



DiMarzio Model P® Bass Pickup

Important: Read all of the following instructions before proceeding. If any questions or problems arise, you may refer them directly to us.

The Model P® is a direct replacement pickup, for installation in all Precision basses except those instruments of very early release which do not have two-section pickups. No modification to the standard Precision bass is necessary. If you choose, an optional miniature switch can be installed to provide Dual-Sound capability. Instructions for wiring this switch are included in Part II of this sheet.

Part 1

A) The first step is to remove the original pickup. This can be accomplished by the following: unscrew all screws fastening the pickguard to the bass, and lift the pickguard carefully from the instrument. You will have to loosen the strings to accomplish this. Now remove the four screws holding the original pickup in place. You can now disconnect the pickup by unsoldering the two wires that connect it to the bass. Unsolder the two wires furthest from the pickup; one wire should be disconnected where it is soldered to the volume pot, and the other where it connects to the base plate underneath the pickup. The pickup can now be removed from the bass. Both halves of the original pickup can be left connected together. Now install the Model P® pickup: draw all four wires from the Model P® through to the control department, and then screw the two halves of the pickup into the bass. It does not matter which side the two halves sit in.

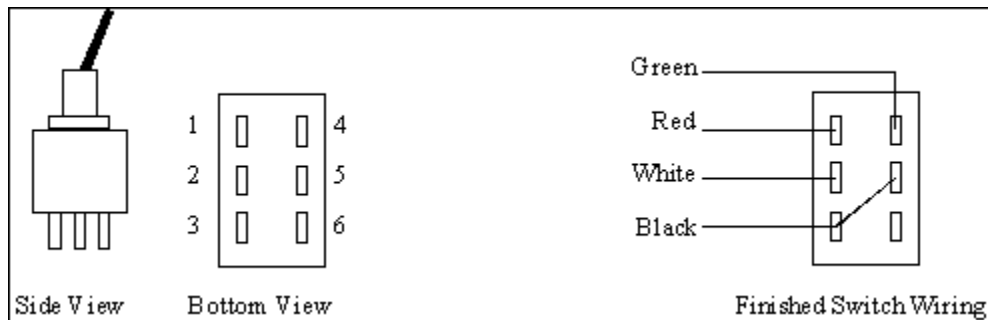
B) Solder the red wire to the same leg of the volume pot the original pickup was connected to. Solder the green wire to ground, preferably the back of the pot. Solder the white and black wire together. You should then put a piece of tape on this solder connection, to make sure it does not make contact with any other part of the circuit. You can now replace the pickguard, retune the strings and adjust the heights of the Model P® sections to suit taste. Fine adjustments can be made with the pole pieces.

Part II Dual Sound Installation

If you want Dual Sound capabilities, you will need a double pole, double-throw miniature switch. This switch is available through your DiMarzio dealer as part number EP1106.

The switch should be installed in the control compartment. Placement between the output jack and the tone control is recommended. The hole size is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Refer to the first illustration. It shows 6 poles on the bottom of the switch, arbitrarily numbered 1–6.

First follow the instructions in Part 1, section “A” completely. (Do not follow section “B”.) Then, do the following:



Solder the RED wire from the pickup to pin #1 of the mini-switch. Solder the WHITE wire to pin #2. Solder the Black wire to pin #3, and then solder a short connection from pin #3 to pin #5. Solder the GREEN wire to pin #4. Be sure the GREEN wire does not make contact with any other pin, or with any “hot” connection in the guitar.

You are now ready to connect the switch to the volume control. For this, you will need a short length of wire, similar to the colored wires in the pickup cable. Solder a wire from pin #1 of the mini-switch to the leg that your old pickup was soldered to. Be careful not to break the contact that is made on most guitars between this leg of the volume control and the tone control. Solder a wire from pin #4 to any good ground. This can be to the back of the pot itself. Be sure this wire does not make contact with any other pin on the switch, or with any “hot” connection in the instrument. Try to keep both of the wires from pins 1 and 4 as short as possible, to minimize any chance of noise. The wiring is now complete, and the bass can be assembled.

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