, C2, C4, C5, C16, C17 (.001uF) **102 Disc**
- \_\_\_ C19, C20, C21 (.01uF) **103 Disc**

Install mini speaker SP1, observe polarity marker on the side of the part, and place the plus side pin into one of the square pads. There are four holes, pick the pair with spacing that matches your speaker.

\_\_\_ SP1



5) Install Keyer PIC, U2

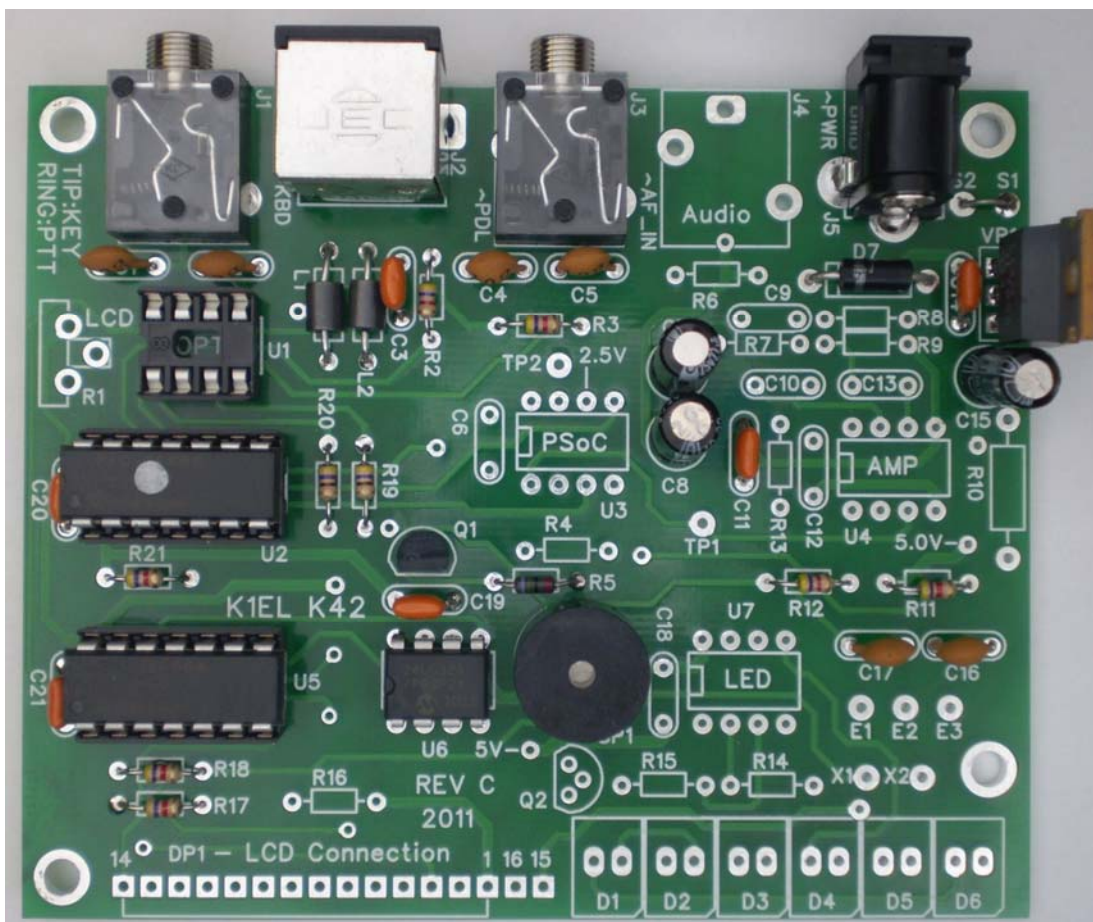
\_\_\_ Install U2 (the 14 pin DIP IC with the silver dot. This is the keyer PIC.

For all IC installs please observe the pin 1 dimple on the IC and orient it to match the silkscreen and socket. Look ahead at the picture above. To get an IC to fit into its socket you will have to bend the leads to a 90 angle by laying the IC on its side on a flat surface and folding the pins in slightly.

6) Next step is to install and test the Console logic.

- \_\_\_ Install and solder Keyboard connector J2
- \_\_\_ Install the two leaded Ferrite Beads L1 and L2
- \_\_\_ Install Cap C3 (.1 uF) **104 Dipped**
- \_\_\_ Install Serial EEPROM U6 (no socket), solder and trim component leads
- \_\_\_ Install Console PIC U5 in its socket.





- 7) Test the Keyer PIC circuit: Plug your keyer paddle into J3, it's assumed that your paddle set cable has an 1/8" stereo plug. Turn on power and when you press the paddles you should hear dits one way, dahs the other, and alternating dits/dahs when both are pressed. Turn off power supply.
- 8) Test the keyboard and Console PIC circuit: Plug a PS/2 keyboard into J2. When power is turned on the keyboards light will turn on then off and you will hear an "R" in sidetone. When you type letters on the keyboard they will be sent in sidetone.

\_\_\_\_ Turn off power, install solid state relay (AQW210E or LAA125) in 8 pin DIP socket U1, re-apply power.

While keying, measure the resistance across the tip and shield of connector J1. At key down you will see a low resistance, at key up you will see an open circuit. Polarity doesn't matter since U1 acts as a relay contact. **REMOVE POWER** and disconnect the paddles.

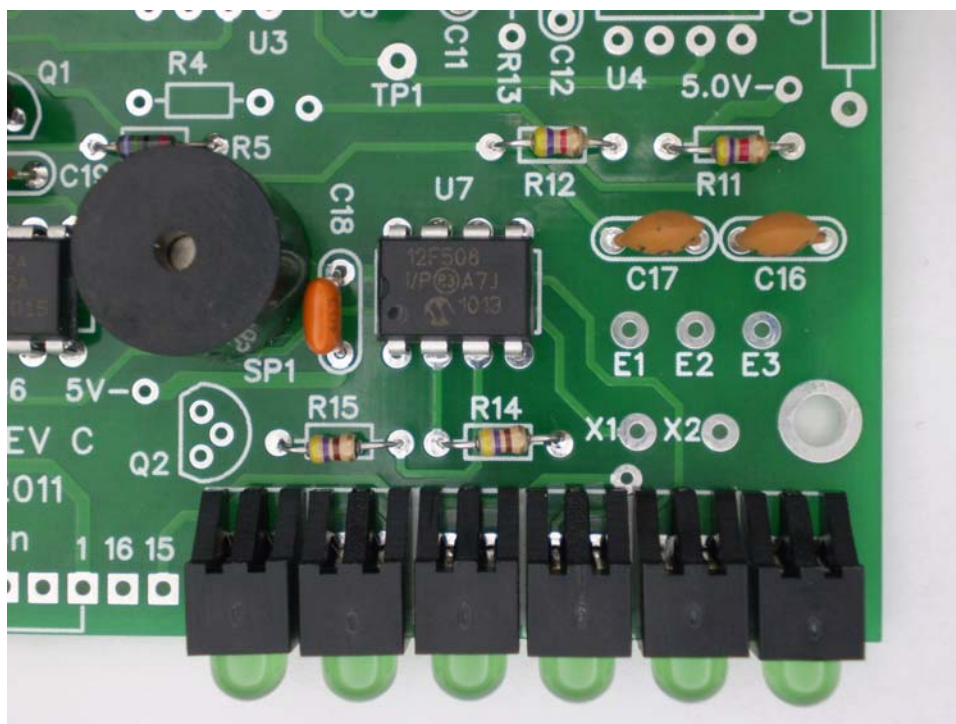
- 9) Now we will install the CWR interface and run a few more basic tests. We install the LCD display last to reduce the risk of damage due to mishandling

We'll start with the CWR LED tuning array:

- \_\_\_ Install Resistors R14 and R15 (470 ohm) **Yellow Violet Brown**
- \_\_\_ Install Cap C18 (.01uF) **103 Disc**
- \_\_\_ Install IC U7 (follow precautions called out in Step 6)
- \_\_\_ Install six LEDs D1-D6 read below for details. Solder and trim component leads

We want to install the LEDs so that they are all even with the front edge of the board and there is equal space between them. The best thing to do is start in the middle and work your way right and left. Put in D3

first, tack solder one lead and tweak the placement to get the front edge aligned right. Then install D4 the same way and space it so that D3 and D4 are not touching and there is about 1/32" gap between them. Go back and forth D3, D4, D5, D2, D6, and D1. It should look at least as good as the picture below when you are done. Please spend extra time with this because you will see the bodies of the LEDs through the front panel and the better they look, the better the whole assembly will look.



10) Check out of the display is pretty easy. Just turn power on, and the LEDs will run a self test pattern. D1->D2->D3->D4->D5->D6 then in reverse. One LED may remain on when the test is complete.

