

# Aj-Simple-Scope



## Technical Manual

## 1. Introduction:

This is a brief manual containing relevant technical data required for understanding construction and use of the Aj-Simple-Scope unit.

This unit is designed to compliment the Aj-SigGen-PS and serve as a teaching aid for budding engineers, electronic enthusiasts and hobbyists.

This USB connected unit implements a microcontroller based 2-Channel Oscilloscope providing continuous sampling rates up to 100 ksps and 20 Msps using equivalent time sampling. Common DSO features such as spectrum analysis, waveform capture and data saving are provided. The input range is  $\pm 12V$  with additional gain settings of X2 and X5. Trigger and sweep options are also provided.

## 2. Warning & Disclaimer:

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## 3. Block Schematic and Function Description

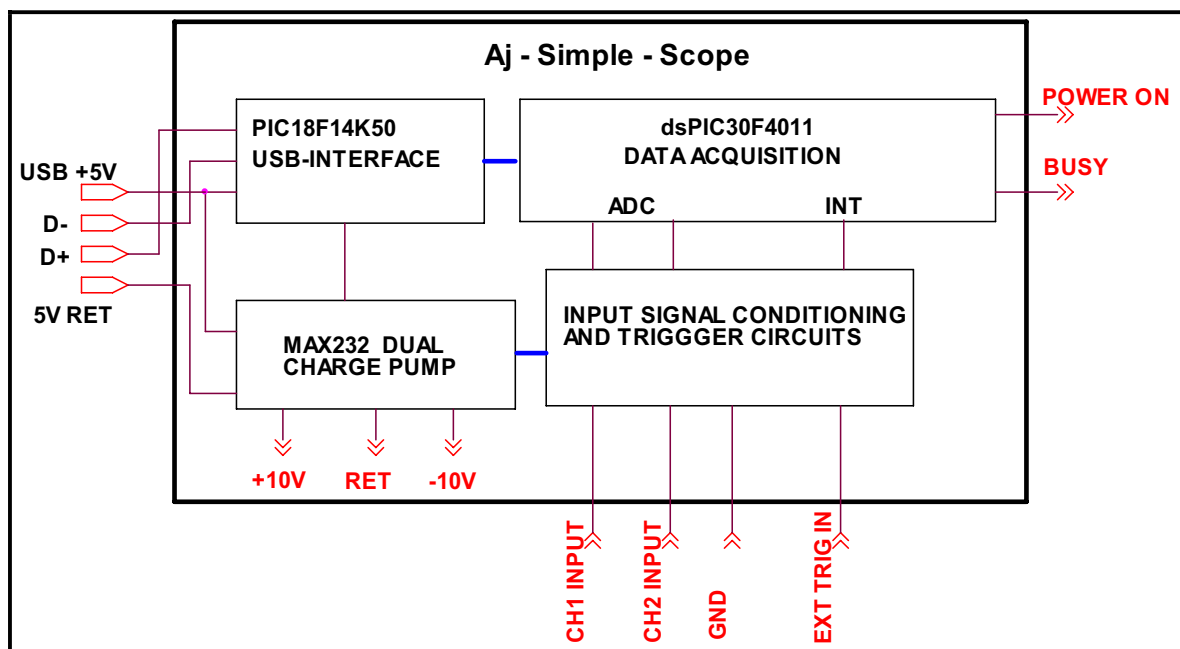


Figure 1, Aj-Simple-Scope simplified block schematic

Figure 1 shows the simplified block schematic of the system. For ease of portability the unit is powered and controlled from the USB port of a PC.

A PIC18F14K50 and dsPIC30F4011 microcontrollers are used to provide the functionality of the unit.

The first PIC microcontroller implements the following functions:

- Communicates with the host PC for enumeration as a USB to UART device
- Sets up the unit as a 200mA device
- Switches on power to the DC-DC converter
- Acts as a USB communication interface to the second PIC

The second PIC microcontroller implements the main Oscilloscope Functions

- Analog to Digital conversion of the CH1 and CH2 signal conditioned inputs at the required sampling rates
- Trigger interrupt handling
- Responding to serial commands from PIC1 and sending back the acquired data.
- A Busy signal is also generated

The dual-charge pump circuitry of the MAX232 is used as a DC-DC converter to provide a nominal  $\pm 10V$  to all the analog circuitry.

#### 4. Software on the PC Host:

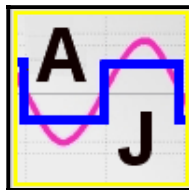


Figure 2, Aj-Simple-Scope Icon

A Visual Basic .Net 2.0 based GUI program is used to control the functions of the Aj-Simple-Scope. An Aj\_Scope.exe along with associated ZedGraph.dll and USB driver files has been tested for compatibility with Windows XP and Windows 7 with .net 2.0.

5. GUI:

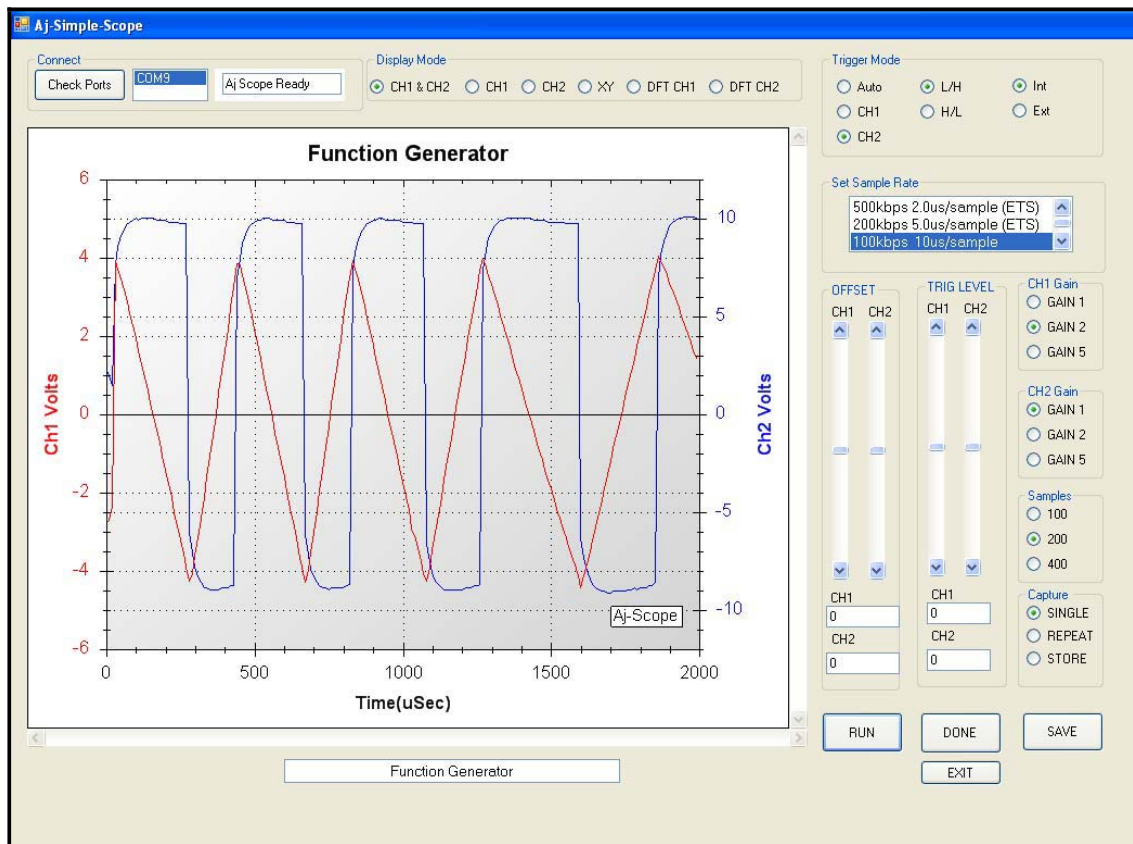


Figure 3, GUI

The GUI based Windows software on the Host PC permits checking for available COM ports and connecting to the port on which the hardware is connected.

