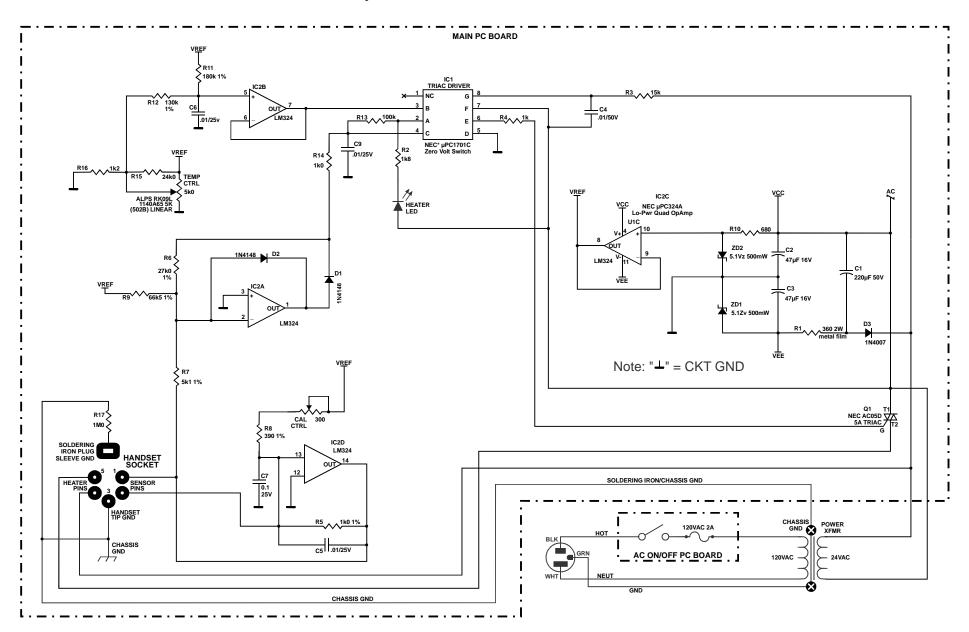
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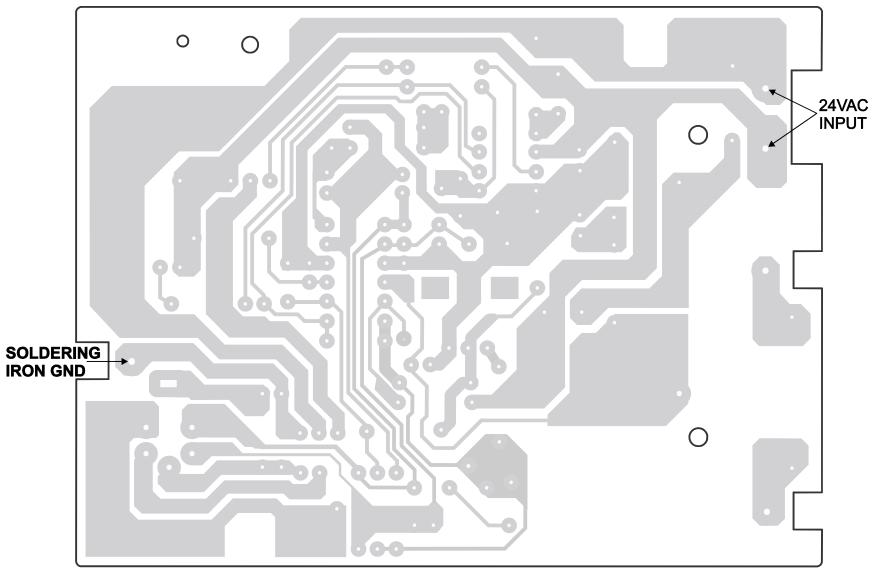
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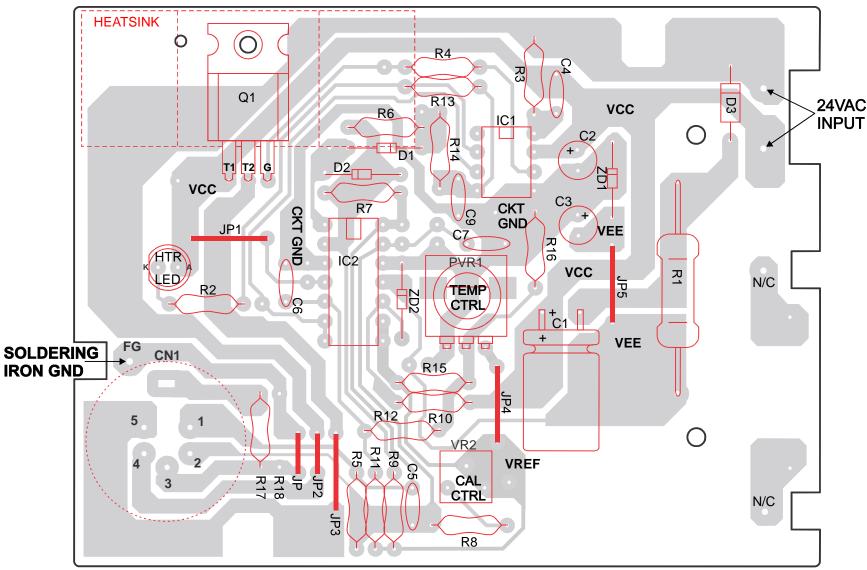