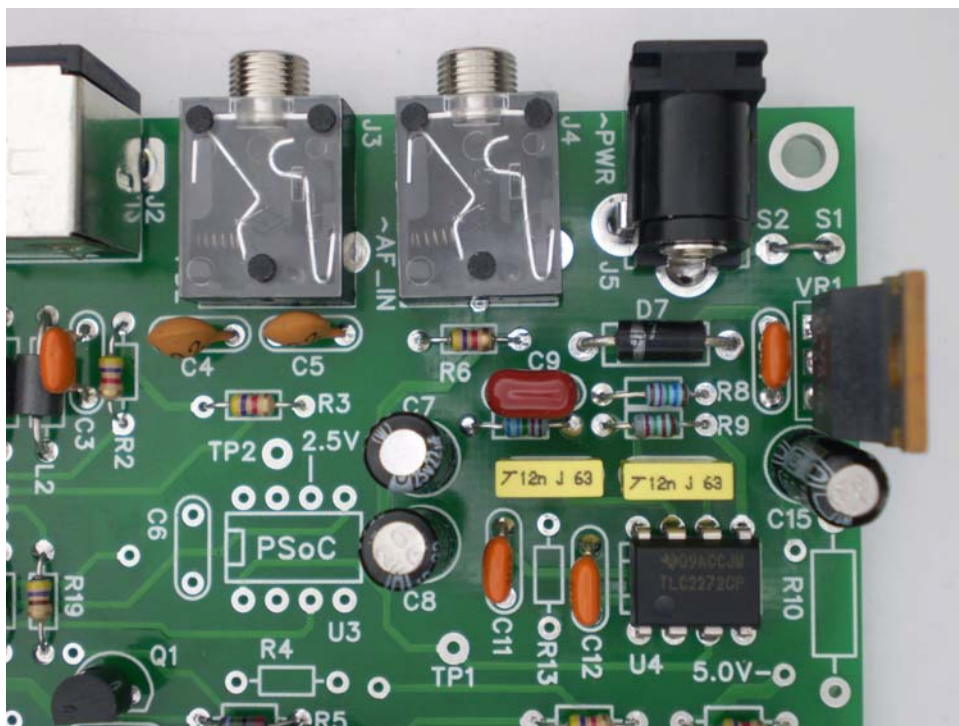
11) The next step should be done carefully, we will install the AF active filter of the CWR

- \_\_\_ Install and solder 1/8 inch connector J4 (observe precautions in Step 4 !!)
- \_\_\_ Install resistor R6 (4.7K) **Yellow Violet Red**

Note about precision resistor installation. These are the three blue colored resistors. The color code is very hard to read on these, I insist that you use either a DVM or multimeter to sort them out. They are far enough apart in value so it's pretty easy. Note that depending on your meter's calibration and the tolerance of the resistors, you probably will not read the exact value but all we are trying to do is sort them into three: 6.65K, 33.2K, and 66.5K

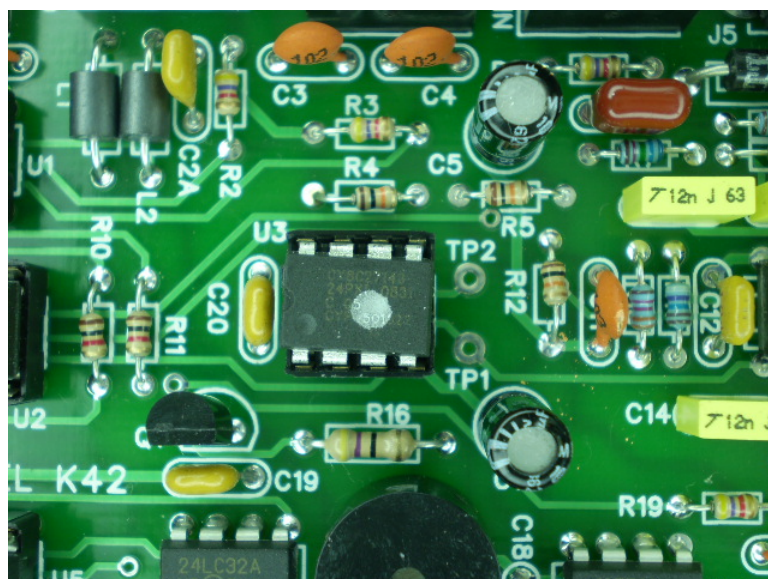
- \_\_\_ Install precision resistor R9 (6.65K)
- \_\_\_ Install precision resistors R8 (33.2K)
- \_\_\_ Install precision resistors R7 (66.5K)
- \_\_\_ Install capacitor C9 (.1uF) **104 dipped**
- \_\_\_ Install capacitor C12 (.01uF) **103 Disc**
- \_\_\_ Install U4 TLC2272 op amp, then solder and trim leads
- \_\_\_ Install Capacitors C10, and C13 (.012 uF) **dipped**
- \_\_\_ Solder carefully (it's easy to bridge pads here) and trim component leads

Note: R13 is an optional install, see page 23 for more information.



12) We can't test the AF filter until the PSoC processor is installed, we will do that now

- \_\_\_ Install Cap C6 (.01uF) **103 Disc**
- \_\_\_ Solder and trim component leads
- \_\_\_ Install and solder 8 pin socket at U3
- \_\_\_ Install PSoC microprocessor, 8 pin DIP (silver dot) at U3



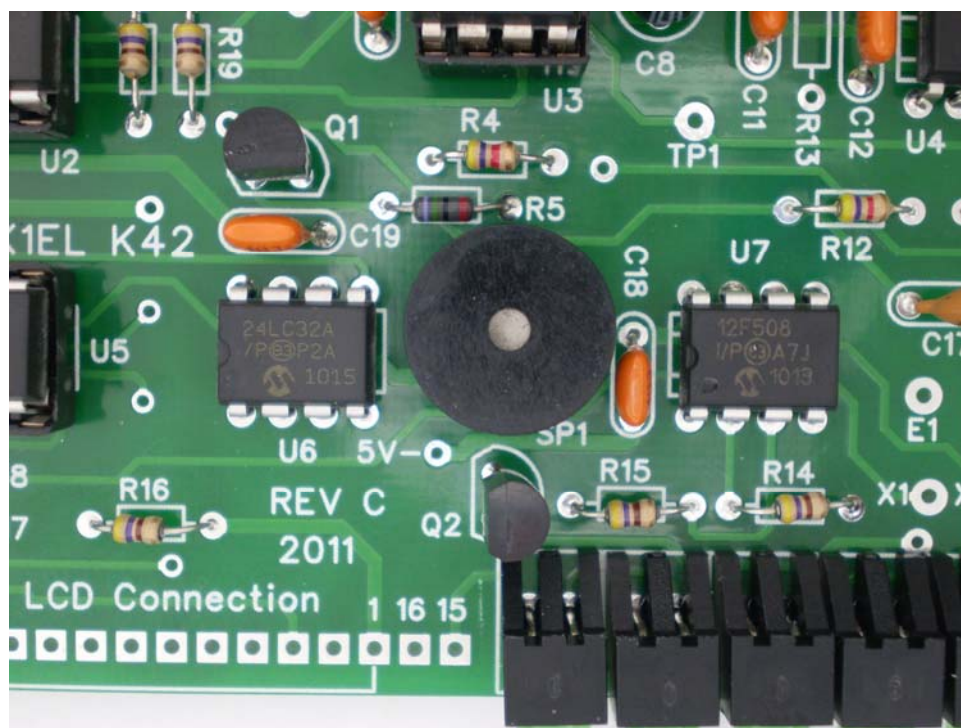
13) Now it's time to check out the CWR tone filters. Connect an audio frequency generator or receiver audio output to the AF input on the K42 board, this requires an 1/8" mono or stereo plug, the audio connection will be on the tip and sleeve of the connector. The level should be around .5V peak to peak, preferably a high impedance output (600Ω). You can use speaker audio output but be careful to start with a low volume setting. If you are using a receiver, turn on calibrate or tune in a carrier signal to get a beat note. If you are using a signal generator set it close to 690 Hz. You will need to attach your keyboard. Power up the K42 and



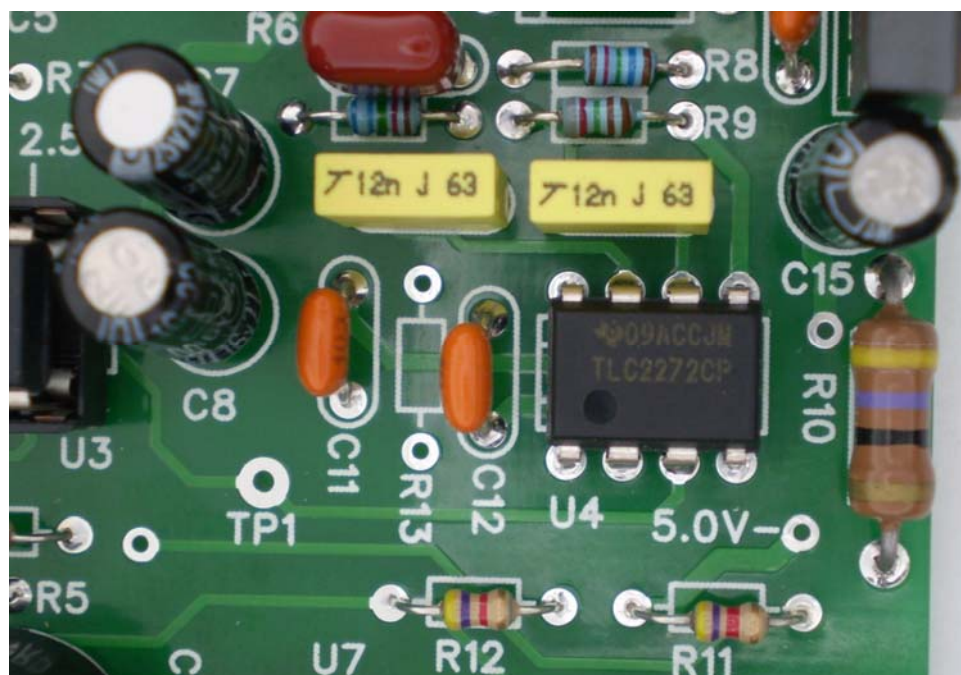
enter ALT-F1 to enable CWR mode. Adjust the receiver or signal generator frequency up and down slowly until you see some activity on the LED display. You may have to adjust the audio level. As you tune you will first see LEDs light on the left side and then peak to the right as you tune through 690 Hz. The maximum swing should be at 690 Hz. If your audio level is too low you may not see a full LED swing. If the level is too high you may see a very broad tuning peak. If you are having problems, read through the theory of operations and check the signal path through the filter. TP1 and TP2 are useful for this (see schematic) TP1 is the output of the on board active bandpass filter while TP2 is the output of the PSoC's internal tone detector. If you do not see a very distinct peak at TP1 when sweeping the frequency this may indicate that the 1% active filter resistors are in the wrong place. The PSoC filter is hard coded to respond at 690 Hz and you will see a high level at TP2 at the peak. When the filter is working properly the peak that you measure at TP1 will be very close to the high level at TP2, both at 690Hz.

