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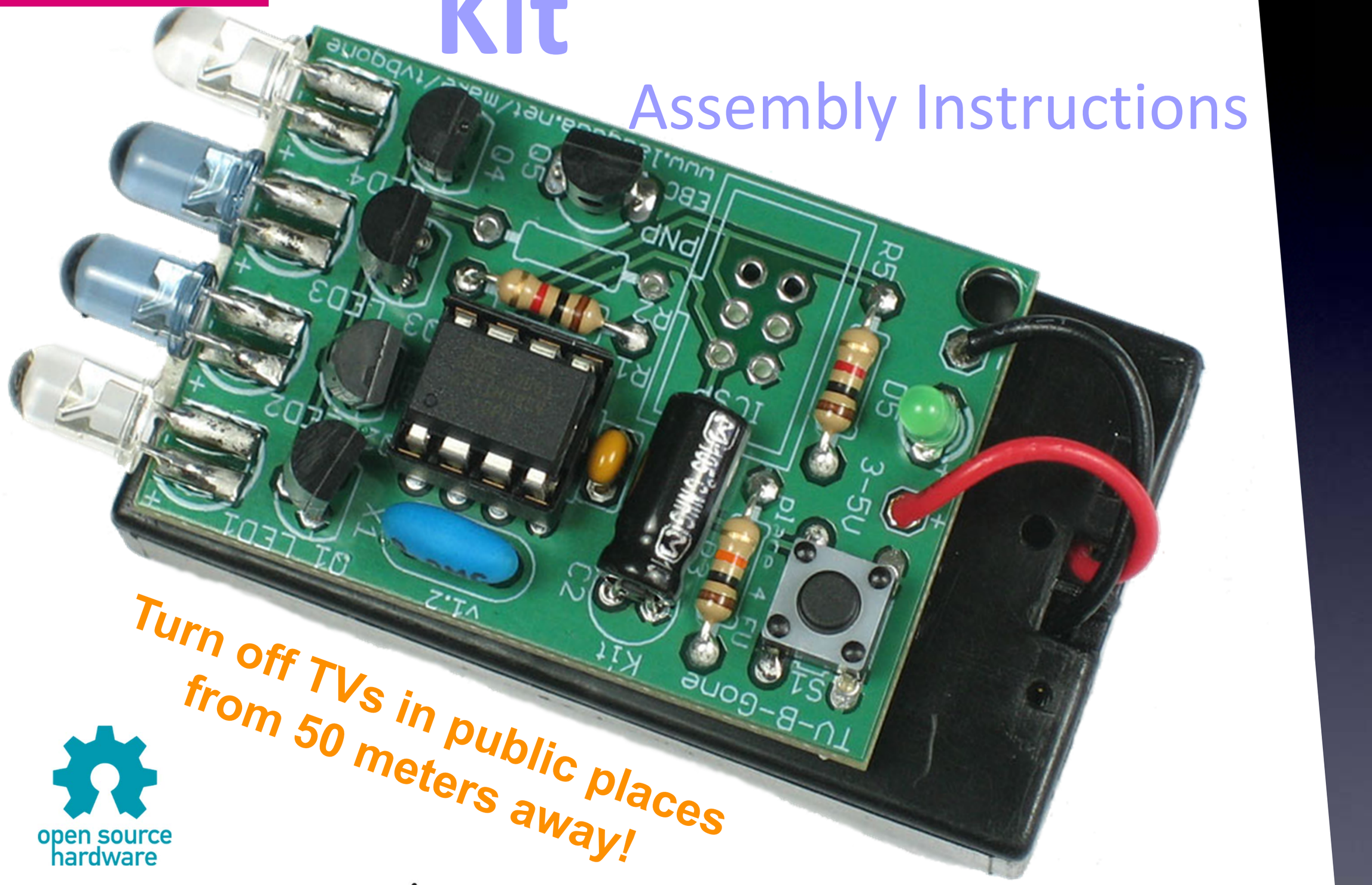
Kit

Assembly Instructions



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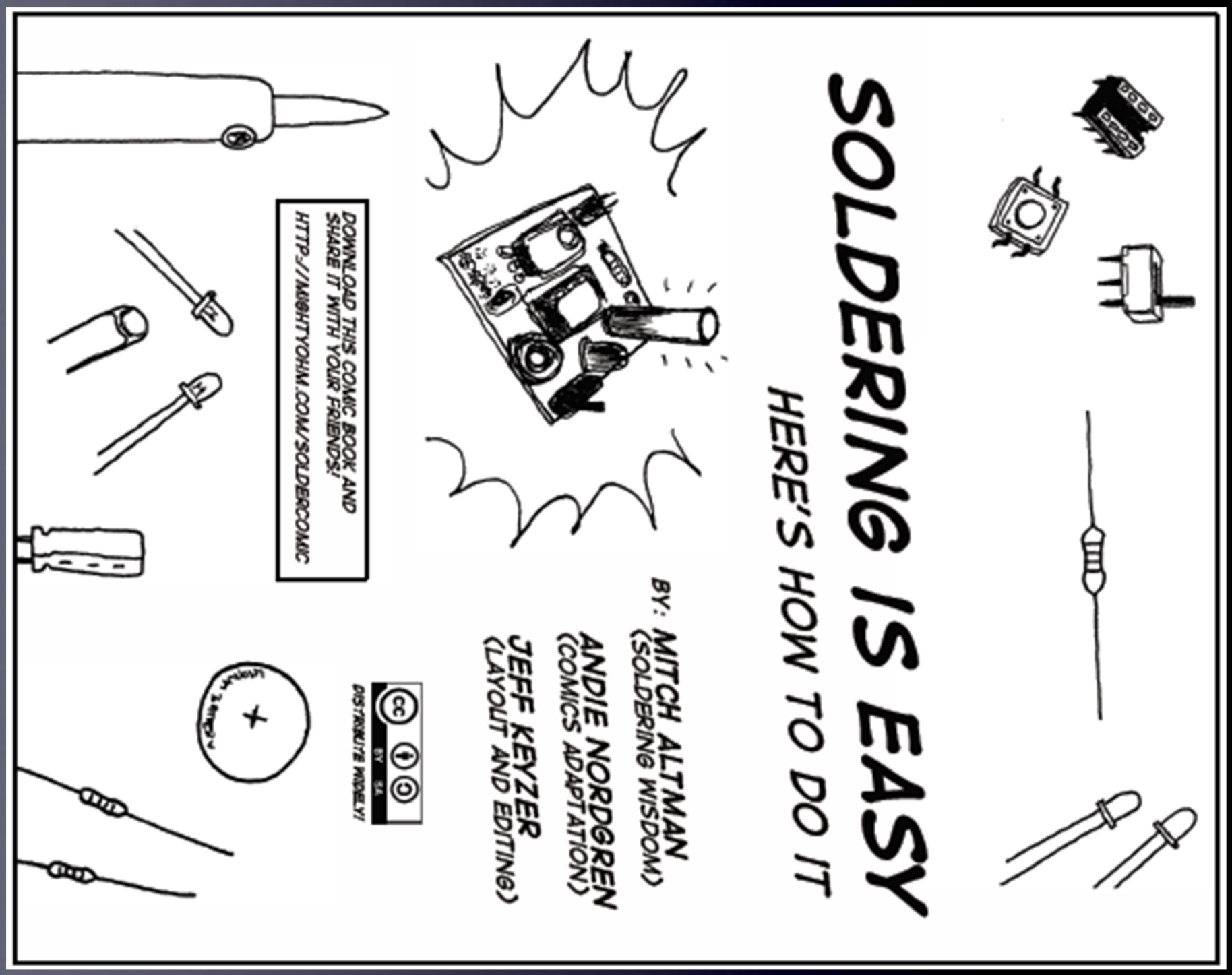

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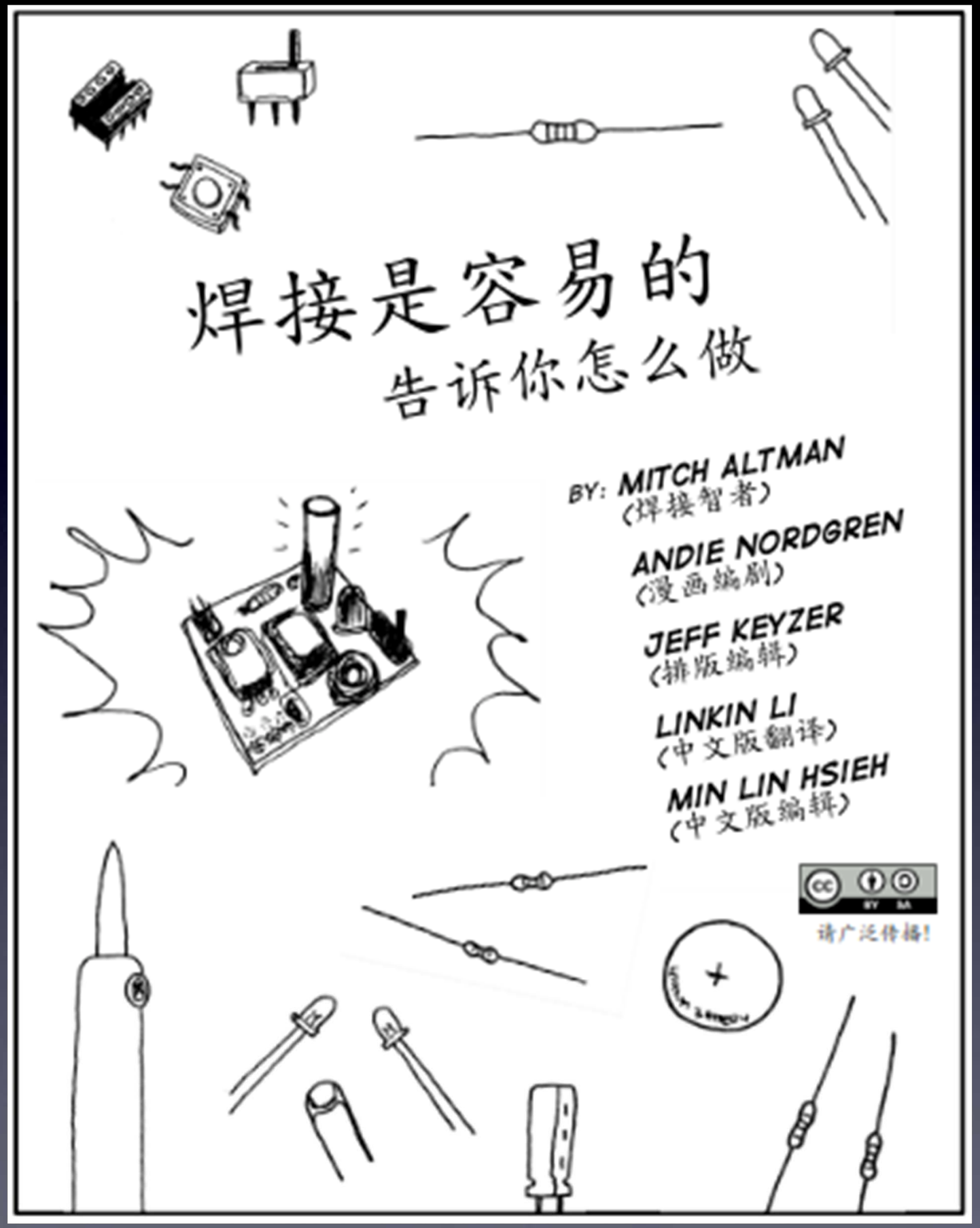

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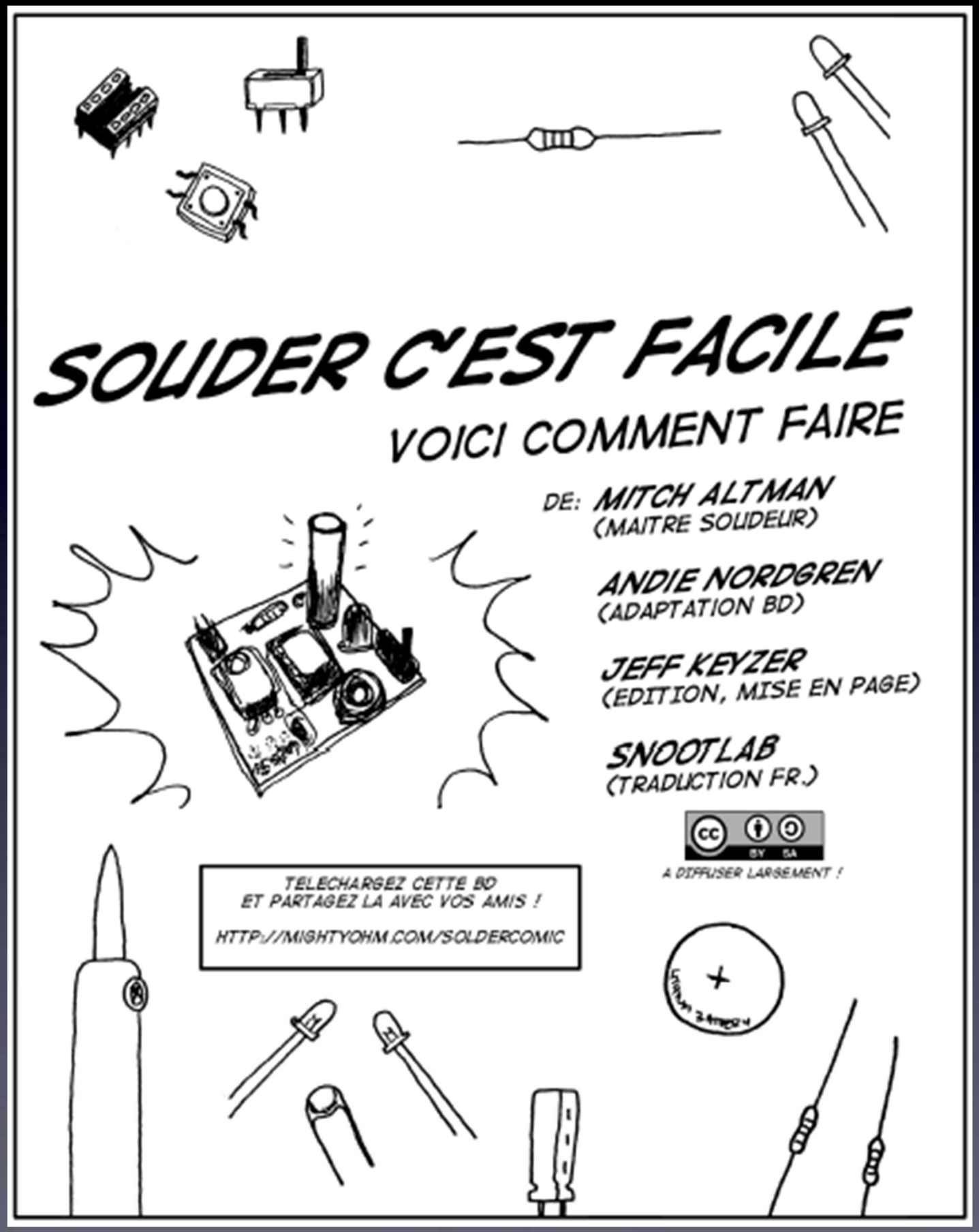

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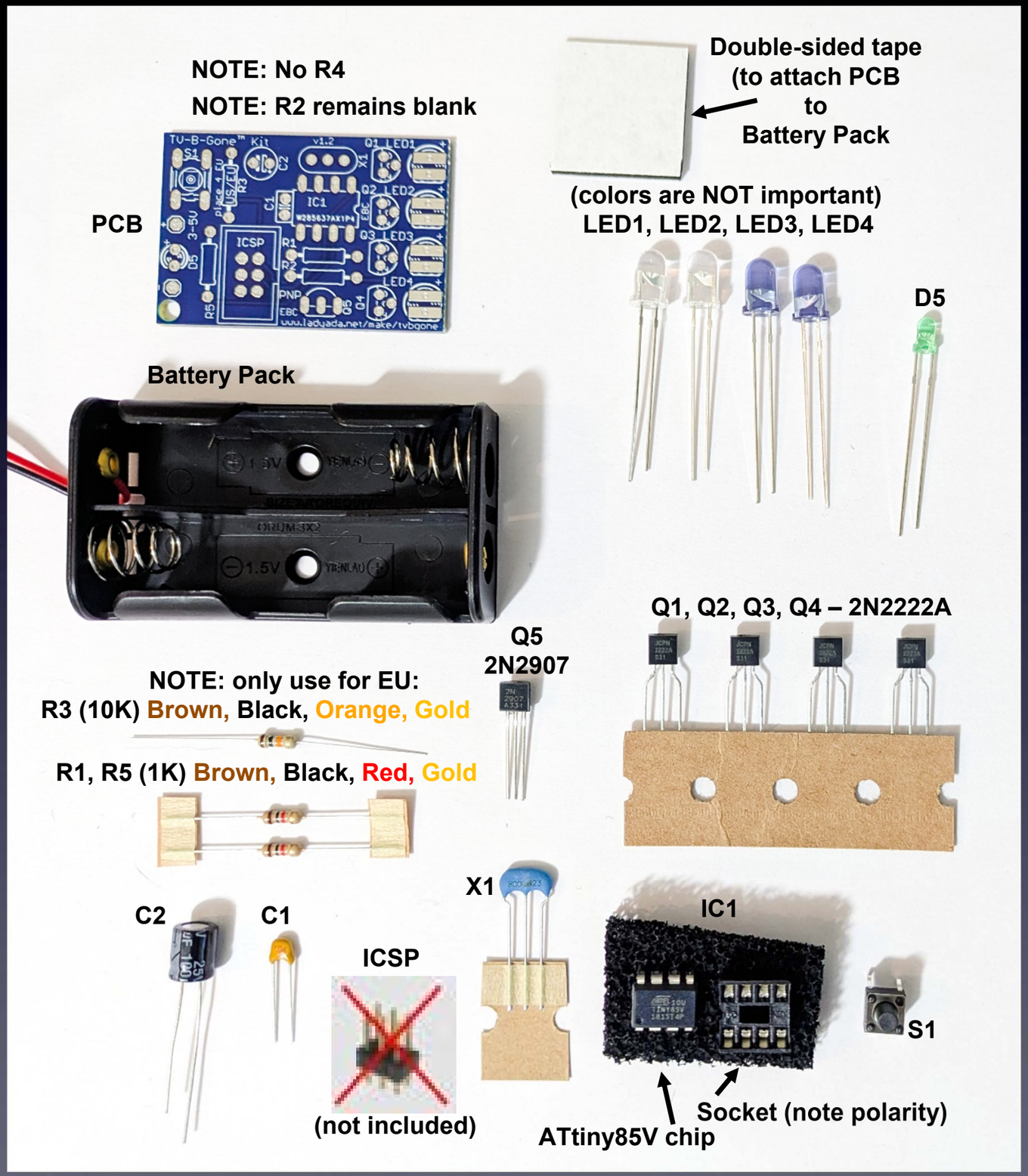
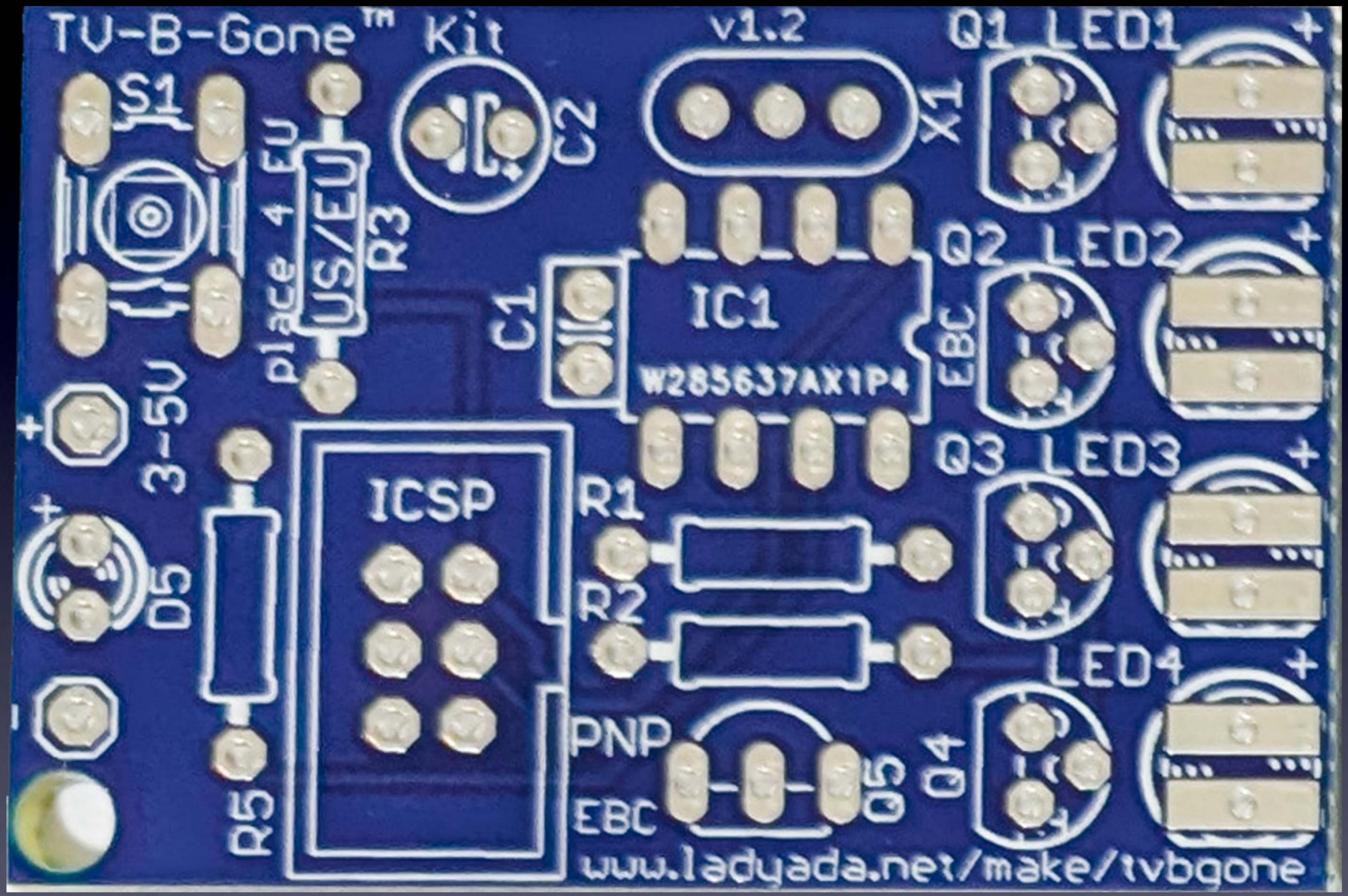
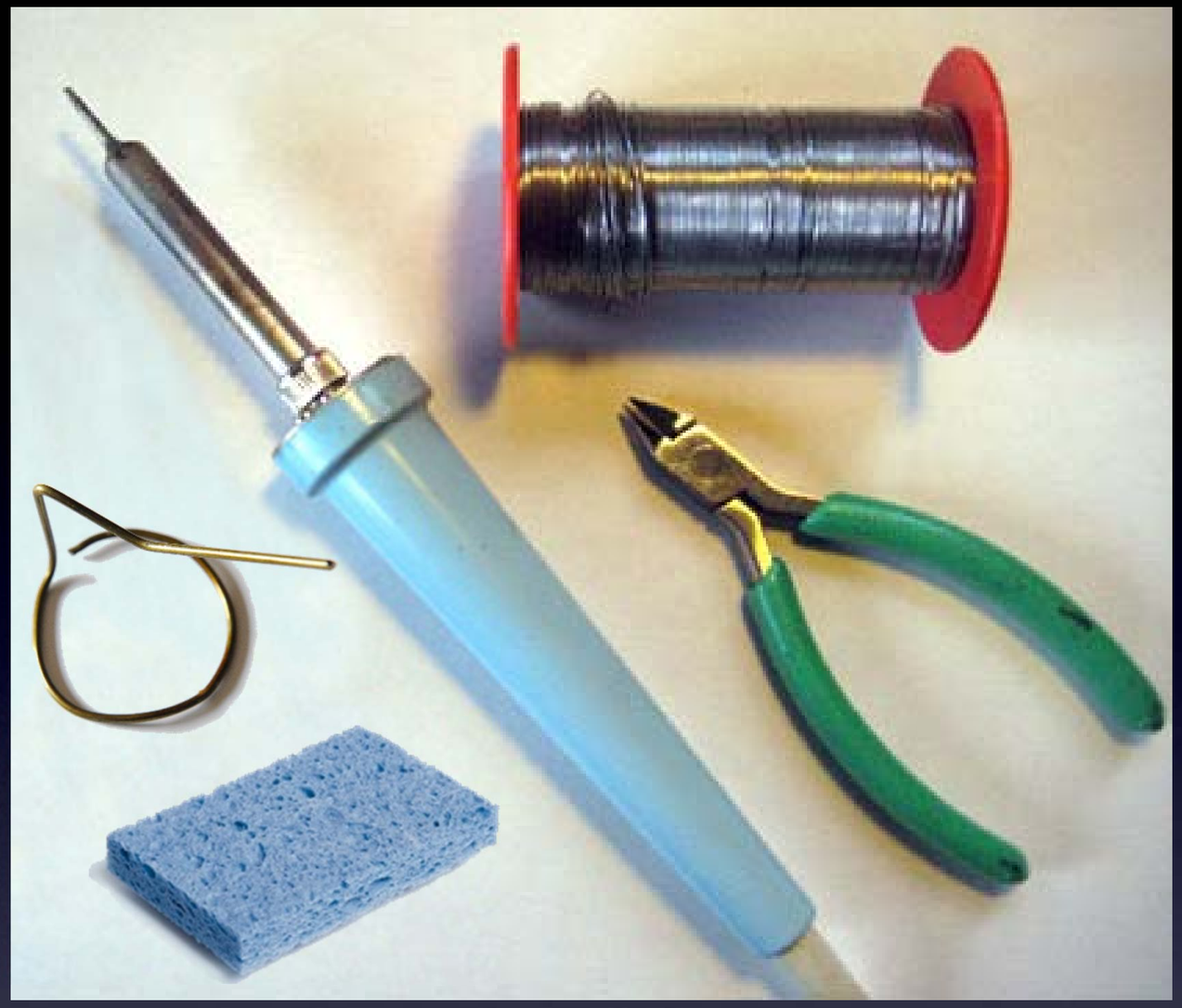
Parts



