# **GR-33B**, G-33/G-88

# **SERVICE NOTES**

# SPECIFICATIONS

First Edition

**GR-33B** 

PITCH SHIFT RANGE	PITCH A/B: <u>+</u> 1300 cents
ATTACK TIME	0-3 seconds
DECAY TIME	0-10 seconds
POWER CONSUMPTION	
	400(W) x 290(D) x 100(H)
WEIGHT	GR-33B: 5Kg; G-33/G-88: 4.2Kg



Chassis N-214

(12139302)

(2281021401)

Flexible PCB

(2291016700)

PT-N-185	(22450185N0)	loov
PT-N-186	(22450186C)	117V
PT-N-187	(22450187D)	220/240V





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Flexible pcb (2291338400)



PREAMP Board Ba

Battery connector SL-2102 (13419206)



Flexible pcb (2291106700)

Screw 3 x 16mm Connector holder pan head 4.5mm dia (2219327400) nickel



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# **CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION**

GR-33B circuits are mostly built on two PCBs: Voicing Board OP-9222-030 and Control Board OP-9222-040.

#### VOICING BOARD OP-9222-030

- 1. FUNDAMENTAL DETECTOR
- 2. T/V CONVERTER
- 3. V/T CONVERTER
- 4. GATE GENERATOR
- 5. CHOPPER GATE
- 6. POWER SUPPLY

#### 1. FUNDAMENTAL DETECTOR

This detector, the heart of GR-33B, strips incoming signals off harmonics and leaves fundamental. In the following, only channel #1 circuit is described since this detector is composed of the same four circuits.

The output signal coming from the divided pickup is applied through LPF/BufferICla to COMPRESSION circuit consisting of clamp diodes Dl-Ge and D2-Ge followed by another LPF IClb.

#### 1-1. Band-Pass Filter (BPF)

A two-stage filter, consisting of cascaded IC3b and IC4b, largely jumps its frequency response when a string is plucked with low fretting and then higher fretting, and vice vasa. When channel #1 string at lower fret(0-6th)is played,Q3 and Q4 are cut off by the potential from IC4a whose pin 2 is kept positive with respect to pin 3 by T/V output (IC7b). Q3 and Q4,during off,make lst and 2nd filters' component values the same to provide overall peak frequency at F1 that corresponds to fundamental of the



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Fig. 1 Filter changes frequency response according to the fret position.

open string. The filter attenuates the 1st overtone or 2nd harmonic content in the passing signal by 24dB.

Picking string with a fretting higher than point A in Fig. 1 causes IC7b to output voltage below that on IC4a pin3 whose output turns to positive. Q3 and Q4, during conducting period, connect R13 and R19 to circuit, making filters' constants different to each other. Resultants are discrete peak frequencies: F2a (frequency around 5-6th frets) from IC3b and F2b (around 18th) from IC4b. Second harmonics of fret-notes in this region are also rolled off by 24dB.

#### NOTE:

These response curves do not affect sound volume since signal flowing through the filter is used only for pitch determinant. The fundamental is trimmed into squarewave in comparator IC5 and is fed to the next stage, T/V converter IC6, Q5 and IC7.

#### 2. T/V CONVERTER

This circuit is composed of two-stage monostable multivibrator IC6(MM1,MM2),constantcurrent integrator Q5, IC7a, D9, and sample and hold circuit IC8 and IC7b.

MMl and MM2 output lus width positive-going pulses  $\underline{c}$  and  $\underline{d}$  upon receiving edges of respective inputs. There is time lapse with  $\underline{c}$  and  $\underline{d}$  due to the time constant of R38 and CMOS's input capacitance.

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The voltage across capacitor Cl4 increases linearly when charged at a constant rate and decreases to zero when pulse  $\underline{d}$  triggers Q5. The voltage across D9 (pin 7 of IC7a) takes the shape of sawtooth  $\underline{e}$ . Its maximum value is proportional to the time interval between two pulses:

O-loV at open string, and O-5V at 12th fret. The square wave from MMl serves as a fundamental in DUET mode.

The waveform is sampled by  $\frac{1}{4}$ IC8 each time pulse <u>c</u> is applied and is held by Cl5 before being reset by pulse <u>d</u>. DC output from IC7b is then applied to IC9b.



#### 3. V/T CONVERTER (VCO)

This V/T converter is similar to the T/V Converter in operation. When the charge on Cl6 increases constantly and reaches the potential equal to that on Cl8, it causes output from IC9b to conduct Q6 taking the shape of sawtooth waveform whose amplitude is inverserly proportional to fret frequency, that is, the lower the fret, the higher the amplitude.This VCO waveform can be modulated or shifted by varying the current flowing into Cl6.The more the current, the faster charges Cl6 up to the level on Cl8. As a result, VCO frequency increases with its amplitude held constant.