14) Next step is to install the LCD display and associated components:

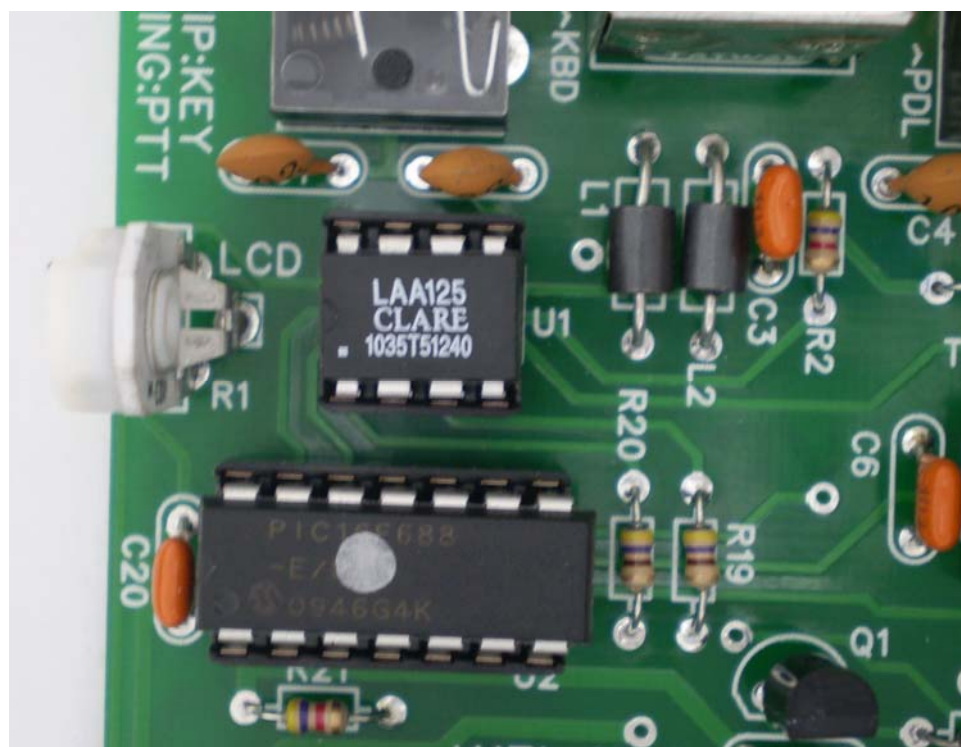
- \_\_\_ Install and solder resistor R4 (4.7K ohms) **Yellow Violet Red**
- \_\_\_ Install and solder resistor R16 (470 ohms) **Yellow Violet Brown**
- \_\_\_ Install and solder resistor Q2 (2N7000) **TO92 transistor**



\_\_\_ Install and solder resistor R10 (47 ohms) ½ W Yellow Violet Black



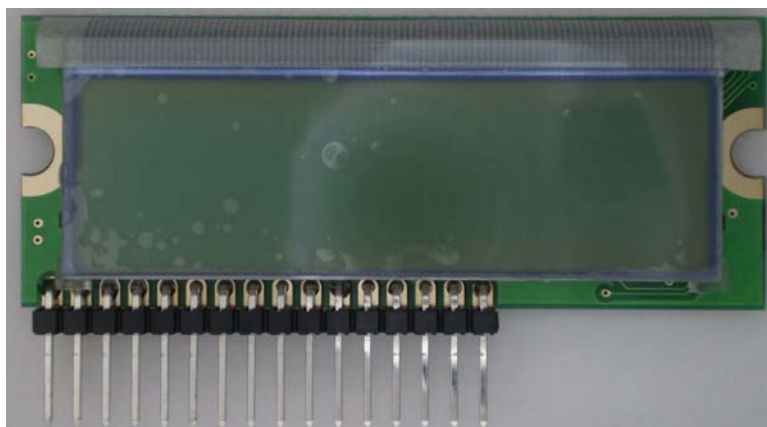
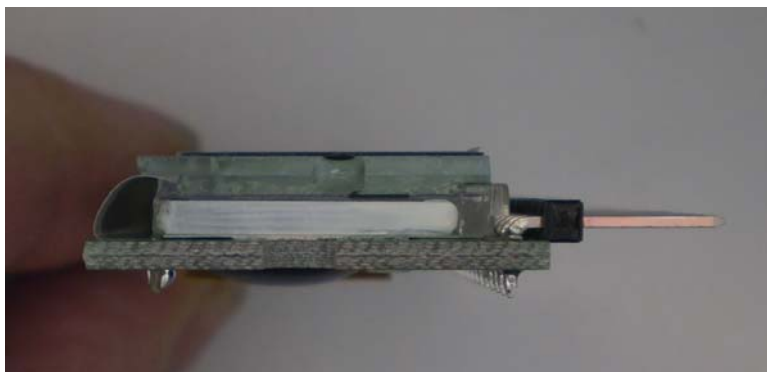
\_\_\_ Install and solder trim pot resistor R1 (5K ohms)



**NOTE:** the LCD module uses a delicate film ribbon cable which can be easily torn or damaged. When picking the display up try to hold it by the sides avoiding contact with the ribbon cable.

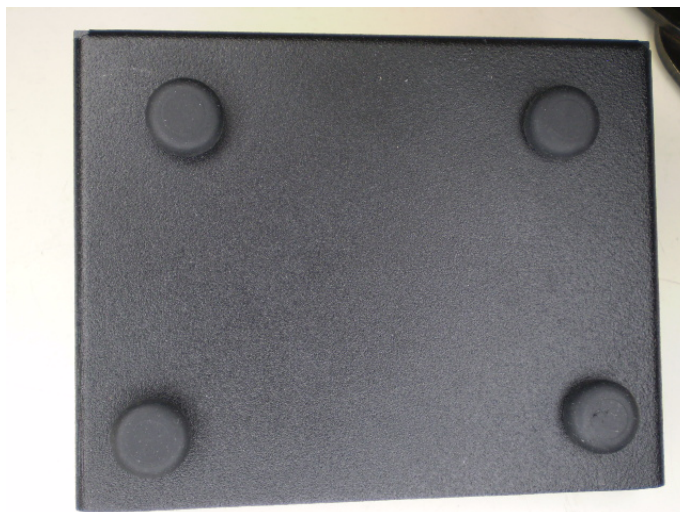
These next steps are a little tricky and you have to take your time on this. First of all attach the right angle 16 position header to the LCD module EXACTLY as shown in the following pictures. It is a little tricky to get the

header into the display holes, due to the plastic spacer on the display module. Angle it slightly and it will slide in place. Align it so the connector seats flat on the display PCB and make sure you put it on the correct side. I get it aligned the best I can and then solder one center pin, then I inspect it and make adjustments while reflowing the solder connection. Once I get it perfect I solder all of the pins.





- 15) Now install the four rubber feet into the bottom of the chassis. They can be uncooperative but they will fit, just twist and push in at the same time.

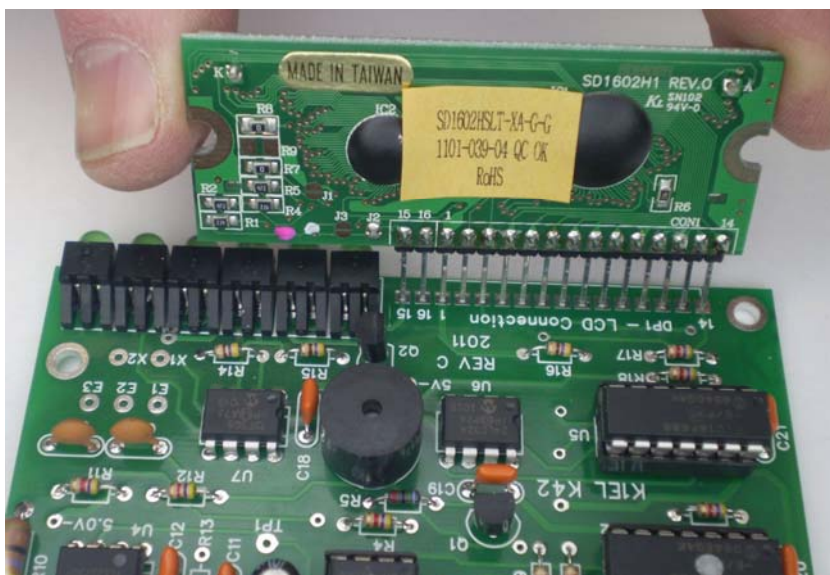


- 16) Place two ¼ inch white plastic spacers on the front panel studs as shown below





- 17) Insert the LCD display assembly into the main PCB so that it faces forward.



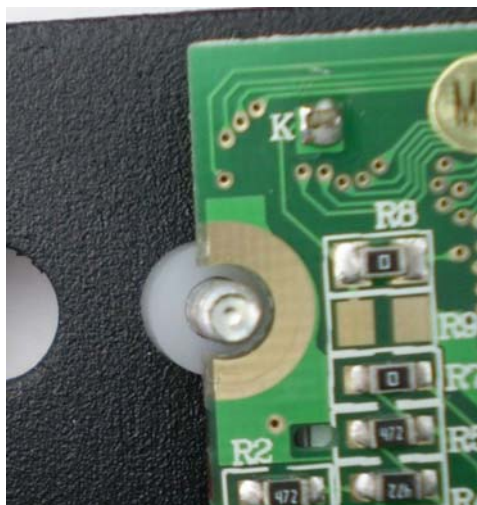
- 18) Carefully slide the board with display into position on the chassis base. The board should fit evenly on the four threaded posts of the front panel.