Once connected the hardware unit responds with a ready signal.

Display and trigger modes, sampling rate, channel gains, channel offset trigger offset and number of samples can be set using the simple controls.

The RUN button initiates the signal capture single, repetitive or over-plotted.

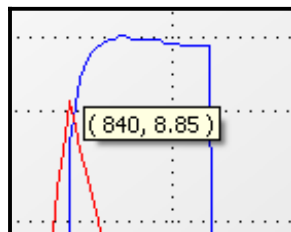


Figure 4, Mouse cursor data display

Values of data at the mouse cursor are automatically displayed.

The waveform caption can be entered and the figure stored as an image file.

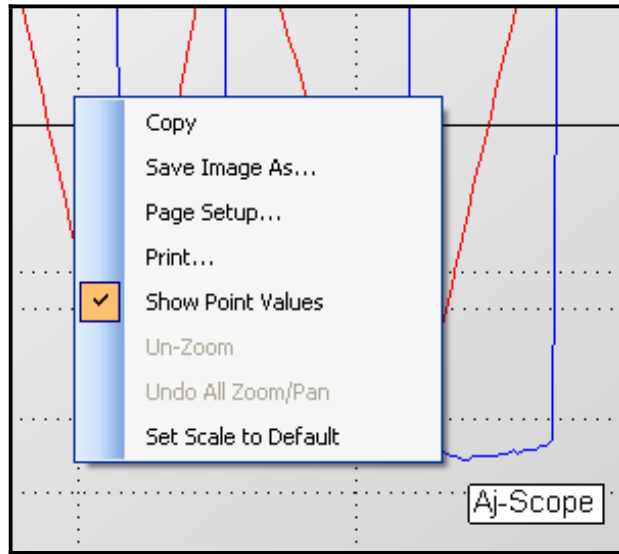


Figure 5, Image zoom, copy, print and save modes

Data can be stored in a .csv file using the SAVE option. Further processing can be carried out in MS EXCEL.

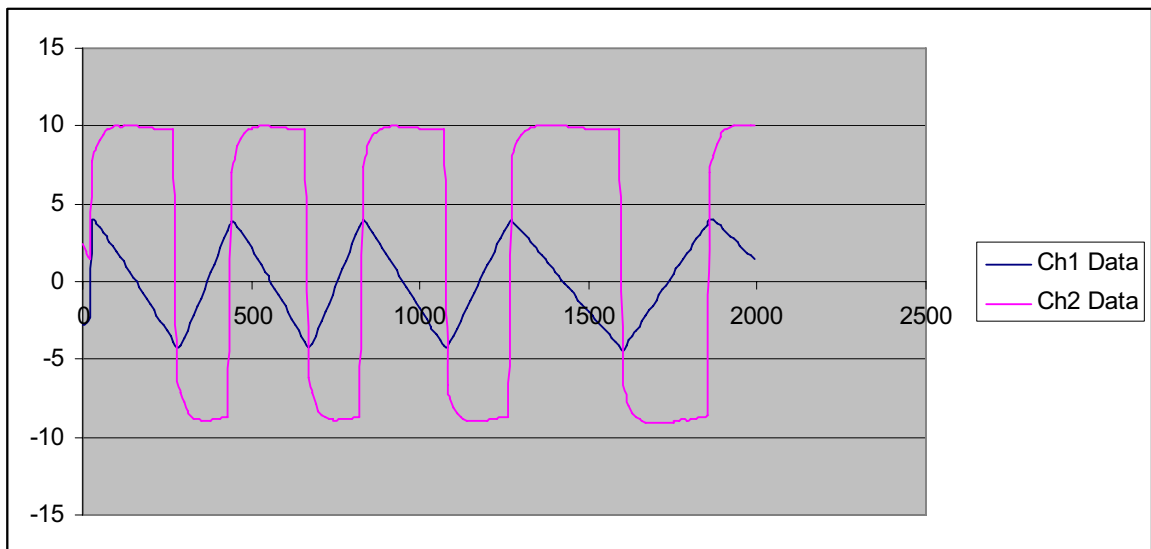


Figure 6, Plot in EXCEL based on saved data

A DFT (discrete furrier transform) can be carried out to show the frequency spectrum of captured waveforms.

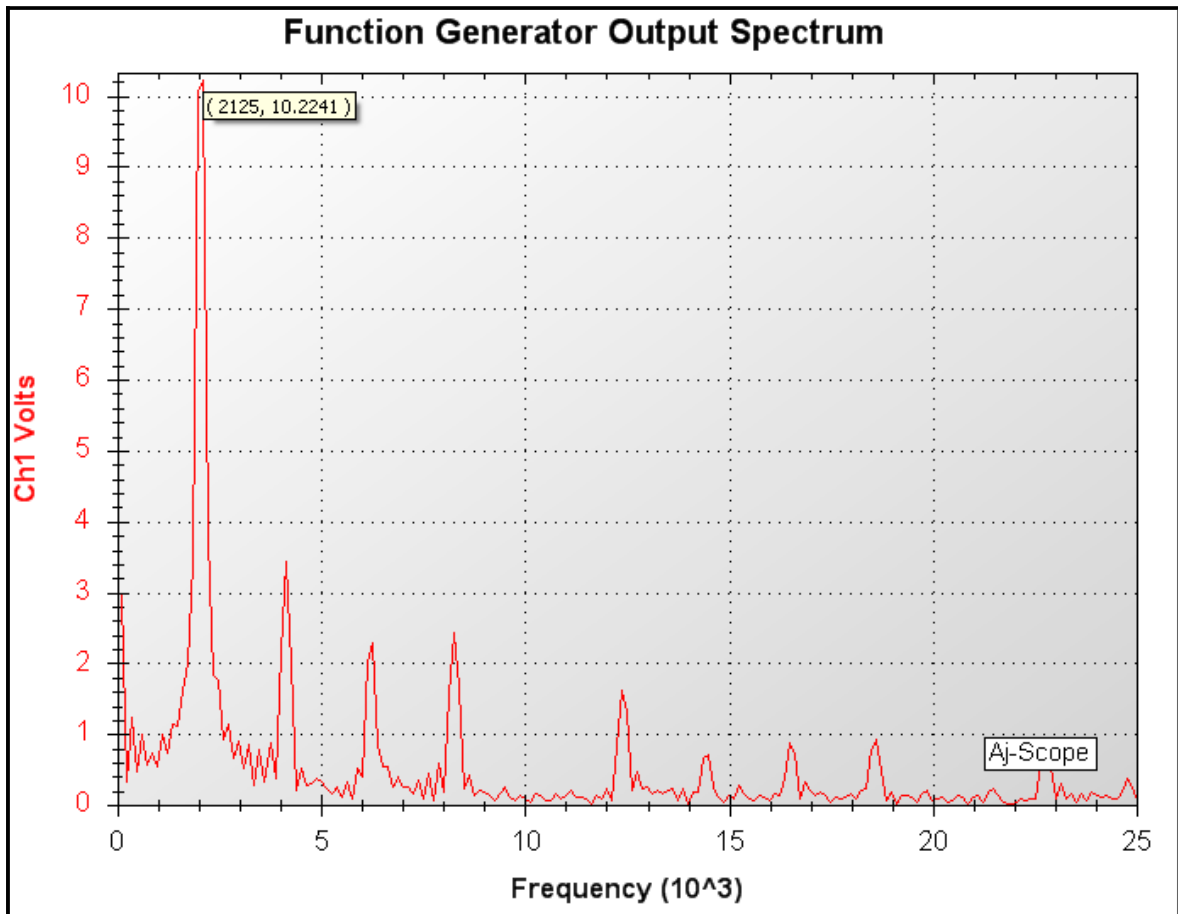


Figure 7, Spectrum Display

Finally an EXIT button is provided to close the program and exit.

