

# DacEnd2

Digital to Analog Converters

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## INTRODUCTION

After the good result obtain with the DAC End I have design with Nguyen Quang Hao a set of boards to create a cheaper project with a sonic performances very near.

The No Oversampling DAC give a more natural sound but if you ear the TDA1541 and TDA1543 seem to lose details.

The AD1865N-K with passive I/V give a perfect combination, natural sound and all the details.

The AD1865N-K give the better performances with a 200ohm MK132 Caddock as passive I/V.

In this configuration the output signal is too low to drive any amplifier so I have design for the AD1865N-K the better output stage.

This DAC use a single ended vacuum tube amplifier without the expensive output transformers used in my original DAC End.

The DAC board follows the original design but has been inserted a jump to switch the phase of output signal.

In any vacuum tube stage the signal on the anode is in out phase with the grid signal so the jump is necessary to get a correct in phase output.

After some test has been decided to use shunt regulator to increase the sonic performances so a Salas regulator has been used for the DAC section.

Quang Hao have created a group buy on diyAudio to reduce the production cost of these pcb.

Any board have the same size 12.5 x 9.5 and all 19 x 25 cm.

All these pcb boards has been created only for DIY so no commercial use is allowed.

## COMPONENTS

\* Crystal CS8414 used like receivers to obtain LSB signals from spdif input

\* Analog Device AD1865

\* 74HC04 Hex Inverter used to create the latch signal for the right channel

\* E182CC Mullard or 5687 Jan Philips

\* LM311

Information DAC-END2

<http://www.audiodesignguide.com/DACend2/index.html>.

\* BC337

The Salas shunt: <http://www.diyaudio.com/forums/power-supplies/143693-simplistic-salas-low-voltage-shunt-regulator.html>

Thank Salas very much!

\* IRFP240

\* IRPF9240

\* TL431

\* 2SK170

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\* BC550

\* BC560

About wire forget the teflon ! use only stranded tinned copper wire with pvc isolator.

A very good quality stranded tinned copper wire could be buy directly from E-Z-HOOK that carries an extensive line of fine stranded and extra flexible wire.

## DAC BOARD

On the pcb layout is visible the jump for the digital phase inverter as described in the introduction and no other regulation are necessary.

A little post shunt regulators using the TL431 has been inserted to separate all the power supply like suggested in the datasheet of AD1865 and Cs8414.

I suggest only a MK132 Caddock resistors like current to voltage converter (I/V) so the internal active I/V of AD1865 is not used.

In parallel to the 200-220ohm I/V resistors will be inserted a little capacitor necessary to create a high frequency cut-off upper.

The original DAC end have no capacitor on output because in this case this filter is created by the output transformers band.

## POWER SUPPLY OF DAC BOARD

This schematic follows the Salas schematic.

## OUTPUT STAGE

This output stage has been design to get an output impedance near to 1Kohm with only one vacuum tube on the signal path and without use output transformers.

The relay will short the output to ground during the switch on and switch off phase to prevent dc peak on the outputs.

The design and pcb is compatible with E182CC and 5687, in the first case the choice should be a NOS E182CC Mullard (not the new production) and for the 5687 the best is a NOS Jan Philips.

The E182CC will give an higher output level because the amplification factor is 24 instead of 17 and the internal resistance is quite the same.

Using the 5687 the voltage gain of this stage is 12.7x so the output at 0db is  $127mV * 12.7 = 1.6Vrms$  and with the E182CC will be  $127mV * 17.9 = 2.3Vrms$ .

## THE SOUND:

adamus in diyaudio wrote: \*\*\*well... its been playing music all morning. the dac-end clearly has potential. its very natural sounding, superb top end (maybe slightly rolled off? not sure but its definately sweet with no hint of sibilance. This is using jan phillips - actually looking at audiodesigns tests it does begin to roll off before 20khz). Generally i would say that it has a warmer presentation, slightly more bodied sound.

