



# J-RETRO 01 Deluxe

## Active/Passive Retro-Fit for J-Style Basses

The J-RETRO 01 Deluxe is designed to fit directly into standard “Jazz” style basses without modification, including a PP3 battery. Its high-quality circuit uses three stacked knobs and includes an active blend circuit plus a 3-band equalizer with bass, variable frequency mid, treble, and bright function. The active blend circuit prevents the loss associated with many passive basses where, when both pickups are up full, the signal from one pickup feeds into the other and vice versa. However, a switch is included to allow a passive equal mix of both pickups. A second switch - a basic “get-you-out-of-trouble” passive mode - is included in case the battery dies in crucial circumstances, but this mode allows usable settings too.

- **VOLUME & BLEND** (Knob stack nearest the neck pickup)

- **VOLUME**

The upper knob is the Volume. It has active circuitry after it so that the feed to your amplifier is a low impedance drive.

- **BLEND & PICKUPS SWITCH**

The lower outer knob is the Blend balance for the pickups. Turn it fully clockwise for the neck pickup alone and fully anti-clockwise for the bridge pickup. The midway position, which has an indent, gives an equal mix of both pickups. The balance between the pickups is continuously variable with progressive level compensation towards the single pickup settings.

**Important:-** The Pickups switch (by the blend) must be set pointing towards the passive tone knob for the Blend to function. (See ACTIVE & PASSIVE diagrams for details of how this switch works).

- **BASS & TREBLE** (Knob middle knob stack)

- **TREBLE(+12dB@3 kHz, -12dB@ 1kHz)**

The upper knob is the Treble control with boost and cut. The central ‘flat’ position is indented. The cut settings work on lower frequencies compared to boost to give a deeper sound when the top is rolled off.

- **BRIGHT (+8dB@7kHz)**

Pull the Treble knob for the Bright setting.

- **BASS(+15dB@50Hz)**

The lower outer knob is the boost only Bass control. The frequency band of boost gets progressively lower as the boost is increased. An indent midway is included to aid the setting of this control.

- **MID LEVEL & FREQUENCY** (The knob stack nearest the bridge)

- **BOOST/CUT (+/- 12dB)**

The upper knob controls the amount of Mid boost or cut at frequencies according to the setting of the Frequency knob. The midway indent is the ‘flat’ position.

- **FREQUENCY (150Hz - 3kHz)**

The lower outer knob is continuously variable and sets the Mid frequencies for boost or cut.

- **ACTIVE PASSIVE SWITCH** (Nearest the bridge)

Towards the bridge for active, the neck for passive.

- **PASSIVE TONE** (Single Knob)

Conventional passive tone which acts directly on the output of each individual pickup. Since pickup signals are separated until they reach the electronic blend stage, a dual pot is required in order that there is an individual passive tone section for each pickup.

- **POWER**

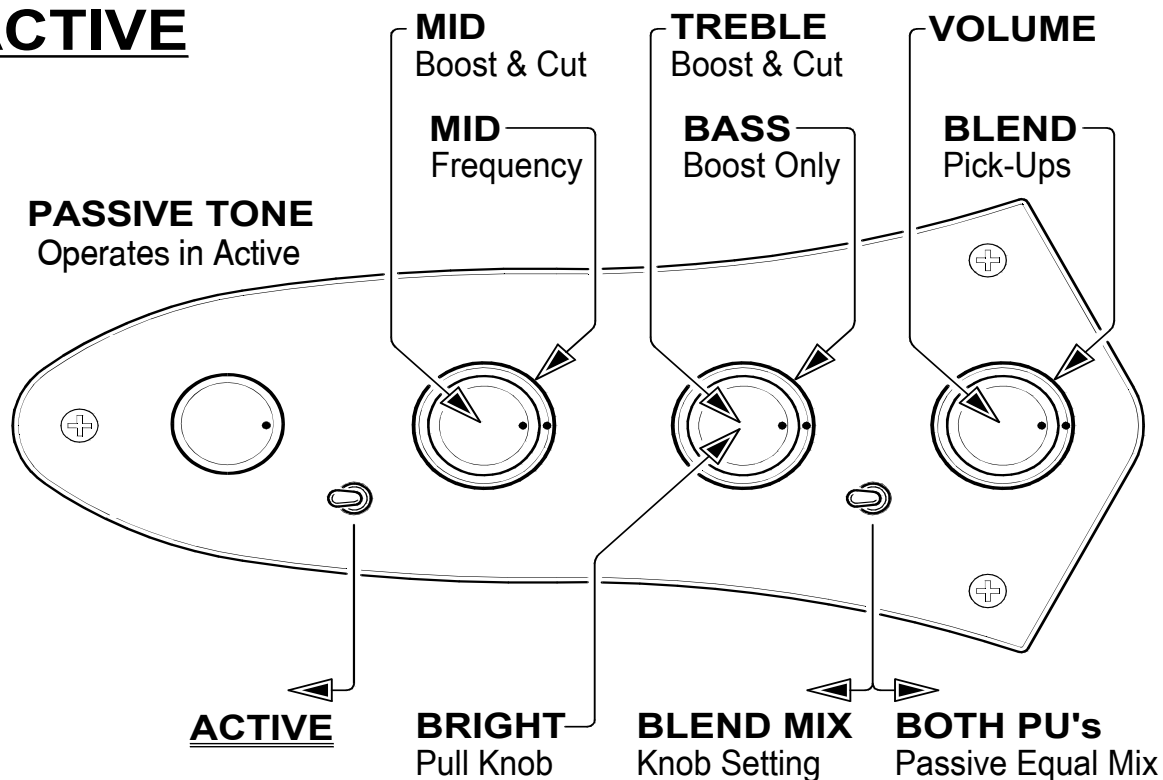
The power is switched on automatically when a mono jack is plugged into the socket.



