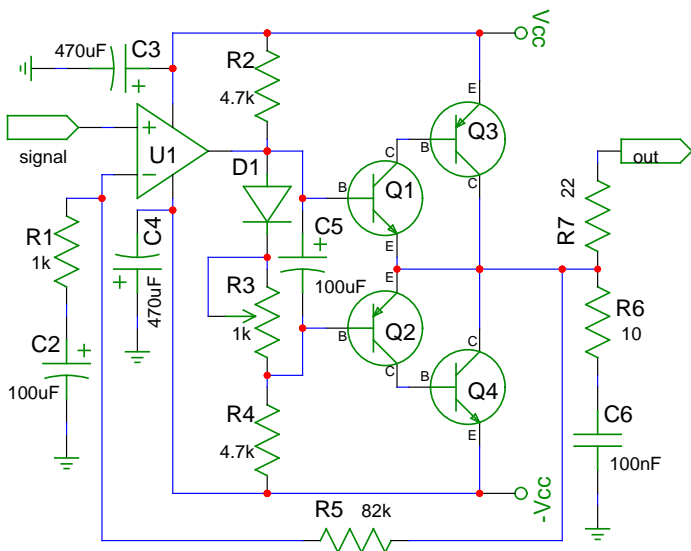


Transistor Boosters For Op-Amps (2)

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18 Watt Audio Amplifier (+/-22v Rails, Drives an 8ohm Speaker, 30-20kHz -1db)
Unconditionally stable on capacitive loads.

Lower voltage could be used for lower output wattage.

D1 is a 1n4148 and should be in thermal contact with Q1.

R7 is 4 watts to handle the output.

The op-amp can be any signal level with high voltage output and high slew rate (opa2134).

Signal: Q1= bc182 (NPN 50v 100mA), Q2=bc212 (PNP 50v 100mA).

or lower voltage Q1=bc547b (NPN 45v 100mA), Q2=bc557b (PNP 45v 100mA).

or lower voltage Q1=bc550c (NPN 45v 100mA), Q2=bc560c (PNP 45v 100mA).

Power: Q3=tip42a (PNP 60v 6A), Q4=tip41a (NPN 60v 6A).

R3 is used for fine bias trim for the transistors. Adjust it so that 20-30mA between V+ and Q3's emitter with no input signal.

Q3 and Q4 must have a heat sink.

R5+R1 sets the op-amp gain. The transistors are inside the feedback loop.

Ground star points: c2, c3, c4. c6 and output ground.

Changes:

Add small emitter resistors to transistors for feedback and thermal stability.

Use smaller gain resistors for less noise. Use less gain for less distortion.

Why are Q1+Q2 in buffer mode and Q3+Q4 in gain mode? (Sziklai pairs?)

Bass Boost Option.

Replace the R5 feedback resistor with this sub-circuit.

Max boost referred to 1kHz: 400Hz +5db, 200Hz +7.3db, 100Hz + 12db,

50Hz +16.4db, 30Hz +13.3db