The old transformer dac was very good though, it sounded much much better p than my cambridge audio dacmagic, not doubt about that. bear in mind i used

## Part List DAC-END

### 1. Resistor

10R 1W x 7  
or Chock  
75R 1/4W x 1  
470R 1/4W x 1  
560R 1/4W x 1  
1K 1/4W x 14

### 2. Caps

0.01uF x 4  
68nF x 1  
0.1uF x 12  
47uF/10V x 6  
\*Sanyo OS-Con\*  
220uF/16V x 7  
\*Sanyo OS-Con\*

### 3. IC

TL431 x 7

### 4. Chip

AD1865 x 1  
74HC04 x 1  
CS8414 x 1

### 5. SPDIF IN

S22083 x 1  
or better

### 6. Socket

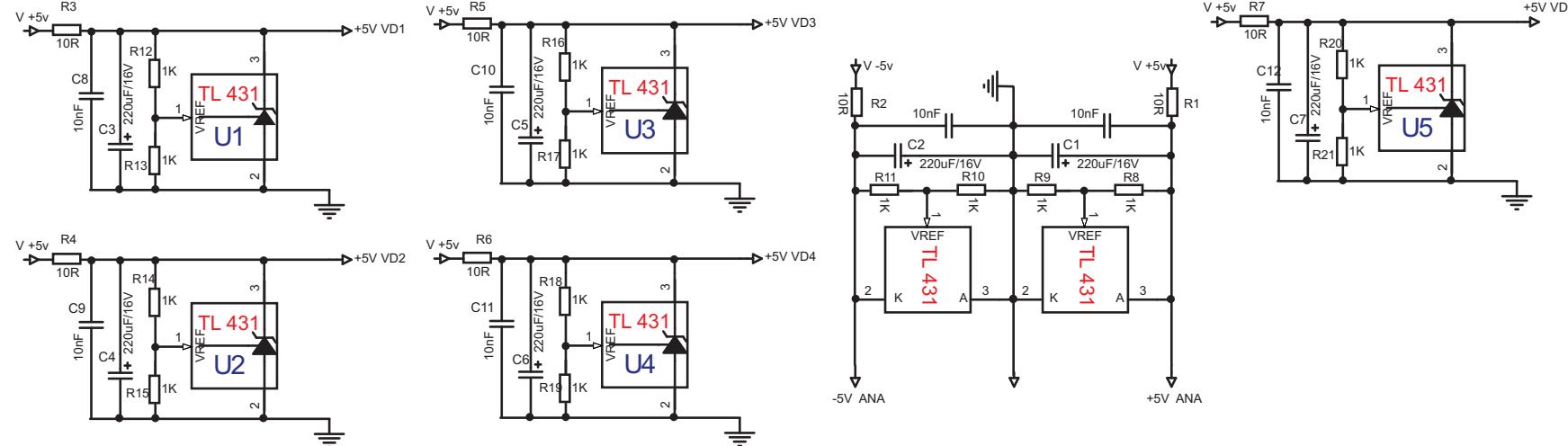
28 Pin x 1  
24 Pin x 1  
14 Pin x 1

### 7. Led Red x 1

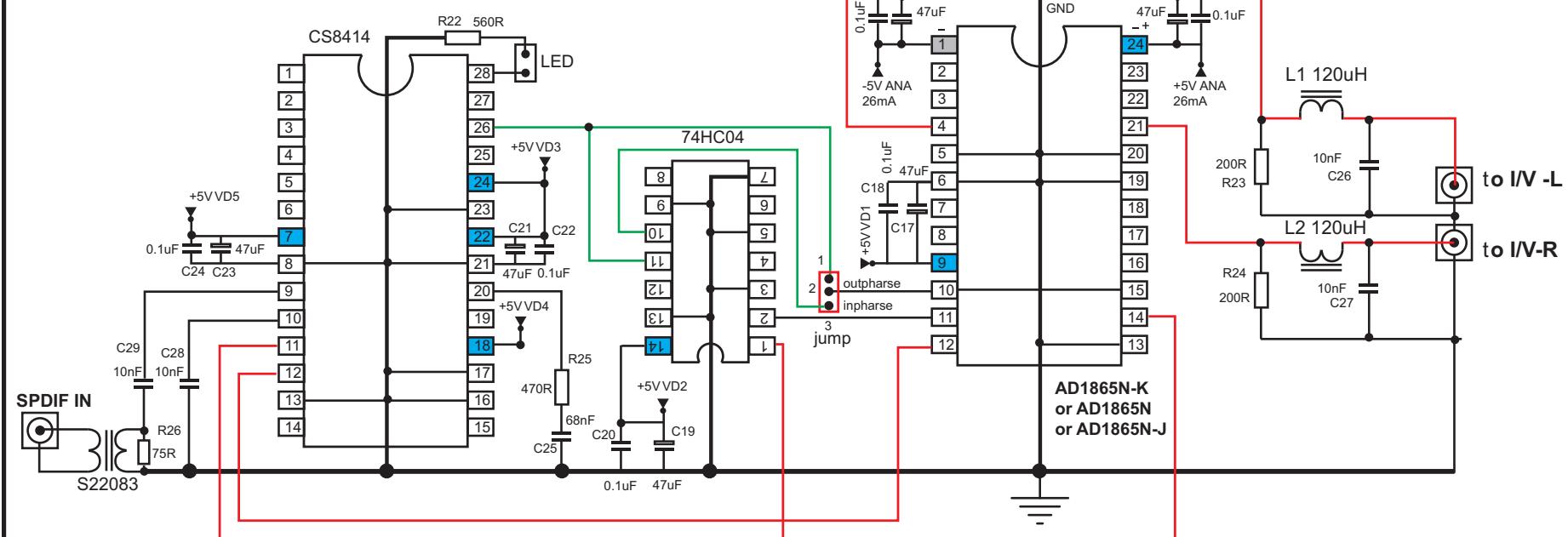
### 8. Jum 3pin x 1

### 9. L1, L2= 120uH

### 10. PCB x 1



The Original circuit



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1. Resistor  
 220K 1/4W x 4  
 220R 1/4W x 6  
 47R 1/4W x 3  
 10R 1/4W x 3  
 100R 1/4W x 3  
 33R 2W x 2  
 27R/2W x 1