All of the parts



The board we'll solder the parts to



Note:
If you use Lead-Free solder it is very helpful to also have flux paste in a syringe And Isopropyl Alcohol

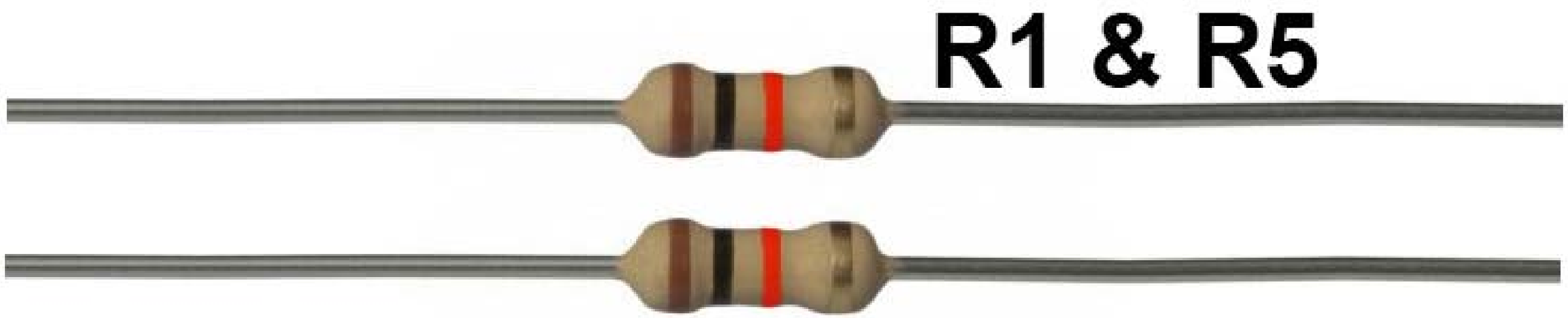
The tools you'll need:

- soldering Iron (35W or less)
- solder (*more details coming*)
- soldering iron stand
- cellulose kitchen sponge *(not plastic!)*
- *small* wire cutter

3 Resistors in the kit

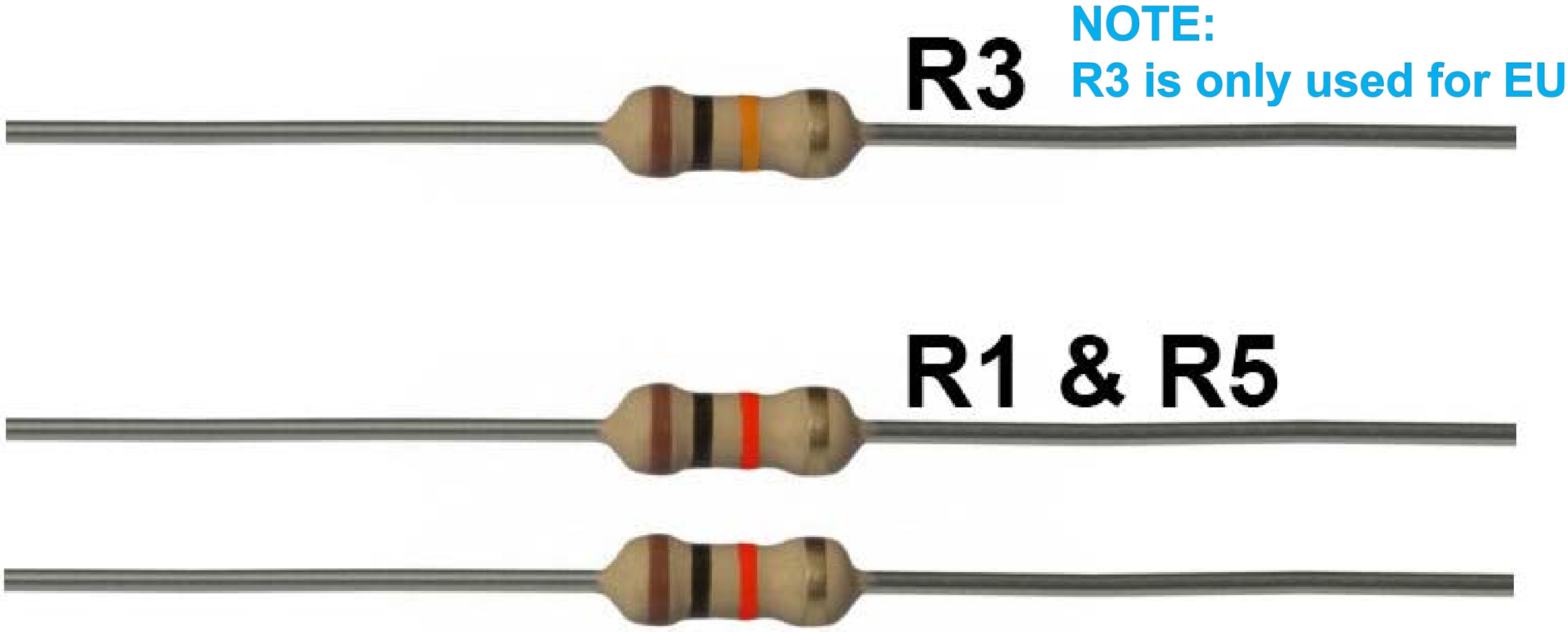
NOTE:
R3 is only used for EU

Brown, Black, Orange

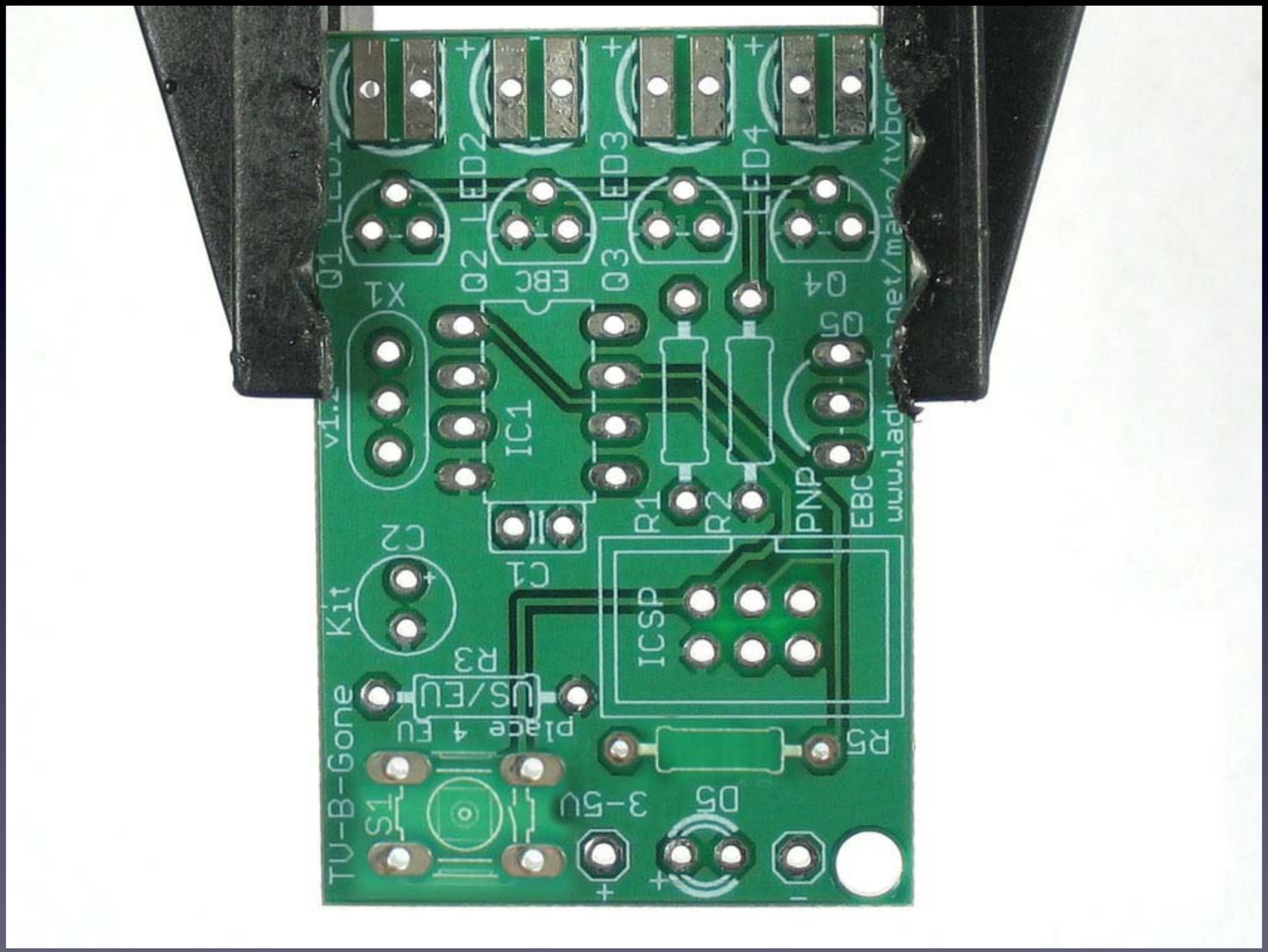


Brown, Black, Red

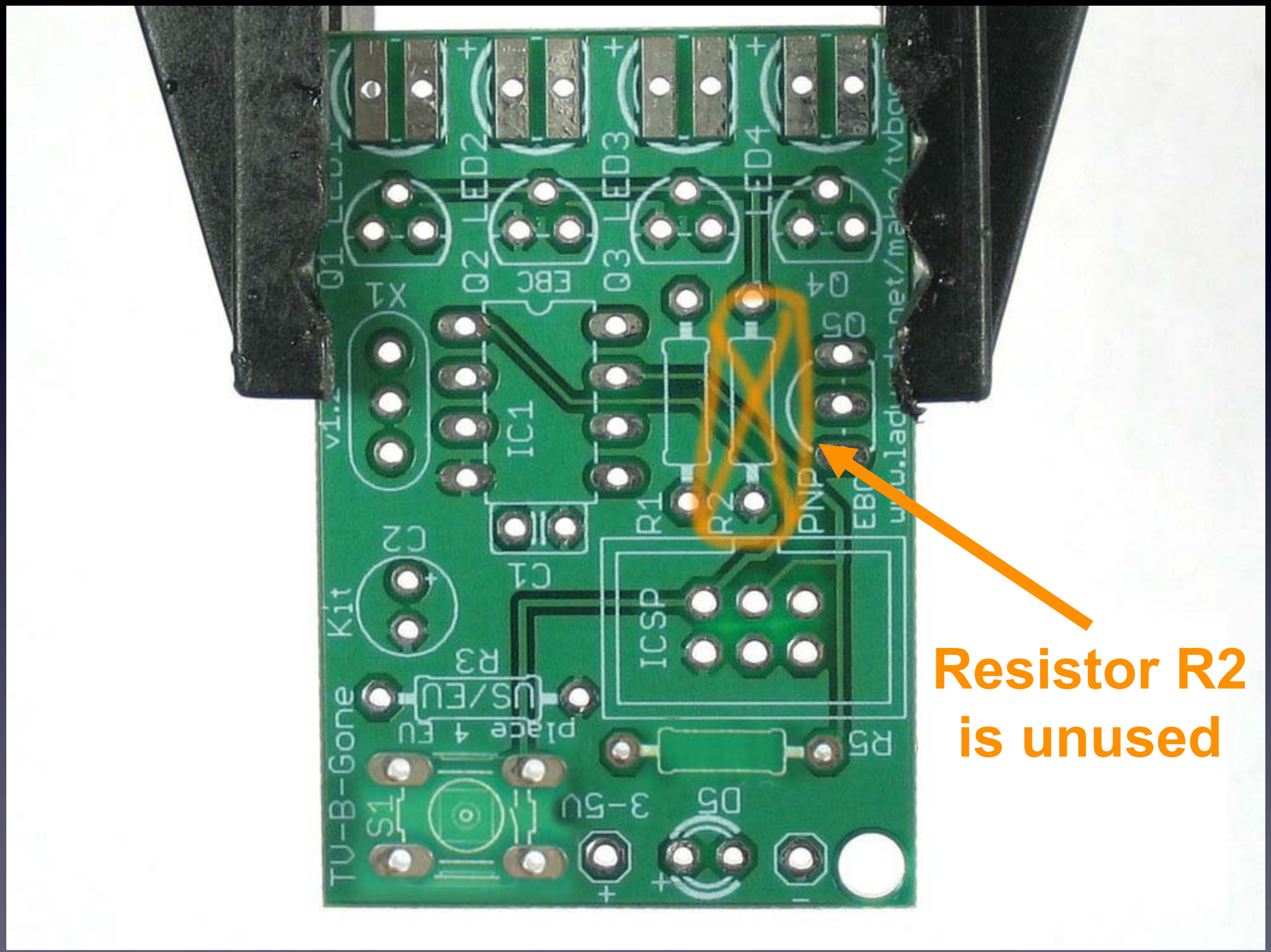
Look at the shape of these parts



See the same shapes on the PCB



Do NOT put anything in R2



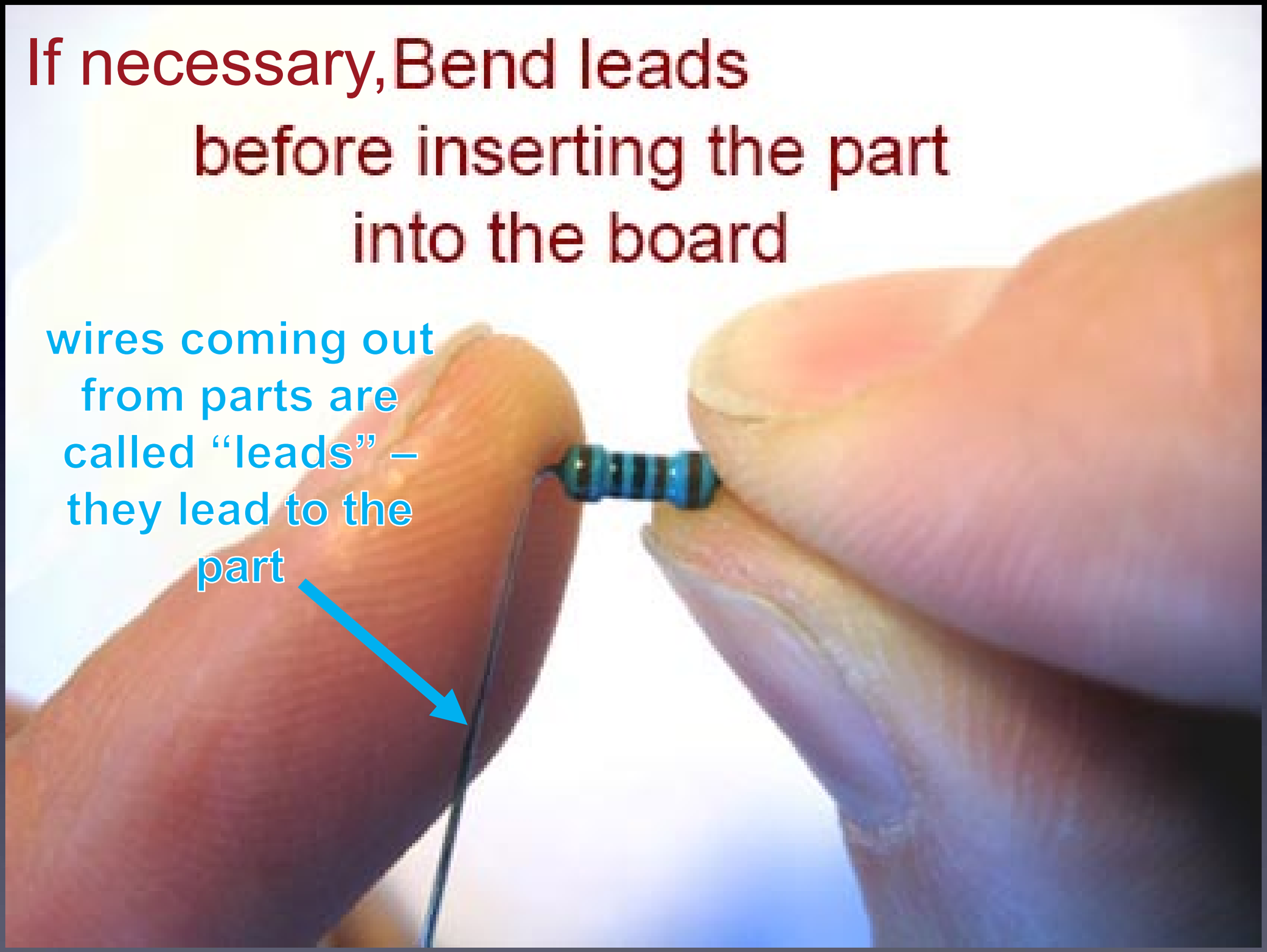
We will start with Resistors R1 & R5

R1 & R5

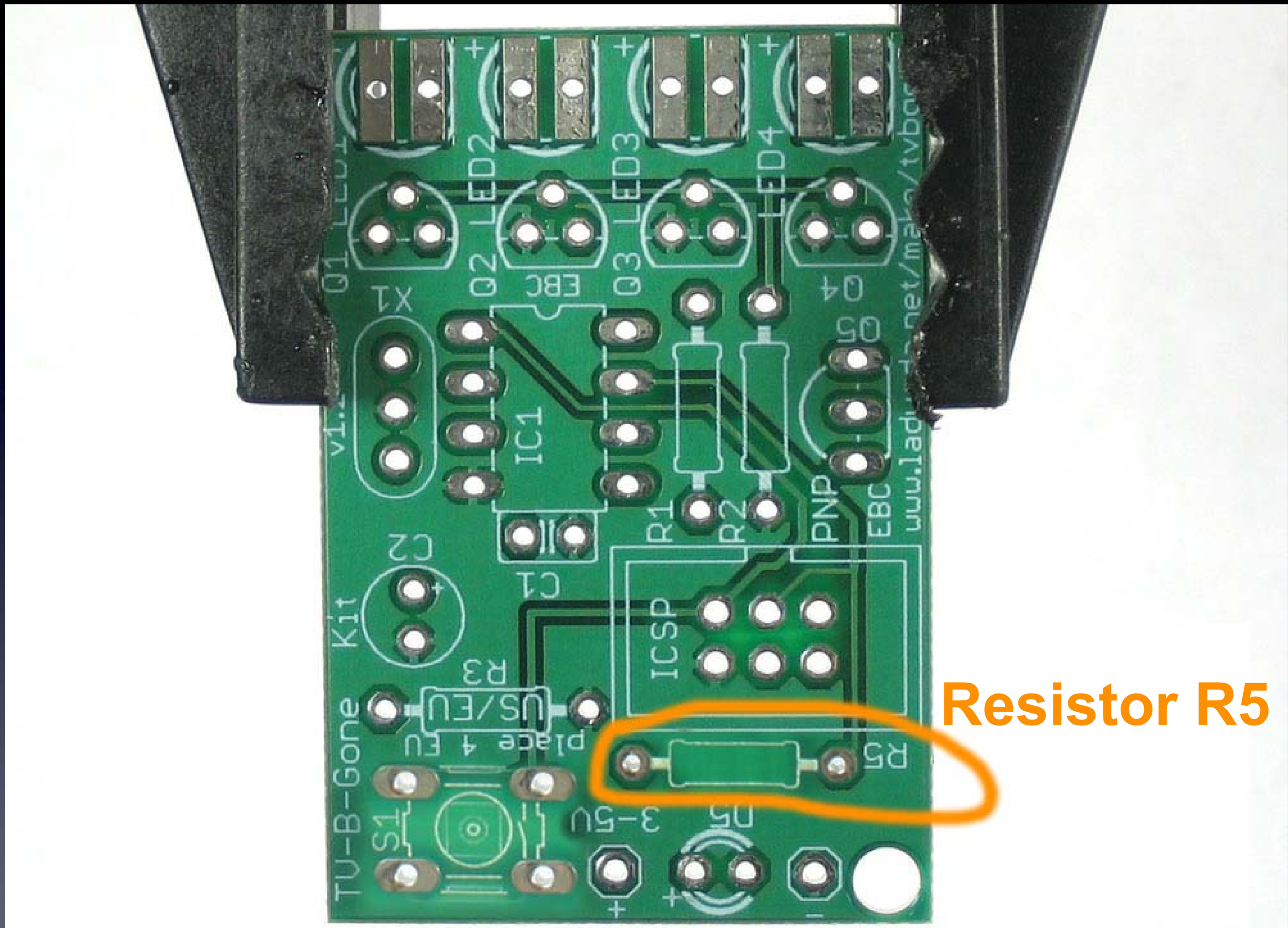
1K Ohm: Brown, Black, Red

NOTE: Do NOT use the [Brown, Black, Orange] resistor !

