
x0xb0x

Posted by Wavercircle - 2006/06/02 22:55

This thing looks and sounds the dogs bollocks. Anyone own one, or know how long it would take to build?

Do you get all the faceplates and housing with the kit?

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/06/02 23:42

8 hours or more to build

kit comes complete

sounds great

Have fun, and you just might learn something too! (whoah, did I just quote Cosby?... I think I did!)

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by Wavercircle - 2006/06/03 00:18

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by cchocjr - 2006/06/03 00:19

Took me longer, but some of it was doing some modifications. Comes with everything except a soldering iron, other miscellanea, toil, and cursing. Oh, and fun. Yeah, fun and learning.

Builders have made some pretty bitchin' custom faceplates. I was lucky enough to purchase one that is fuckin' slick. There are also soem pretty cool OS hacks out there, cause the whole thing is open source!

Highly recommended. Learned a lot. x0xb0x forums, wiki, etc. are very helpful, and more than make up for the lack of 'official' tech support.

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by Wavercircle - 2006/06/03 00:26

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Posted by cchocjr - 2006/06/03 00:28

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Took me more like 10+, and then 3-4 more hours for mods. Oh, and trouble-shooting...let's not forget trouble-shooting.

No circuit-bend per se (only for digital circuitry if I am correct), but there are a lot of easy to doable, well-documented mods out there. I did bass-boost, filter freq range extension, two envelope range extensions, filter oscillation with selectable square / saw wave (which is pretty sick), and I think that's it. It's possible to put an onboard overdrive circuit in the b0x as well, though I'm not up to it at the moment (and the MD's overdriven input is already killer).

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Posted by cchocjr - 2006/06/03 00:31

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Patience is going to be pretty important, otherwise you'll just scream 'fuck it!' and sling the shit off your work table.

There's no hard-copy manual. All of the fabrication stuff is on ladyada's web site. Use the hell out of the x0xb0x forum in her domain as well. They bailed me out many times.

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by ggoodwin - 2006/06/04 22:00

Unless you're itching to learn some soldering skills, I personally would rather save up another 300 and get the future-retro revolution...

but building the x0x was kind of fun...it took me about 15 hours spread out over at least 2 weeks.

the current OS on the x0x isn't so hot, though. For example, no pattern copy/paste :(

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by cchocjr - 2006/06/04 22:17

The official OS doesn't support that, but there are two variants out there that do. One (evilx0x) supports variable swing and variable pattern stop points for crazy rolls). They are, of course, hacks. I sequence my b0x from my MD, so I don't really care. The only thing that sucks is that slides aren't yet supported when the b0x is sequenced externally (as far as I can tell.)

Building an x0x certainly isn't the only route the go. The Revolution is definitely a slick piece of gear. Building the b0x was very frustrating at points, but the accomplishment of putting it together feels nice. And it sounds pretty good too! If I had

the Revolution, I'd probably use its sequencer because of the cool things it can do.

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by Wavecircle - 2006/06/05 00:51

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I have the MEK...but that ain't no 303. I like it alot more than any 303, but...

Have you checked out the Acidlab Bassline?

<http://www.acidlab.de/Pictures/Normal/P1140408.jpg>

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by Wavecircle - 2006/06/05 03:12

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I don't... it is a pic from the acidlab site... :-x

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by Wavecircle - 2006/06/05 11:52

apologies for my presumption, I was full of whiskey last night.

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by milkmansnd - 2006/06/05 16:13

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Yeah, note, note, rest, shit did it wrong... start over... note, note, rest, rest, oh shit too many rests...start over... I guess it is cool for random stuff...but... yeah...too expensive for such an oversight in OS design.

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Re: x0xb0x

Posted by - 2006/06/09 18:15

I should be unpacking my orange UV Special Edition retro revolution in about two weeks =)