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#### **DATASHEET**



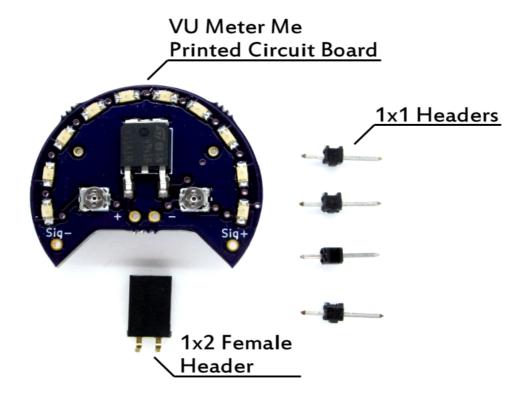
# **VU Meter Me**

**VU Meter Kit** 

The VU Meter Me is a LEDbased visualizer for your audio signals!

- Kit Type: SMT and minimal throughhole soldering
- Function: Breadboard friendly VU Meter Kit
- Works with line level and headphone level outputs.

#### **KIT CONTENTS**



#### Contents of the VU Meter Me Kit:

- SMT VU Meter Me printed circuit board (30.71 x 25.58 x 1.60mm)
- 1x2 Female Header
- 4 1x1 Male Headers

# **Electrical Components**

Reference	Quantity	Туре	Value
U2	1	LED Bar Driver	LM3914
U1	1	5V LDO Regulator	L4941
R1	1	Resistor, 1/8W	10k ohms
R2	1	Resistor, 1/8W	2.5k ohms
C1	1	Capacitor, 16V	0.1 uF
C2	1	Capacitor, 16V	22 uF
PV1	1	Potentiometer	10k ohm
PV2	1	Potentiometer	10k ohm
D1 - D10	10	0805 LED	Red

## L4941 LDO Regulator Electrical Characteristics

**Datasheet:** http://www.st.com/st-web-ui/static/active/en/resource/technical/document/datasheet/CD00000443.pdf

Parameter	Test Conditions MIN TYP		MAX	UNIT	
Output Voltage	Io = 5mA to 1A, Vf = 6 to 14V		5	5.2	٧
Input Voltage (Vf)	Io = 5mA			16	V
Quiescent current	Io = 5mA, Vf = 6 to 14 V			3	mA
	Io = 1A, Vf = 6 to 14V			-10	mA
Dropout Voltage	Io = 0.5A		250	450	mV
	Io = 1A		450	700	mV

#### **LM3914 LED Bar Driver Electrical Characteristics**

Datasheet: http://www.ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/lm3914.pdf

Parameter	Test Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
LED Current	$V+ = V_{LED} = 5V; I_{L(REF)} = 1mA$	7	10	13	mA
Dropout voltage	$I_{LED(ON)}$ = 20 mA, $V_{LED}$ = 5V, $\Delta_{ILED}$ = 2 mA			1.5	V
Load regulation	$0.1\text{mA} \le I_{L(REF)} = I_{L(REF)} \le 4\text{mA}$ V+ = V <sub>LED</sub> = 5V		0.4	2	%
Output Voltage Change with Temperature	$0^{\circ}$ C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ $0^{\circ}$ C, I <sub>L(REF)</sub> = 1mA V+ = 5V		1		%
Supply Voltage				25	V
Storage temperature Range		-55		150	°C

### **Recommended Operating Conditions**

Parameter	Range	UNIT
Input Voltage	6 – 12	V
Operating temperature	0 - +70	°C

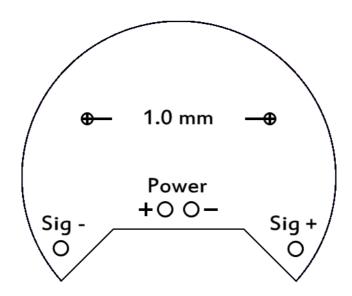
#### Tools and material required for assembly (not included with the kit):

- Soldering iron
- Solder

### User provided items required for audio:

- Audio signal
- Power source (6 12V)

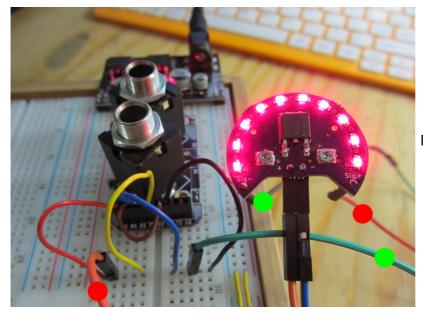
## **Mounting/Header Holes:**



#### Additional physical/electrical specifications:

- Printed Circuit Board size: 1.21 x 1.01 x 0.063" (30.71 x 25.58 x 1.60mm)
- PCB thickness: 0.063" (1.60mm), not including any components
- PCB thickness: 0.433" (11mm), max height with LM3914
- Mounting holes: 2 holes provided. See drawing for location and size. Can be used with 1x1 male headers and are breadboard friendly

#### **Additional Picture:**



Assembled PCB in use with Jack Me Module. The green dots reflect SIG – (Shield/GND) and the red dots reflect SIG +.(Tip/Ring)

## **Assembly/Use Instructions**

#### **Build Notes:**

- The 1x1 headers are breadboard friendly and can be soldered to the 2 mounting holes as well as to Sig + and Sig -. The mounting holes are not tied into the circuit. The + and – signals of your audio can then be connected to the module.
- There are 2 trimmer potentiometers that you can use to calibrate how much volume you want reflected in your VU meter. By adjusting these with a normal Phillips screwdriver, you can change where the light starts and how many lights are lit up as the volume changes
- + and in the middle of the board is for your power supply. It powers the LED bar driver chip and provides a reference for the audio signal. We recommend no more than 12V in.
- Sig + and Sig is where you connect your audio signal to. SIG + can be used with your tip/ring and SIG would be your shield or ground.
- 1 x 2 right angle female header: This is provided for the power +/- solder points. It can be soldered to come out under or over the board, or not soldered at all.
- Audio signals can be line level or headphone level.