Some parts, such as resistors, need their leads bent first



R5 – this is how it will look before inserting it into the board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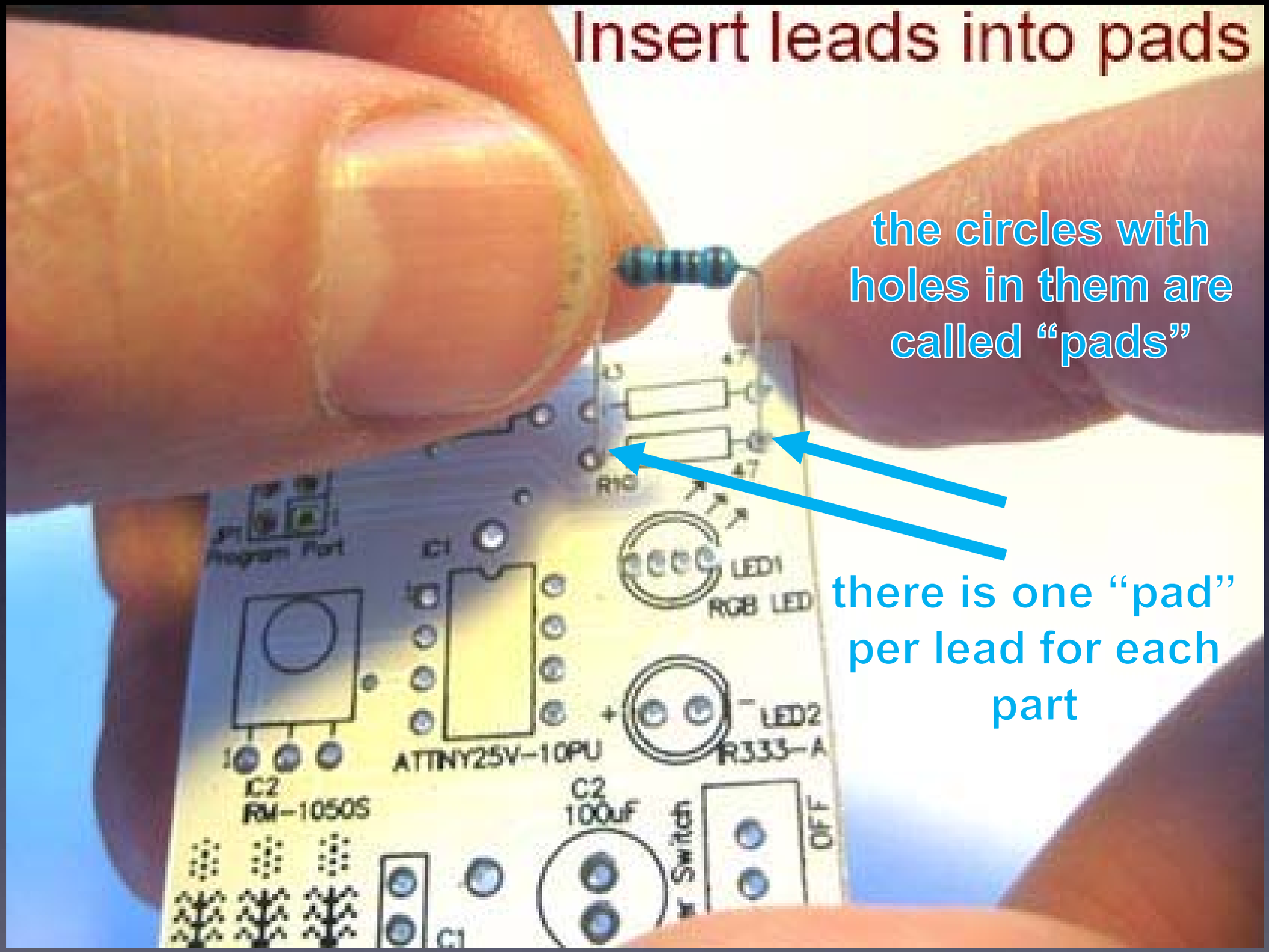
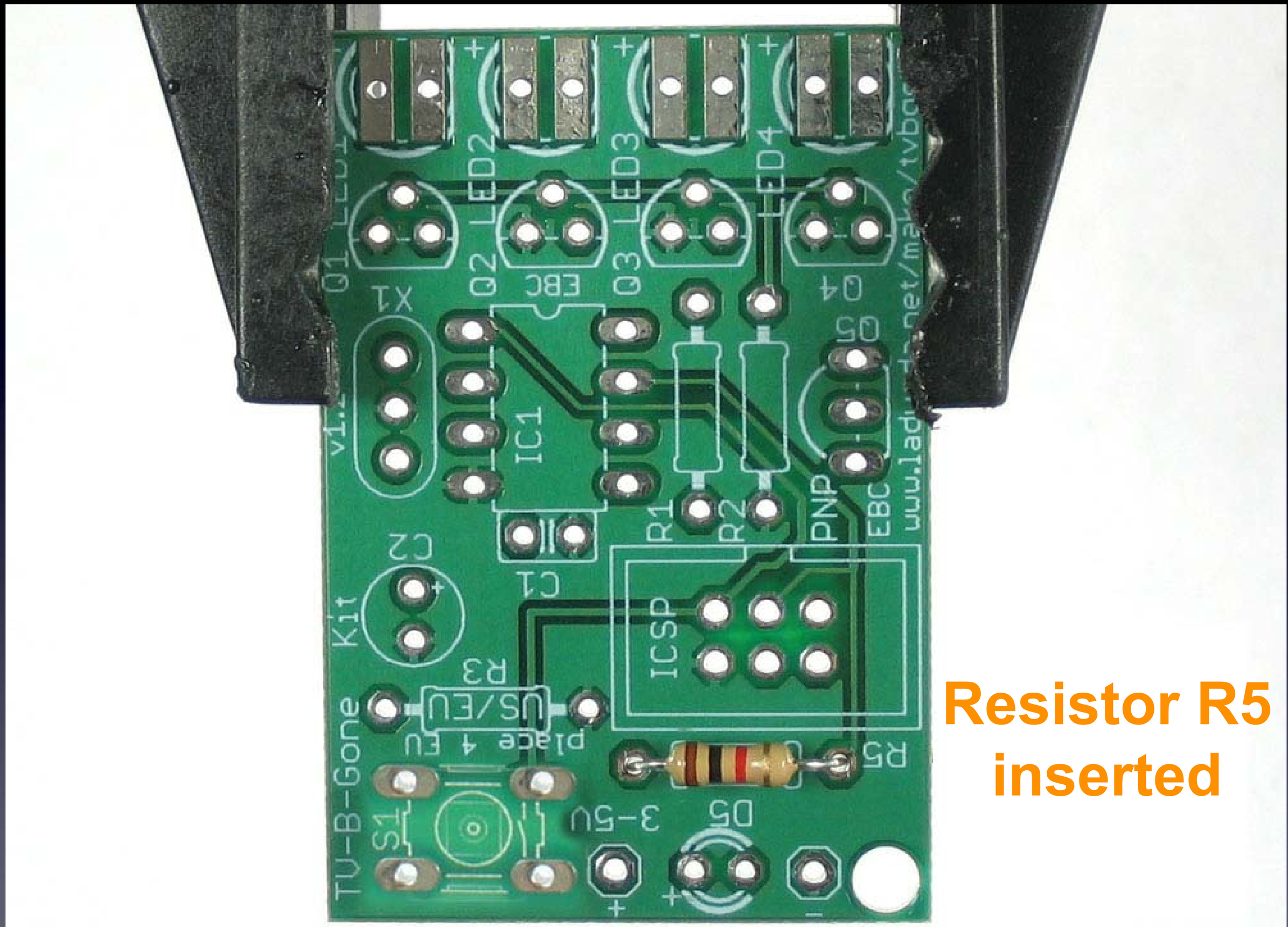
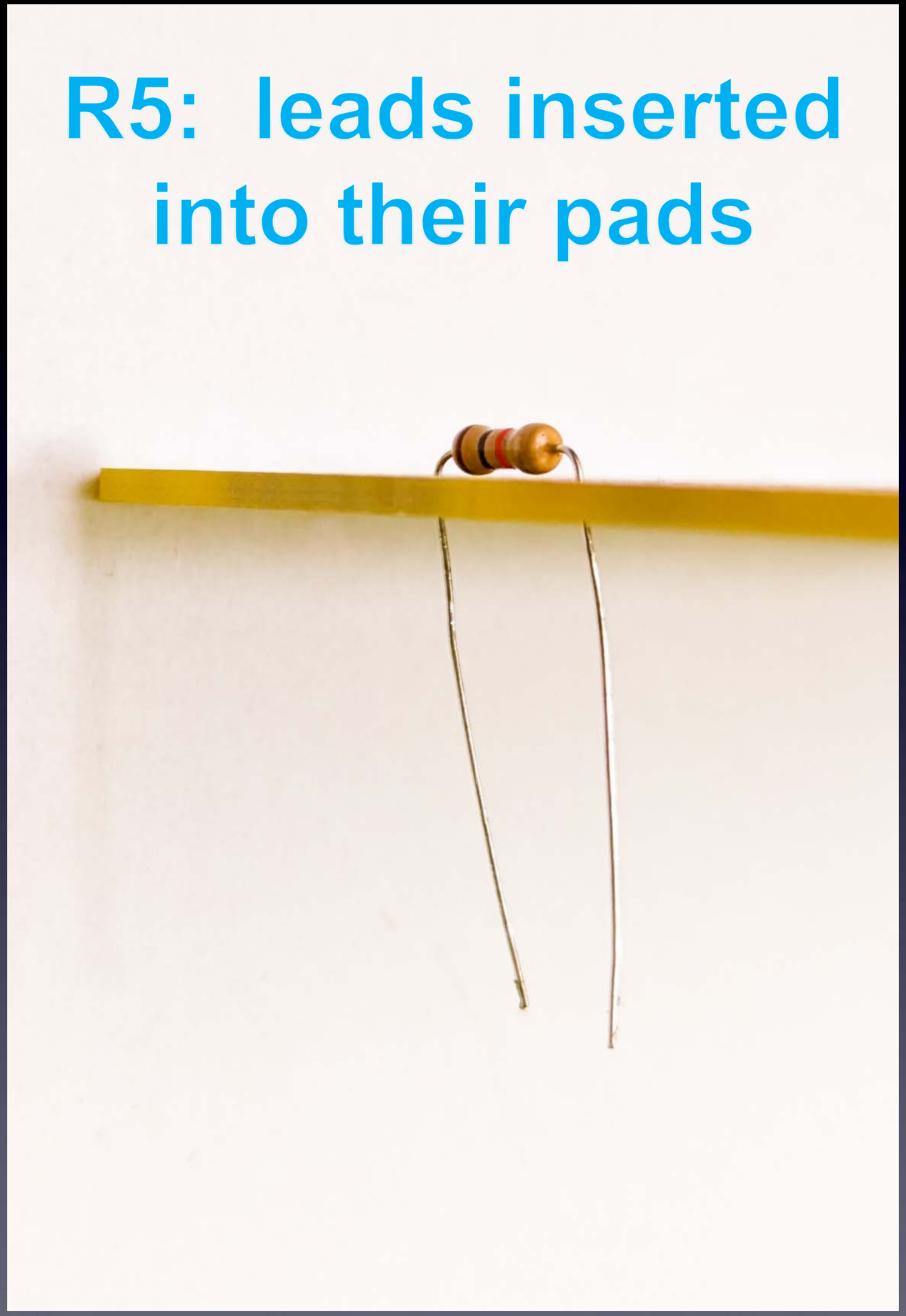
Resistor R5


Insert leads into pads
the circles with holes in them are called “pads”
there is one “pad” per lead for each part
R10
47
LED1
RGB LED
IC1
ATTINY25V-10PU
LED2
R333-A
IC2
RM-1050S
C2
100uF
C1
OFF



Resistor R5 inserted

R5: leads inserted into their pads



R5: board upside down

Bend leads
half way out
(only half way) like a “V”

so that the part won’t fall out while soldering it

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Ready to Solder !

How to hold a soldering iron

(Like a pencil – held from underneath)

Important

The best kind of solder for DIY electronics:

(Sn – Tin / Pb – Lead)

(60/40 is also good)

63/37 rosin core,

0.031” (0.8mm) diameter (or smaller)

<u>Note</u>:

Most
***Lead-Free* solder**
has poisonous fumes!

A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good Lead-Free ***solder I have found!***

(after years of searching)

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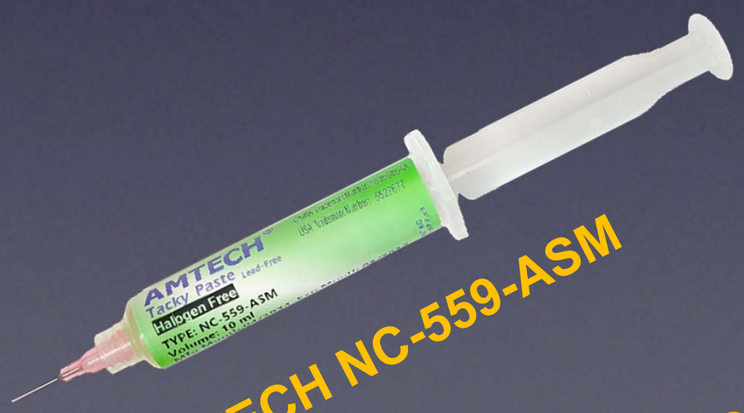

AMTECH NC-559-ASM

99%

Note:

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it is *helpful*
to also have
***flux paste* in a syringe**
And Isopropyl Alcohol

Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

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Duratool
D01685 Rosin

0.7mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

3 Safety Tips…

Safety Tip #1:

Hot !!

(When you touch the tip,
you *will* let go quickly every time!)

Safety Tip #2:

Soldering chemicals are toxic

But they easily wash off your hands with soap and water

Safety Tip #3:

(coming soon)

2 secrets to good soldering…

Secret #1:

Clean the tip!

(before every solder connection)

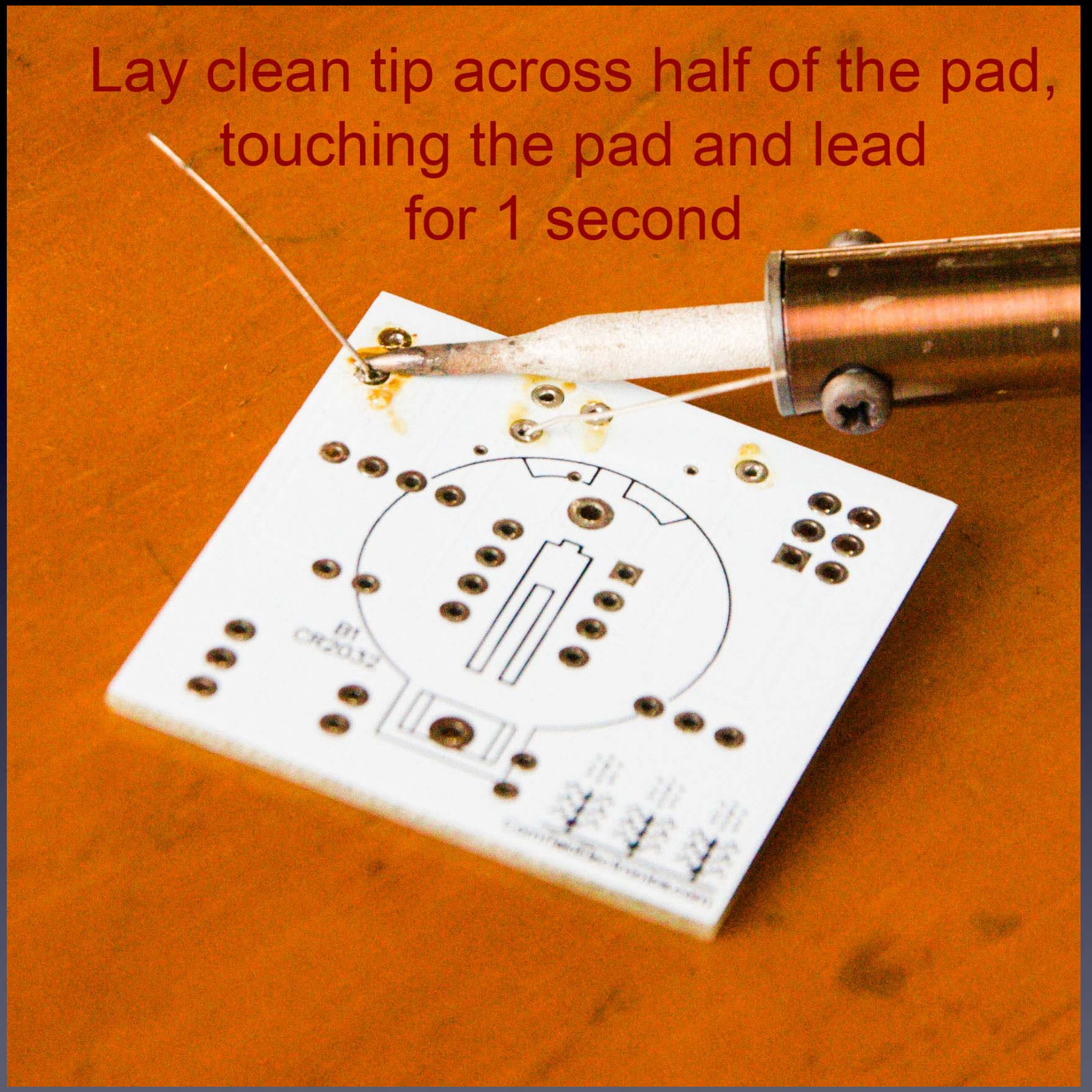
Bang (lightly) 3 times,

Swipe, Rotate, Swipe (on the sponge):

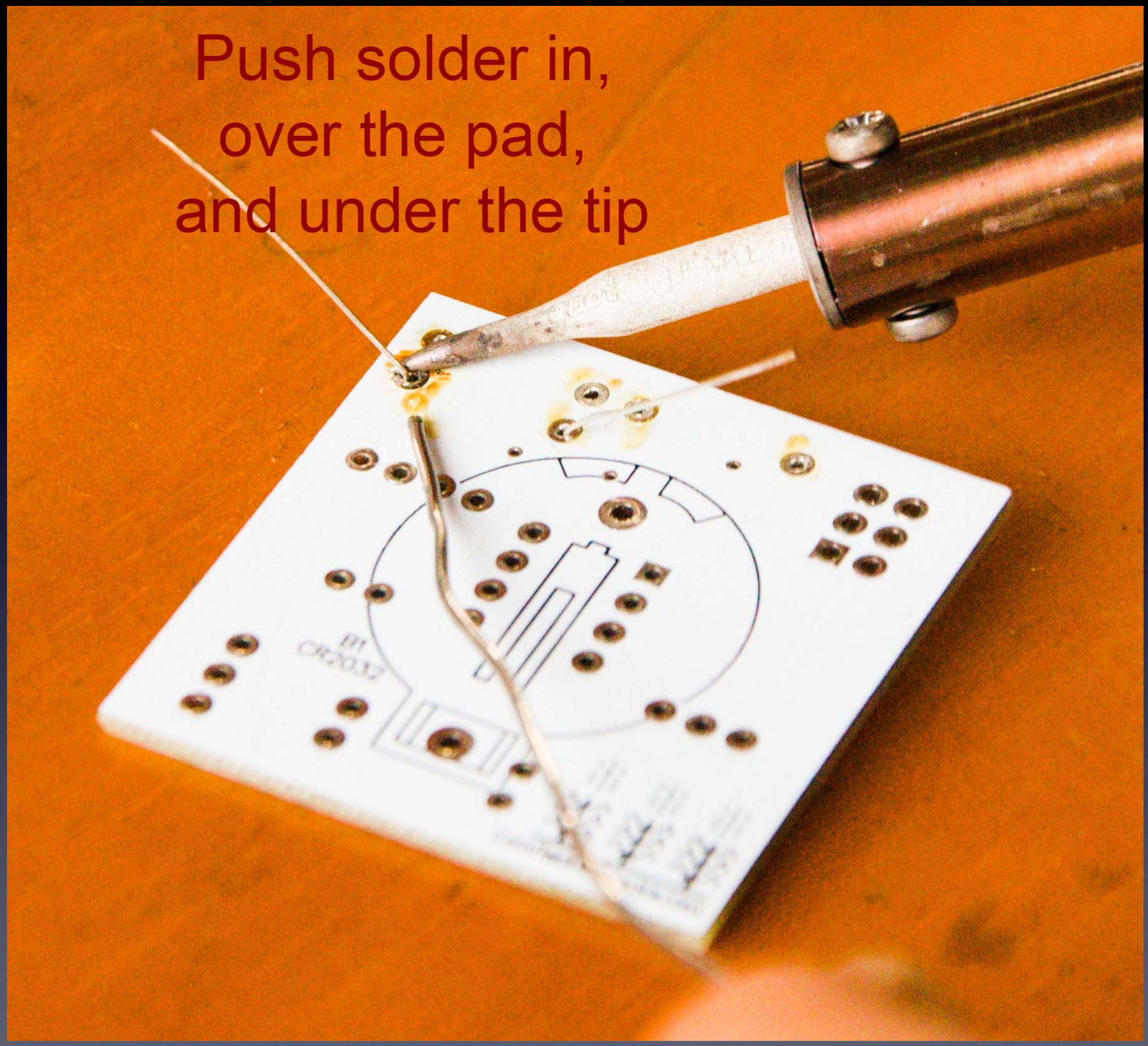
<u>Keep the tip shiny silver!</u>

knock solder off the tip

Lay clean tip across half of the pad,
touching the pad and lead
for 1 second



Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second



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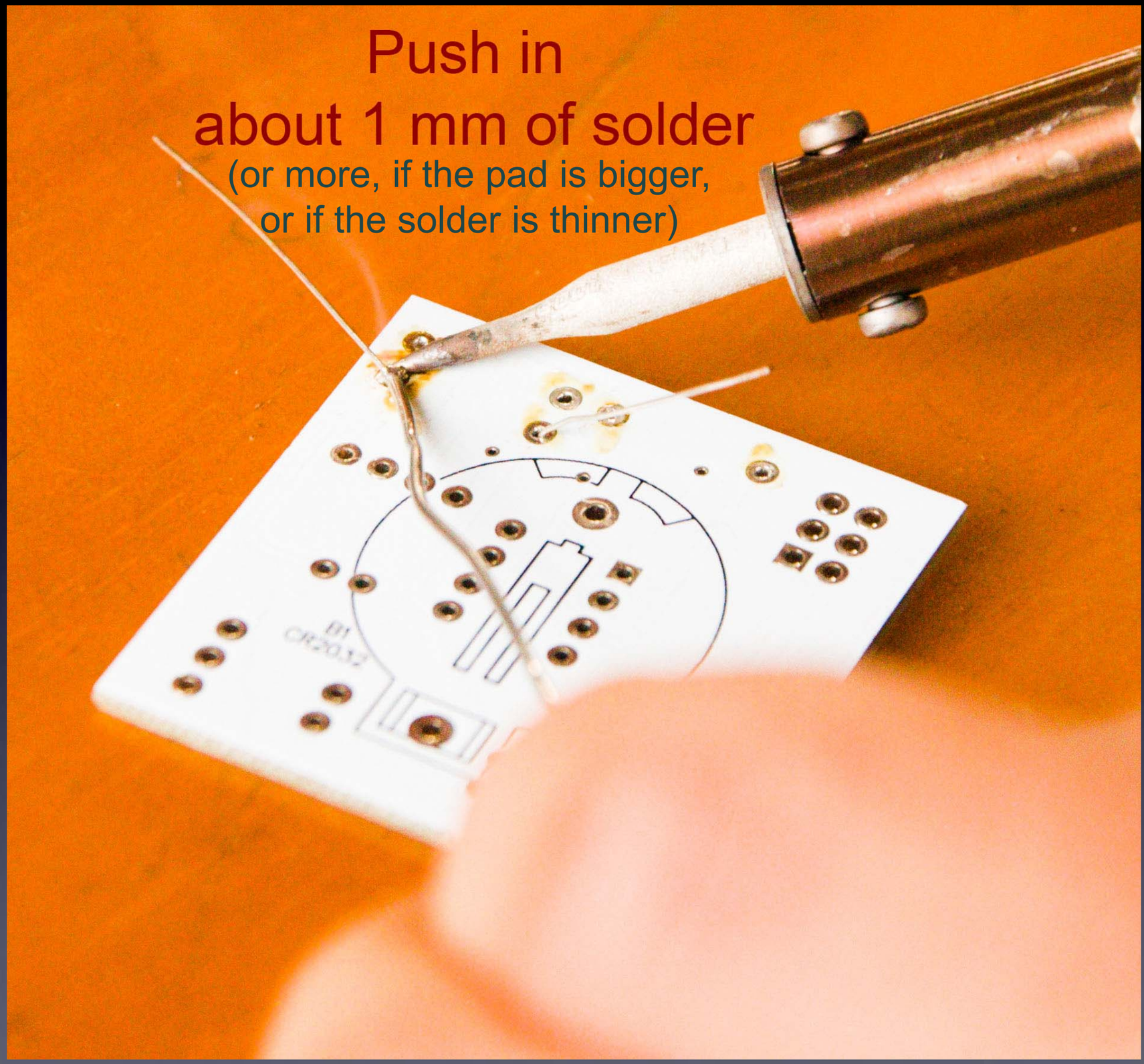