6. Aj-Simple-Scope Unit, Front and Rear Panels:



Figure 8, Showing Aj-Simple-Scope Unit



Figure 9, Front panel showing connectors and LED's



Figure 10, Rear panel showing USB connector and Reset switch

7. Circuit Diagrams:

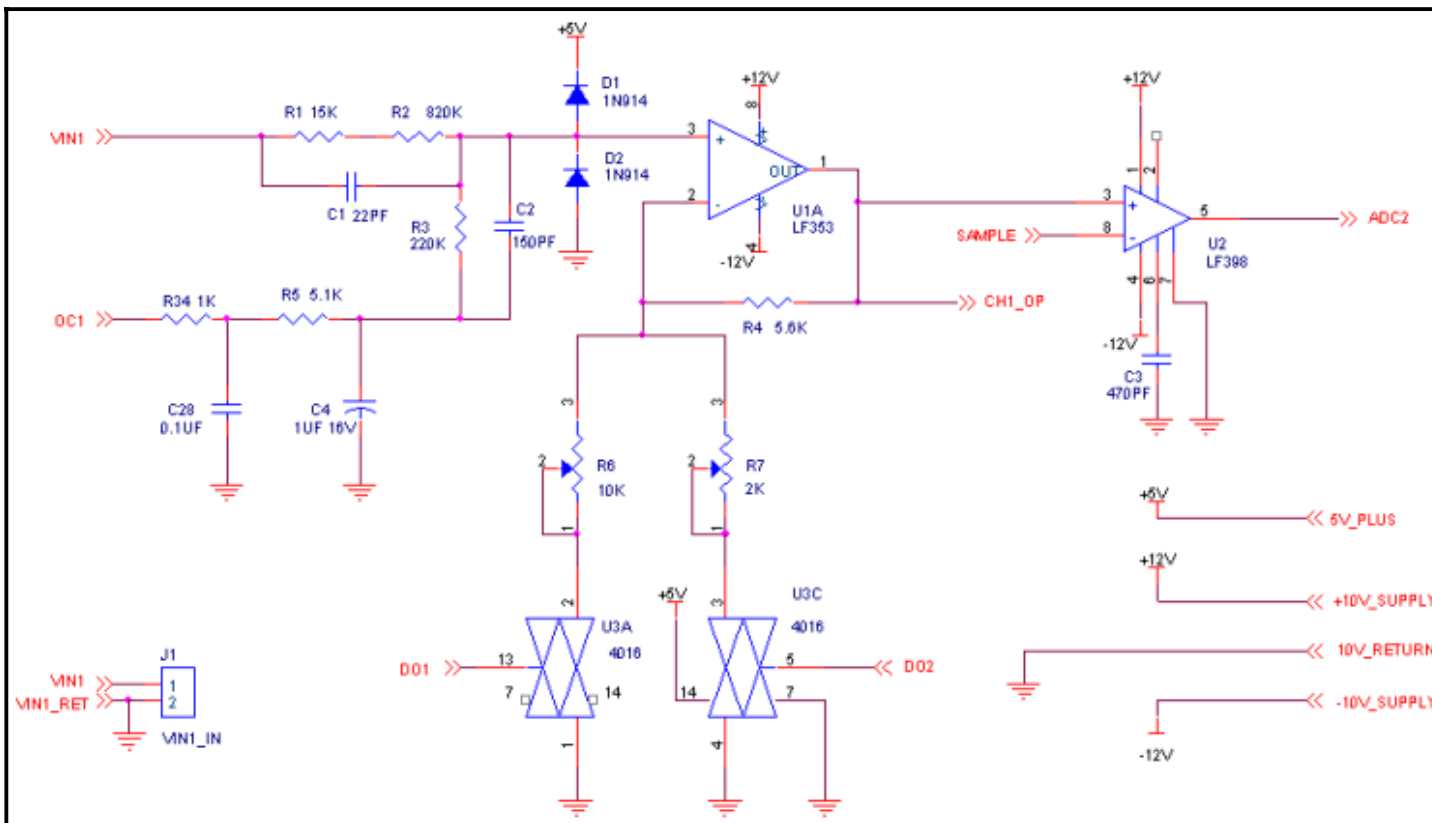