- 19) Install all four ¼ inch mounting screws to securely hold PCB in place.



- 20) Adjust the display so the threaded studs are centered in the display's mounting holes as shown.

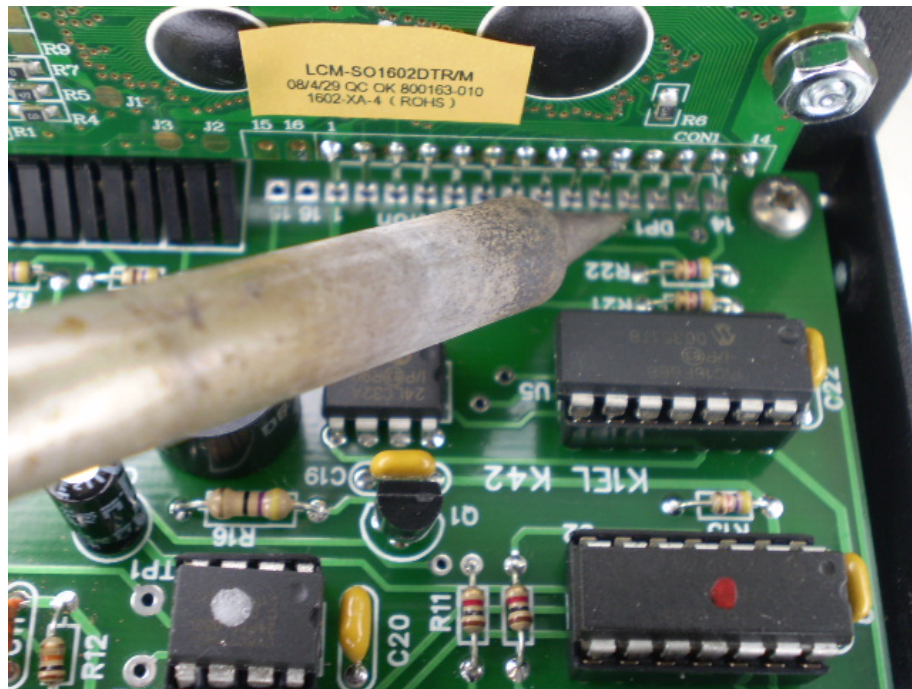




- 21) Then place a 4-40 nut/lockwasher on each side and tighten just enough to hold the display in place. Check to be sure that the display is aligned horizontally by looking at it through the front panel window. You have wiggle room for fine adjustment since the display is a loose fit on the threaded studs.



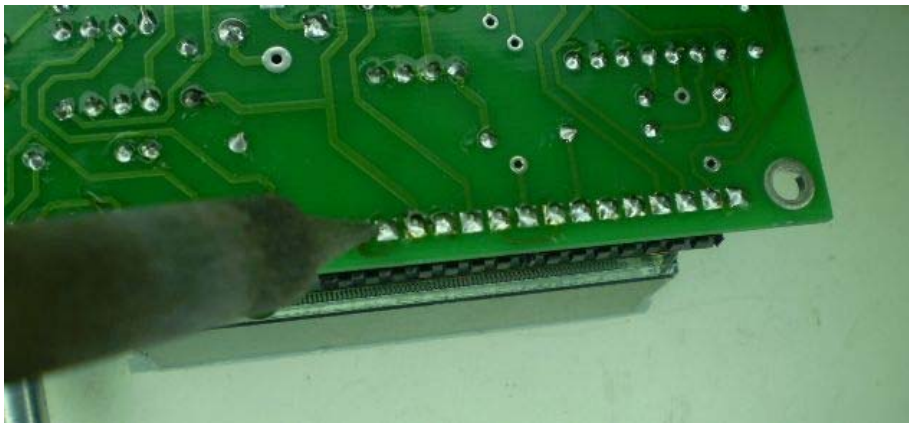
- 22) Double check that the K42 main PC board is firmly seated on the enclosure standoffs and that the display is held firmly in place by the 4-40 nuts. Now very carefully sneak in with your soldering iron and tack solder two pins on the header to the K42 main board as shown. Solder the fourth pin in from each end, being careful that the barrel of your soldering iron does not come in contact with anything.



23) Now remove the 4-40 screws and nuts and carefully remove the LCD display/K42 PCB assembly.

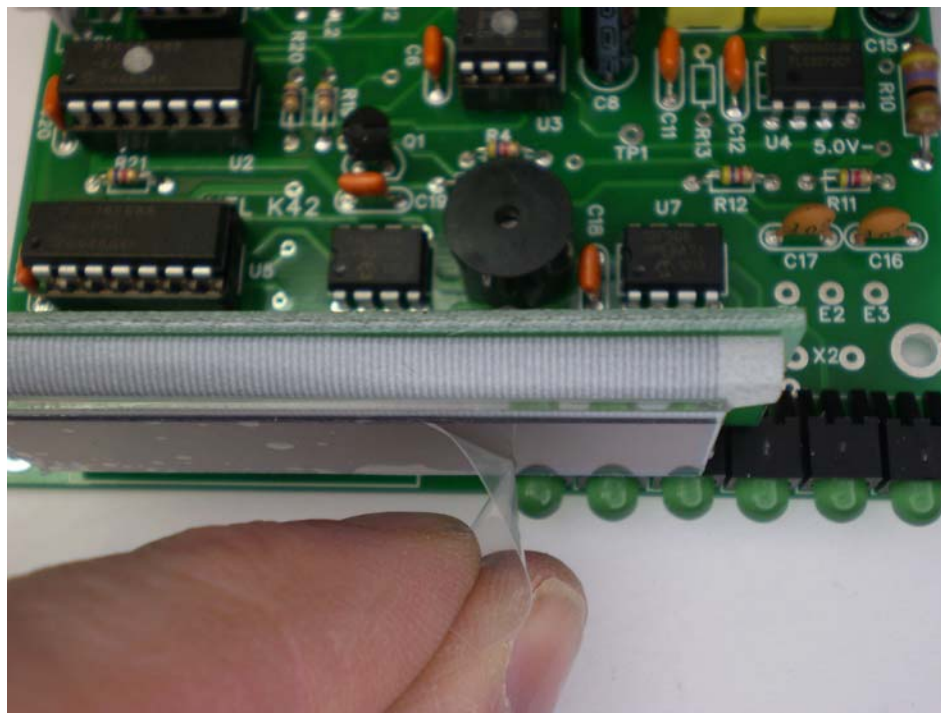


24) Now solder the remaining header pins from the bottom of the K42 board. **SOLDER THE TACKED JOINTS LAST** to preserve your alignment.

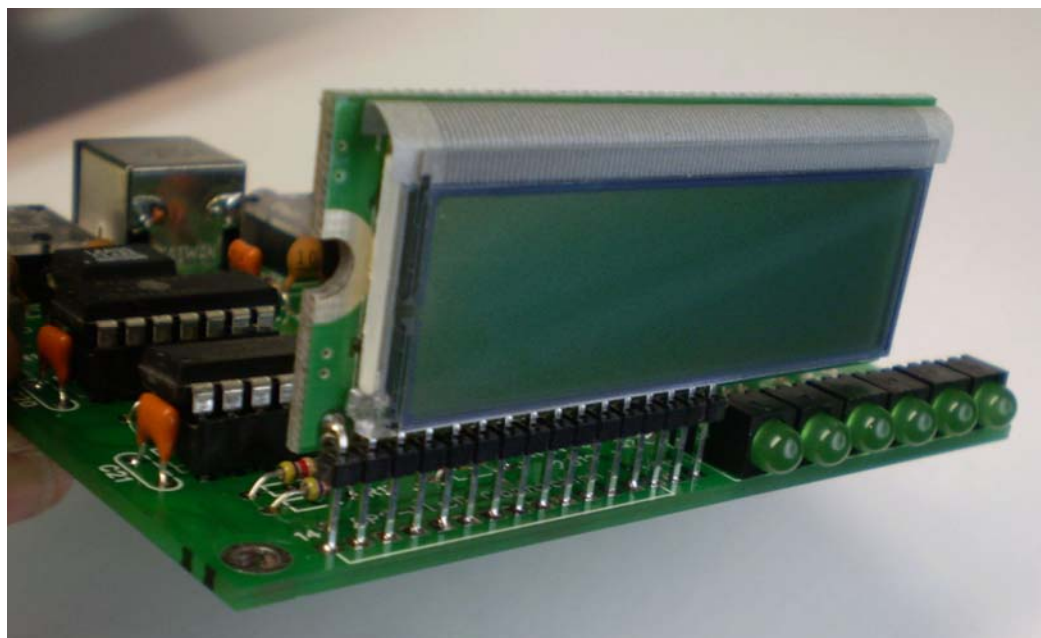




25) Remove the thin protective film from the front of the display.



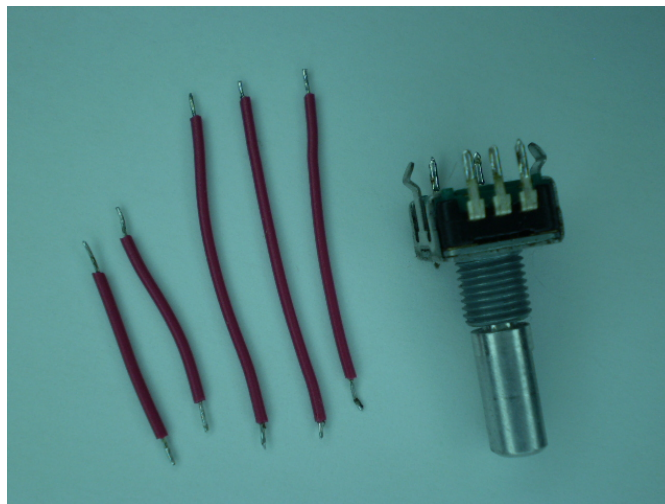
Display assembly completed !