2. Caps  
 2200uf/25V to  
 4700uF/25V x 3  
 220uF /16V x 6  
 0.1uf x 12

3. Jfet  
 2SK170-BL x 9

4. Transistors  
 BC-560 NPN x 1  
 BC-550 PNP x 2

5. MOSFET  
 IRFP240 x 2  
 IRFP9240 x 4

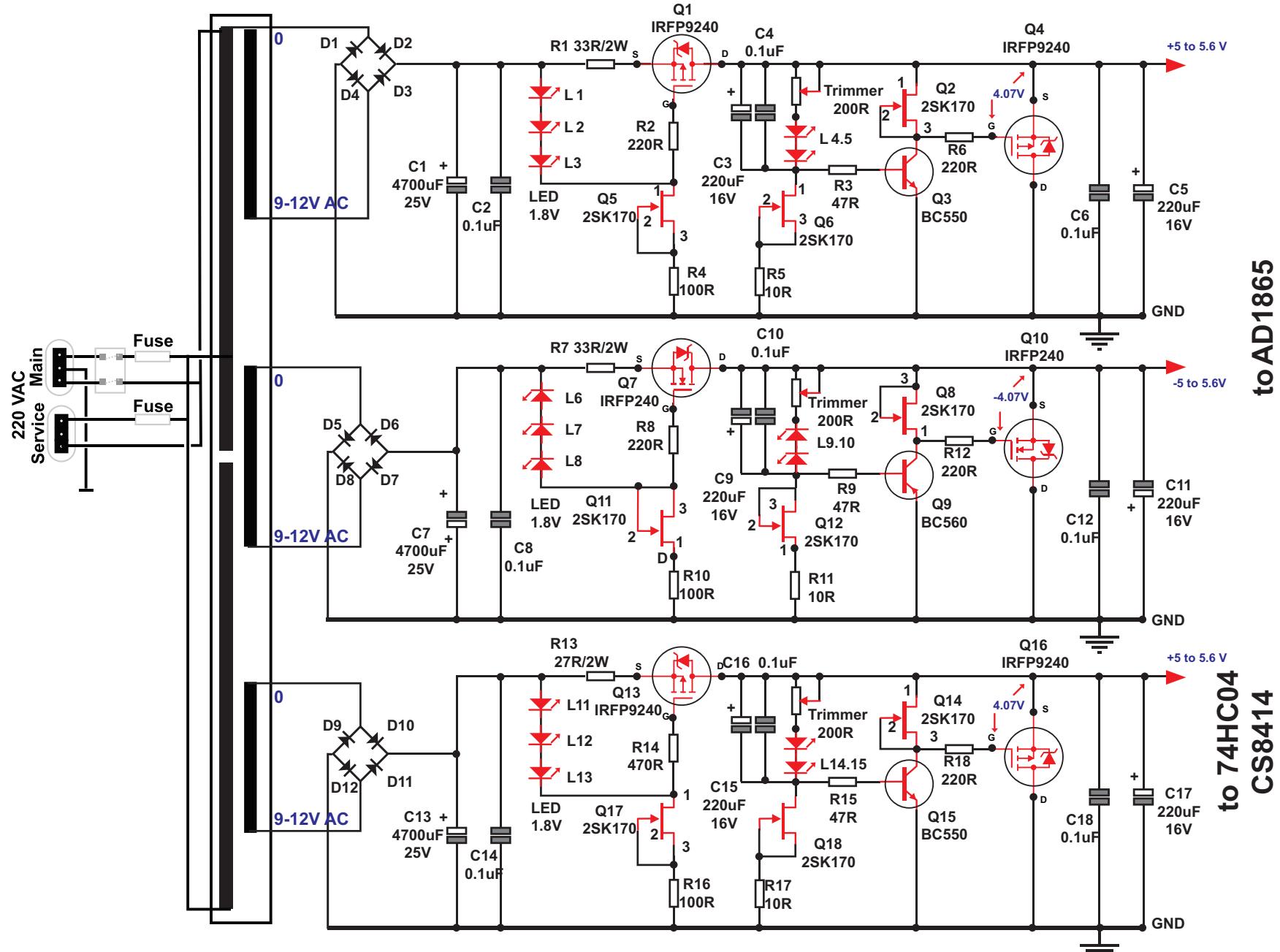
6. Led Green x 15  
 Diode 1N5819 x 12

7. Trim 200R x 3

8. Tranformer  
 3 x12 V

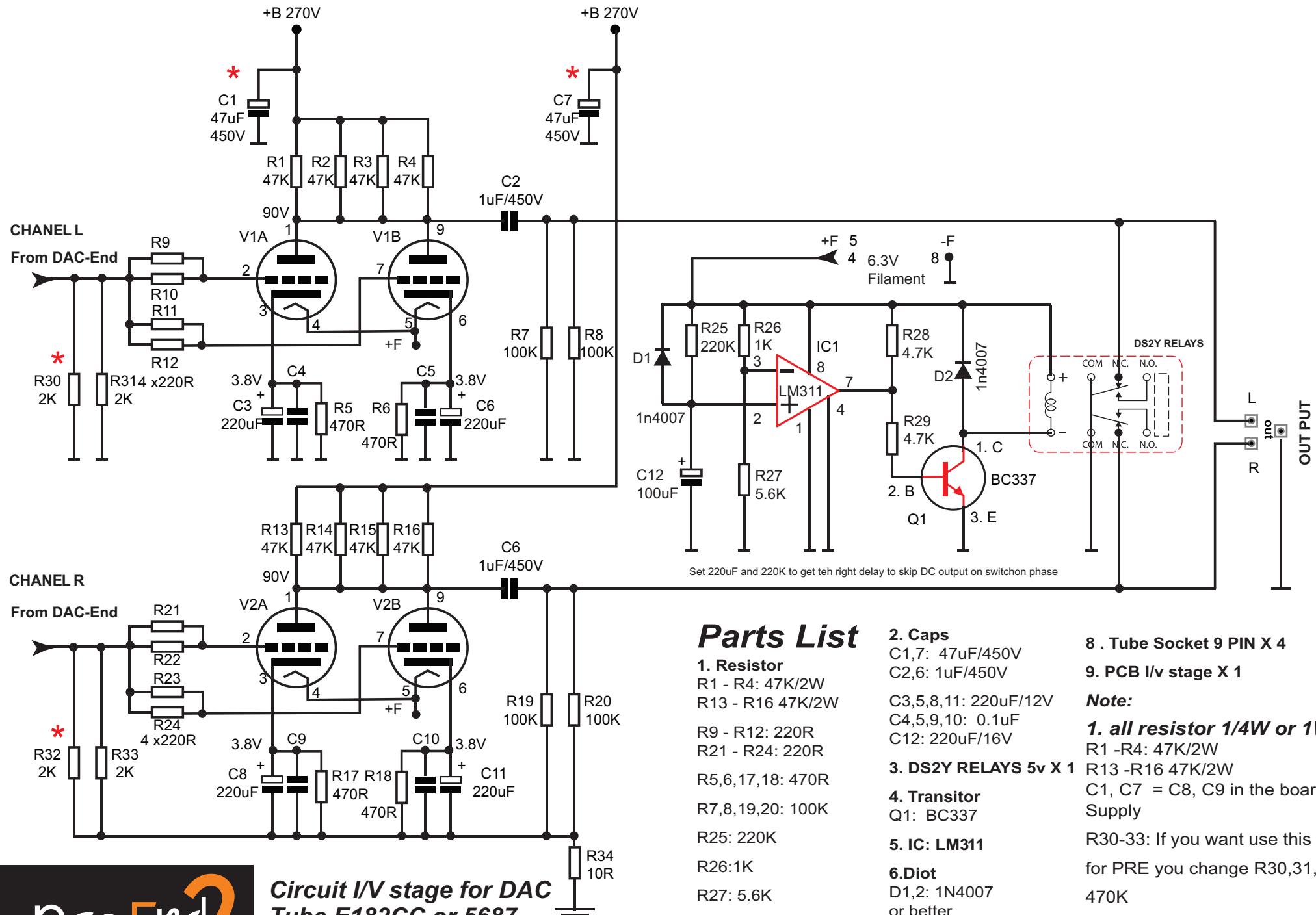
9. Board  
