

## HAFLER NO-OFF

THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE MODIFICATION to the Hafler DH-101 preamp basically leaves it continually powered when the unit is plugged into the AC line. The front panel power button will, however, still switch the appropriate outlets in the back panel. The advantages of such a modification, though quite minor, should be obvious: the preamp has no turn-on thumps; the capacitors inside stay charged, prolonging their life.

Modifications will invalidate the warranty unless you obtain permission from Hafler. They tell me clever modifications by gifted amateurs will probably be acceptable.

The instructions provided here are fairly thorough to ensure the inexperienced kit-builder does not goof up. Make sure you understand them clearly beforehand.

27 ( ) Strip a 1'' piece of black wire. Connect one end to AC outlet lug #1. (S). Connect the other end to AC lug #2.

73 ( ) Select the short piece of power cord, and connect the shorter end to AC outlet lug #3. Do not solder. Connect the longer end to AC lug #2. (S-2).

75 ( ) Connect the red wire from PC-1 eyelet 6 to AC lug #3. (S-5).

This is tricky but can be done without difficulty. The wire is a little longer than necessary for 120 Volt operation. You may shorten it if you wish. For other line voltages you may need the extra length.

For completed Haflers, the following instructions apply.

( ) Unsolder the red wire at AC lug #1, leaving the other bare wire still soldered afterwards.

( ) Carefully solder the red wire unsoldered above to the other wires at AC lug #3.

After modification the front panel LED will stay on continuously. This will not shorten its life. The preamp will build up a warm, stable environment when plugged in, and repeated disconnection from the AC line will negate the effects of this modification. In other words, leave it plugged in—it only consumes 3.5 Watts!

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