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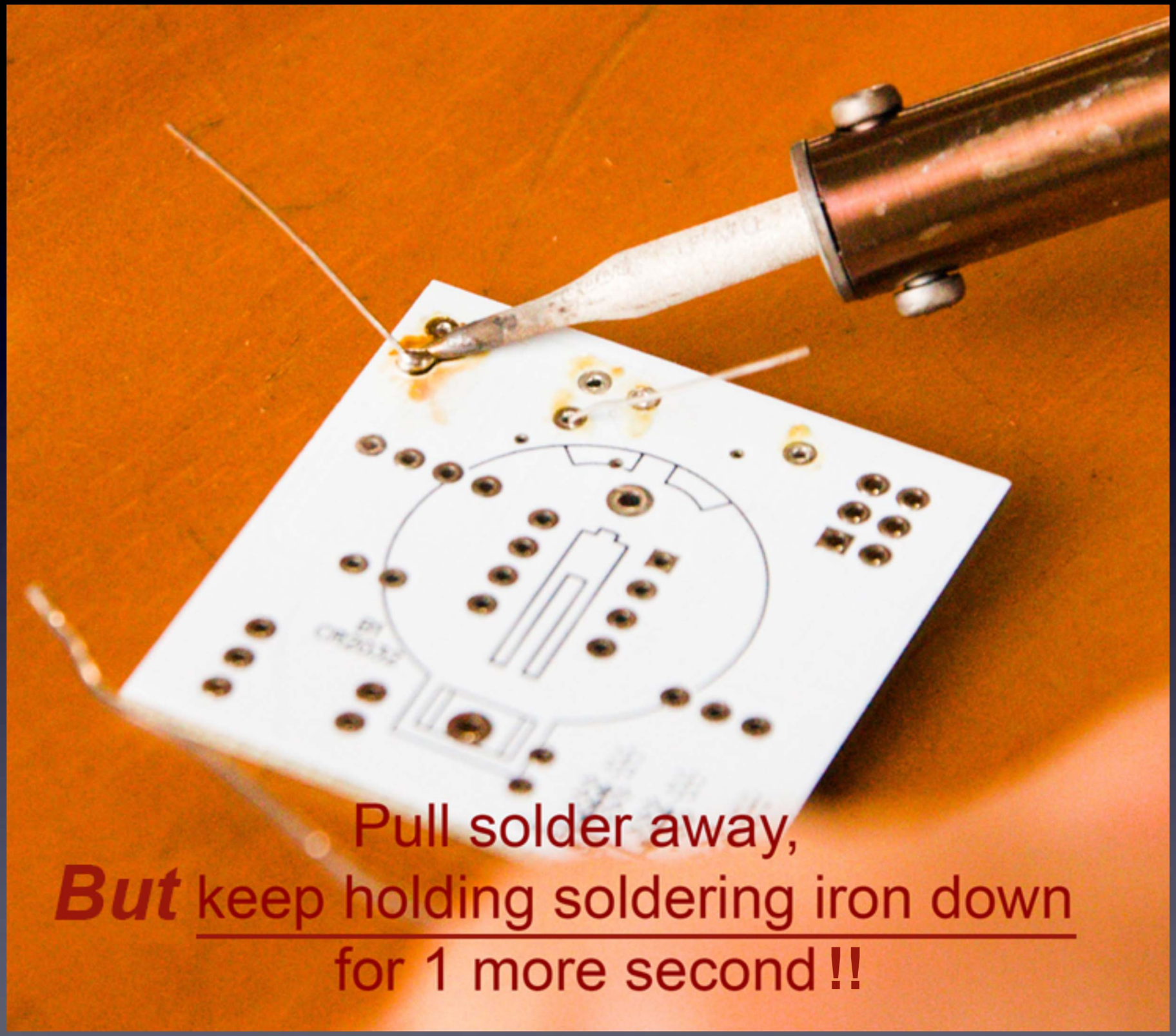
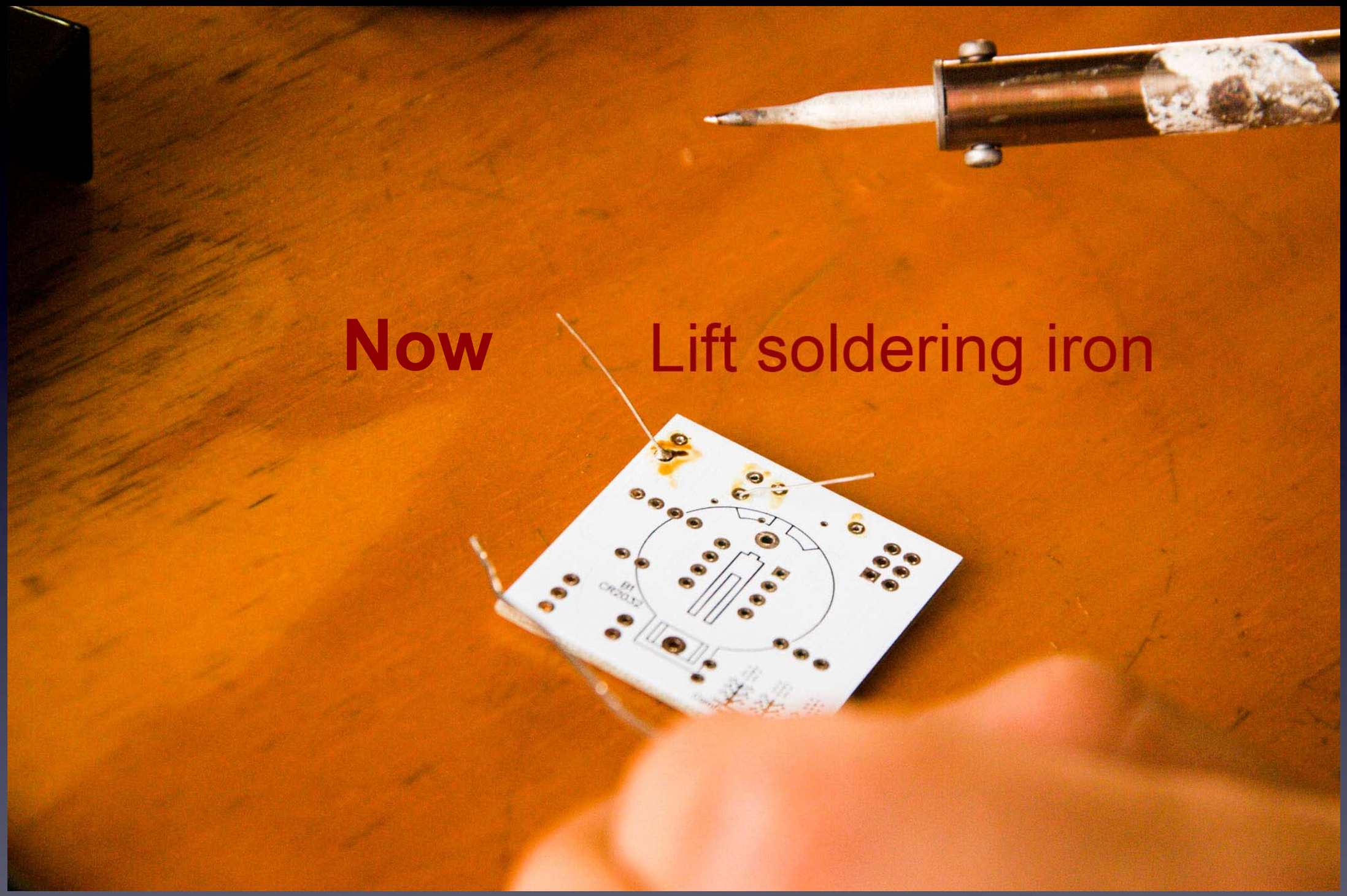
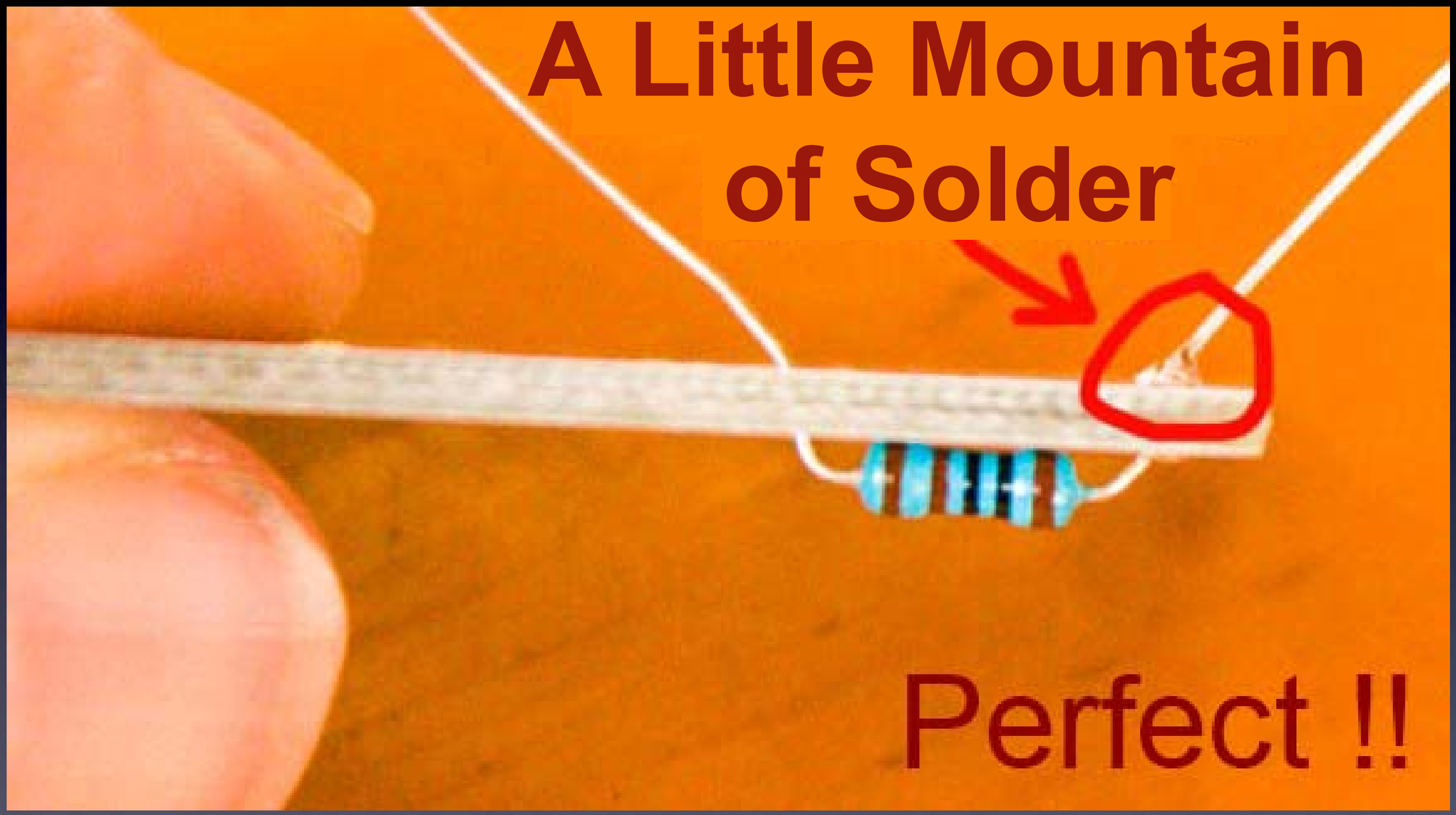

Pull solder away,
But keep holding soldering iron down
for 1 more second !!

Secret #2:

Keep hot tip down

1 second
for solder to flow !!


Now
Lift soldering iron



If you can see any of the pad, or the hole, you need more solder – so, just do all the steps again to make it perfect.

The Rhythm !

is just as important as the preceding steps!

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Tip Down

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Solder In

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Solder Out

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

WAIT !

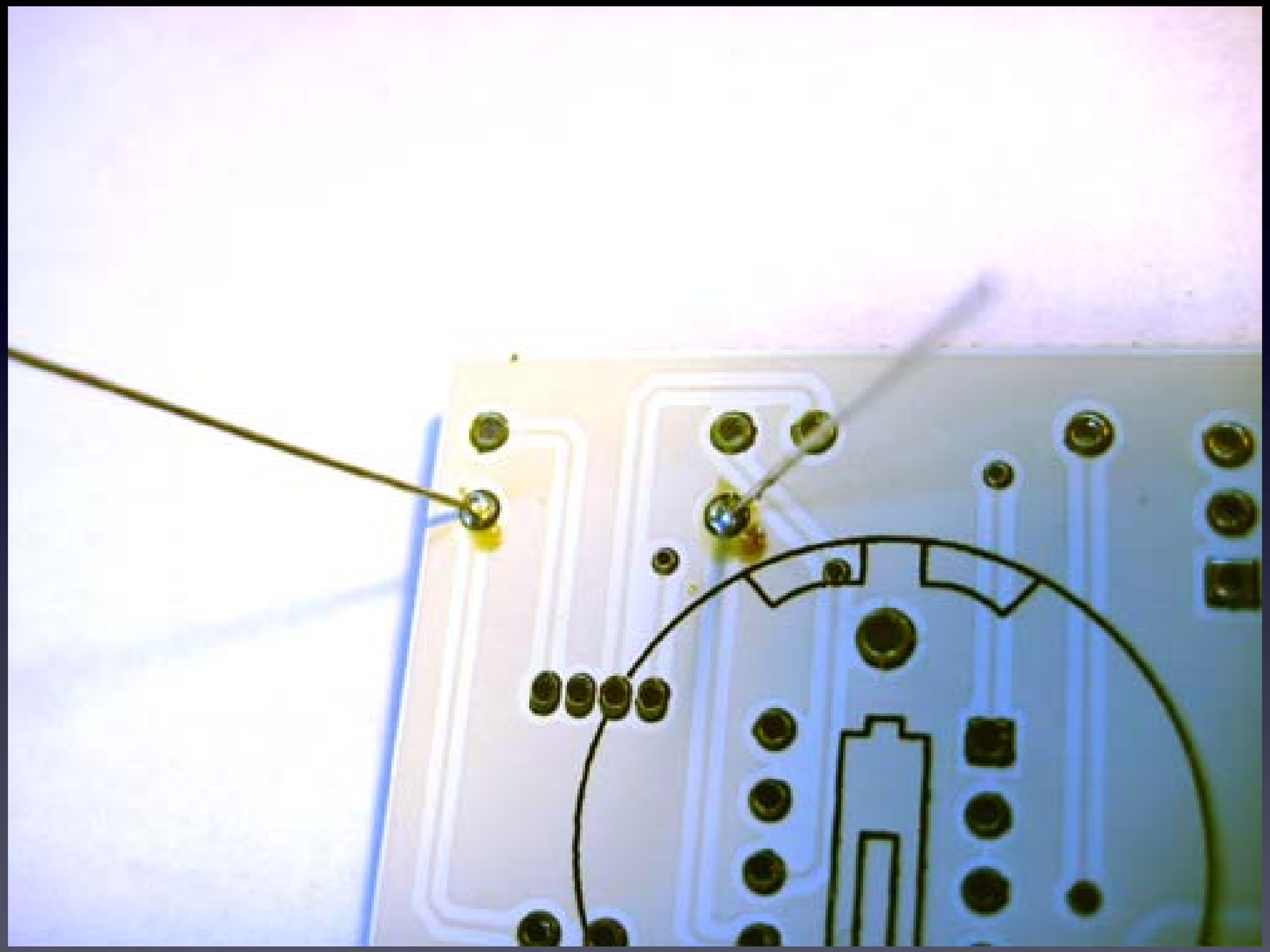
The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Lift Tip

If you are using solder WITH lead (Pb), you can now

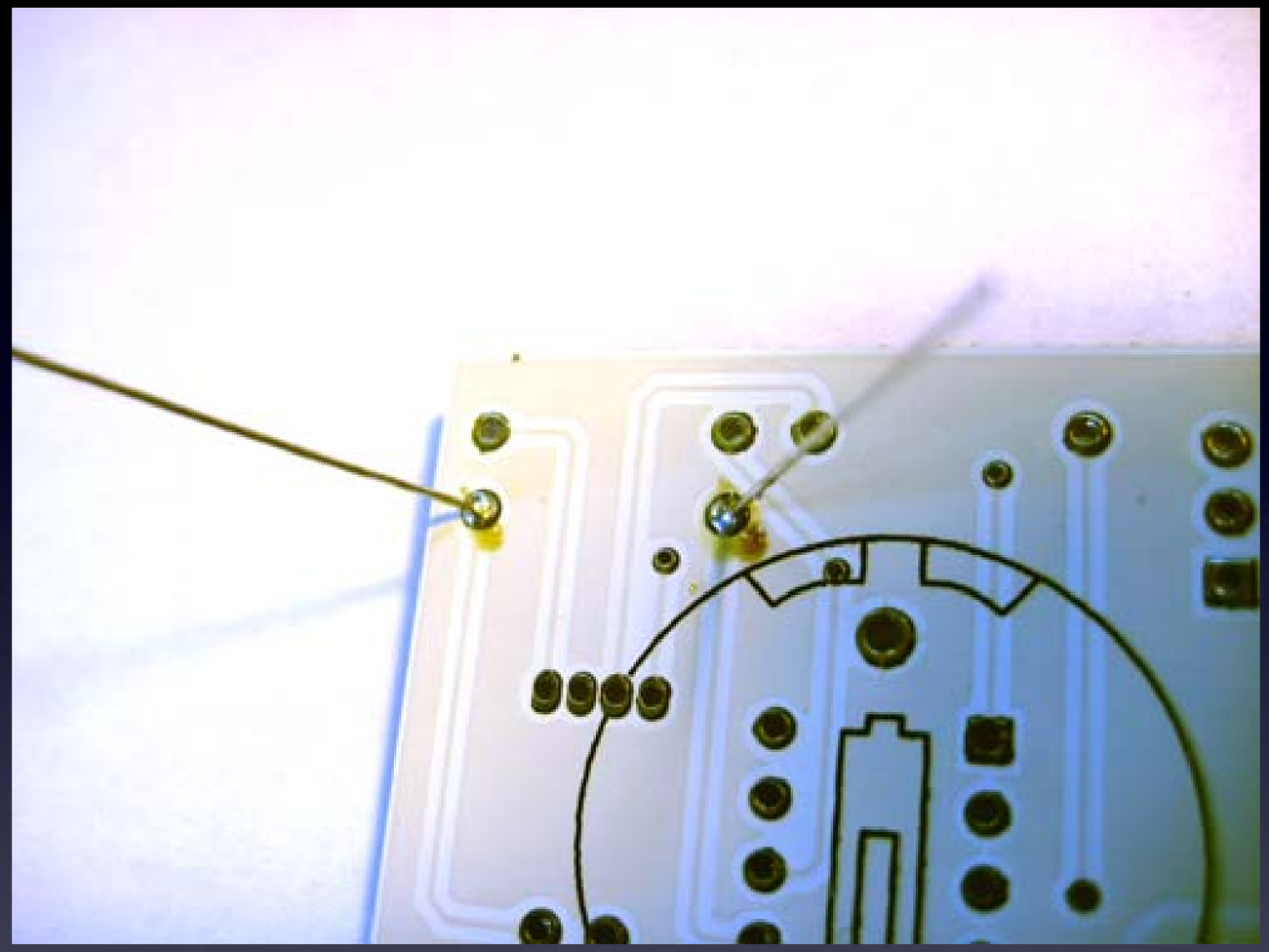
Solder all of the leads of the part to the board



For this part, there are two leads

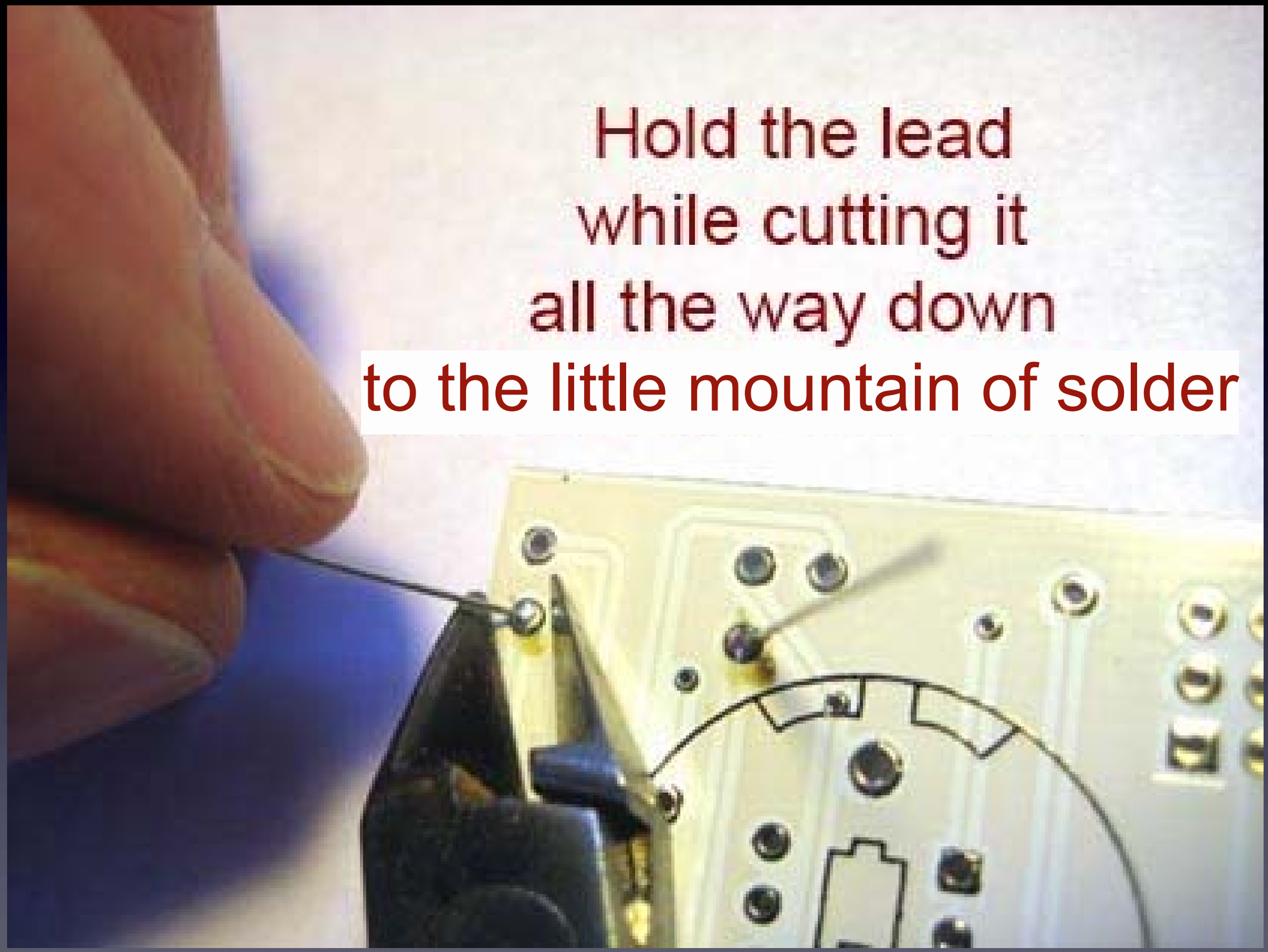
Here you can see two good solder connections

Two good solder connections



- Little mountains (not flat)
- Pads totally covered in solder
- Can’t see the hole
- No connections to other pads

Now cut the leads short



Cutting with the tip of the wire cutter gives you more control

Safety Tip #3:

Hold or cover the lead !

(or it will fly into your eye!)

(They like doing that – so please hold or cover the lead when you cut.)

No wires sticking out

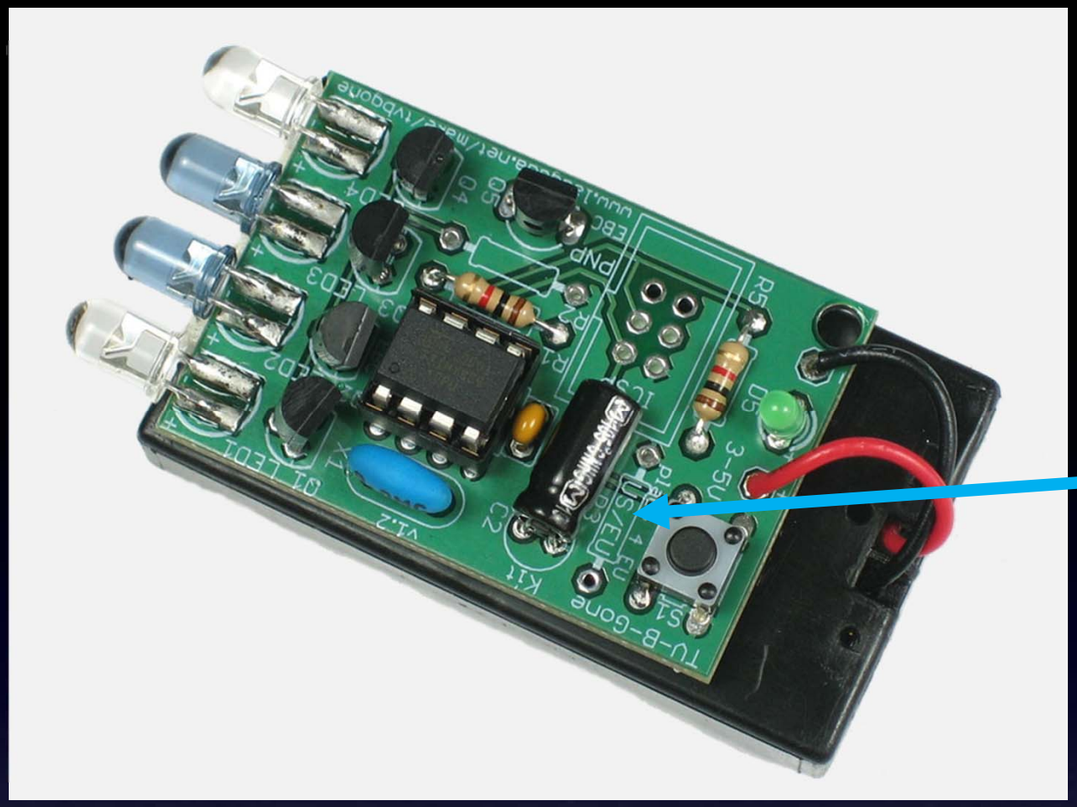
A closer look at good solder connections

Notice that:

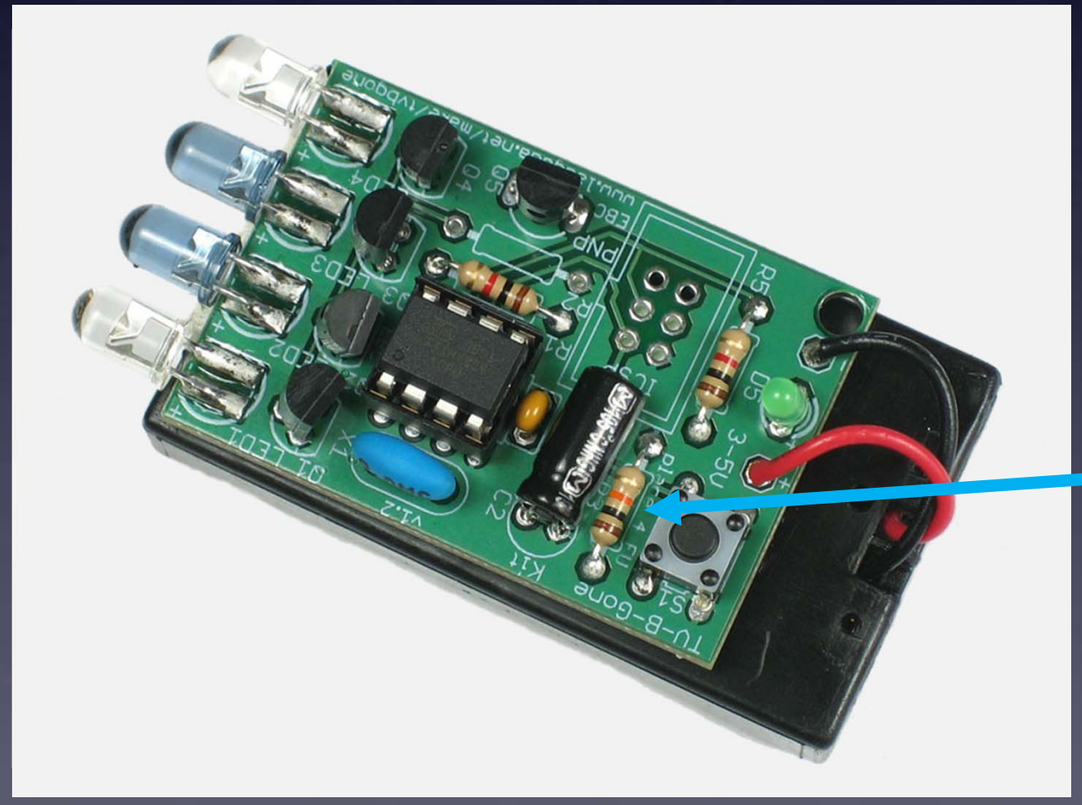
- Each connection is a small mountain (not flat)
- You cannot see any pad (they're totally covered with solder)
- You cannot see the holes (they're totally covered with solder)
- No connections to other pads

One part at a time

Till all the parts are soldered



NA (R3 <u>not</u> soldered)

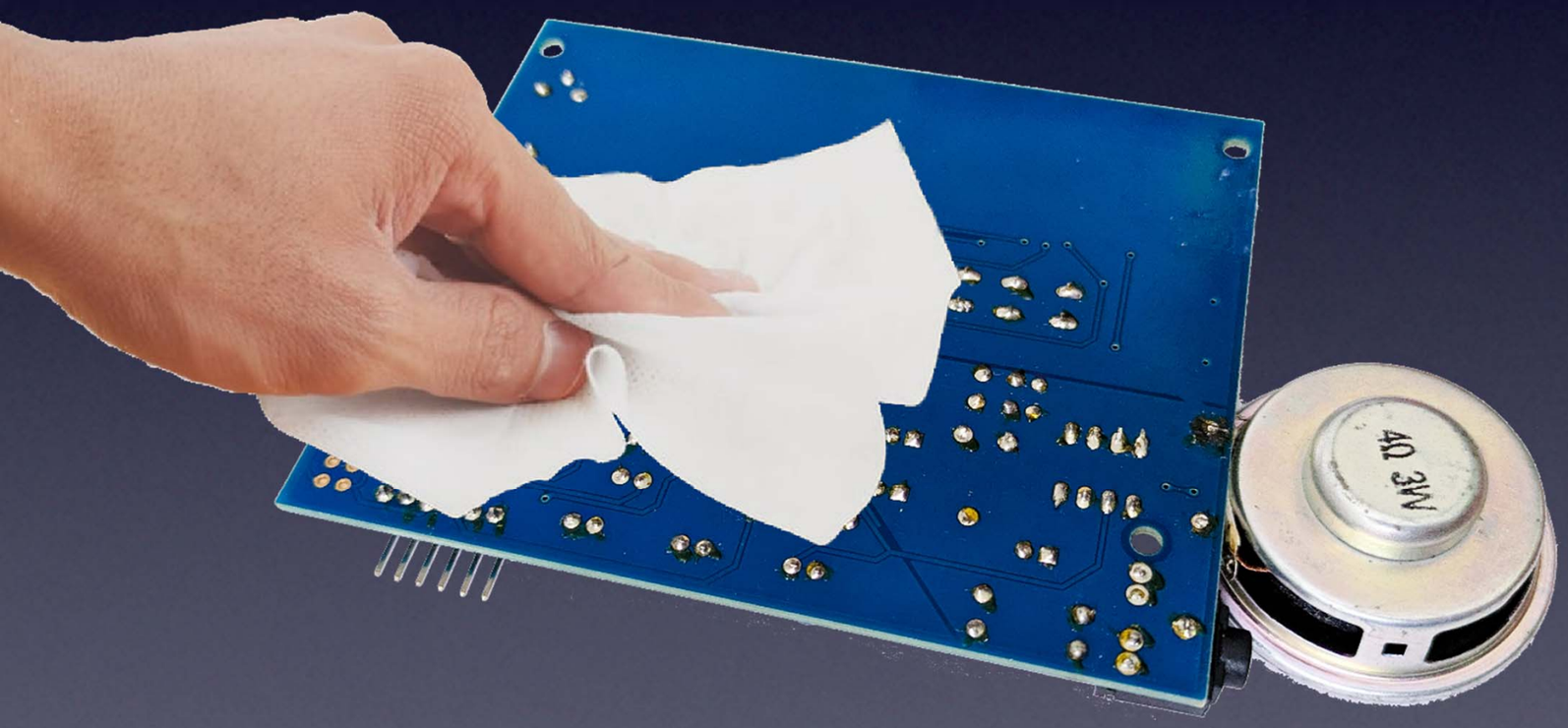


EU (R3 soldered in)

And it will look like this when you're done.