#### 4. GATE GENERATOR

The gate generator comprises three circuits - Peak Hold: IC2a, D4 and C9; Reset: IC3a and Q2; Reset Disable: D3, C8 and Q1 - and GATE output IC2b.

#### 4-1. Peak Hold

When picked signal is applied to pin 3 of IC2a, it charges C9 through D4 during ATTACK time. The chargeable potential is proportionate to the signal peak and may be varied from picking to picking. IC2b delivers this voltage as a gate signal at a constant level until Q2 is fired by reset signal.

The signal level at IC2a pin 3 is decreasing after attack time is finished, to the level below that on pin 2 when IC2a turns pin 1 to negative going. D4 being reverse biased, C9 still holds previously charged voltage.

#### 4-2. Reset

Comparator IC3a senses voltage difference between the T/V and S/H outputs, which will be caused by complex harmonics content in string signal at picking and by 2nd harmonic at decay time. Voltage difference between pins 2 and 3 of IC3a turns pin 1 to positive that conducts Q2 via D5, turning IC2b pin 7 (gate out) to OV.

Reset signals that are inevitably presented to D5 anode should become inoperative during attack time to reproduce very important edge of sound. Below describes how this is done.

#### 4-3. Reset Disable

During attack time IC2a charges C8 through D3 and conducts Q1, shifting positive output voltage from IC3a pin 1 to below D5 forward bias voltage. Duration of this state is determined by C8 R24 time constant because D3 anode will go to negative after attack time is over as explained above in 4-1.

#### CONTROL BOARD OP-9222-040

The followings are main circuits on the board:

1. FOOT SWITCH CONTROL

2. LFO

- 3. VCO MOD (PITCH SHIFT)
- 4. VCF
- 5. ELECTRONIC VOLUME CONTROL

#### 1. FOOT SWITCH CONTROL

Pressing the footswitch (momentary-close type) applies trigger pulse to C(clock) pin of flip-flops ICl-IC3 through buffer IC4. In this configuration D-F/F is connected as type T-F/F. Capacitor 0.0lmfd across the switch prevents contact bounce (chattering) which could cause false triggering.

POWER RESET IC2a generates initial reset pulse for other F/Fs when the power is turned on. Outputs from LED FLASH IC4, D3, Q4 and F/F are ORed at the base of LED drivers Q1,2,3,5,6, 7. LED blinks at the rate of oscillator output when F/F is reset.

#### 2. LFO

One half of IC5 forms hysteresis comparator and the rest half acts as a miller integrator, generating triangular output waveform. The waveform is directed to VCO MOD on VOICING brd via IC6 whose gain is current controlled by VIB DEPTH from Guitar Controller.

#### 3. VCO MOD (PITCH SHIFT)

When PITCH A (B) is pressed, it causes Q8(Q13) connecting to pot PITCH A(B) to be turned on, voltage set by the pot is fed via IC7a to Q9 (anti-log) at VCO MOD on VOICING board.

#### 4. VCF

One chip VCF (ICll 1R3109) comprising antilog circuit makes up 24 or 12 dB/oct LPF along with its external Rs and Cs.The output is positively fed back to its input for resonant effect through Q17 and VCA IClO whose gain or amount of resonance is controlled by RESONANCE on guitar controller.

When emphasis is high at a frequency, response curve lower than the peak frequency decreases in level, resulting in relatively small VCF output in this region. This detrimental effect is compensated for by parallely feeding audio signals via VCA which controls amount of feedback and signals at the same rate. Besides various control voltages, pitch control voltage is fed to VCF control pin via IC7a and IC8a to shift VCF cutoff point in accordance with pitch shift at VCO to maintain suitable filter band width. Each GATE GEN output from VOICING board is summed at IC7b whose output level determines ENV GEN output level. The shape of ENV GEN output is determined by either A or B ATTACK and DECAY settings being selected by ENV A/B footswitch.

## 5. ELECTRONIC VOLUME CONTROL

Before being output from OUTPUT jacks, the audio signals are controlled their volumes by photoelectric cells PH1 and PH2 which in turn are remote-controlled at guitar controller.

Output from NOISE KILLER Q26 is also applied to PH1 through Q27. When ENV GEN outputs zero volts, IC17b is disabled, shutting in residual noises in the synthesizer channel.

#### G-33, G-88

G-33 and G-88 can be used as the ordinary electric bass guitar as well as a guitar controller dedicated to GR-33B. To make them operate as the bass guitar without connection to GR-33B, the circuits that process sound from single-coil pickup can operate from batteries built in.

#### 1. BUFFER

To compensate for sensitivity variations among heads on quadruple pickup, outputs from ICl and IC2 can be balanced in amplitude by adjusting individual trimmers (VR1-VR4).