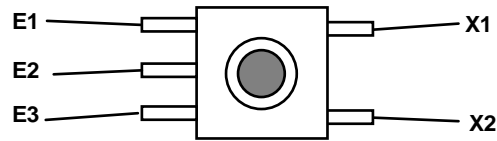
- 26) To test the LCD simply apply power and you should see a 'sign on' message displayed. You may see an 'N' between PvA and CW. If the display is blank adjust the LCD contrast trimmer R1 until the display appears. Carefully re-adjust the trimmer R1 to get the best display appearance. The sign on display automatically clears after a few seconds so you may need to cycle power a few times to complete the contrast adjustment procedure. The display backlight is initially set to the on state.



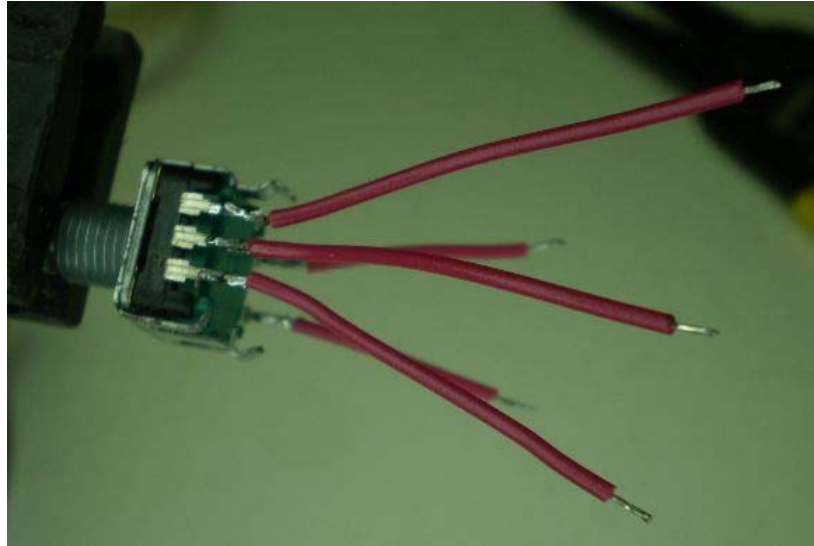
- 27) It's time to attach the rotary encoder. Before doing so, make sure the encoder shaft fits into its mounting hole in the chassis. You may need to remove the paint on the inside of the hole to get a good fit, I use large screw driver blade and carefully ream the hole to clear the extra paint. An Xacto knife blade will also work but be careful that metal shards do not get into the electronics.
- 28) Prepare five wires, two are 1 inch long the remaining three are 2 inches long. Strip and tin both ends as shown in the picture.



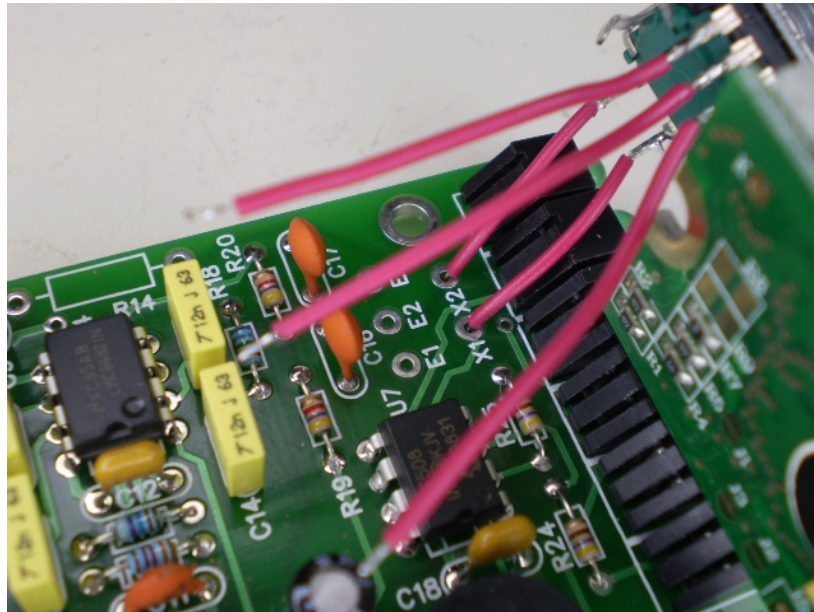
- 29) Next tin the five leads on the encoder and attach the five wires, short ones to the side with two lugs (X1 and X2) and the three long wires to the side with three lugs (E1, E2, and E3).



The drawing above shows how the wires should be connected to pads on the K42 PCB board. E1, E2 and E3 are the encoder outputs while X1 and X2 are the encoder's pushbutton switch connections

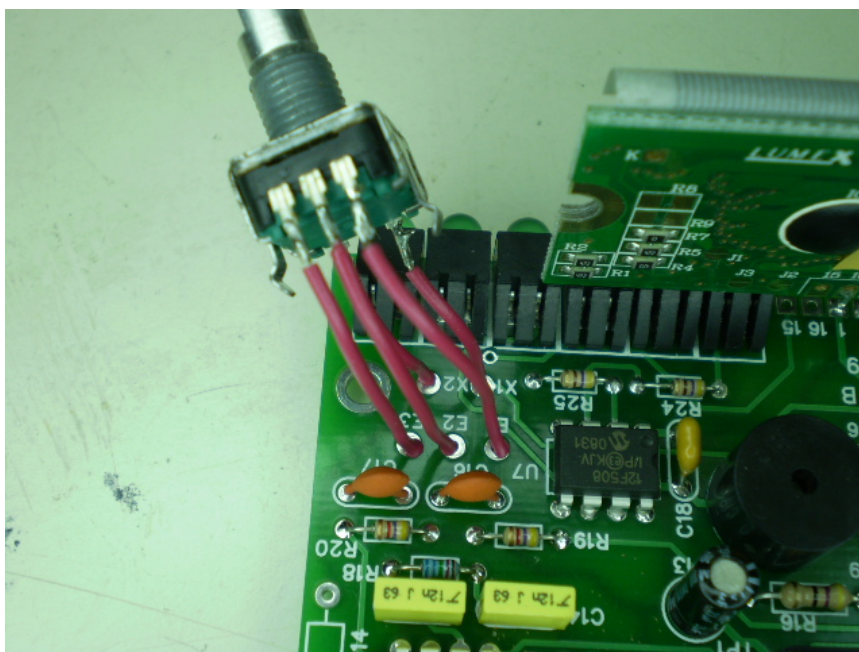


- 30) Solder in the X1 and X2 wires first

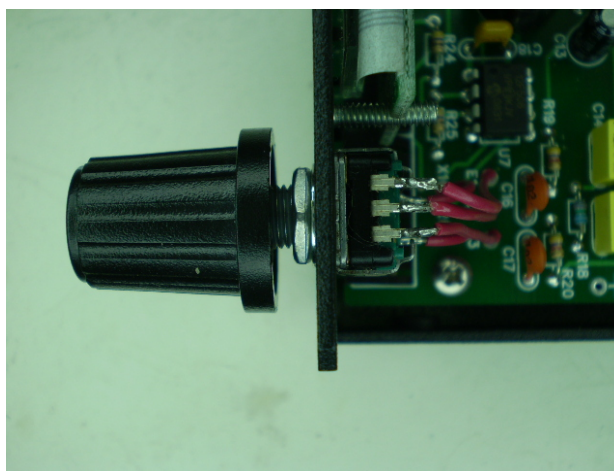




- 31) Then solder the remaining three wires: E1, E2, and E3



- 32) It's easy to test the encoder, power up the K42 and turn the encoder, you should see the current WPM value displayed on the upper left side of the display. The display will blank a few seconds after you stop turning the encoder.
- 33) Re-install the PC board assembly into the chassis. First make sure the display spacers and washers are installed as per step 13. Then carefully fold the board back into the chassis front side first on to the display studs then second align the board with the base mounting studs. Install and tighten the four silver 4-40 board mounting screws. Our experience has shown that it is not necessary to reinstall the two display hold down nuts. The soldered header is mechanically strong and is all that is needed to support the display. More often than not, builders will over tighten the nuts and damage the display or under tighten them so they work their way loose and fall on the board causing a damaging short circuit. Bottom line, leave the display spacers, washers, and nuts off.



- 34) The encoder is mounted with one hex nut and one flat washer. The washer and nut both go on the front of the unit. Reference the picture above to see how this is done. You might want to put a spacer on the inside so the control knob will rest closer to the enclosure but that's up to you. Be careful when tightening the nut,

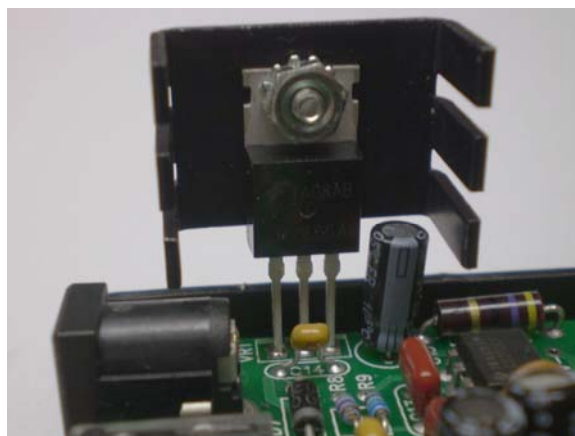
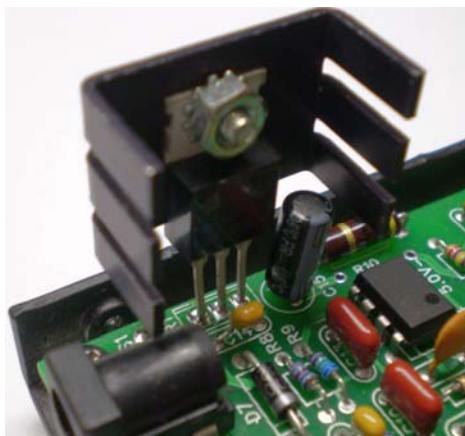


it's easy to slip and scratch the front panel. Now attach the rotary encoder knob using a 5/64 inch Allen wrench.