Figure 11, CH1 signal conditioner circuitry



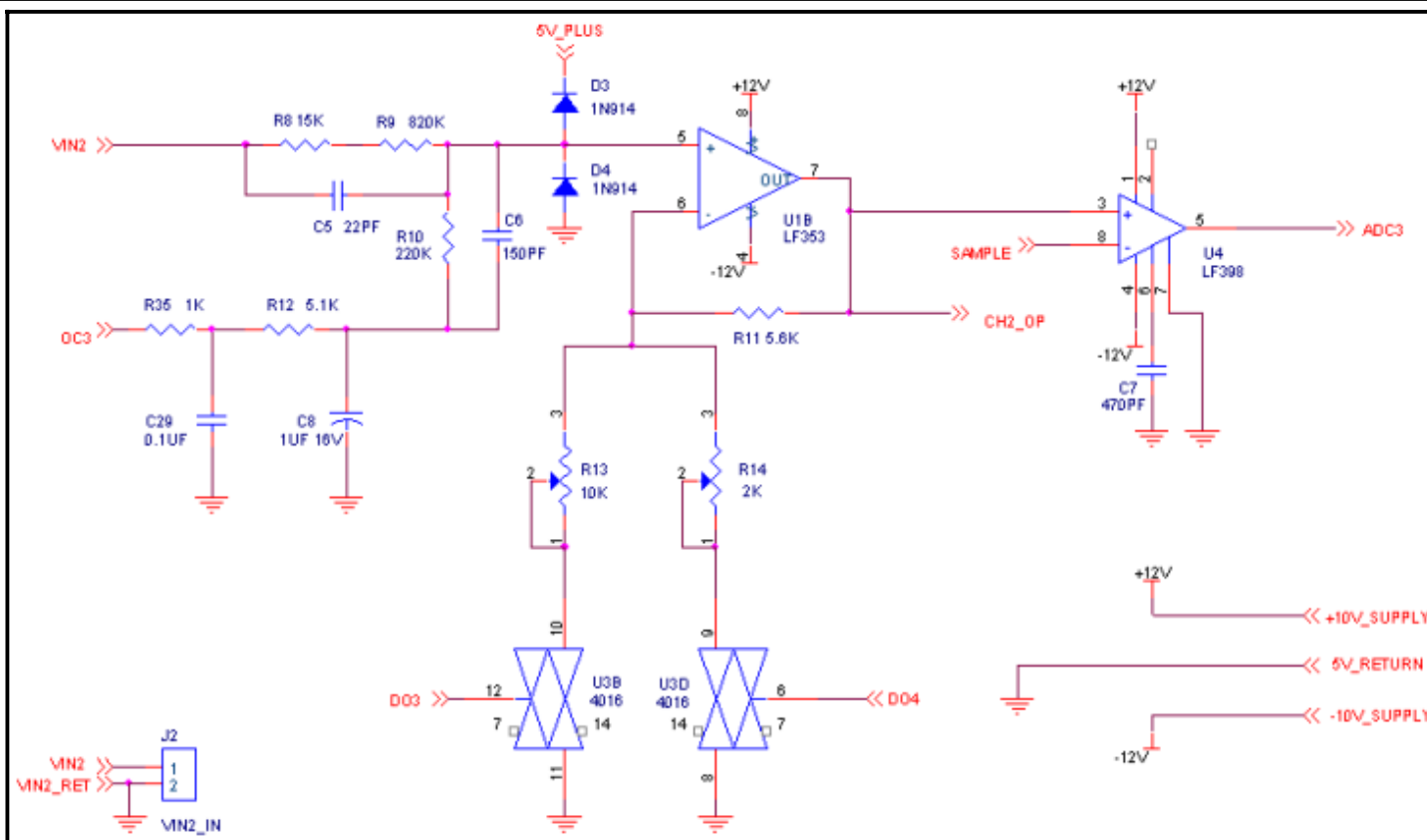


Figure 12, CH2 signal conditioner circuitry



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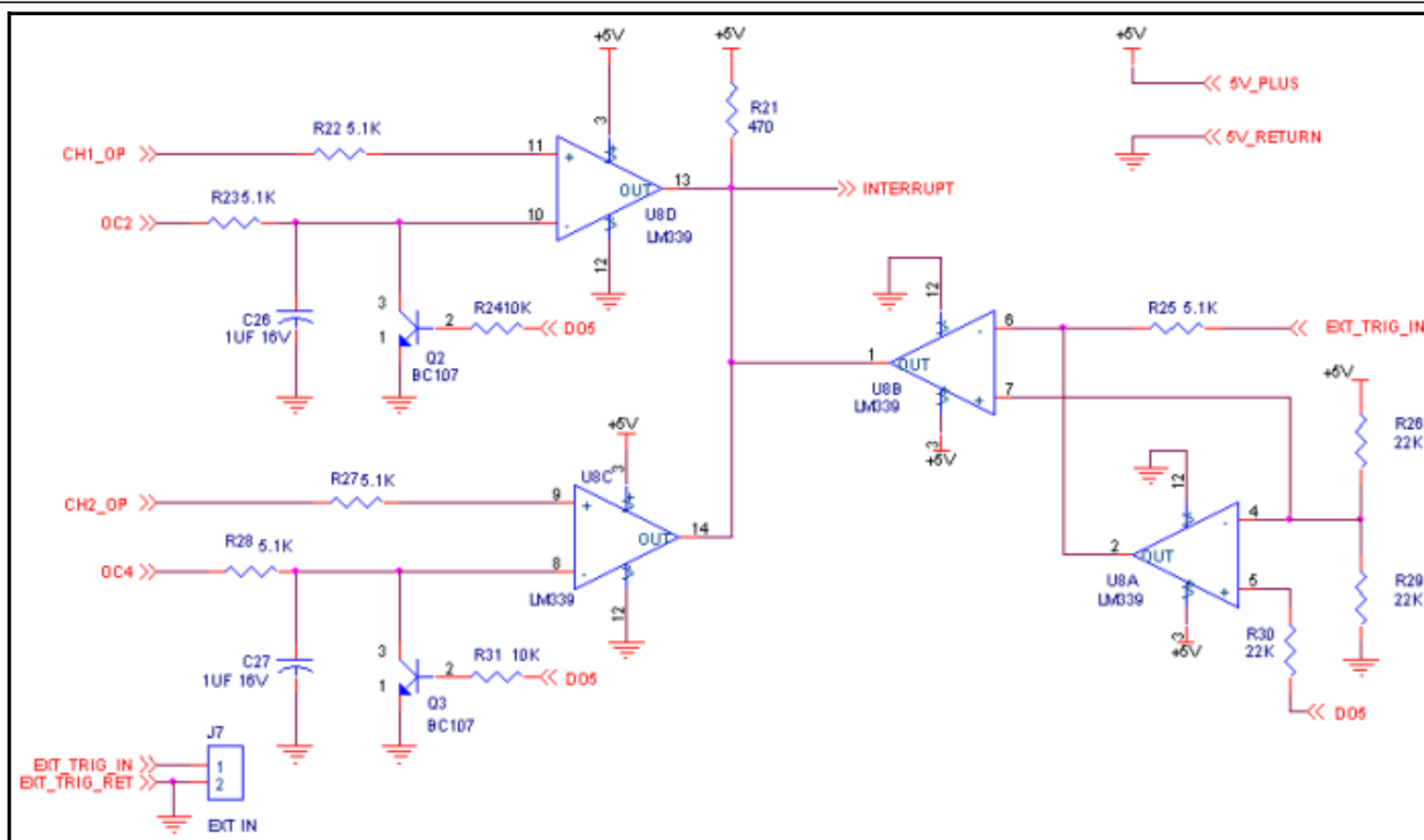