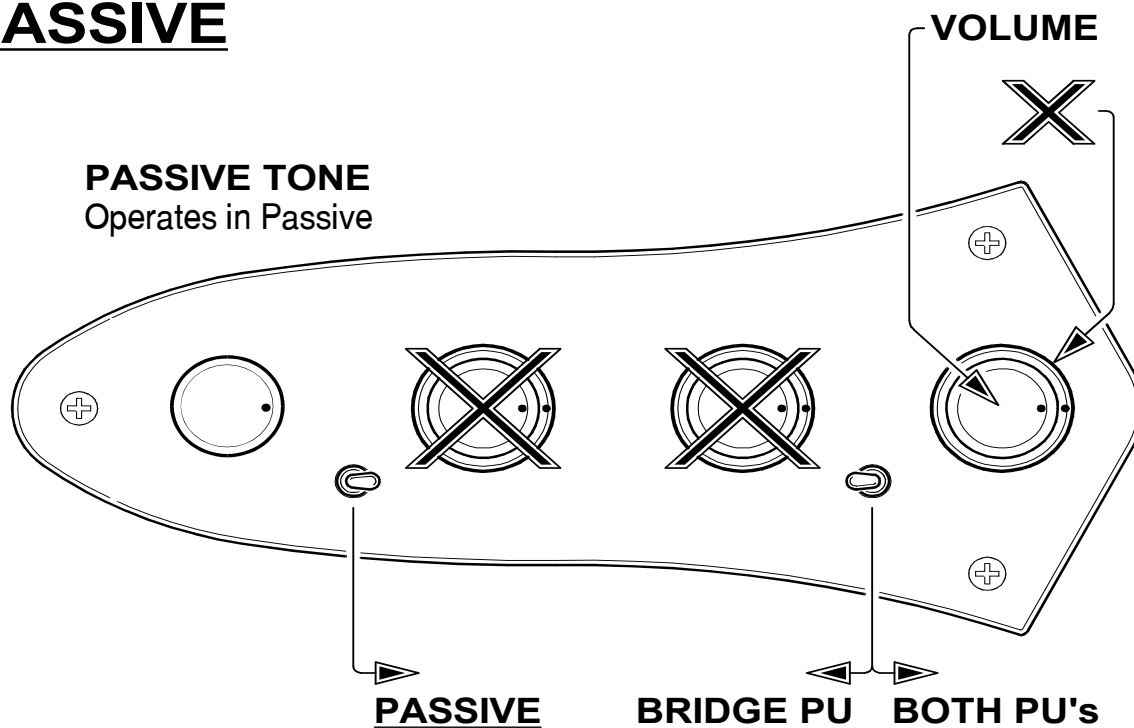
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## Active & Passive Knob Control Functions

### ACTIVE



### PASSIVE





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## Installation & Connections