If you used any *flux paste for re-working problems*

The bottom of the PCB will be sticky from the flux



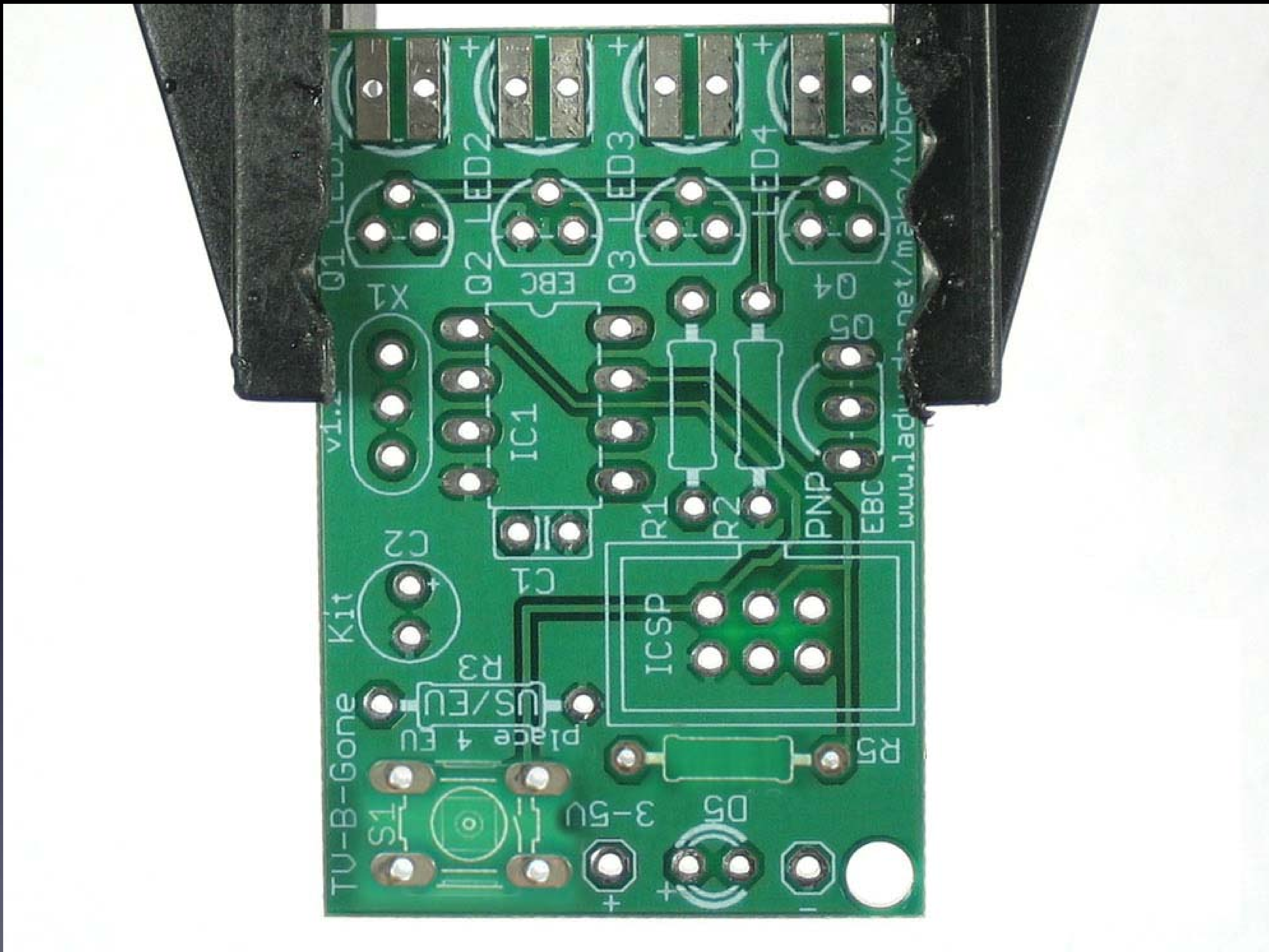
You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol

Then test with batteries,

And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)

Let’s start!



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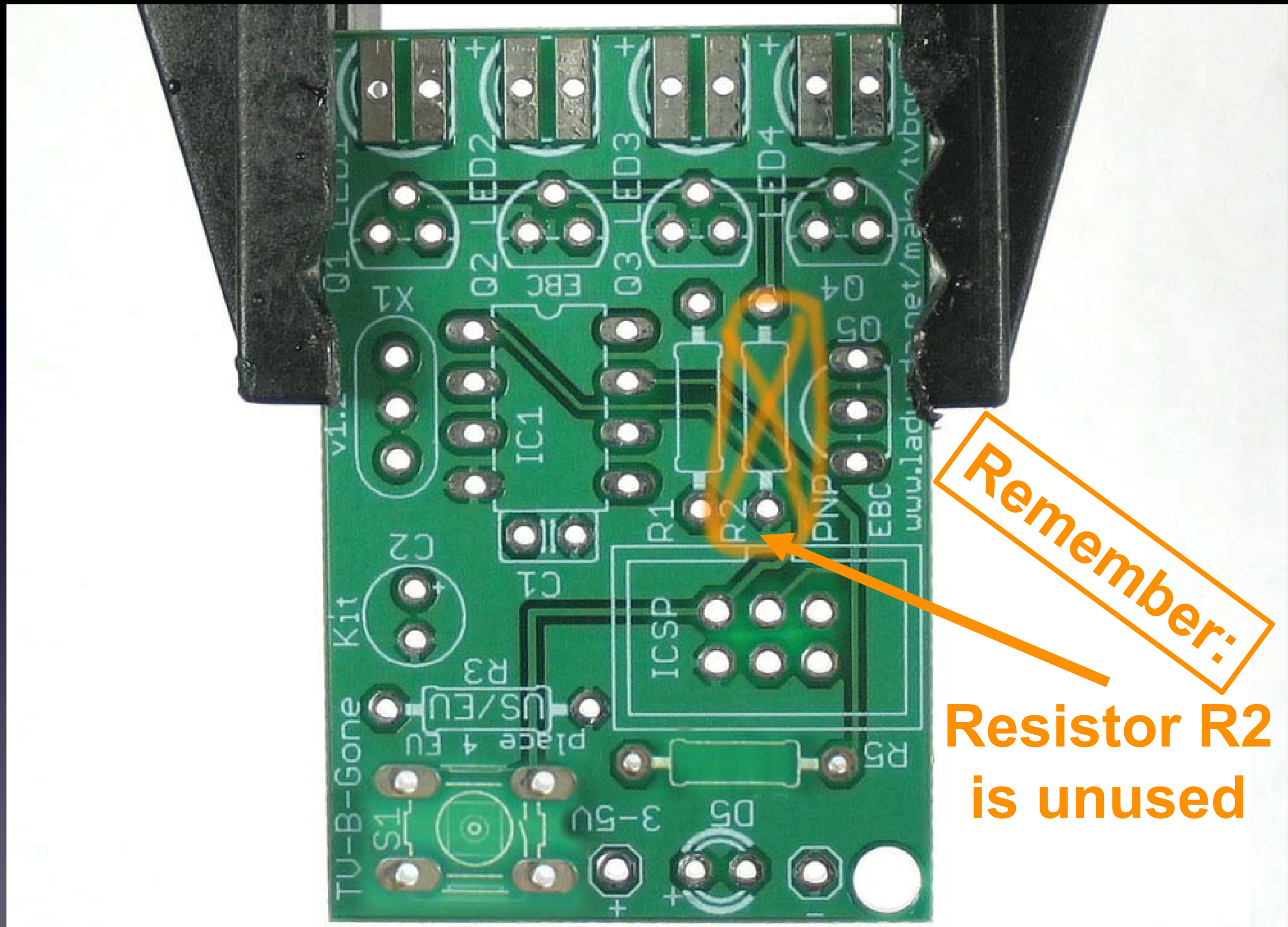
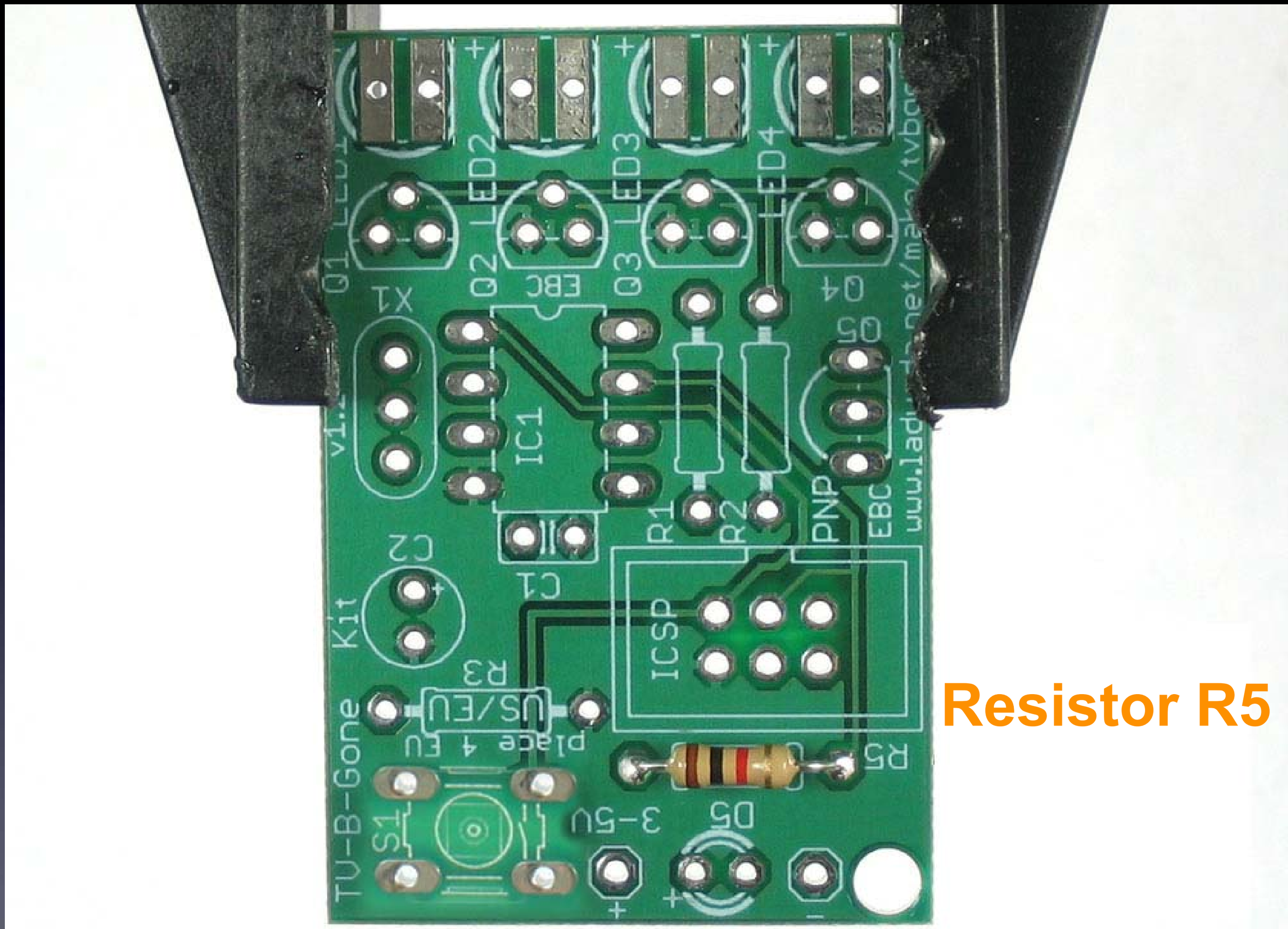

Remember:
Resistor R2
is unused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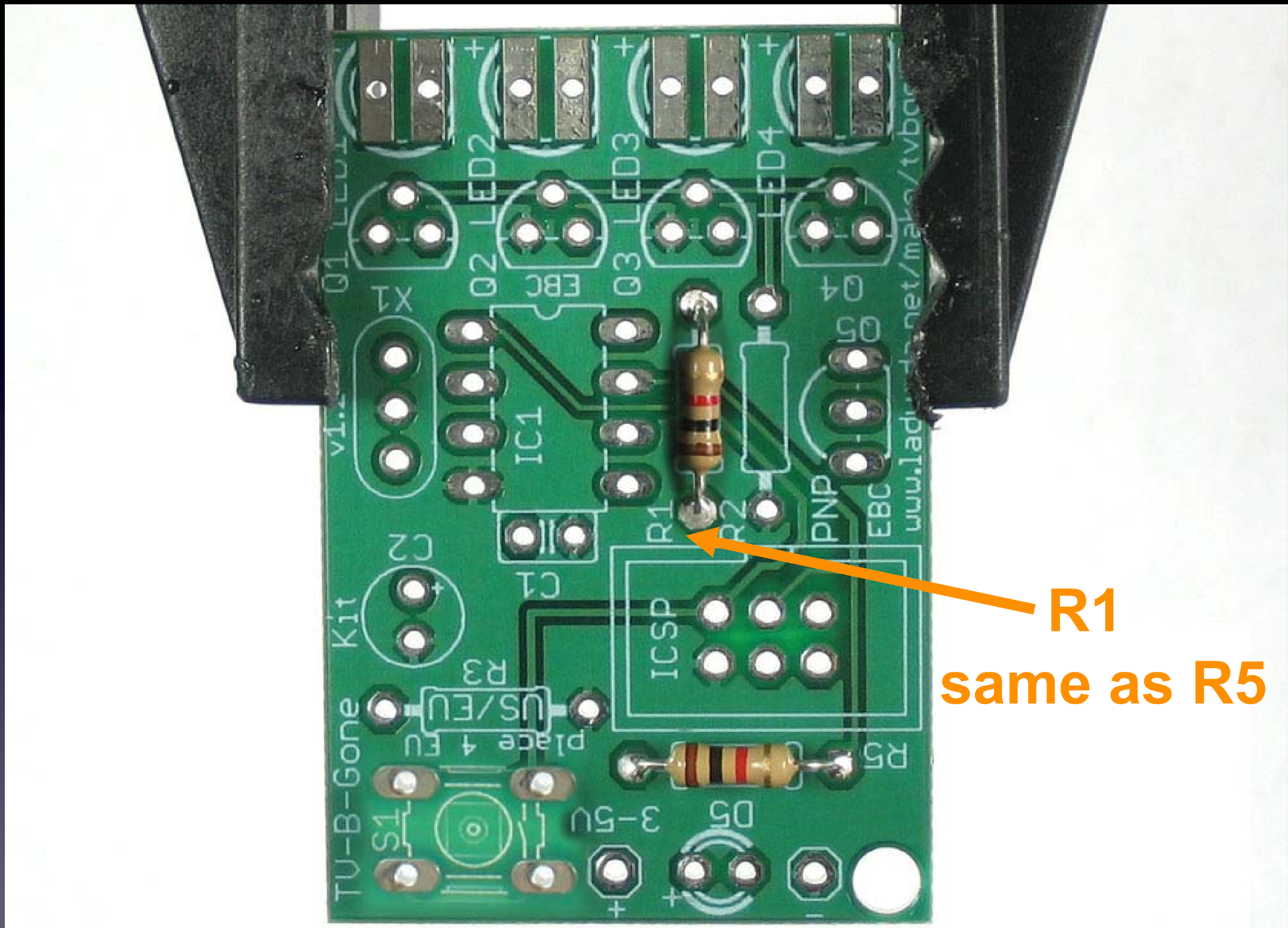
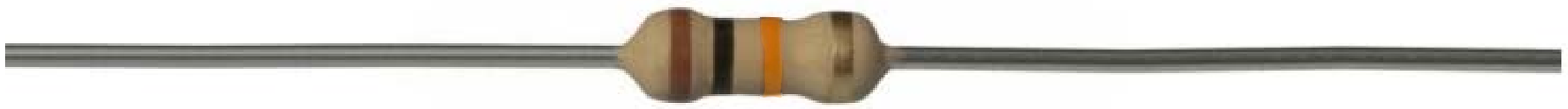

R1
same as R5

Resistor R3
is ONLY for Europe

R3



10K Ohm: Brown, Black, Orange

NOTE: Do NOT use the [Brown, Black, Red] resistor !

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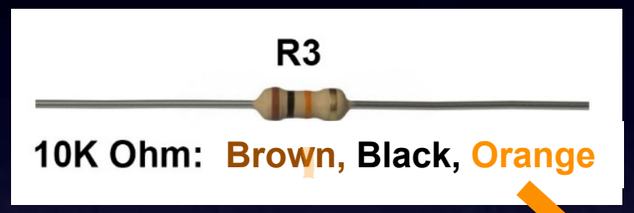
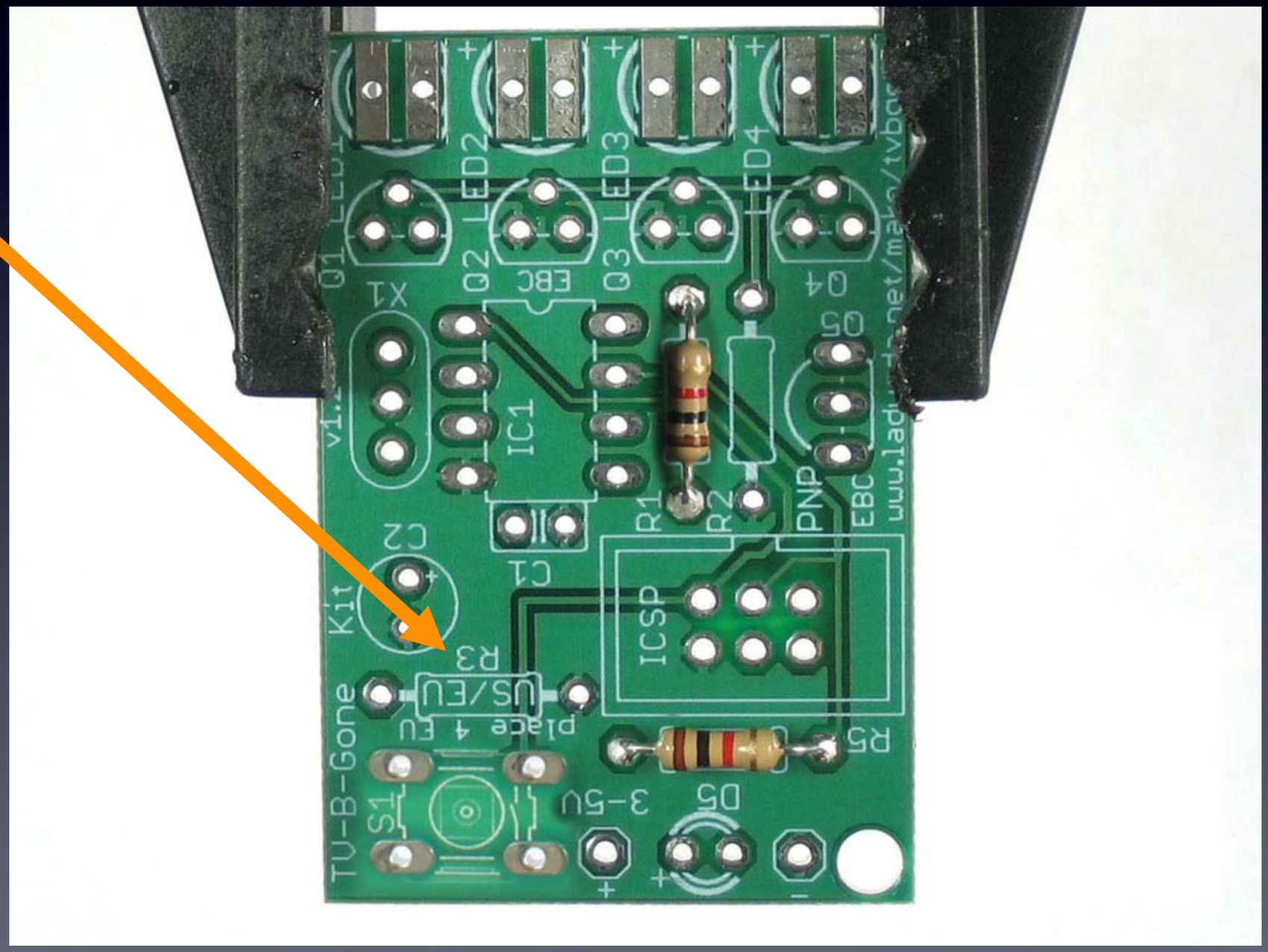
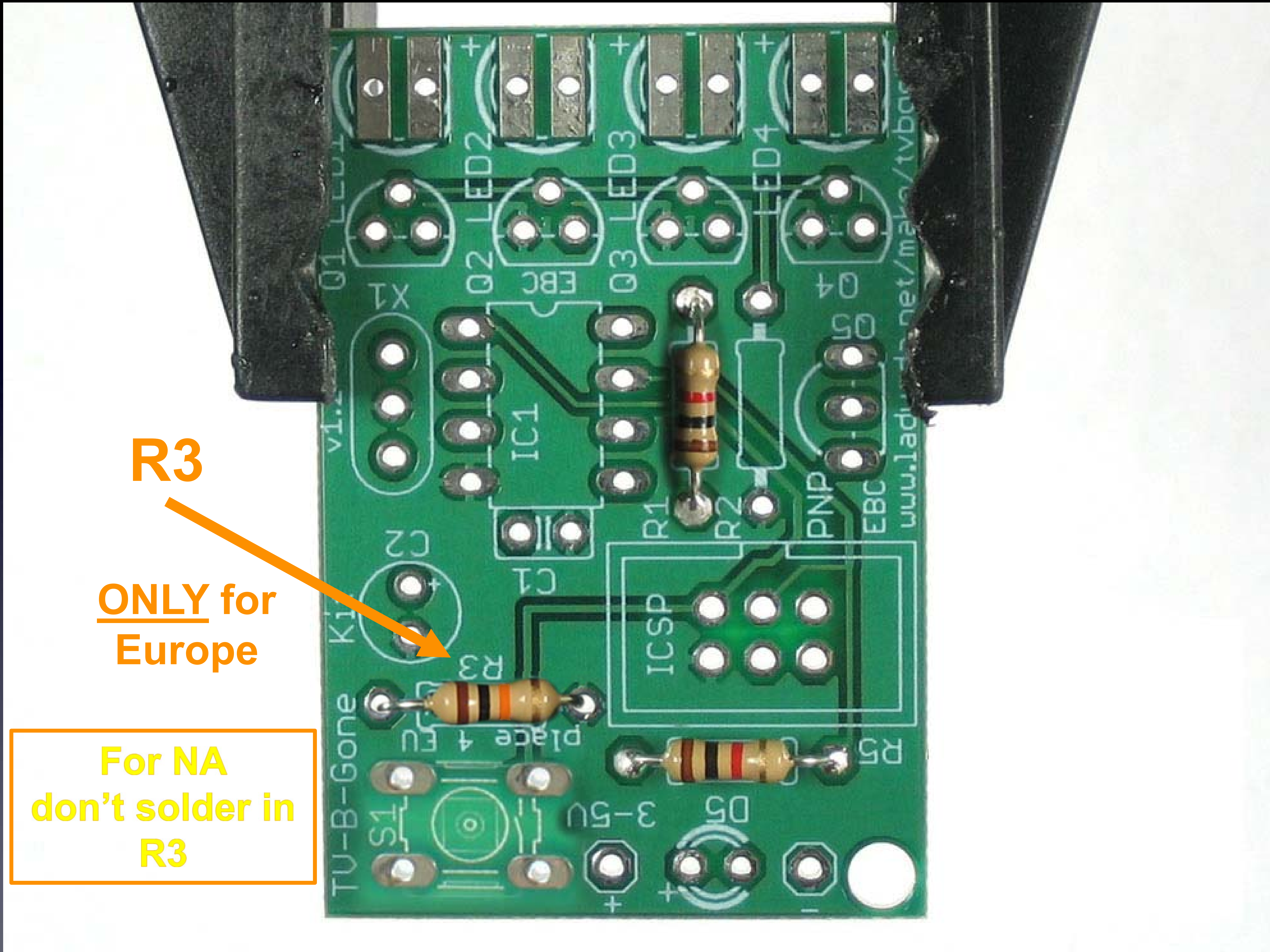