Figure 14, Trigger circuitry





9. Printed Circuit Boards :

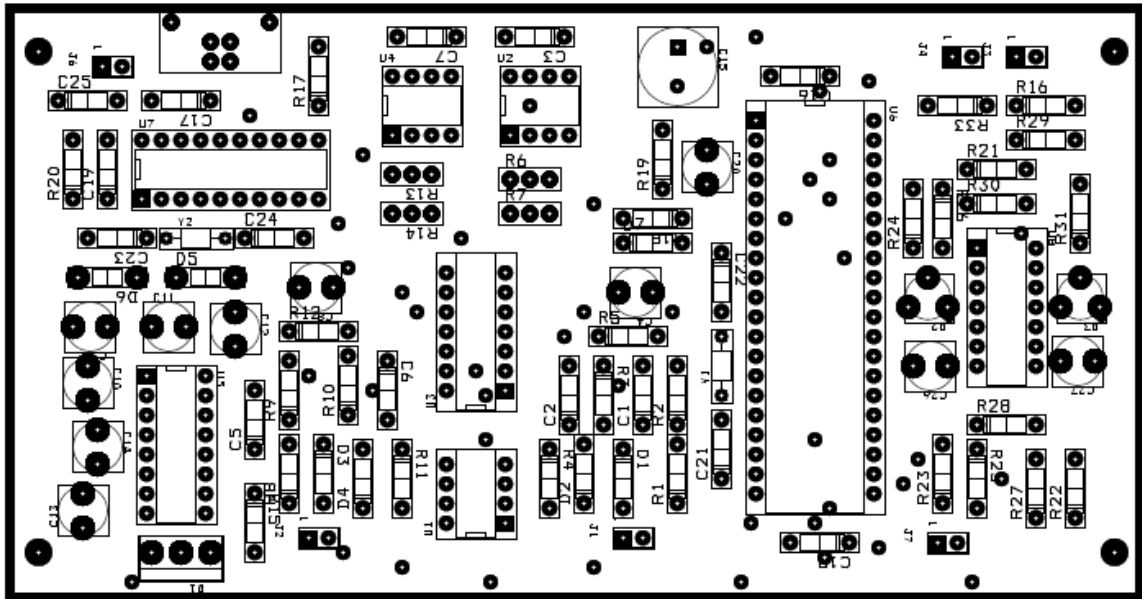


Figure 16, Component Layout

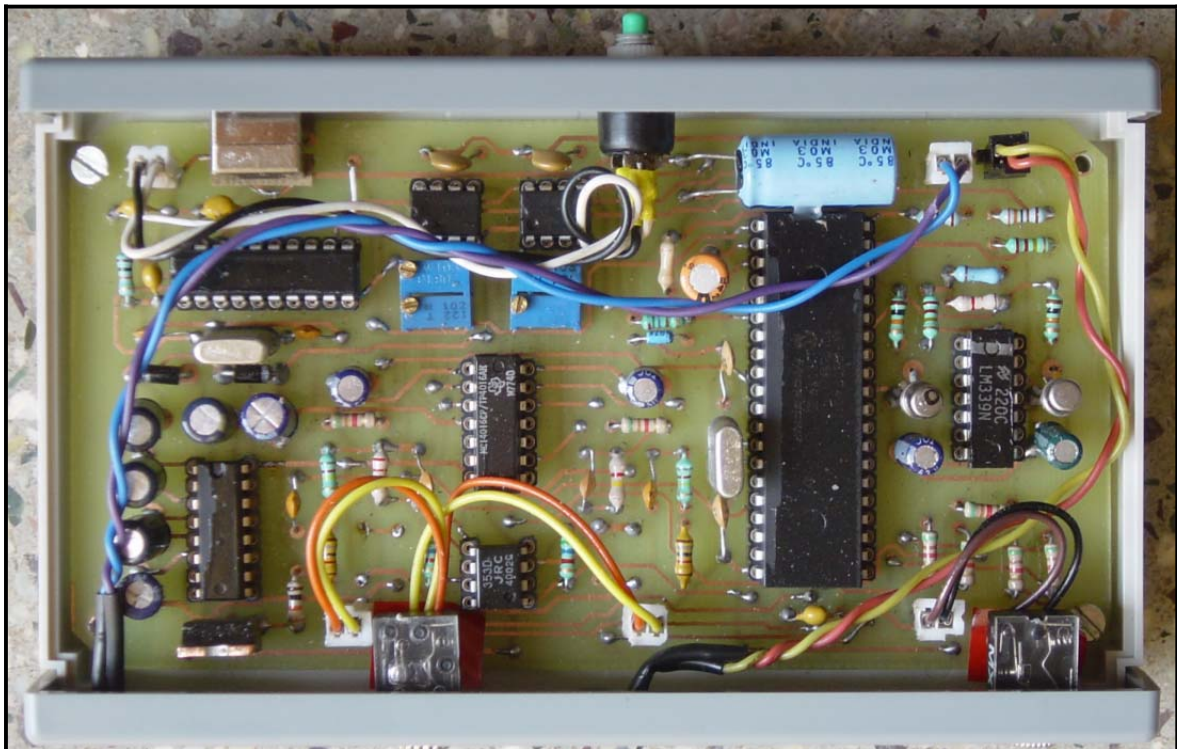


Figure 17, Wired PCB top view

## **10. Appendices**

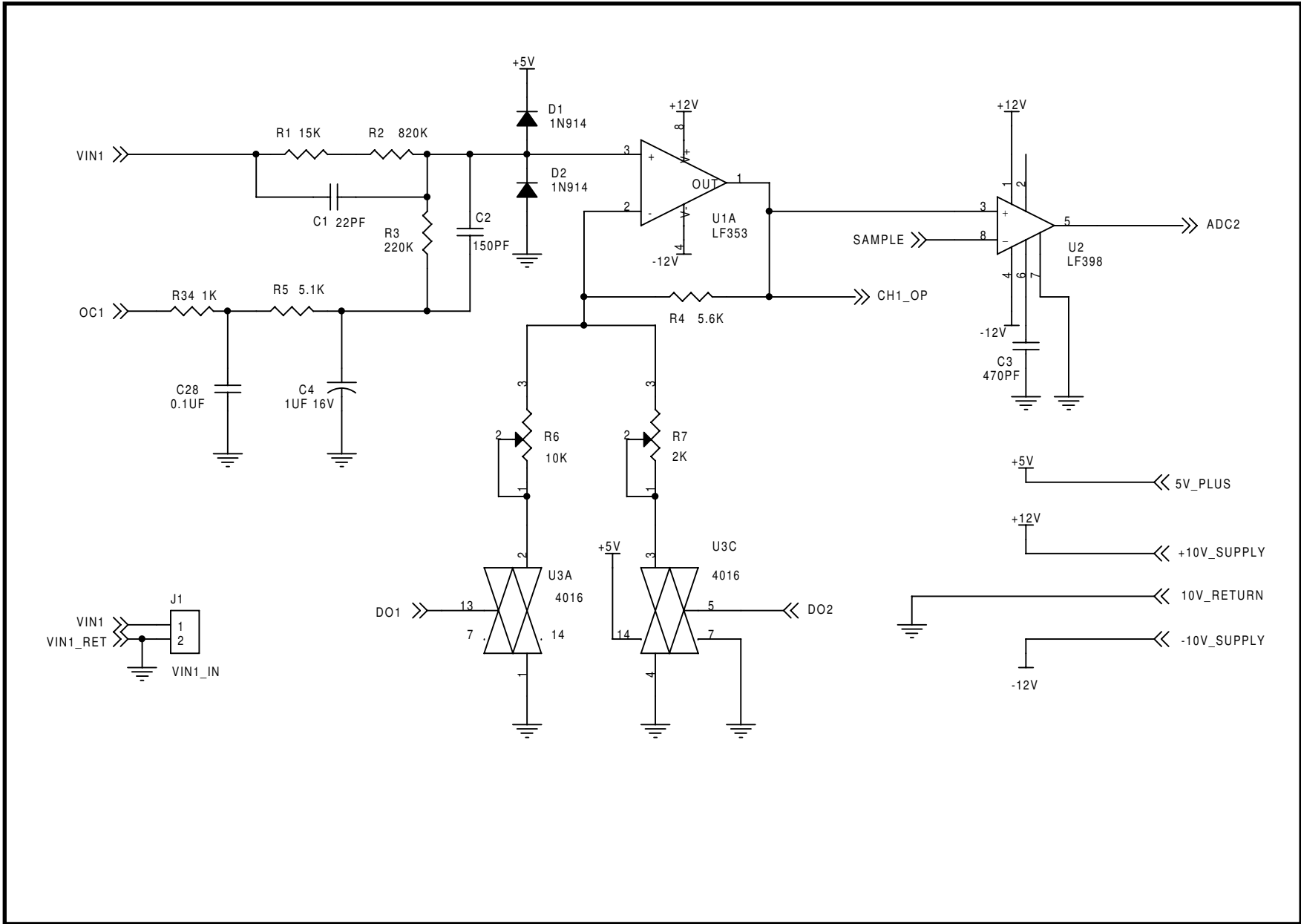
- CH1 Input Circuit
- CH2 Input Circuit
- MAX232 Dual Charge Pump Circuit
- Trigger Circuit
- Processor Circuit
- Component layout
- PCB 1:1 A4 Top mirrored
- PCB 1:1 A4 Bottom