### **IMPORTANT**

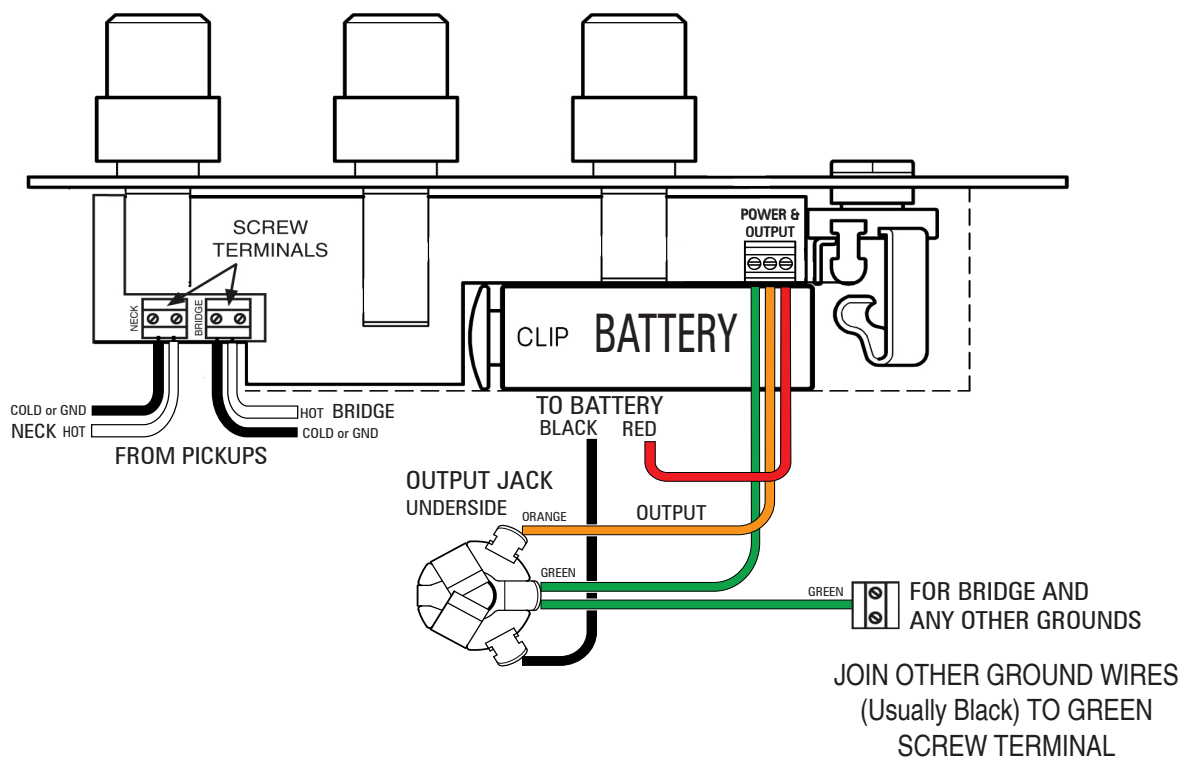
A crucial factor for the installation of a J-RETRO 01 Deluxe is the size of the routed slot. These do vary slightly from bass to bass. Although the pre-amp is likely to fit without a problem, it's an absolute must to check that the slot is wide enough to take a PP3 battery. The depth is important too, which ideally needs to be a minimum of 32.5mm to allow a little clearance.

East UK cannot take responsibility for incorrect installation, any injury or loss caused as a result of installation. If in doubt, please contact a suitably skilled guitar technician for help in completing the installation correctly, or contact East UK for advice.

### • **INSTALLATION**

1. Unscrew the 3 screws for the 'bell' plate on your bass and lift it out. Lay it on some soft leather or thick soft cloth to protect the bass.
2. Make a note of where all the wires from the bass are connected to on the original plate so it can be returned to original later if required. Disconnect all the wires and remove the plate.

**Side view of the J-RETRO Deluxe in the bass showing connections  
(Cavity denotes dashed line)**





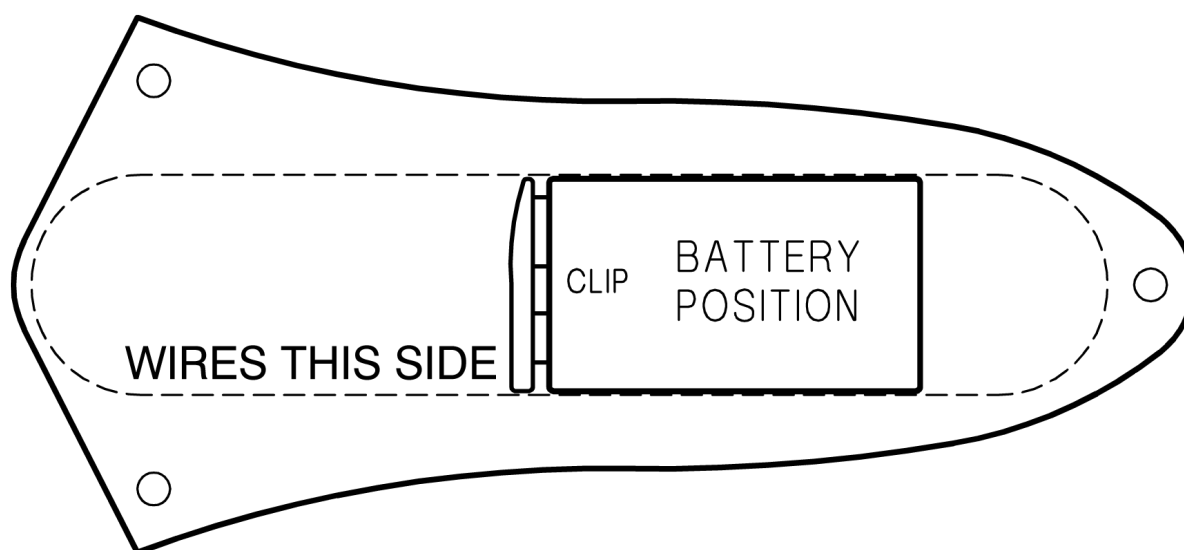
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## Installation & Battery