For Europe:
use R3
(also for Middle-East, Australia, and Afrika)

For North America:
no R3
(also for Asia and South America)

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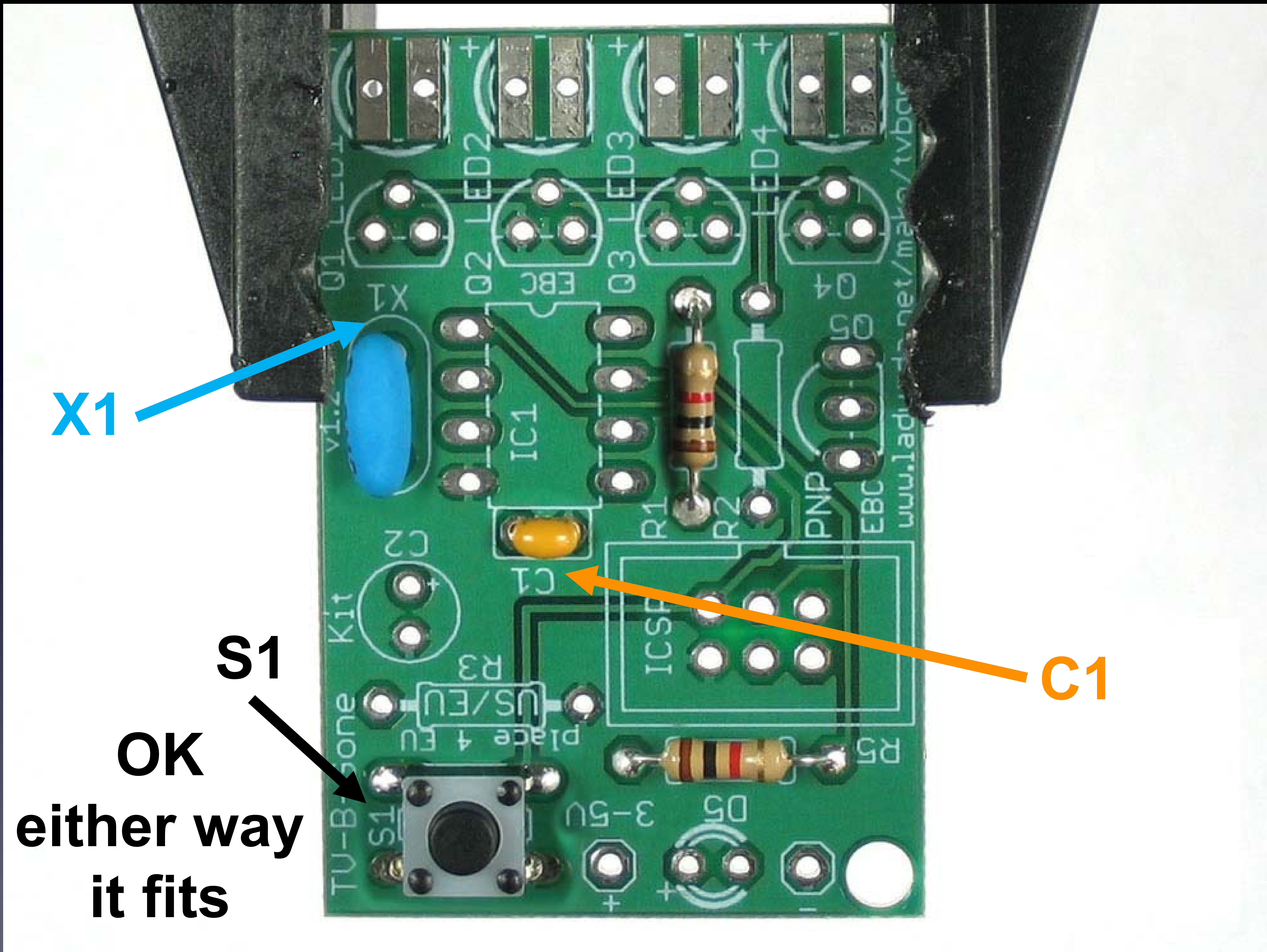
ONLY for Europe
For NA don't solder in R3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S1
OK
either way
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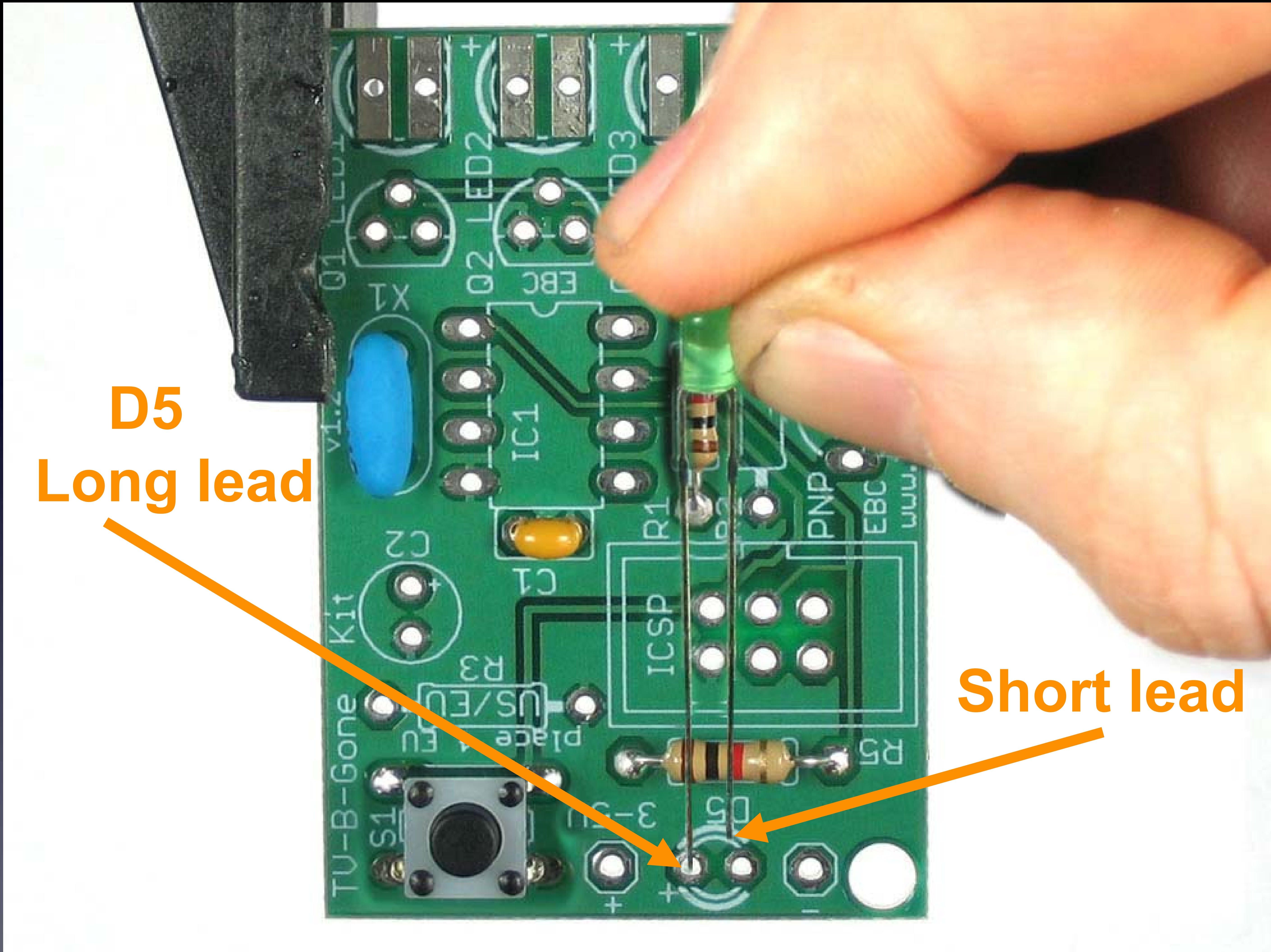
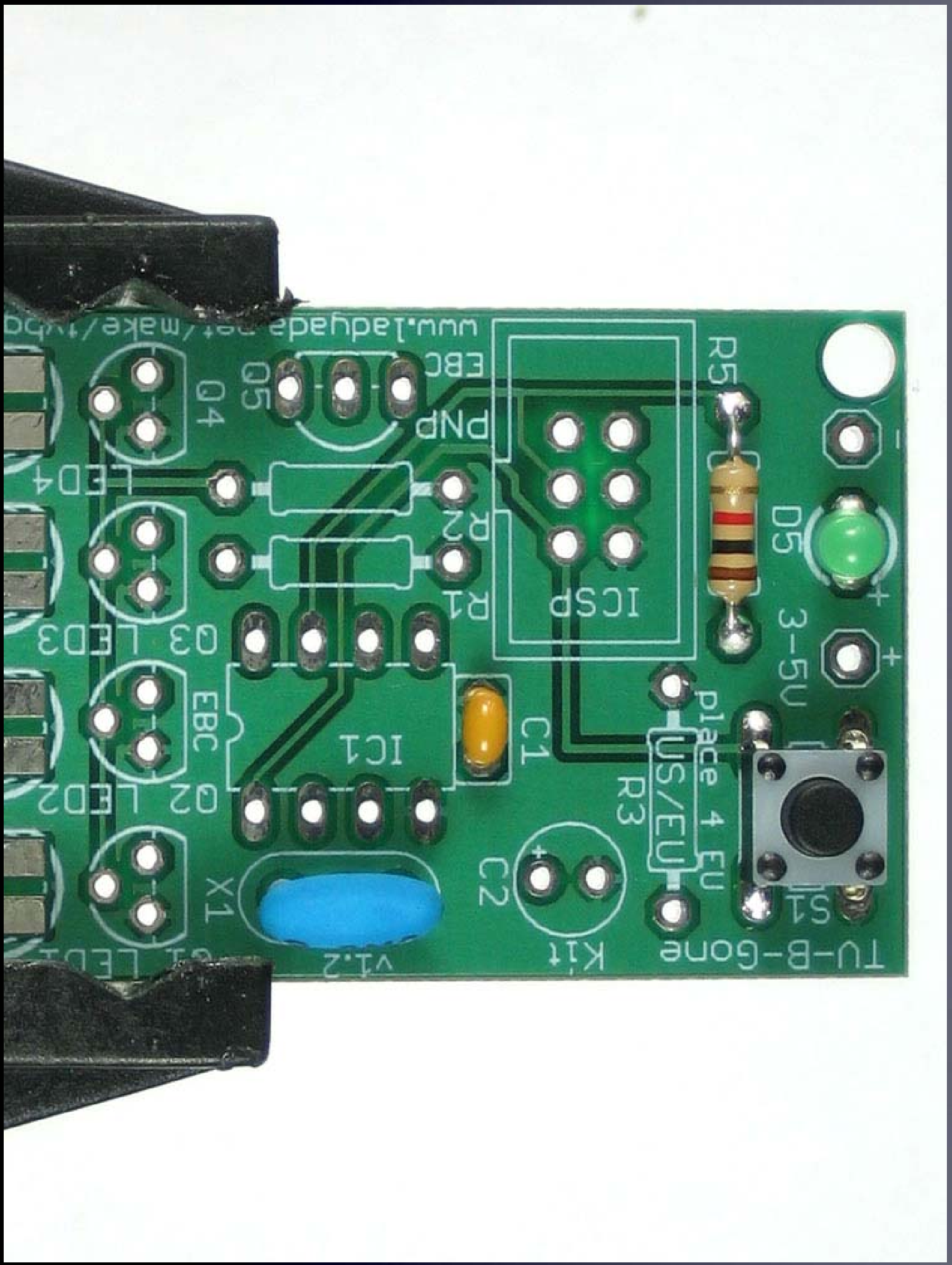

D5
Long lead
Short lead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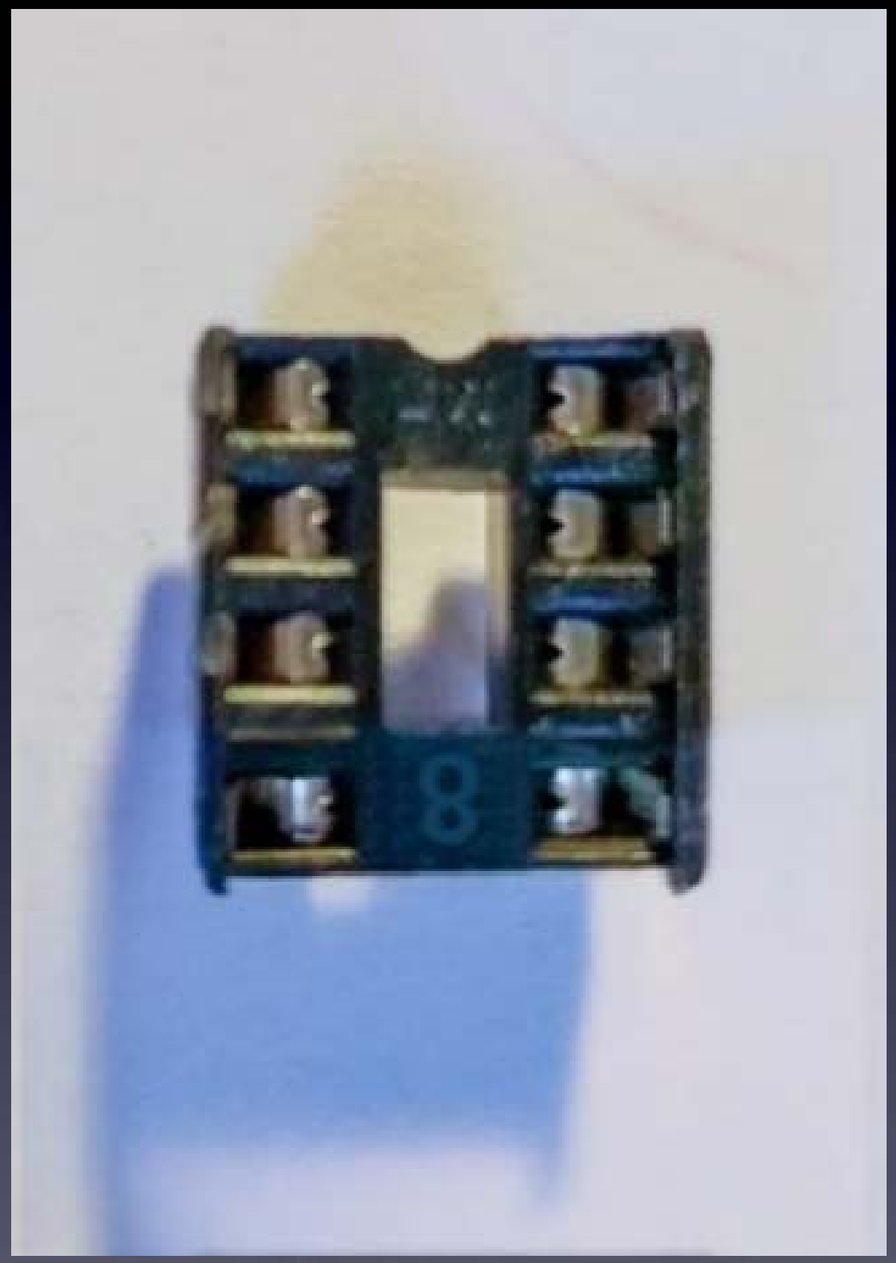
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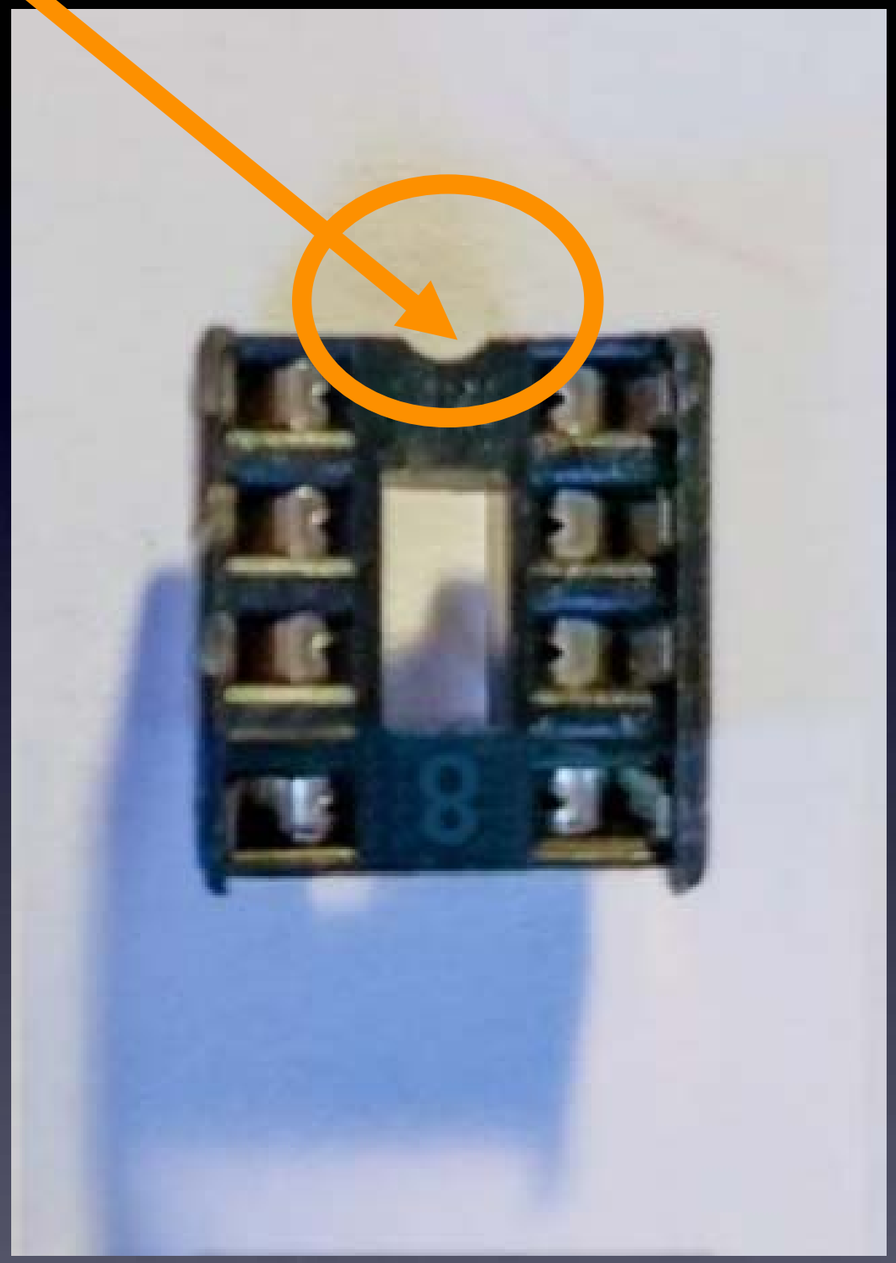
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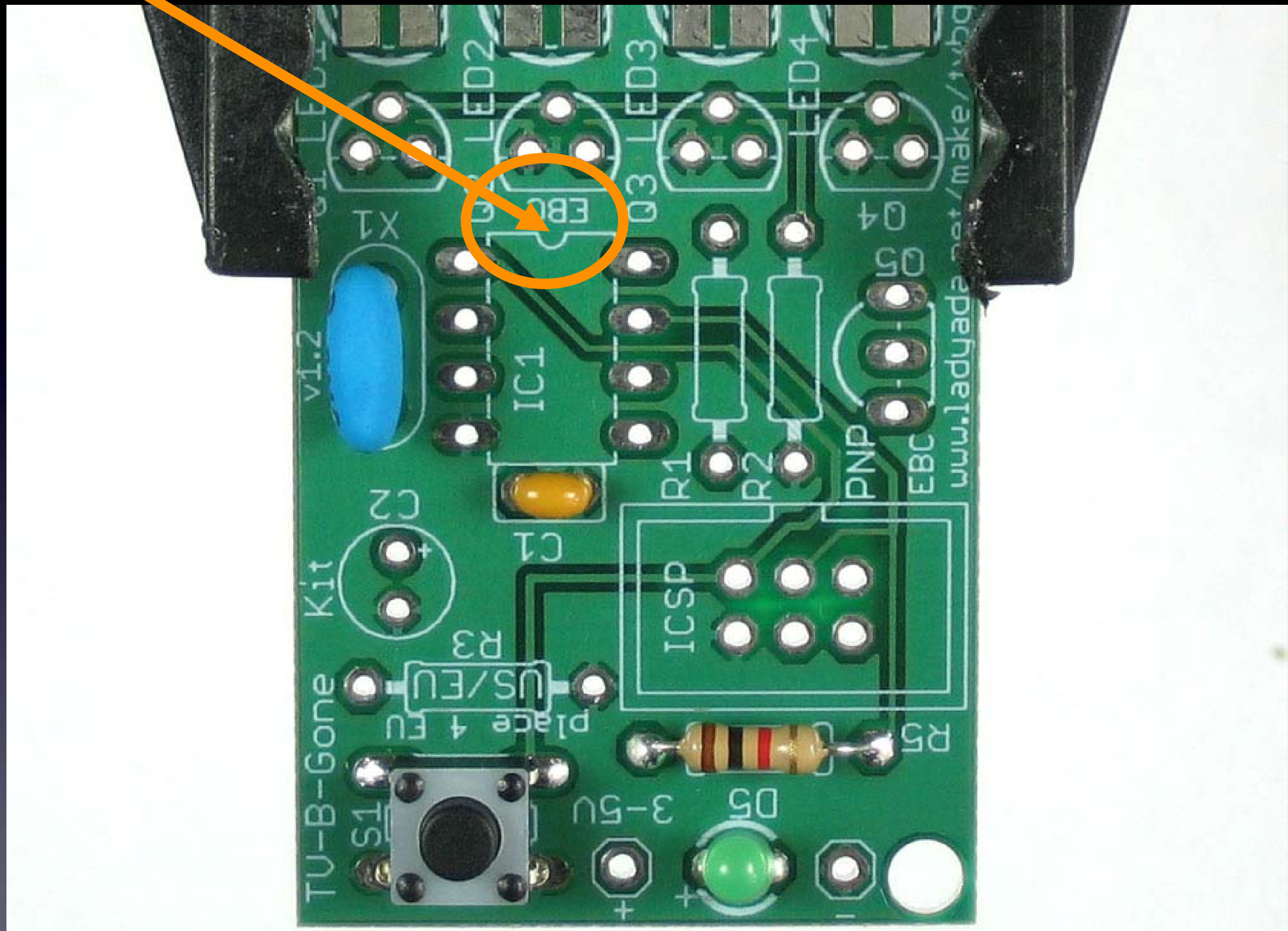
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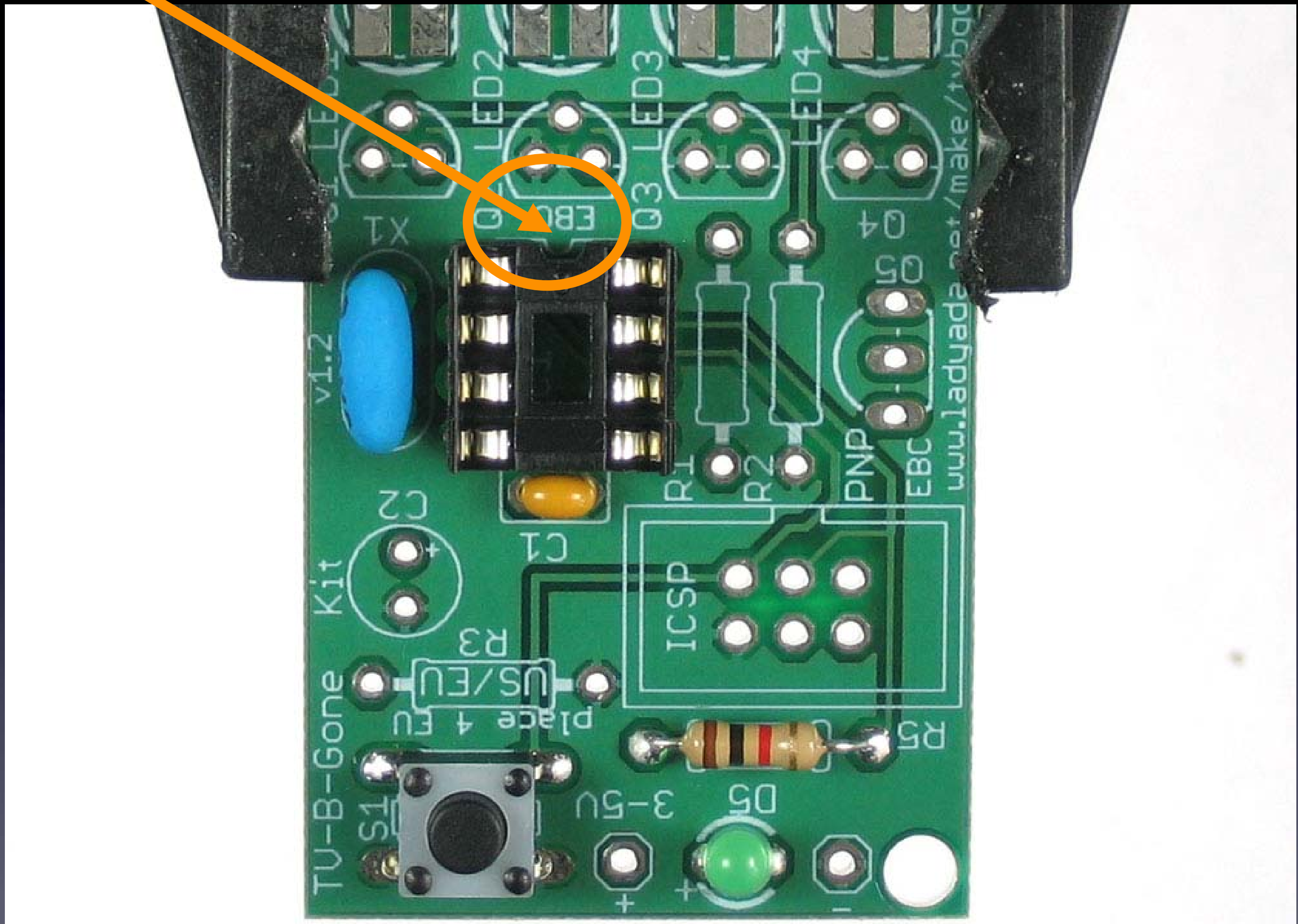
D5