## **11. Summary**

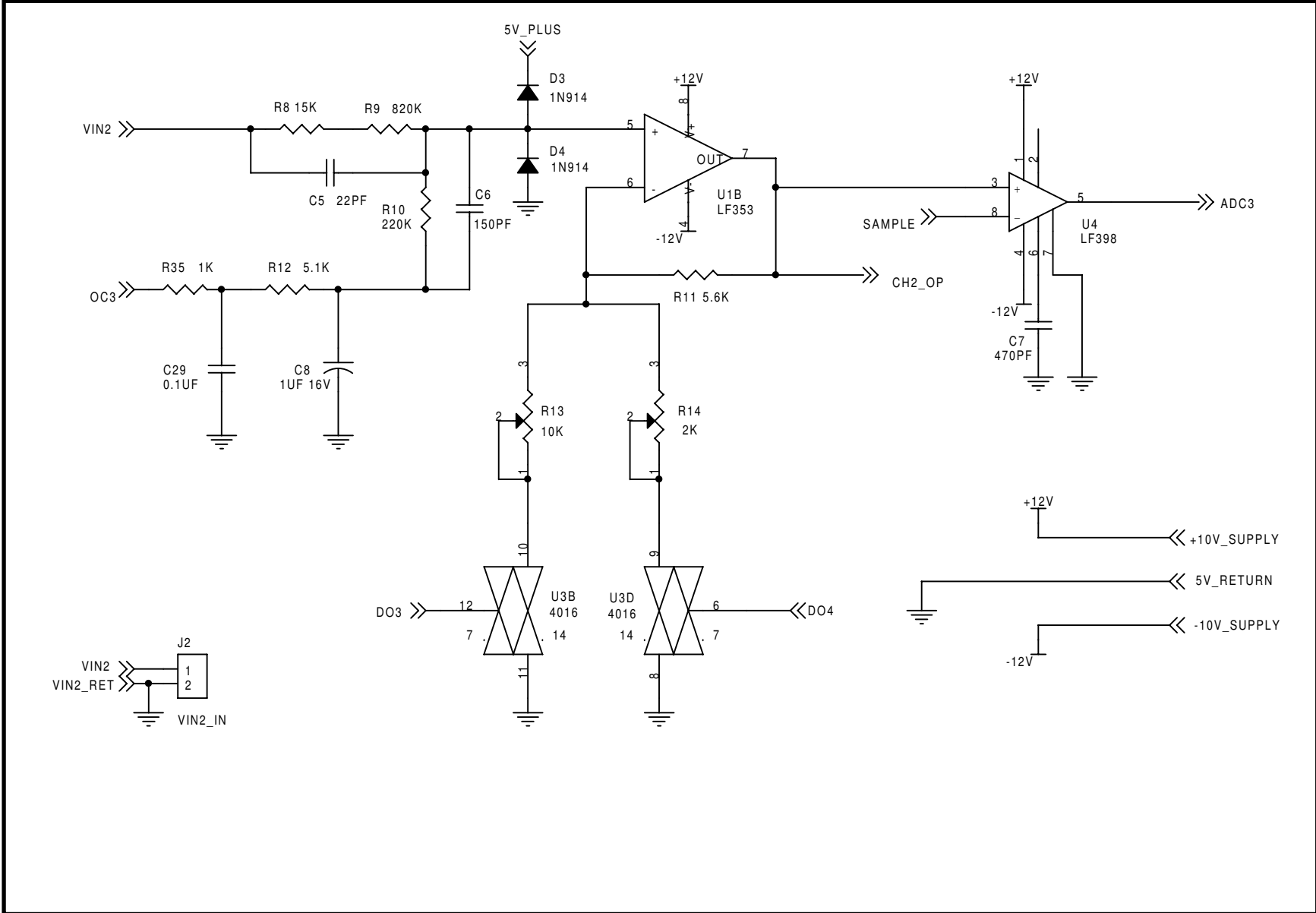
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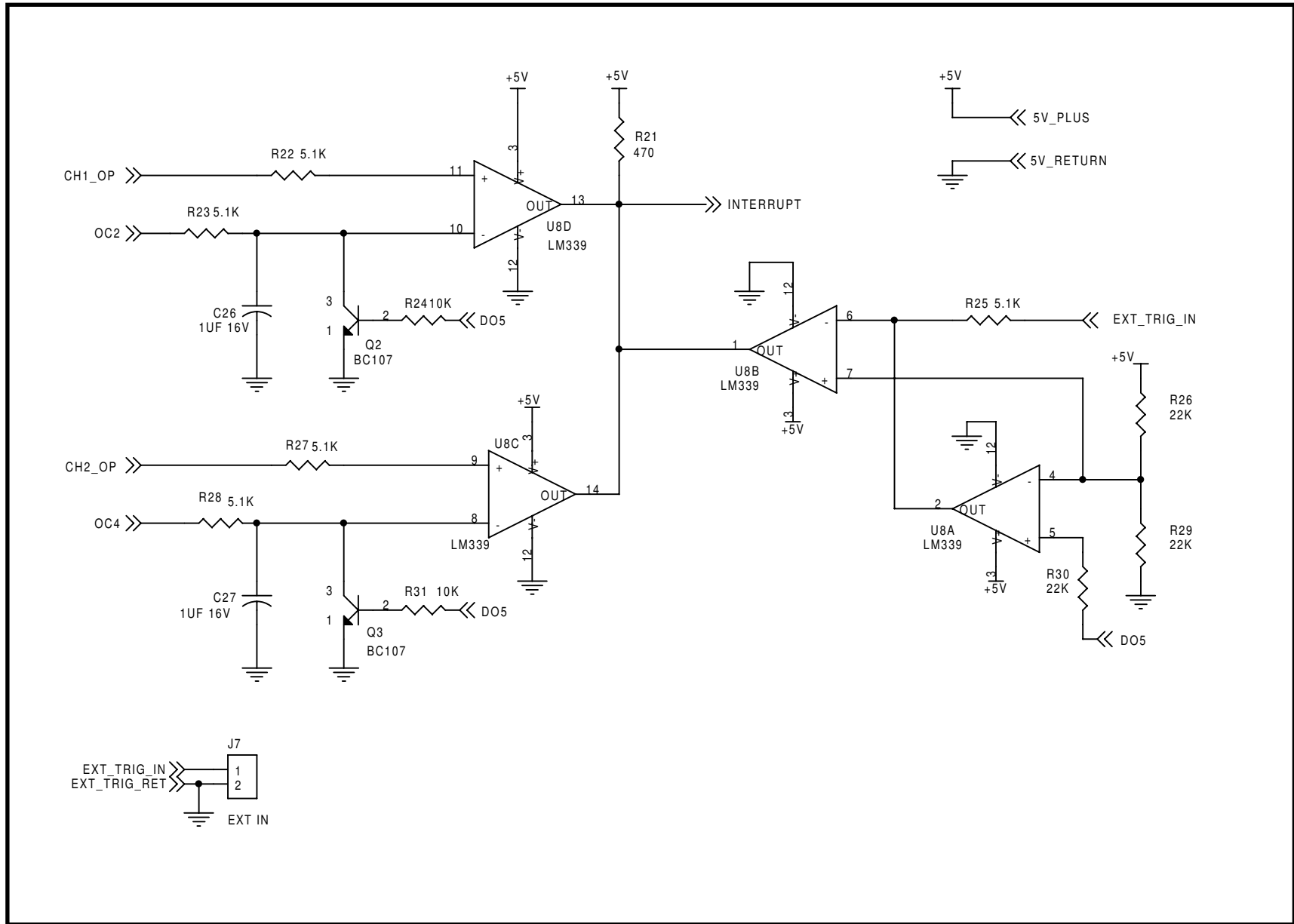
