Free Modular

Boost

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Boost is an all-analog module that amplifies your signal while adding some character. It uses a "hard" diode clipping circuit like you would find in a distortion guitar pedal, although the clipping is actually much more gentle compared to e.g. digital clopping or wavefolding. This can be used to add a distroted overdrive effect to Eurorack audio. but with 26dB of gain it can also amplify line-level or microphone signals to usable levels with minimal distortion, or to give a guiet voice a little more punch in the mix.

Boost does not have CV control, but it is sensitive to input level. If you want to automate the amount of distortion, just pass the audio through a VCA before boosting it and reduce the gain on the VCA to reduce the distortion. Similarly, if you want the distortion without a volume boost, just attenuate the output.

Input

An AC-coupled input with >1MΩ input impedance, for line-level or Eurorack audio.

Frequency Response

The frequency response of the module with Drive at 100%. High frequencies are boosted more or less depending on the tone control.





Output

Outputs boosted audio. With neutral tone control, output will not exceed about 13VPP, but tone shaping is done after clipping, so a high-frequency boost can push signals all the way to rail-to-rail, at wich point there will be severe distortion.