#### 2. TOUCH VIBRATO

When a player touches the one of Touch Plates, his body is connecting ground to pin 1 (6) of flip-flop(IC4- c, d), causing; (1)the pin voltage to down below threshold, (2) F/F to reverse its output to L, (3) OR gate(IC4a) to output H, which is inverted through IC3, potential divided by VR10 and fed to connector G3. Since pin 1 of IC4a is led to the touch plate named P.TOUCH, pin 3 goes to L as soon as hand leaves off the plate.

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#### G-33/G-88 ADJUSTMENTS

If tailpiece, bridge, truss rod and/or pickup(s) have been replaced on a given Guitar Controller, or if it seems to be aged or in such conditions under which appropriate play cannot be performed, proceed to adjustments in the order numbered:

1 ERELIMINARY; 2 TRUSS ROD; 3 STRING HEIGHT; 4 STRING LENGTH

#### PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENT

Tighten the strings to eliminate slack. Check Divided and Bass pickups for clearance from strings.

Lower the pickup, if the top face touches any strings, enough to allow of picking.

Tune the Guitar to playing pitch in Bass set-up.

#### TRUSS ROD

- Checking Fingerboard and Neck for Cambered, Pulled, Twisted - see Fig. 1

Hold the neck joint with one hand(1); with the other hand, gently hold the guitar head(2). Position the guitar on the table.

View the curve of the fingerboard and neck across the top of the head from both edges alternately (3). With Bass guitar, neck of slight concave bend is considered ideal. Fig. l.A.

B to H in Fig. 1 are as examples would occur. Of course any combinations of these examples might be found on the guitar.



To adjust truss rod, remove the rod cover. Tighten or loosen the nut(4) with an 8mm nut driver, small degree at a time while checking the result.DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.

B, C, D -- Adjust truss rod. Check that there is no buzzing when the strings are played open. (Slight curvature dashed in D can be ignored.)

E. F. G. H -- When possible action cannot be obtained after compensation by truss rod adjustment, any adjustments it needs should be left to someone with experience on guitar repair.

#### ACTION (STRING) HEIGHT - Bridge, Divided Pickup -

Since bridge height has great effect on divided pickup's sensitivity, adjustment for the one should be associated by for the other.

#### PRECAUTIONS

Eliminate bridge whose stud(s) does not slip into grooves. Fig. 2.

Bridge height and position on the bridge frame should be determined with the strings at tuned tension, which may be loosened slightly for easier bridge movement.

#### BRIDGE HEIGHT

Action height adjustments must be taken with a full set of strings on the guitar, the gauge and type will be used, tuned to playing pitch.

With the strings open, measure the distance between 12th fret and the bottom of 1st and 4th strings.

Standard clearances: 1st -- 2.0mm, 4th -- 3.0mm Fig. 3





To adjust bridge height, turn two adjustment nuts using hexagonal nut driver as shown in Fig. 4. Keep bridge top plane as parallel with bridge frame face as possible. Fig.5



# DIVIDED PICKUP HEIGHT

- Coarse -

contact as #1 and #4.

#### - Fine -

After all strings rest on heads, readjust pickup height for the following clearances with respective string fretted at 21st.

Between #1 head top and string bottom --- 1.5mm Between #4 head top and string bottom --- 2.0mm

#### STRING LENGTH (OCTAVE ADJUSTMENT)

Test intonation at the 12th fret whether string is sharp or flat in terms of overall intonation. If a string is going sharp at the 12th fret, move back the bridge to add string length by turning the intonation adjustment screw at the bridge frame (Fig. 4). If flat, forwards.

#### BASS GUITAR PICKUP (Single-Coil) HEIGHT

Possible action on guitar pickup (polepiece/string bottom) depends greatly on strings and players, with strings supplied 4-5mm works well. However, pickup's top surface must be held parallel to the strings.

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Raise divided pickup by turning height adjustment screws alternately until #1 and #4 heads contact with string. If #2 or #3 touches first, raise corresponding bridge. (Re)-adjust #2 and #3 bridges' height for the same string



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No standard is applied to this adjustment. Synthesizer sound is largely variable as controls setting is changed, especially CUTOFF FREQ and RESONANCE.

Presume the player's routine knob settings. Compare synthesizer sound with bass sound by switching VOICE SELECT. Readjust the trimmers as necessary (VR1-VR4).