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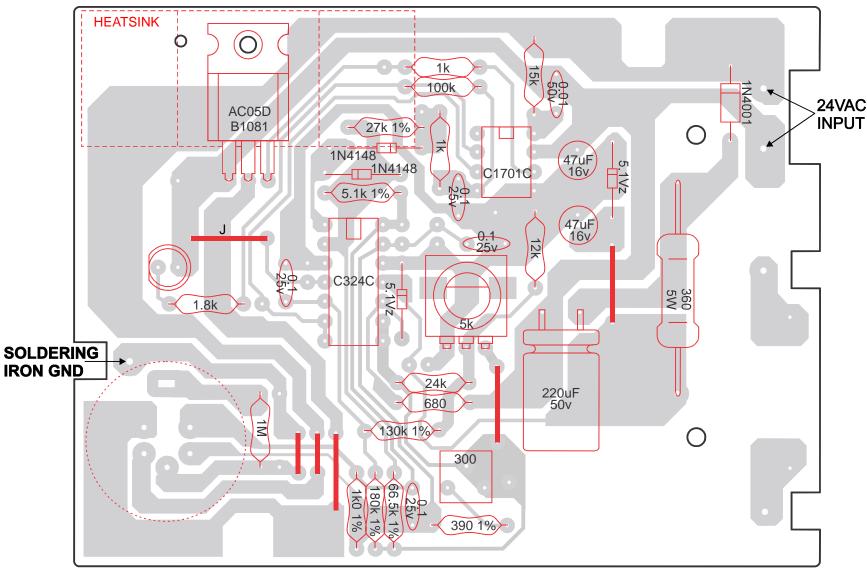


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HAKKO 936-x PC Board Parts List

* NOTE: NEC, is now part of Renesas Electronics Corp.

CAL TEMP CTRL

NOTE: In the 936, the CAL TEMP pot is 300 Ohms, however we were unable to find a pot in this physical format rated at 300 Ohms, so a 500 Ohm device has been specified as a suitable substitute.

ADDING AN ON/OFF LED TO HAKKO 936-X TEMP-CONTROLLED SOLDERING STATIONS

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Is it turned ON or not?



By golly, it WAS, but how could you tell?



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The Hakko 936-x line of temperature-controlled soldering stations has one flaw. It offers no real POWER ON/OFF indication. There is a red LED which illuminates when heat is being applied to the tip of the iron, but it lights ONLY when heat is being applied. As a result, if you glance at the station when no heat's being applied to the tip, you might think the device is actually turned off. I've walked off and left the soldering station running for several days because the red LED was extinguished when I looked at it, even though power was still applied.

Here's a fairly simple-to-install mod which will add a green LED to the right hand side of the front panel on the 936. This LED will be illuminated any time power is applied to the soldering station.