LED2
LED3
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Q3
Q4
X1
v1.2
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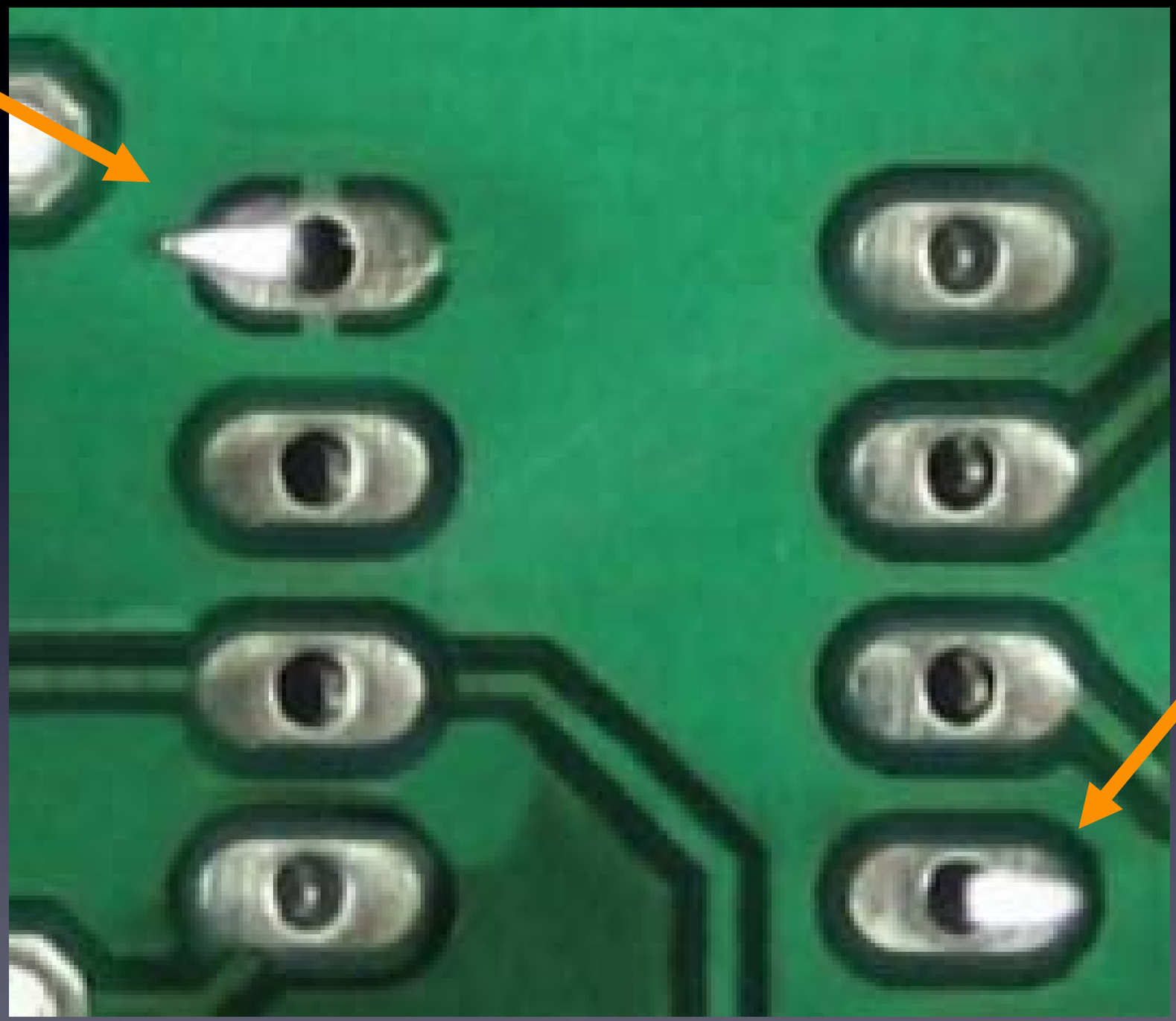
Bend pins on 2 opposite corners

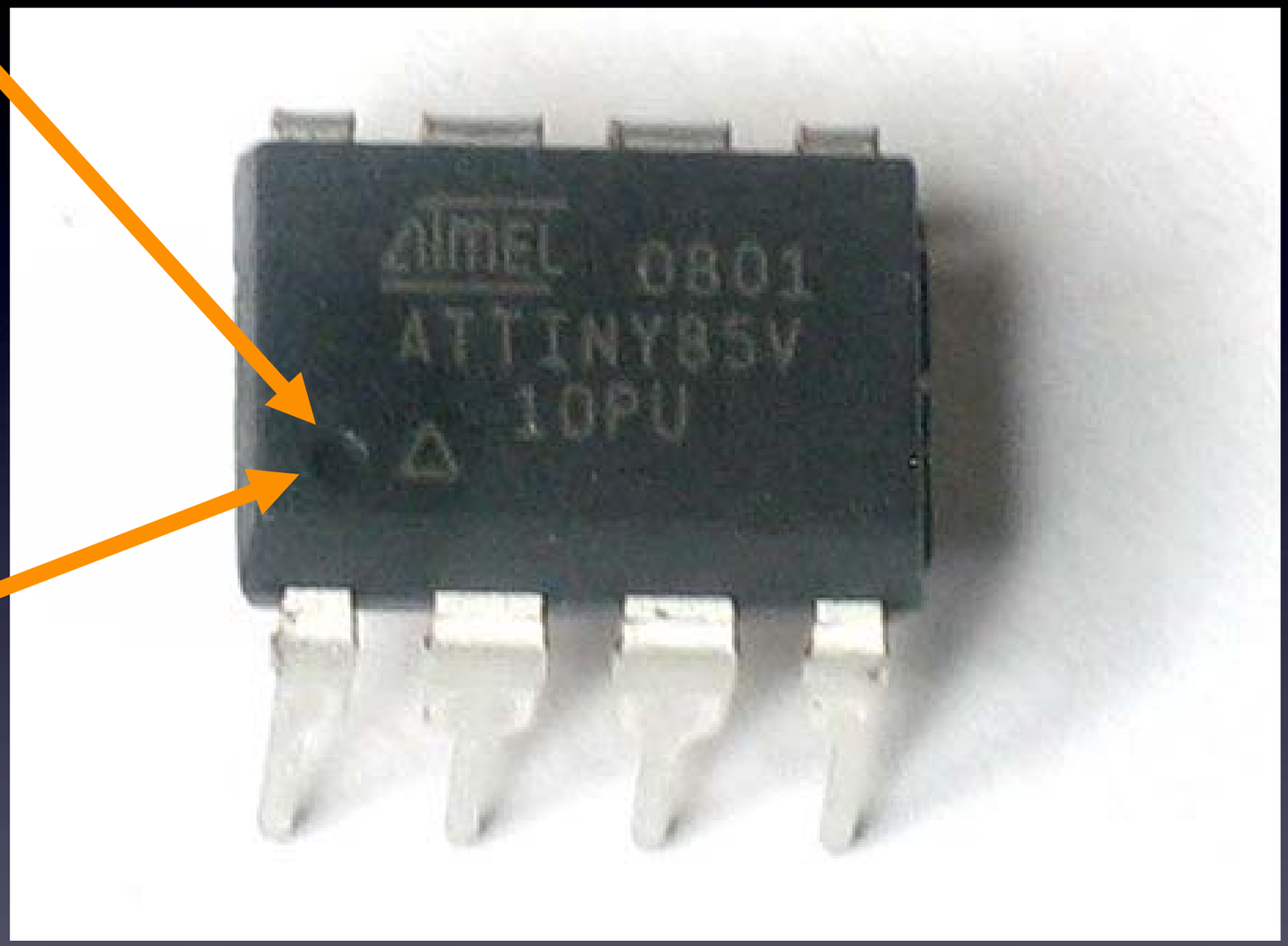


so socket won’t fall out while soldering

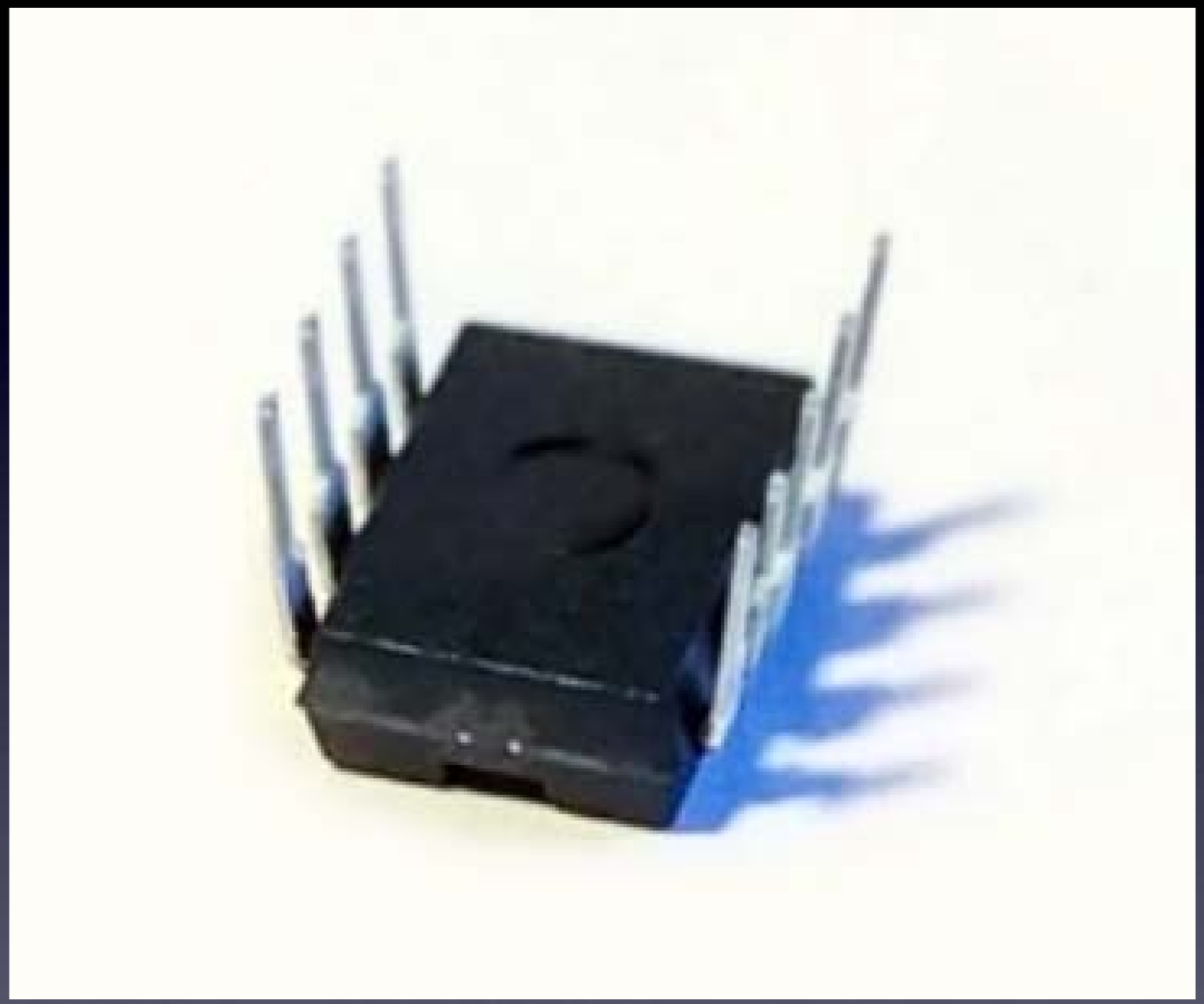
Pin 1

IC1

Indented
black dot

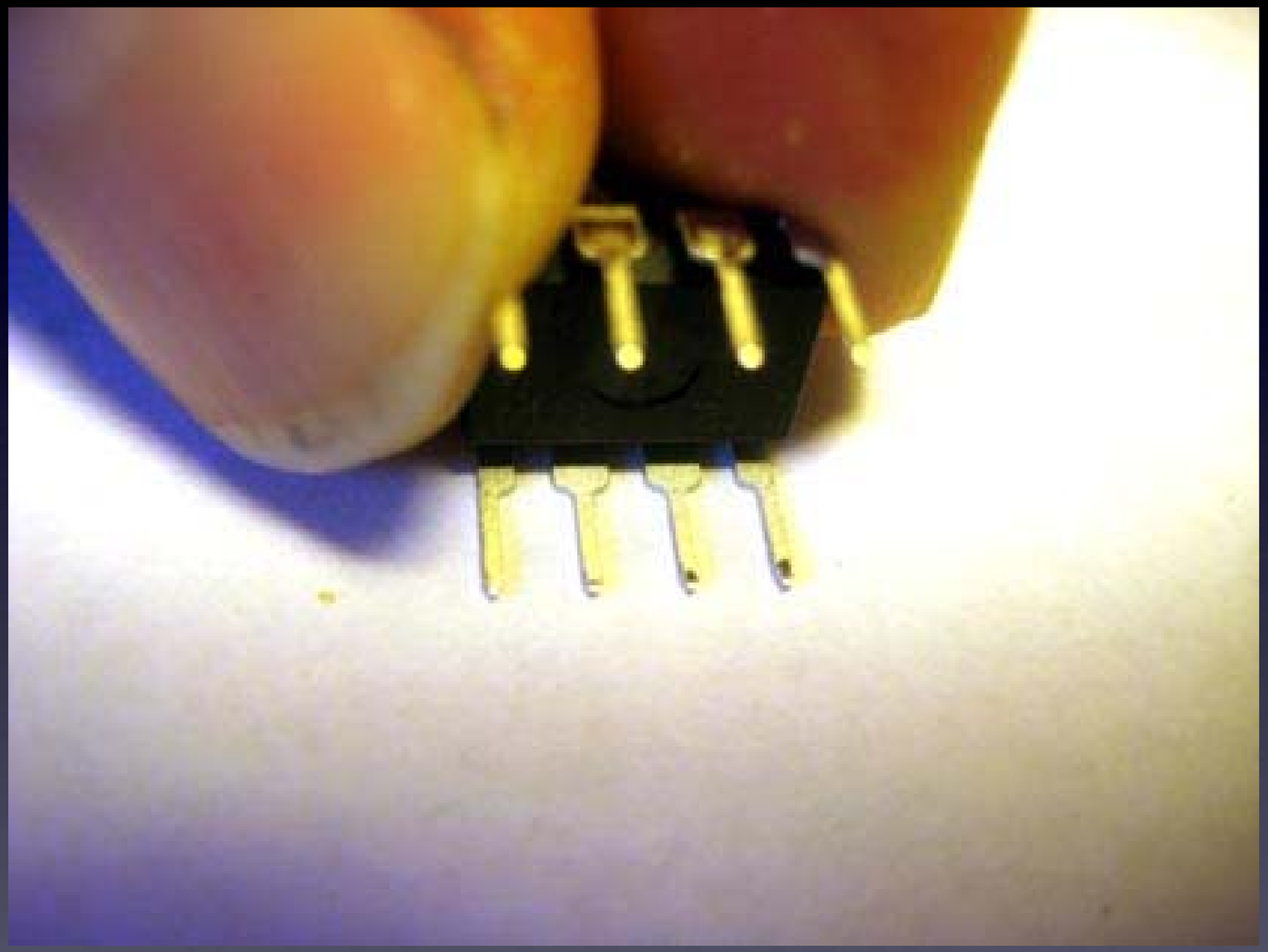


IC1



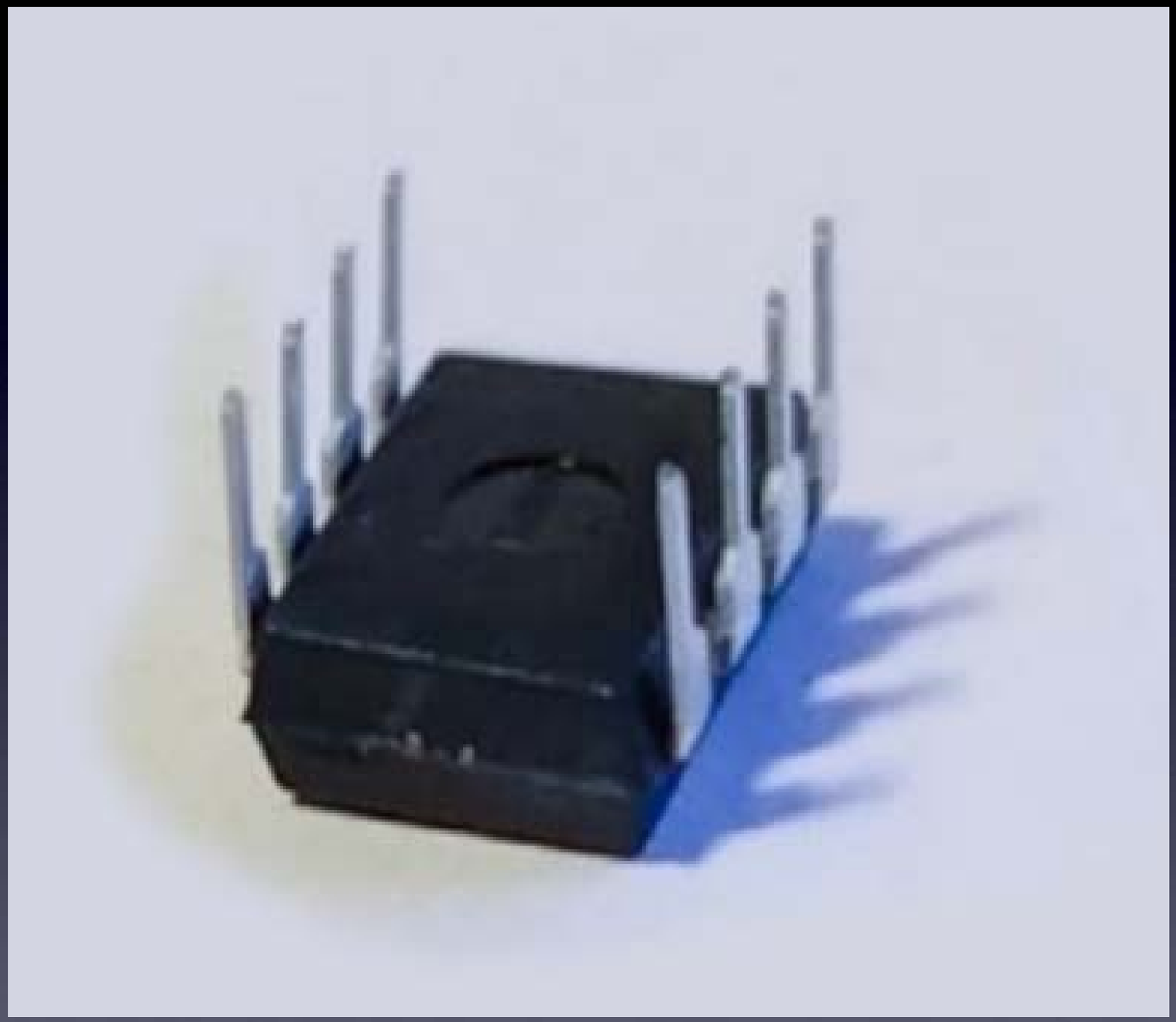
When chips are new,
their pins are bent out.

IC1



We need the pins bent straight and parallel.
Use your work table to (gently) bend the leads.

IC1



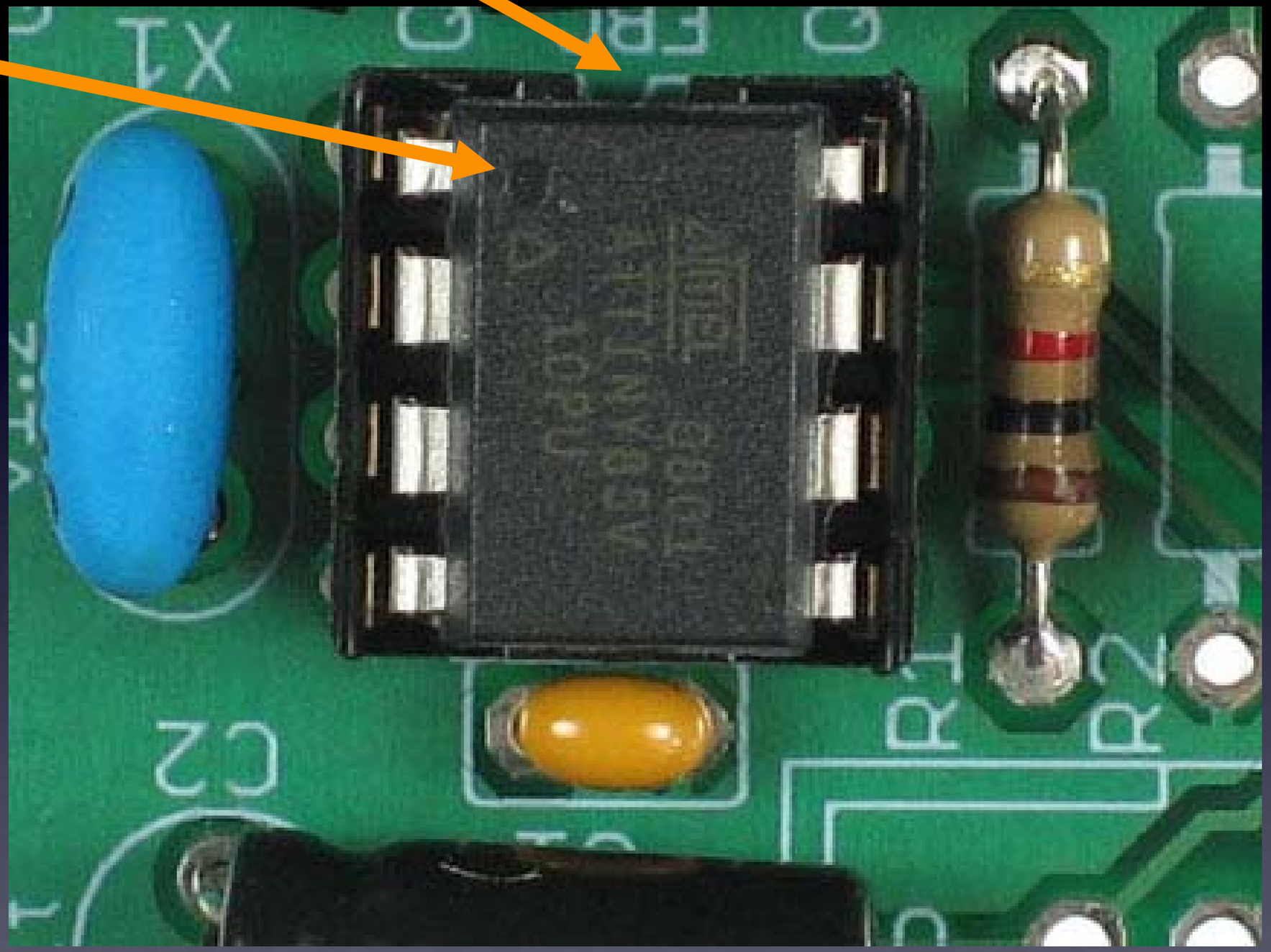
Gently bend leads so they’re straight and parallel