 Board Salas shunt

10. Tranformer  
 Input: 220V  
 Out: 9-12V/300mA x 3



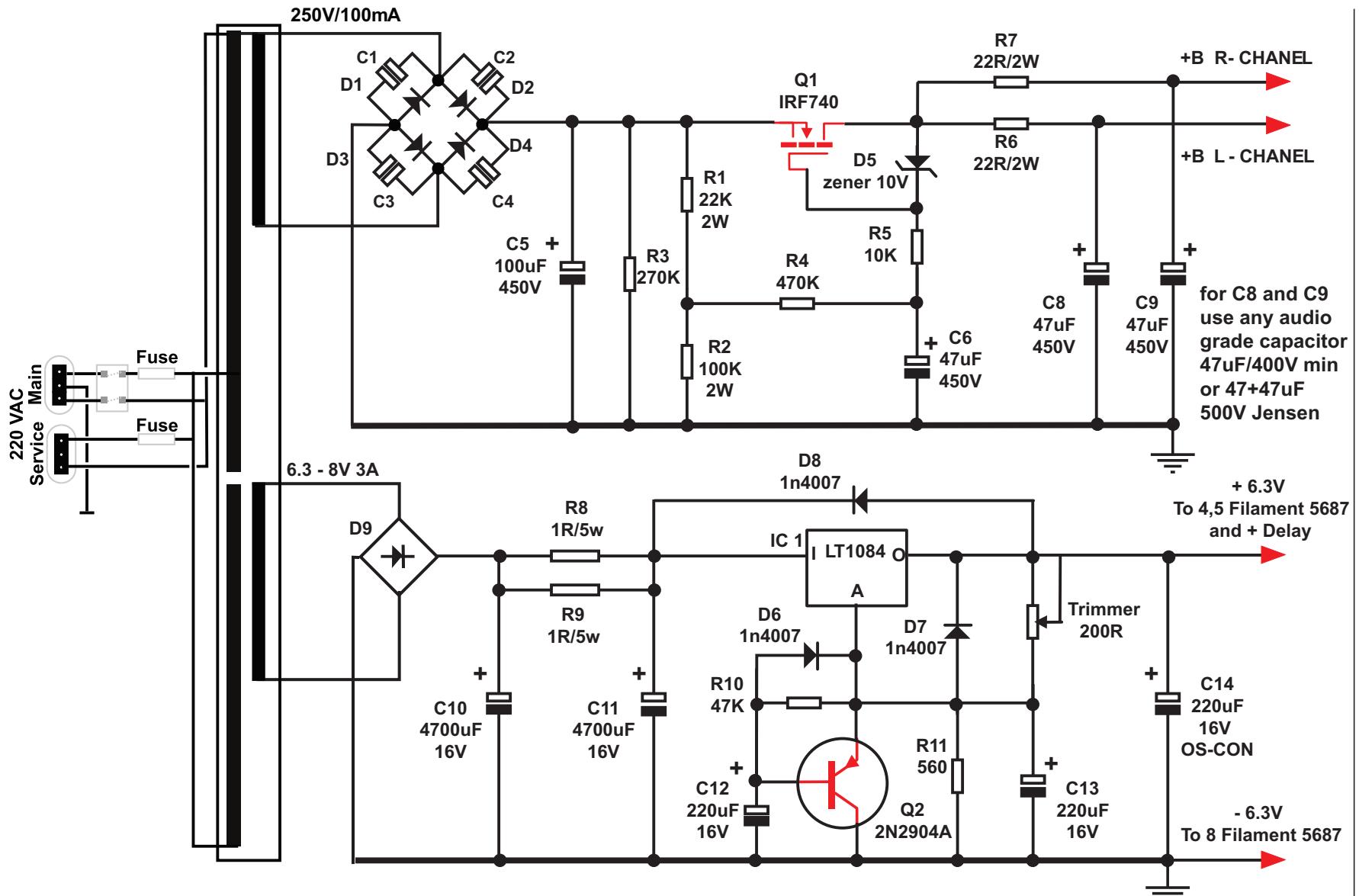
Circuit SALAS SHUNT FOR DAC  
Design by Salas  
Draw and layout by QuangHao