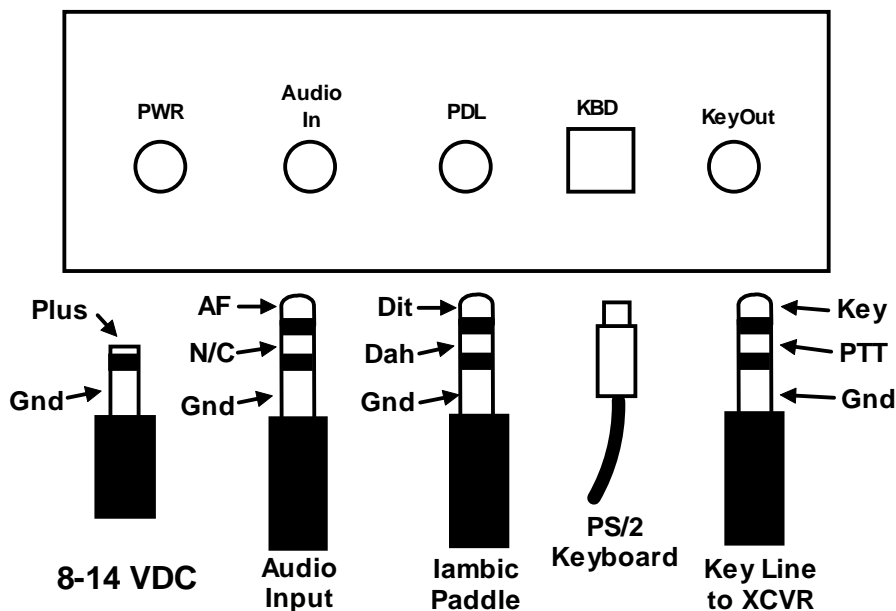


Completed base assembly front view

35) Attach heatsink to 5 volt regulator as shown:



- 36) Now is the time to give the K42 a good workout, go through the Quick Start section of the K42 manual and then try out all of the commands and message features. You might want to take some time now to make up any interconnecting cables you may need. The following diagram shows the connector layout on the K42 rear panel. A mating power supply connector is included with the kit, as well as two mono 1/8 plugs. Note that stereo plugs are shown in the drawing below. A stereo plug is only required if you want to use PTT or two keying ports on the KeyOut jack.



- 37) To install the top cover, reference the following picture. Angle the top cover and get the rear connectors to start to go into the cover. Then fold the cover down to meet the front panel and push it forward so the three 1/8 inch connectors poke out the back evenly. Install the four black 4-40 screws to hold the cover in place.



Completed Unit Front View



Completed Unit Rear View

### R13 Information

This is an optional install and is not required for normal operation of the K42. R13 routes post filter audio to the ring of Audio In jack on the back panel. The intent was to provide a way for the user to extract in band audio from the K42 and feed it to an audio amplifier. This allows the user to hear peaked CW at the K42 decode frequency making it slightly easier to tune and decode a CW station. In practice it is not much of an advantage due to the extra cabling, shielding, and the necessity of an external audio amplifier. Unless you have a definite plan to use this feature we recommend leaving R13 out.



## CW Keyboard Theory of Operation

This section will cover the CW keyboard portion of the K42. It can be helpful to read through this to get familiar with the circuitry if you are debugging the K42.

As shown in the block diagram below, two PIC processors share the task of converting keystrokes to Morse code. U5, the console PIC, is responsible for retrieving keystrokes from the keyboard and determining what to do with them. U2 is the Keyer PIC which is controlled by the console PIC, its main task is to generate Morse code and monitor the keyer paddle inputs. The two PICs communicate over a serial interface running at 9600 baud. The Keyer PIC throttles the Console PIC via in-band flow control. A 4-kilobyte EEPROM memory, connected to the Console PIC's SPI interface, stores up to 12 messages, system settings, and holds the keyboard type ahead and LCD display buffers.

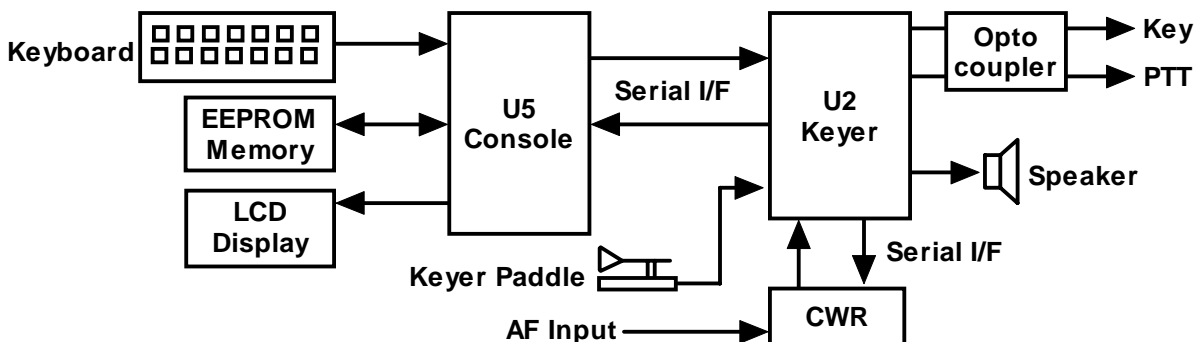


Figure 1 - K42 CW Keyboard Block Diagram

There are two types of data sent from the Console to the Keyer: Commands and Data. Commands modify the K42's operation in some way; changing operating speed, turning off sidetone, recording a message, etc. Data are letters, numbers, or prosigns that are to be sent in Morse. Data is processed differently than commands. Data is put into a type ahead buffer that allows the user to type faster than the Morse is being sent. The size of this buffer is about 200 characters and is a FIFO buffer (First In First Out) meaning that characters are taken out in the order they were put in. Since there can be a considerable delay from keyboard input to Morse output, commands bypass the input FIFO and are sent to the Keyer PIC immediately. This allows changes to be made while sending is underway.

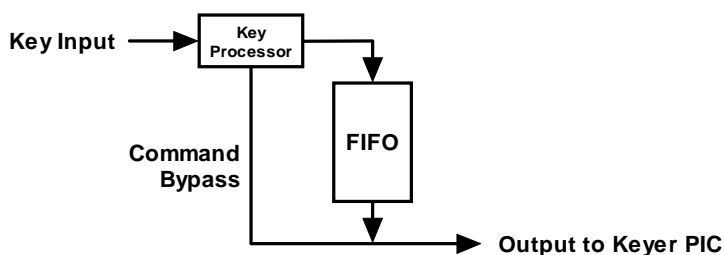


Figure 2 - Output FIFO Block Diagram

Since there are cases when you don't want commands to take effect immediately, the K42 buffers certain commands. This means that the command is placed in the typeahead buffer and won't be acted on until it comes out. An example of the use of a buffered command would be to send two words at two different speeds, the first at 15 WPM and the second at 20 WPM. By placing a buffered speed command between the words the speed will not be changed until the first word is completely sent. Not all, but many of the immediate commands can be entered as buffered commands. Most often, buffered commands are used in messages.

Getting back to the block diagram, the paddle inputs are connected to the Keyer PIC, the paddle takes priority over data coming in from the keyboard. A paddle press will cause the FIFO buffer to be cleared. This allows you to cancel a message and start sending by paddle right away. As mentioned before, the keyboard is connected to the Console PIC since its input generally has to be buffered in the EEPROM. The LCD is also connected to the Console to allow keyboard data and command prompts to be displayed. The K42 keeps two separate display buffers in EEPROM, one that tracks keystrokes as they are entered and a second which shows data as it is being sent by the Keyer PIC.

The Keyer PIC has three outputs, KEY, PTT, and sidetone. Both the KEY and PTT outputs are optically isolated from K42 power and ground and are open collector, in most cases these can switch the transmitter inputs directly. Full control over PTT is provided to compensate for transmit changeover delay and hold keying between letters and words. The optocoupler may be replaced by a solid state relay which allows the K42 to key practically any transmitter, vacuum tube or solid state. Sidetone, generated by the Keyer PIC, is buffered by a 2N2222 buffer transistor which drives an on-board mini-speaker, the volume is set by the resistor R5. Increasing R5 will lower the volume, decreasing it will raise the volume.

A rotary digital encoder is connected to the Keyer PIC, this control is used primarily for speed control but it is also used for real time control of CW Reader settings such as gain and noise filtering.

The K42's LCD interface is a fixed format at 16 characters by 2 lines. The interface is compatible with most, if not all, LCD displays based on the Hitachi HD44780 controller I.C. So if you prefer to use your own enclosure and display you can. The display allows the user to see what is being typed in while sending and also do basic editing. It is also possible to scroll back to view the last 14 lines typed in. The outgoing viewport can be selected by hitting the TAB key which allows the user to see outgoing Morse as it is being sent. The outgoing buffer is much larger at 125 lines. A cursor is shown when viewing the edit buffer, the cursor is not shown when viewing the outgoing buffer.