- **INSTALLATION (Continued)**

3. Make sure the J-RETRO 01 Deluxe and its battery will fit in the cavity before connecting the wires.
4. Place the J-RETRO 01 Deluxe on the leather or cloth protecting the bass and connect the wires using the screw terminals according to the diagram above, or additional diagram enclosed.
5. Clip the battery onto the battery clip and lay it into the cavity according to the diagram below.
6. Before fitting the new plate make sure all the wires, including the battery wires, will not be trapped in any way by the circuit board or any other part of the pre-amp. Fit using the original 3 screws.

**Top view of bell plate showing battery position (Cavity in dashed line)**

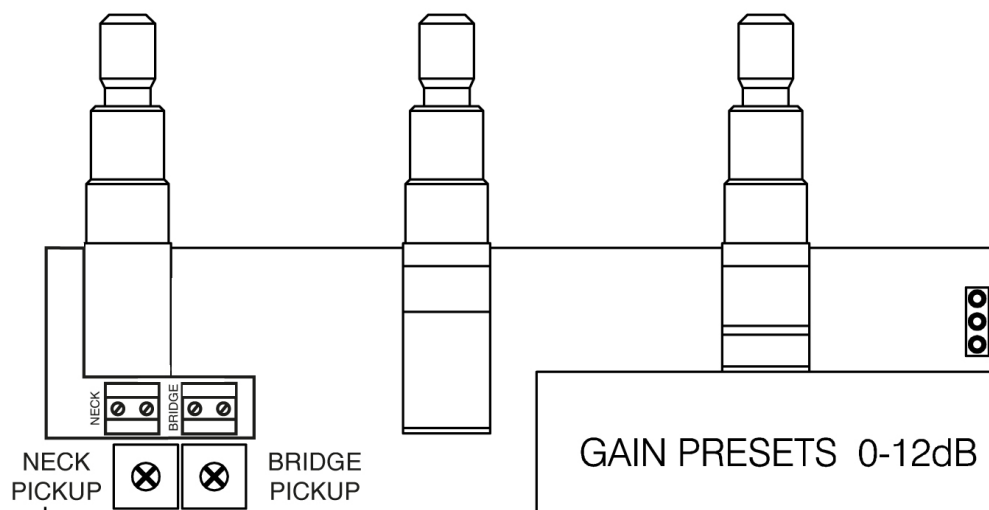




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## Gain Adjustment & Warranty

### • PICKUP INPUT GAIN ADJUSTMENT



### • WARRANTY

#### GUARANTEE

- Your East product is guaranteed to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of original purchase.
- If during the guarantee period your product becomes faulty due to defective materials or workmanship, then the unit will be repaired or replaced without charge for parts or labour at the discretion of EastUK, according to the conditions below.

#### CONDITIONS

- The original sales invoice or receipt indicating the date of purchase and sales outlet is presented together with the faulty unit.
- The unit was installed competently consistent with the instructions supplied.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- Damage due to accident or improper handling, installation or operation.
- Defects caused by the instrument or system to which the unit has been installed.
- Damage resulting from repair of the unit carried out by non-authorised service personnel.
- The costs of transport or shipping costs relating directly or indirectly to the guarantee of this product.



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## Disposal

- **To dispose of your preamp safely**
- **Check Local Rules:** Find out if there are any specific laws in your area about disposing of electrical waste.
- **Recycle:** Take your old preamp to a local recycling centre.
- **Donate:** If your preamp still works, consider donating it to a bassist who has yet to discover the wonders of our active bass technology!



*By disposing of your electrical goods properly, you help protect the environment!*