Note:  
All Resistor 1/4W x 4  
R1, R7, R13 = 2W



## Parts List

1. Resistor  
R1 - R4: 47K/2W  
R13 - R16 47K/2W  
R9 - R12: 220R  
R21 - R24: 220R  
R5,6,17,18: 470R  
R7,8,19,20: 100K  
R25: 220K  
R26: 1K  
R27: 5.6K  
R28,29: 4.7K  
R30,31,32,33: 2k
  2. Caps  
C1,7: 47uF/450V  
C2,6: 1uF/450V  
C3,5,8,11: 220uF/12V  
C4,5,9,10: 0.1uF  
C12: 220uF/16V
  3. DS2Y RELAYS 5v X 1
  4. Transistor  
Q1: BC337
  5. IC: LM311
  6. Diot  
D1,2: 1N4007  
or better
  7. Tube  
5687 or E182 CC x 2
- Note:**
- 1. all resistor 1/4W or 1W
  - R1 - R4: 47K/2W
  - R13 - R16 47K/2W
  - C1, C7 = C8, C9 in the board HV Supply
  - R30-33: If you want use this design for PRE you change R30,31,32,33 : 470K
- 2. The delay time :**  
0.45 minutes



### Circuit power supply for I/V stage

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Resistor R1,R2,R7,R6: 2W  
R8,R9: 3W-5W. all Resistor 1/4 to 1W  
Change R1 change V-Out for HV

Note: C8, C9 can change by 2 Cap 47uF/450V  
Or Better use Jensen Cap 47uF +47uF/500V

### Part list

#### 1. Resistor

R1: 22K /2W x 1

R2: 100K x 1

R3: 270K x 1

R4: 470K x 1

R5: 10K x 1

R6,7: 22R x 2

R8,9: 1R/5W x 2

R10: 47K x 1

R11: 560 x 1

#### 2. Caps

C1,2,3,4: 0.1uF/470V

C5: 100uF/450V

C6: 47uF/450V

C8,9: 47uF/450V

Or 47uF+47uf Jensen

C10,11: 4700uF/16V

C12,13,14: 220uF/16V

#### 3. Transistors

2N2904 x 1

#### 4. MOSFET

IRF740 x 1 or 840

#### 5. IC LT1084 x 1

#### 6. Diode

D1,2,3,4: 1n4007 x 4

D5: zener diot 10v

D6,7,8: 1n4007 x 4

D9: Bridge diot 5-1A

#### 7. Trim 200R x 1

#### 8. Transformer

Input: 220V

Out: 250V/100mA x 1

6.3 to 9 V/3-5A x 1

#### 9. Heatsink for IRF740

And LT1084 x 2

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**Power Supply for I/V Stage**


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R1 22K 2W Try quickly any 1W carbon and find right value for right B+ 270V then buy a good one like R3

R2 100K 2W Try quickly any 1W carbon and find right value for right B+ 270V then buy a good one like R3