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## **GR-33B PARTS LIST**

#### PANEL. CHASSIS 2221323000 Panel (front) N-230) 2231020400 Handle (R, L same) N-204 2213370101 Washer N-701 . hadle Chassis N-228 2281322800 (panel, bottom, w/rubber feet) 2281322900 Chassis N-229 power 2281021401 Chassis N-214 rear, jack

#### KNOB. BUTTON

	SWITCH		
2247051000	Button	N-510	power sw.
2247011300	Knob	N-113	
2247011200	Knob	N-112	large

2312390300	Switch	N-903	foot	w/matt
13159106	Slide	SSB02204	Ļ	
13129110	Power	ESB-70	294	

## JACK

22450185N0	PT-N-185	loov
	POWER TRANS	FORMER
13449202	SG-7640R	red
13449108	SG-7630G	green
13449107	SG-7630	

## 22450185N0 22450186C0 22450187D0

PT-N-185 PT-N-186 PT-N-187 220/240V

117V

#### PCB ASSEMBLY

7922203002	OP9222-03	30	VO	ICING	
2291334201	Voicing	less	pai	rts	
7922204001	0P9222-04	40	C	ONTROL	
2291334303	Control	less	pai	rts	
2291016600	Flexible	wirir	ıg	N-166	
2291016700	Flexible	wirir	ıg	N-167	

#### SEMICONDUCTOR

Transistor		
15119106	2SA733-	P or Q
15119108	2 <b>SA</b> 798-G	dual common emitter
15119806	2 <b>S</b> B596-	Y or O
15129113	2SC1740-R	
15129815	2SD880-	Y or O
15139103	2SK30A-GR	
Diode		
15019122	1S188FM	germanum
15019103	1S2473	
15019108	1S2473FV	vertical mount leads
15019236	W-02	rectifier stack
15019548	RD-12EBCP	zener
15229909	ERS-B33G56 posistor,	
15029109	TLR-105	LED foot switch
15029102	GL3AR2	LED
15229702	P-873A (re	d) photocuplar
	DOALE	
15189105	uPC4558	
15189118	TL082	
151891180 <b>A</b>	TL082 :	factory selected
15199110T0	TA7179P	
15229802	BA662A	

#### POTENTIOMETER 13219104 FVHRRA360B54 50KB FVHRRA360A26 13219102 2MA SR19RB47K 47KB carbon 13299116 trimmer 13299540 CR19RB1k 1KB metal 13299544 CR19RB22K 22KB trimmer

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MC14013BP

MC14016BP

MC14069BP

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15159101Z0

15159105Z0

15159106Z0

15159116ZO

RESISTO	3		
Metal film	₩ 1% CRE	25FX	
13769227D0	5K	13769167D0	5.6K
13769173D0	lok	13769175D0	12K
13769192D0	62K	13769244D0	187K
13769215D0	560K	13769217D0	680K
13769221D0	lΜ	13769249D0	1.2M

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CONNECTO	DR
13429405	SLC-1204-2324F w/lock shell
12139302	SLC-1204-24Ll lock shell
13429135 13429143	5222-6A 6p 5222-7A 7p
	3022-12A 12p
2341320700	Connector/wiring assy N-207
2341020800	Connector/wiring assy N-208
13439604	SLC-1204-1324M (C-24D)
13429404	SLC-1204-1324F (C-24D)
2291016700	Flexible PCB N-167 12p long
2291016600	Flexible PCB N-166 made out of N-167
13429121	FH1-12S2.54DS 12P flexible PCB socket
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## G-88. G-33 PARTS LIST

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13219106

13219763

13219766

13299113

15019108

15189105

15159104Z0

7921302003 OP-9213-020 2291334401

Preamp less parts

#### POTENTIOMETER

PCB ASSEMBLY

EVH-RTA304B5	4
EVH-RXA304B5	4 center detent
EWJ-EWA322B5 dual ganged	4 50KB x 2
SR19R 4.7K	trimmer

PREAMP

#### SEMICONDUCTOR

1S2473FV diode V-mount uPC4558 MC14011B

#### JACK. CONNECTOR

13439605	SLC-1204-2324M 24 conductors w/locking shell below
12139302	SLC-1204-24L1 lock shell
1344939900	Jack SG-7850#01
13419206	SL-2102 (battery connector)
13429121	FH1-12S-2.54DS 12p flexible pcb socket

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power

### SWITCH

13169604

FTE-43B

KNOB

2247018800 224701900

KN-02G	large	
KN-02S	small	black

#### GUITAR

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2219327400

2202316600 2202316700

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Divided pickup Pickup holder (D.pickup) Pickup PU-144 Bass Pickup base (bass) Bridge/tailpiece TP-150 brass Bridge/tailpiece TP-151 nickel Machine head PG-123 gold Machine head PG-121 nickel Adjust rod cover brass Adjust rod cover plastic End pin gold End pin nickel

Holder N-274 pcb housing frame Cover N-166 rear panel Cover N-167 battery compartment lid Holder N-106 (trimmer)