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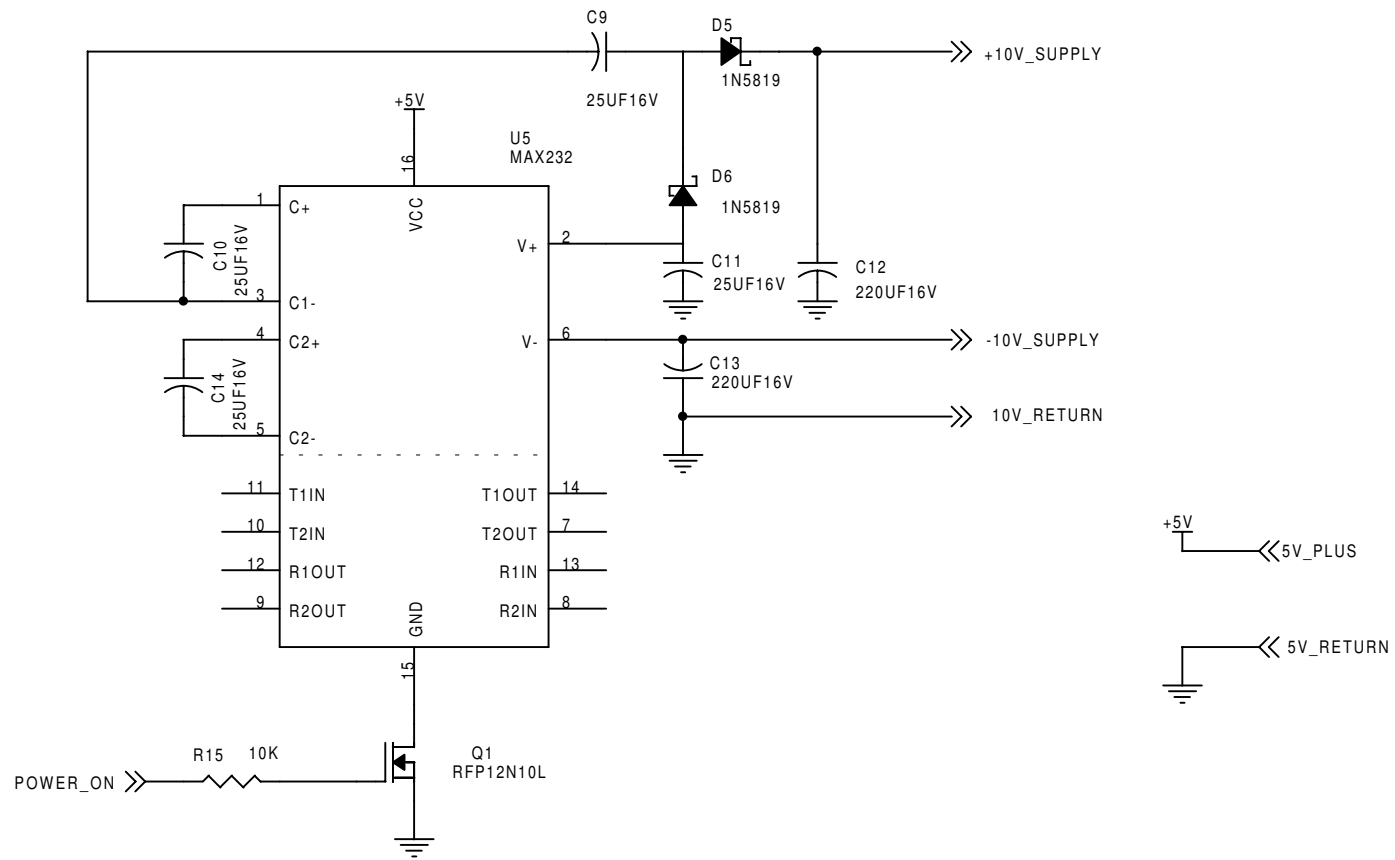
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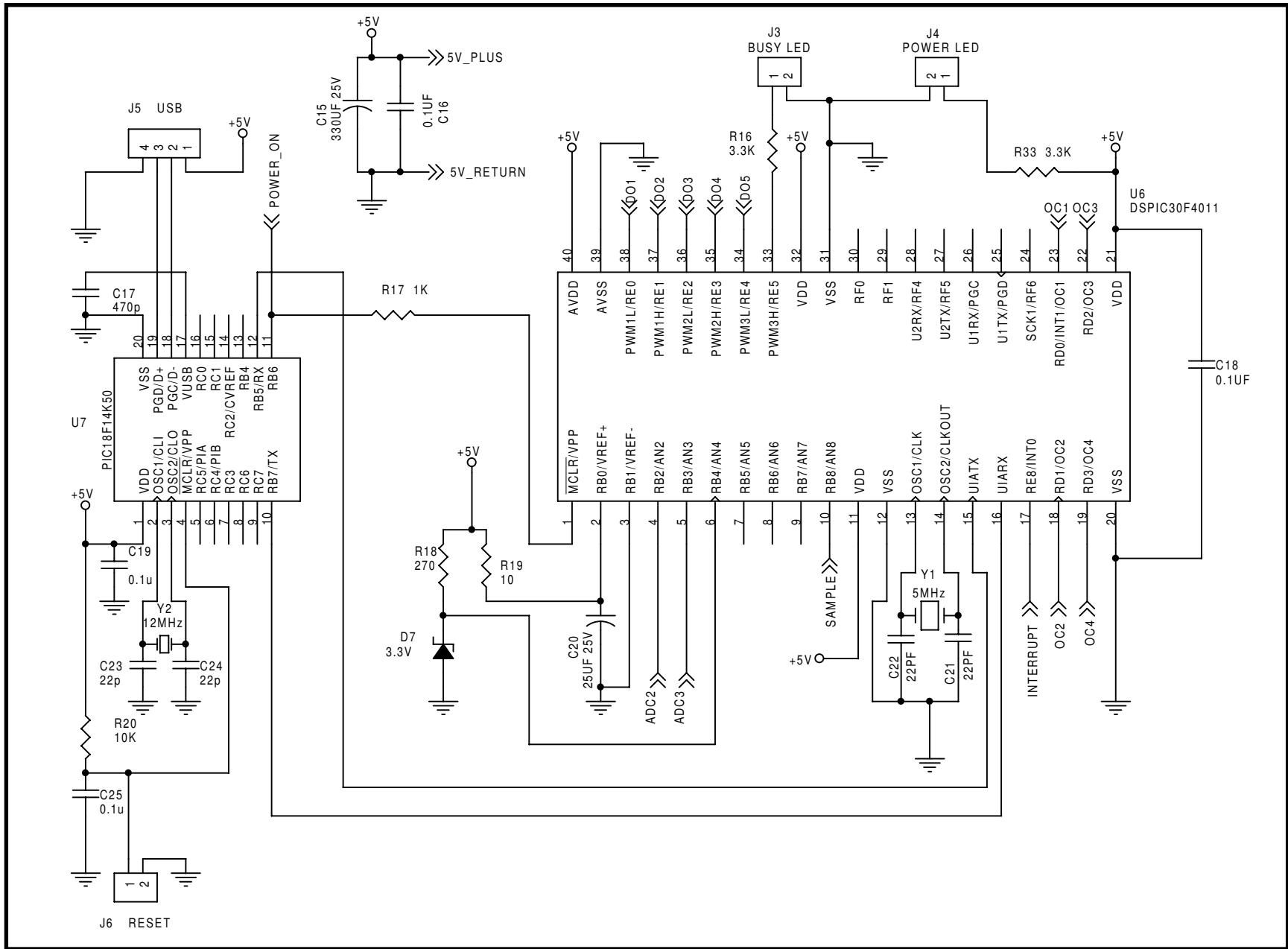