### K42 CW Reader Theory of Operation

The following block diagram, Figure 3, shows the main sections of the K42 CW Reader. Audio from a receiver is filtered through an initial four pole, two op amp, active bandpass filter stage. The bandwidth of this stage is approx. 400 Hz which provides coarse out of band signal rejection. This stage also isolates and protects the PSoC processor from large input levels. The LMC6482 (or TS922) op amp handles large input amplitudes well and clips very cleanly. After filtering, audio is fed directly to the PSoC processor. This is a mixed signal device containing both analog and digital function blocks. These blocks, as well as the connections between the blocks, are programmable. This allows a very sophisticated design to be implemented in a tiny package. The clock that runs the PSoC is contained within the device and is set at 24 MHz. The signal chain inside the PSoC is described next. First the signal is passed through an adjustable gain amplifier to provide a boost for low level signals. Next, the signal is fed through a two stage 4 pole bandpass filter that is implemented with an SCAF filter. The center frequency of this filter is set to 690 Hz with a bandwidth of about 200 Hz. The filtered signal is then fed to a tone detector which is implemented with a quadrature correlator. This decoder essentially compares the period of the incoming waveform to a reference 690 Hz waveform if they match then the signal is deemed in band. The recovered dit and dah intervals are then timed and translated into ASCII letters which are sent to the Keyer PIC which in turn passes it directly to the Console PIC for display on the LCD. As part of the detection process, the amplitude of the filtered CW signal is determined in the PSoC. This amplitude information is formatted into a PWM waveform which is fed to the display PIC U7 which decodes the PWM input and represents the amplitude by lighting a six LED bar graph display.

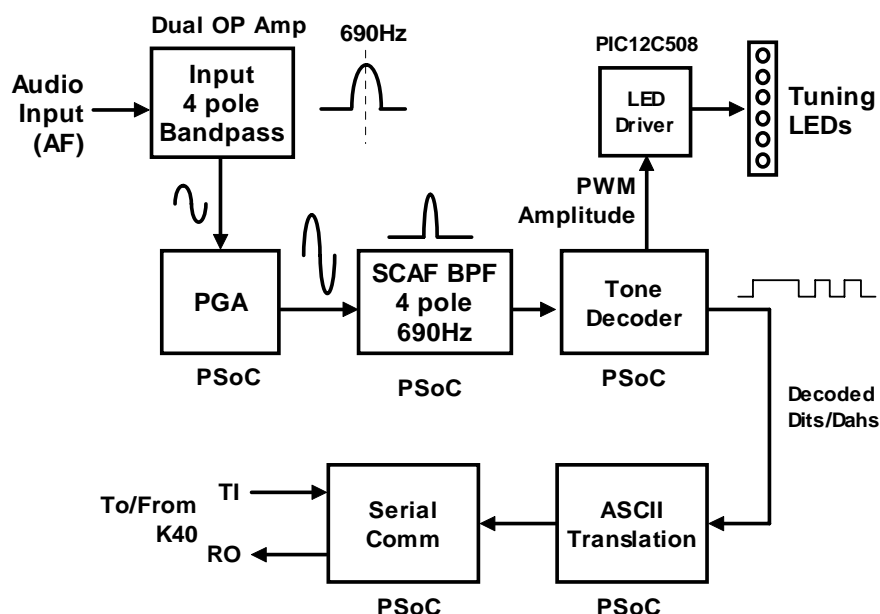
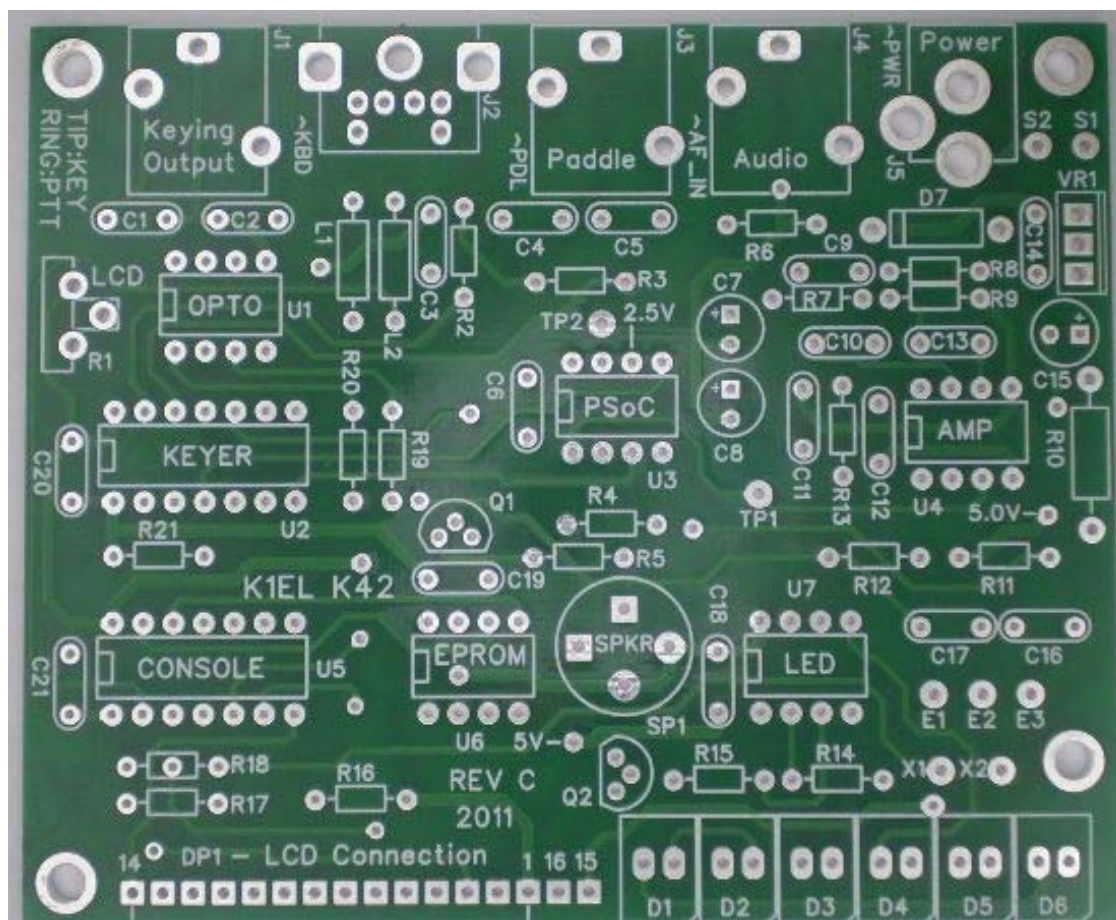


Figure 3 - K42 CW Reader Block Diagram



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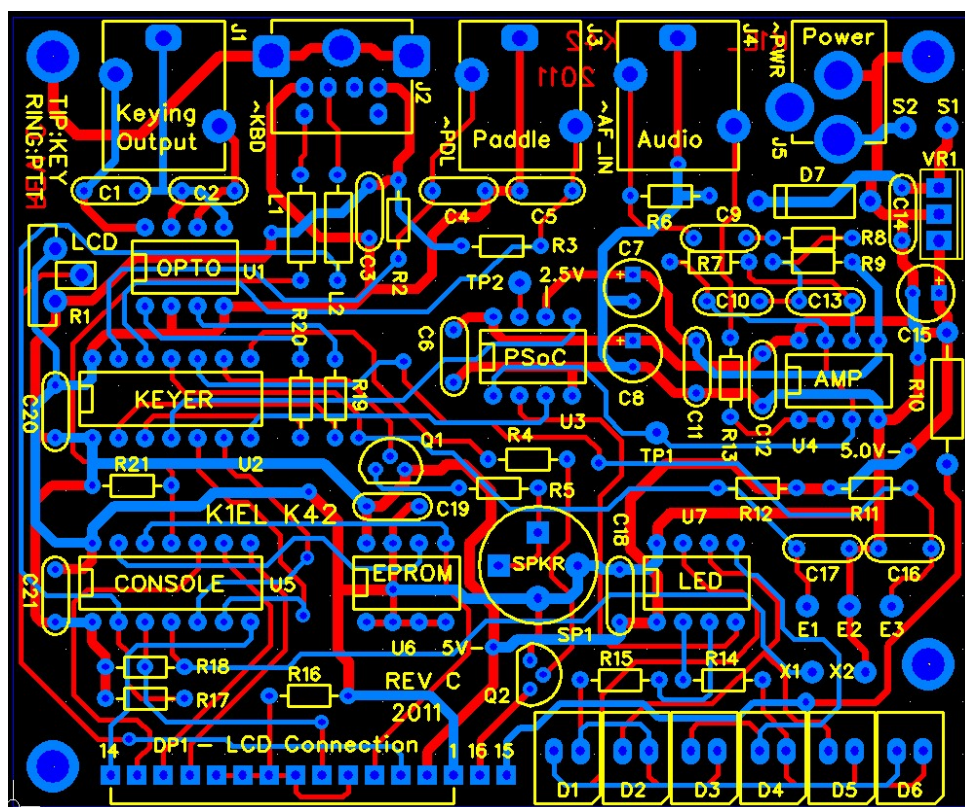