R3 270K 2W 500V Vishay FARRELL 896299

R4 470K 1W Dale RN60 WELBORNE

R5 10K 0.5W Dale ebay 400026898796

R6,R7 22R 2W Dale FARRELL 1277989

R8,R9 2.2R 4W Welwyn FARRELL 1219256

R10 47K 0.5W Generic Metal film

R11 1K 0.5W Dale WELBORNE

TR1 200R TRIMMER Vishay FARRELL 9608702

C1,C2,C3,C4 0.1UF 630VDC Vishay BC FARRELL 1166464

C5 150uF 450V Vishay BC FARRELL 1165371

C6 47uF 450V Panasonic FARRELL 1673507

C8,C9 47+47uF 500V Jensen ebay Item 180413478642

C10,C11 4700uF 16V Vishay BC FARRELL 1165605

C12,C13,C14 270uF 16V Oscon SP ebay Item 310201286598

D1,2,3,4,6,7,8 1N5062-TR Vishay FARRELL 1612313

D5 10V ZENER

D9 Bridge rectifier

Q1 IRF840 Vishay FARRELL 8648573

Q2 2N2904 NTE FARRELL 1530749

IC1 LM338 National FARRELL 1469094

Transformer R80-36 DYICLUB.BIZ

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**Salas Shunt for DAC**


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R1,7,13 28R 2W (56R Parallel) Vishay FARRELL 1155017

R2,6,8,12,14,18 220R Dale RN55 ebay 400023718622

R4,10,16 100R 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 400060639786

R5,11,17 10R 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390023280590

R3,9,15 47R 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390023316111

C1,7,13 4700uF 25V Elna ebay item 110477272327

C3,5,9,11,15,17 220uF 16V Elna Silmic

C2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18 0.1uF Vishay BC FARRELL 1215508

L1-L15 Generic Green LED

Q1,7,13 IRFP240 IR FARRELL 1463256

Q4,10,16 IRFP9240 IR FARRELL 1653670

Q3,15 BC550 Fairchild FARRELL 1467880

Q9 BC560 Fairchild FARRELL 1467886

Q5,6,11,12,17,18 2SK170 Toshiba ebay item 130351188411

D1-12 1N5062-TR Vishay FARRELL 1612313

Transformer1,2 9+9Vp

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**DAC END**


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R1-7 10R 1W Dale RN60 Welborne

R8-21 1K 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390024745931

R22 560R 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 400025212430

R23,24 200R MK132V Caddok

R25 470R 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390023518699

R26(28) 75R 0.5W DaleRN55 ebay 390023320694

C1-7 270uF 16V Oscon SP ebay 310201286598

C8-12 C20,30,31 0.1uF Vishay BC FARRELL 1215508

C14,16,18,22,24 0.1uF Vishay RS 1666487

C13,15,17,19,21,23 47uF Oscon SA ebay 150414134548

C25 0.068uF Epcos FARRELL 9750860

C26,27 0.01uF Vishay RS 1666421

C28,29 0.01uF GAD-Viva ebay 260390883803

U1-7 TL431 Fairchild FARRELL 1467370

L1,L2 120uH Bourns FARRELL 1601334

SPDIF Transf. DA101C Murata FARRELL 1362398

CS8414 ebay 330360180451

AD1865NK ebay 180465366327

74HC04 FARRELL 1013912

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**I / V STAGE DAC END**


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R1,2,3,413,14,15,16 47K 2W Vishay FARRELL 9475338

R5,6,17,18 470R 1W Dale RN60 Welborne

R7,8,19,20 100K 1W Dale RN60 Welborne

R9-12, 21-24 220R 1W Dale RN60 Welborne

R30-33 2k 1W Dale RN60 Welborne

R25 220K 0.5W Generic

R26 1k 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390024745931

R27 5.6K 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 400091516904

R28 4.7K 0.5W Dale RN55 ebay 390130730501

C2,6 1uF Obbligato Premium DIY HIFI

C3,6,8,11 220uF 16V Elna Silmic or Oscon 270uF 16V SP as above

C4,5,9,10 0.1uF Vishay RS 1666487

C12 100uF 50V Lelon, whatever

D1,2 1N5062-TR Vishay FARRELL 1612313

IC1 LM311 anything

Q1 BC337 anything

Relay Axcom FARRELL 9913670

V1,V2 5687 Philips Jan ebay 280219691072