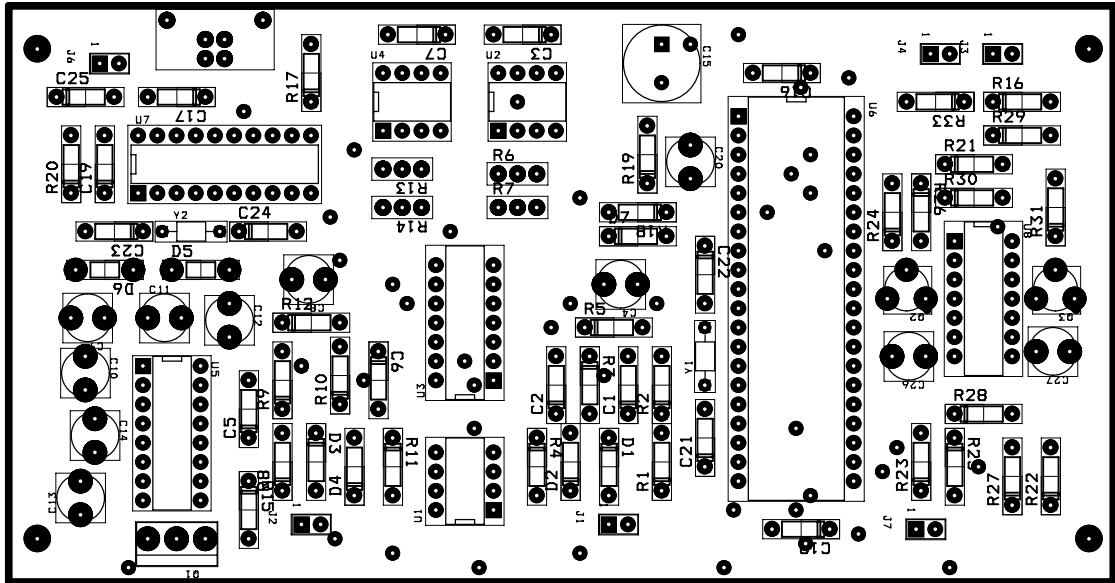




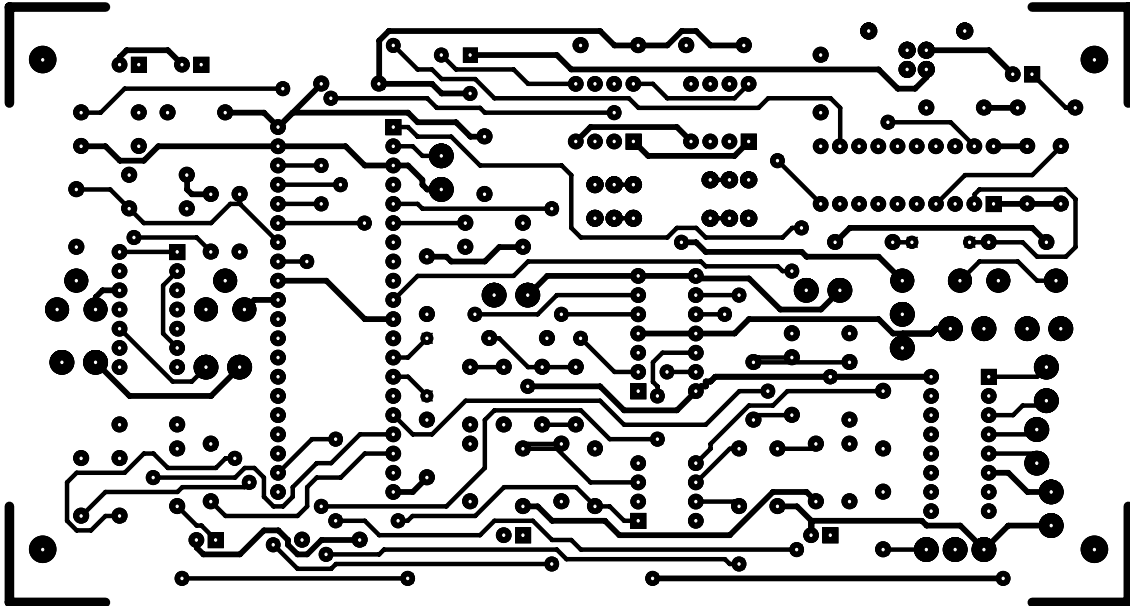




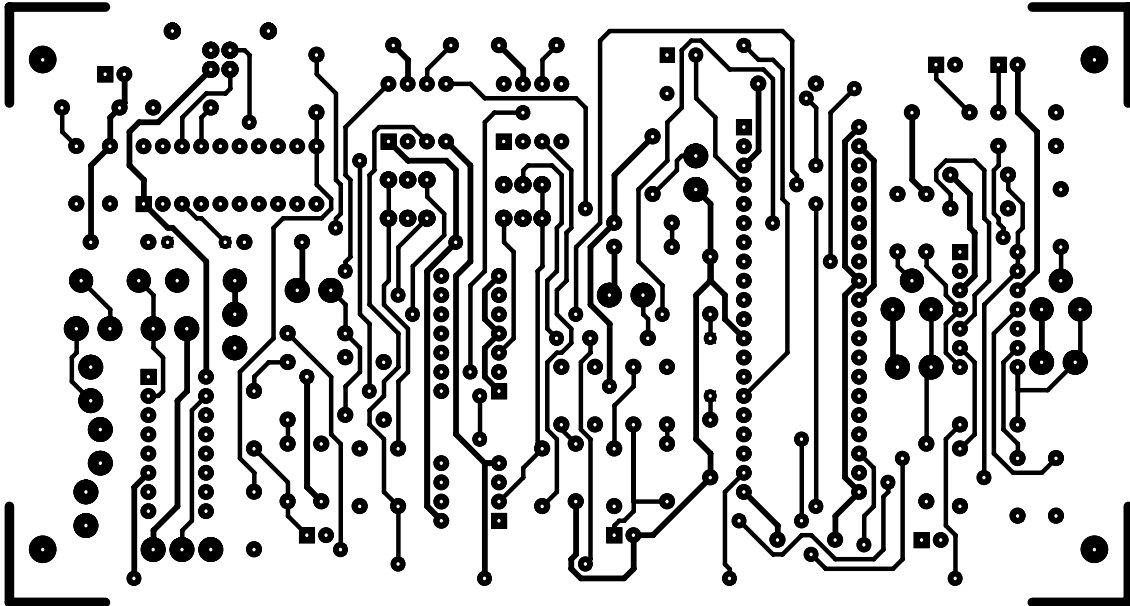




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x	0.028		48	
+	0.034		130	
◇	0.037		12	
⊠	0.038		96	
⊞	0.056		6	
⊞	0.065		12	
○	0.100		35	
△	0.110		4	
TOTAL			343	



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