Figure 4 - K42 Composite Checkplot, Red=Bottom, Blue=Top

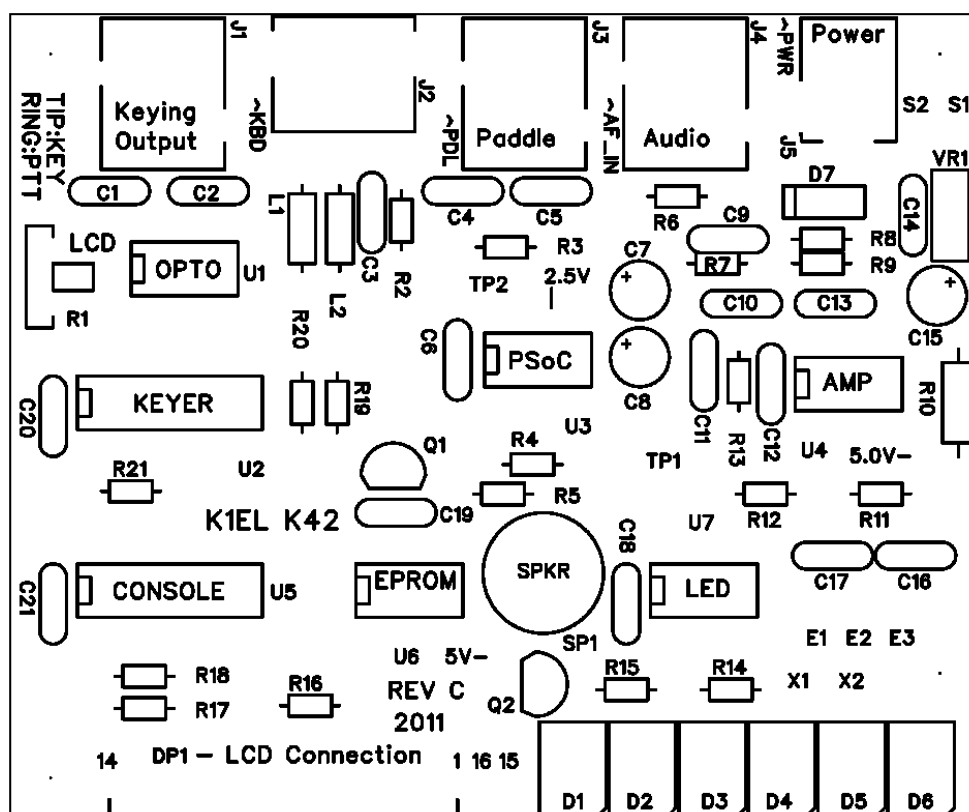


Figure 5 - K42 Silkscreen

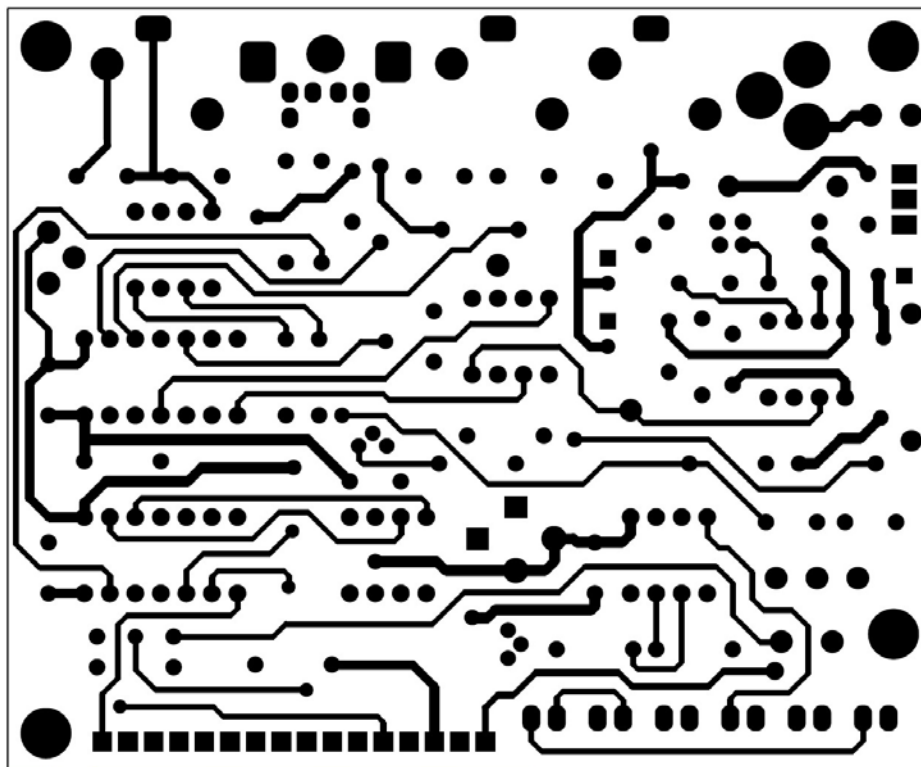


Figure 6 - K42 Top Copper

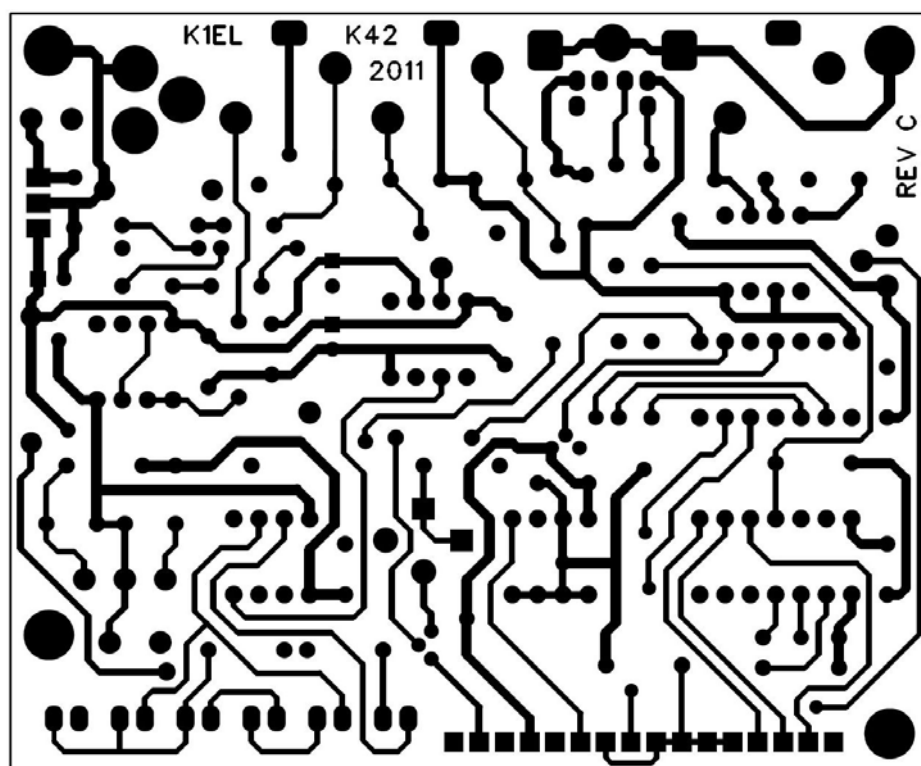


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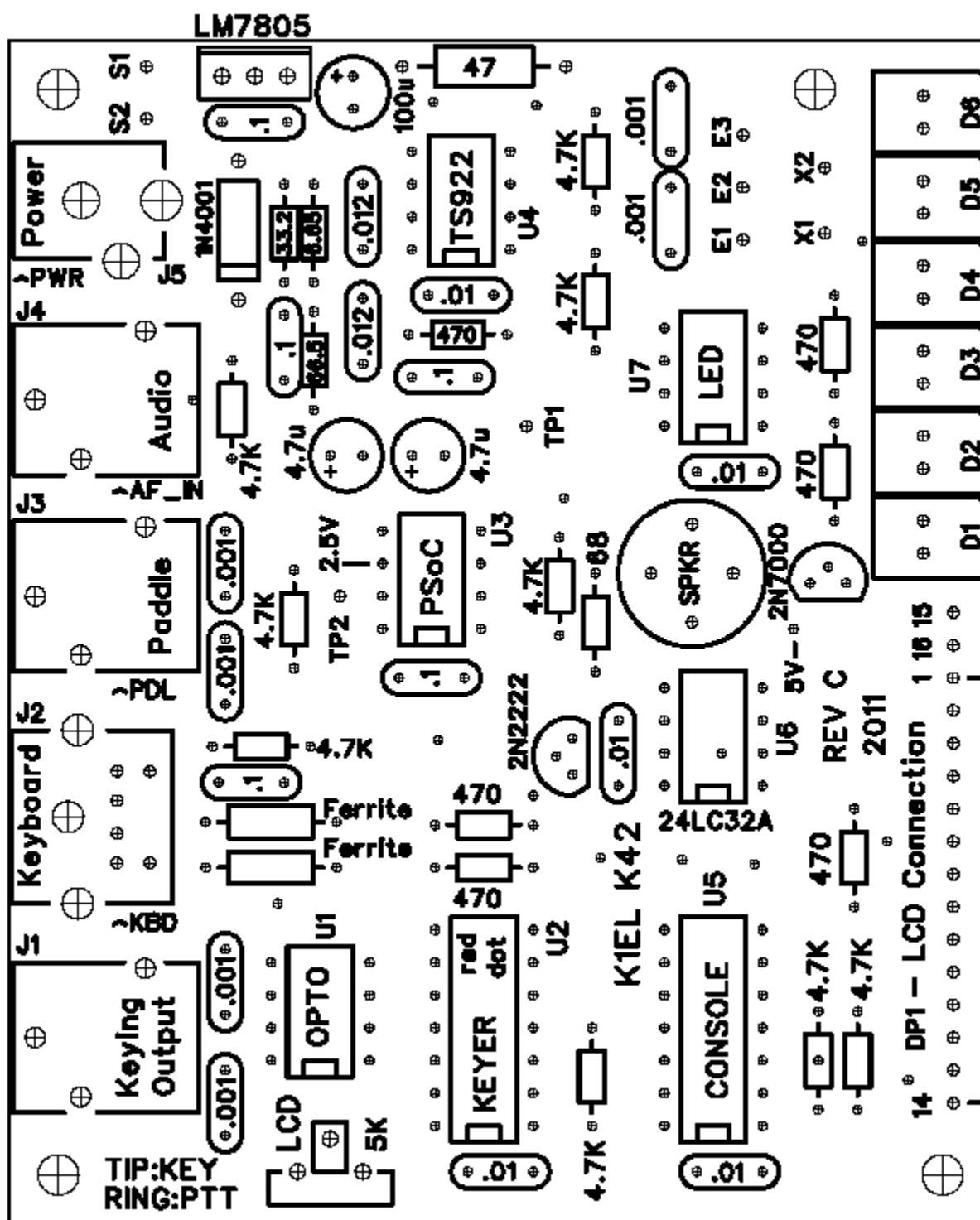


Figure 8 - K42 Placement by Part Value