- 1. Remove four (4) screws from the bottom of the case, and lift off the case top.
- 2. Remove the temperature control knob and carefully loosen the setscrew in the temp-lock mechanism. Remove the setscrew and nut and set them aside in a safe place.
- 3. Lift the front panel/PC board combination out of the case and carefully desolder the 6-pin (five [5] pins and one [1] lug) soldering iron cable connector from the PC board. USE CARE HERE.
- 4. With the 6-pin connector free of solder, hold the front panel on its sides with both bands and use your thumb to press on the shaft of the temp. control pot to push the PC board assembly away from the front panel.
- 4. Using Figure 1 (see next page), a scale drawing of the front panel, as an overlay of the drilling template, lay the template onto the front panel and CAREFULLY center punch and then drill a 3/16" (4.75mm) hole. Then use a much larger (about 1/2" / 13mm) bit (hand-held), or a hand reamer bit, to 'hollow' out a bit of the back side of the hole just drilled to allow the new LED to extend out the front of the panel just a small distance.
- Refer to Figure 2 (next page),SOLDER SIDE of the PC board. Using a #60 (0.040") or smaller drill bit, drill four (4) holes, as indicated, to accept the new LED (green, T1-3/4 size), and the current limiting resistor (RL,3.0k to 3.9k 1W, the exact value is not terribly critical, a metal film/oxide resistor was selected for its smaller physical size), Mouser Electronics #594-5083NW3K900J (3.9k 2W metal film).
- 6. Once the four holes have been drilled, use a sharp knife blade and scrape away the solder mask from the two points indicated in Figure 2. Once these two points are cleaned of solder mask, tin the bare copper.
- Regarding the LED... generally, there is a flat side on the base of the LED body to indicate the CATHODE side. Additionally, on most (though not all) LEDs, the CATHODE lead is the SHORTER of the two (assuming a new LED with un-cut leads).
- 8. ALL REMAINING STEPS REFER TO FIGURE 3 (next page). Install (BUT DO NOT SOLDER) the LED with its CATHODE lead in the hole indicated by the illustration. DO NOT BEND THE LED LEADS AND DO NOT SOLDER YET!!!
- Insulate and bend the leads of RL at right angles and at appropriate distances to allow RL to drop into its mounting holes. Raise RL about 1/8" (3 mm) above the PC board and solder ONLY the lead which is connected at the top of the resistor to the copper land.
- 10. BEND the bottom lead of RL to the right, and around the ANODE lead of the LED. Use wire cutters to trim any excess lead length once the lead has been bent around the LED anode lead. DO NOT SOLDER YET.
- 11. Temporarily re-assemble the front panel and the PC board, ensuring that the 6-pin connector is properly inserted into its PC board holes. Ensure that the front panel and the PC board are well mated and parallel to each other, then press the green LED into its hole in the front panel so it seats properly.
- 12. With the new LED in place, solder the junction of RL and the LED anode lead.
- 13. Bend the CATHODE lead of the LED flat against the PC board and so it touches the adjacent area of the PC board from which you scraped away the solder mask. Solder the LED CATHODE to this point on the PC board.
- 14. Re-solder all (6) of the 6-pin heating element connector leads.
- 15. Reassemble the soldering station.

Figure 1 - Cut out the template at right. Then cut out the two marked areas so the template will clear the temp. control bearing and the heating element jack when laid on top of the front panel. Tape the template into place on the FRONT SIDE of the front panel. CAREFULLY center punch the point where the hole is to be drilled. Drill a 3/16" (4.75mm) hole from the front. You may want to first drill a smaller 'pilot' hole and work up, in steps, to the larger final hole diameter. This will often help reduce the chances of paint chipping, etc. Then, use a larger (handheld) bit (or a reamer) from the back side to 'hollow out' the back of the hole just enough to allow the tip of the new LED to extend out the front of the front panel to the same extent as that of the red LED. If the green LED is allowed to protrude a bit farther than the red LED, it will be more readily noticed as you use the device in a normal working environment.

Figure 2. Hakko 936-x PC board preparation

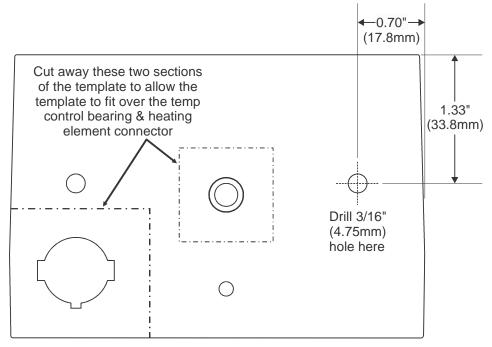


Figure 1. HAKKO 936-X T/C Soldering Station Front Panel (Viewed from the FRONT SIDE)