Pin 1

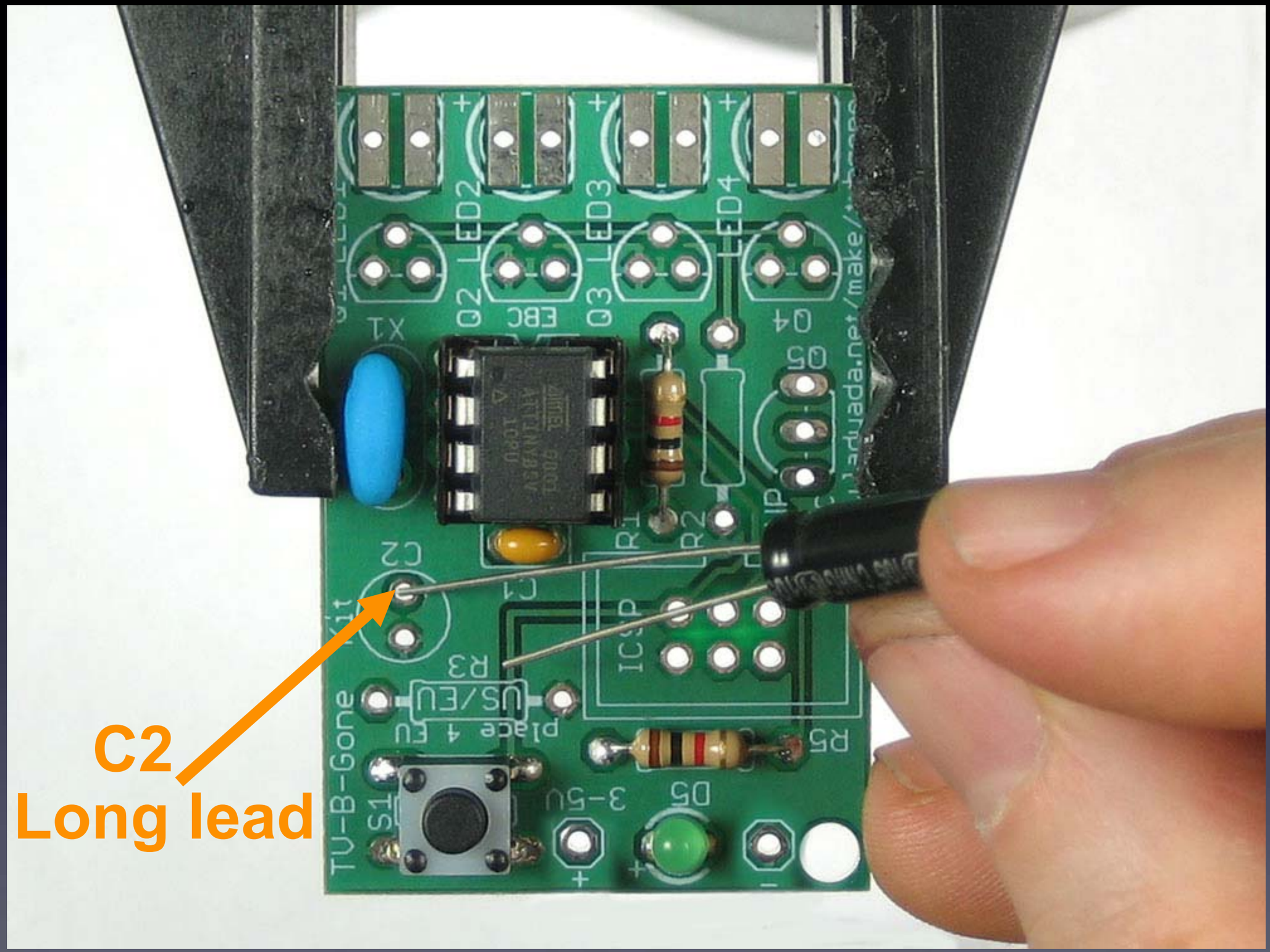
Pin 1

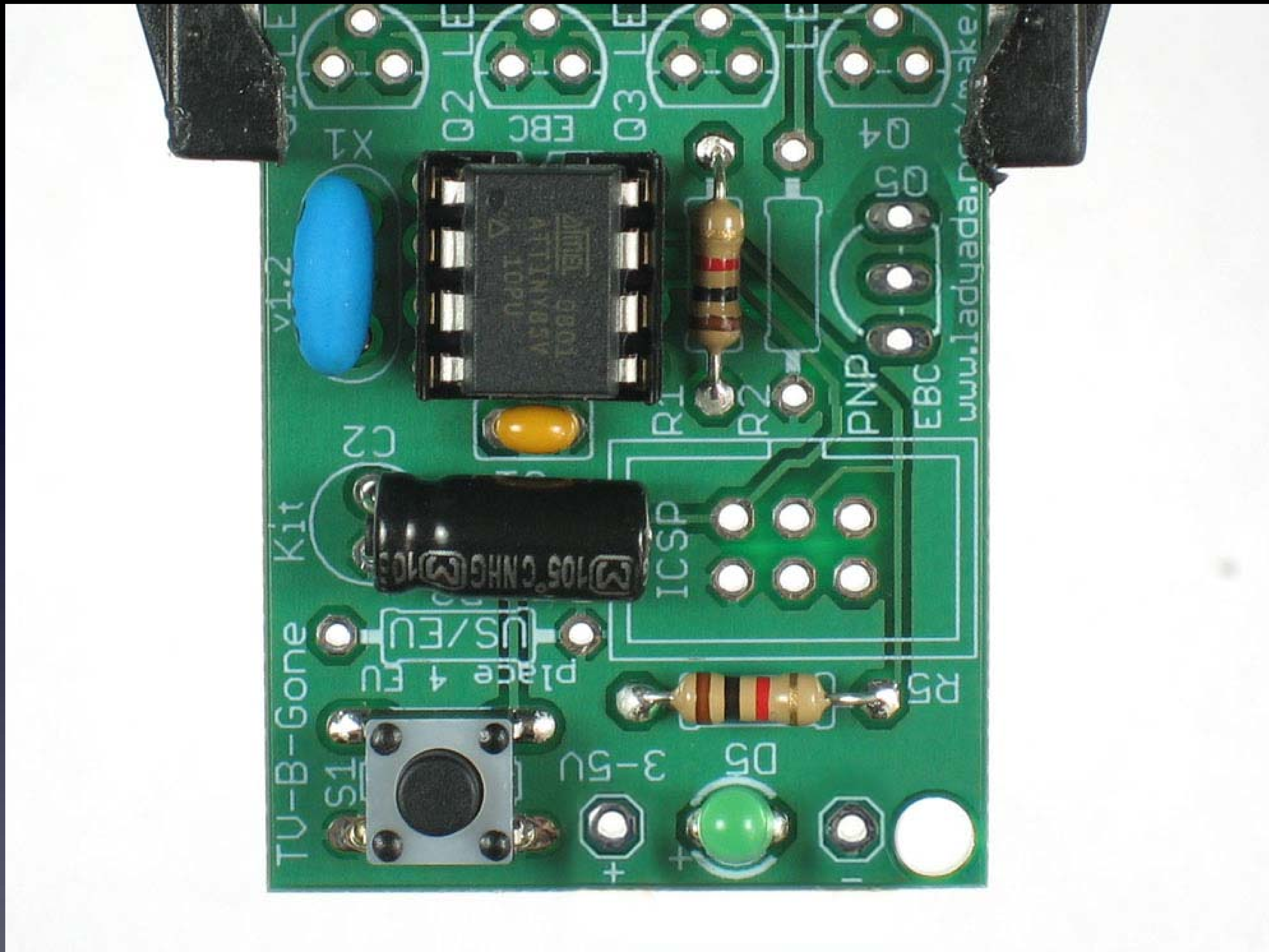
Indented
black dot

Make sure all 8 pins
are in place,
and push it into its socket.



Proper orientation


C2
Long lead



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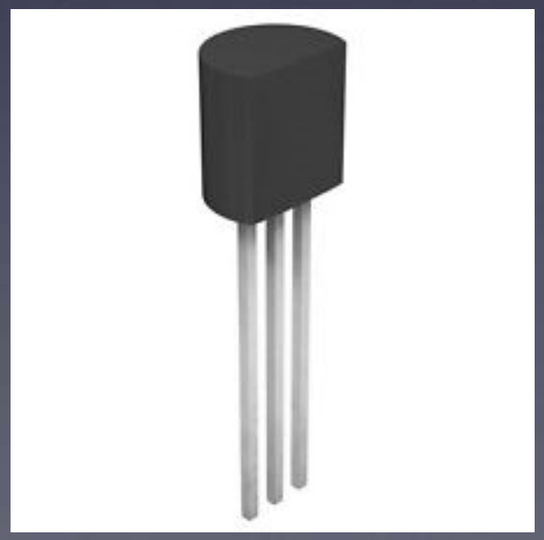
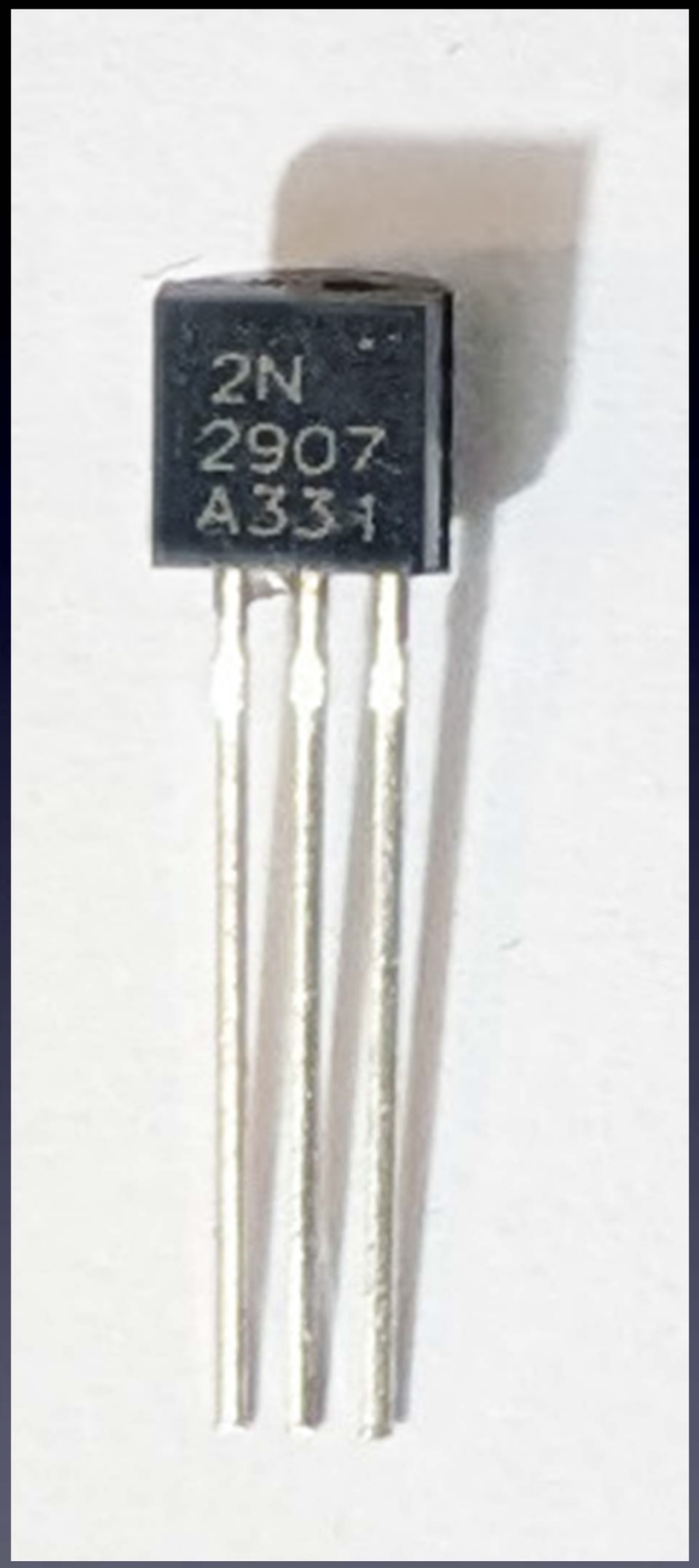
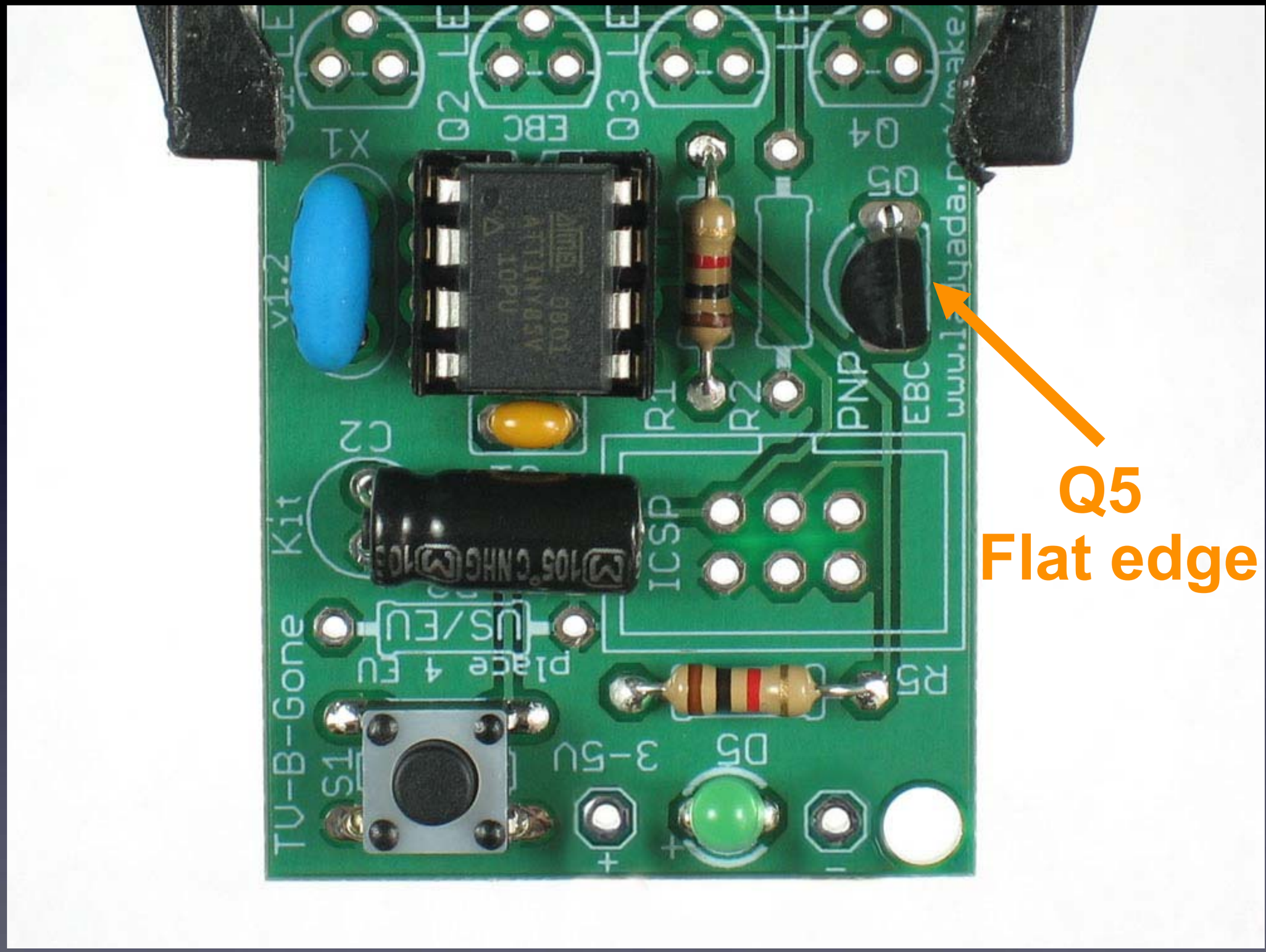
2N2907

(the one that is not taped to others)

Look at this shape:







Q5
Flat edge

DO NOT push transistors all the way into the board

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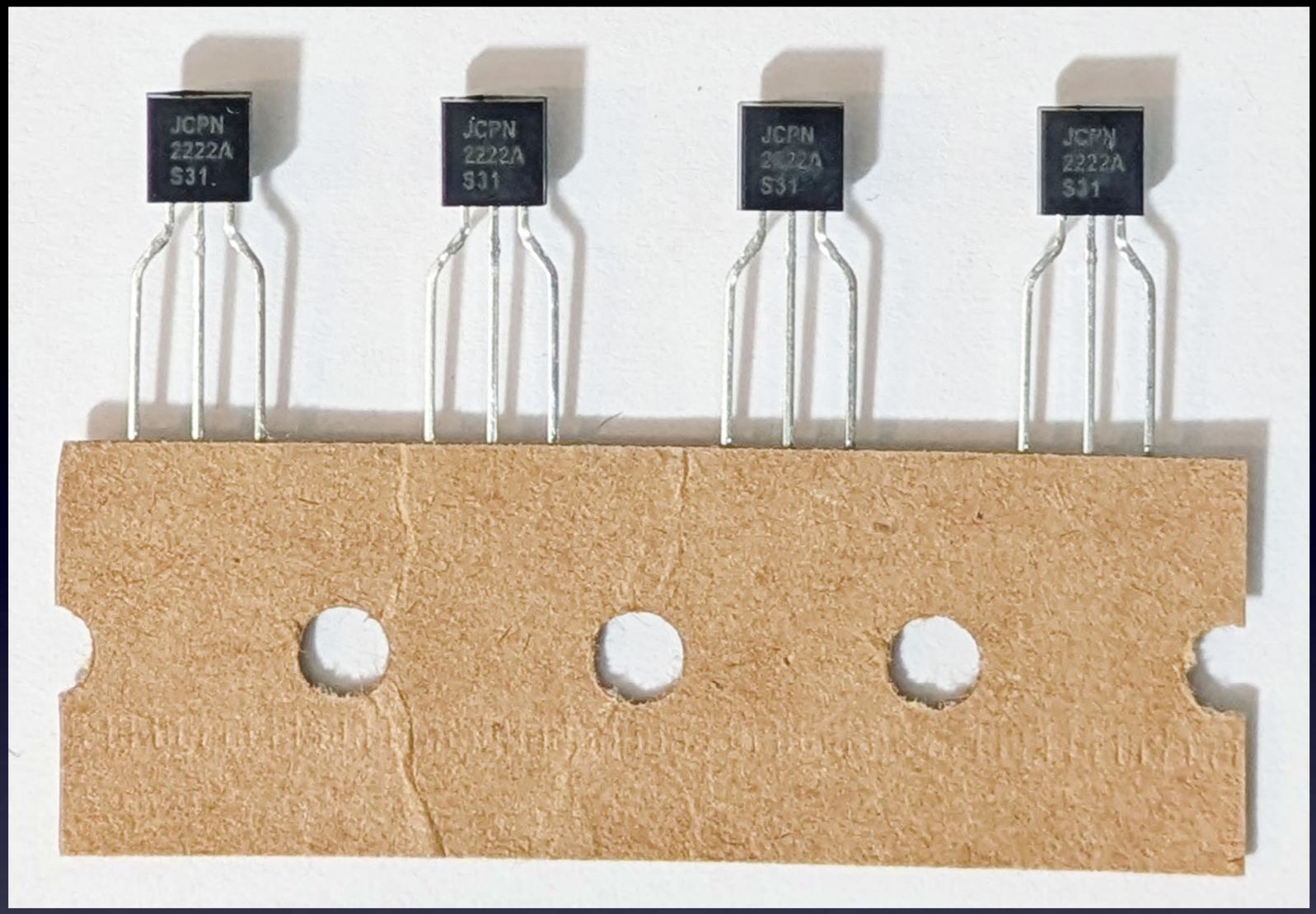
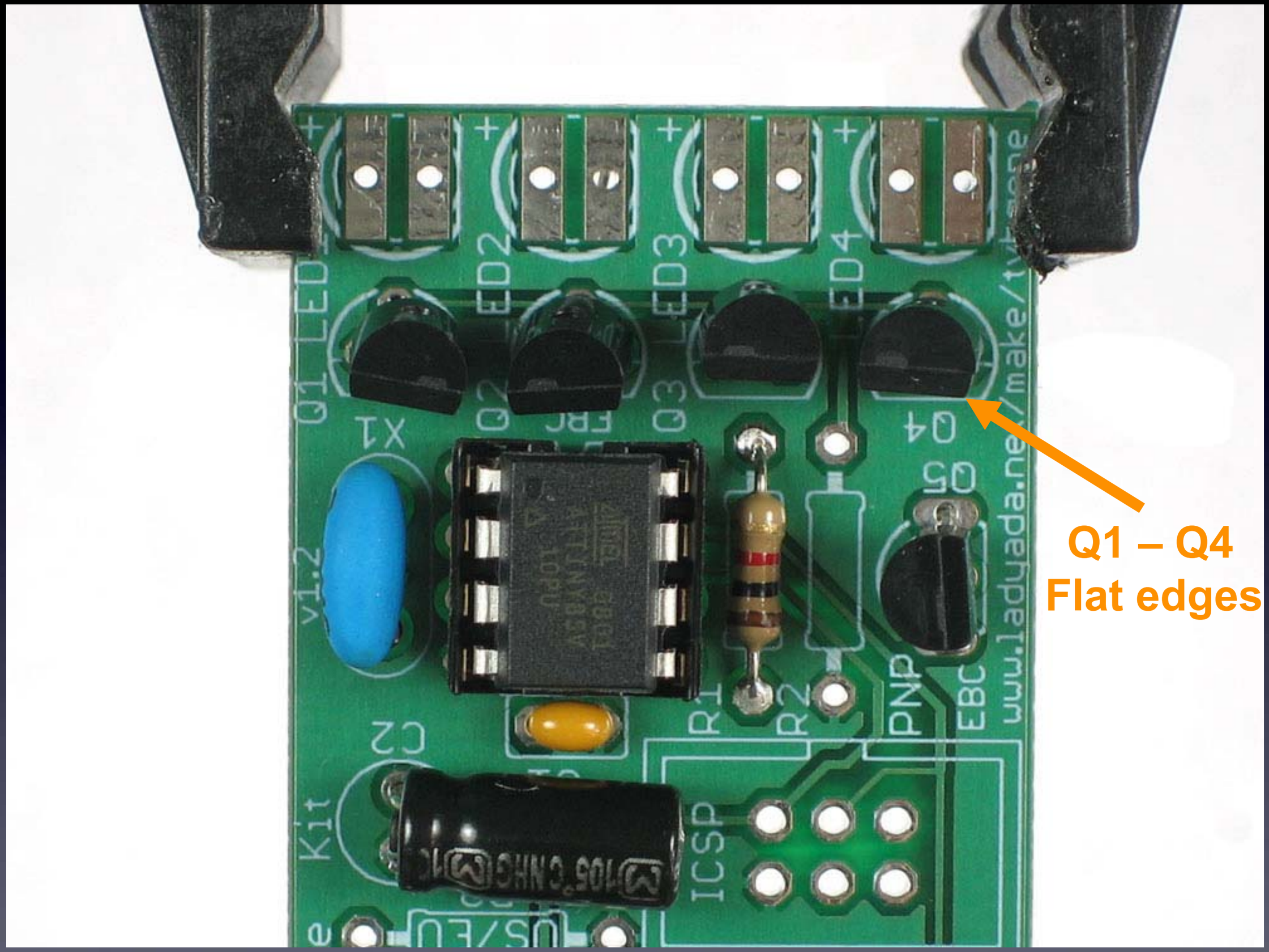
Only push till it is a little hard to push more



Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4

2N2222

(taped together)



Q1 – Q4
Flat edges

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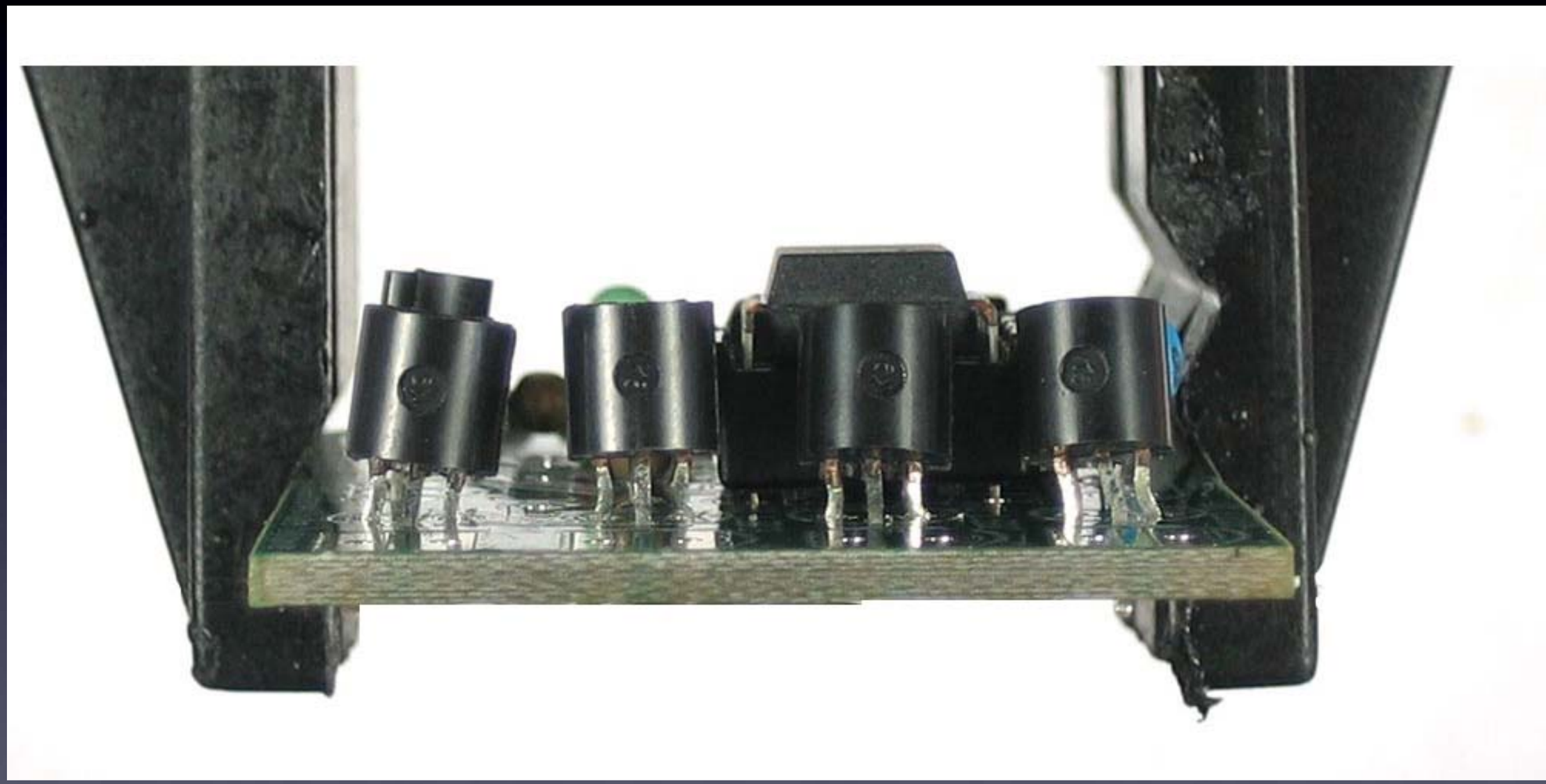

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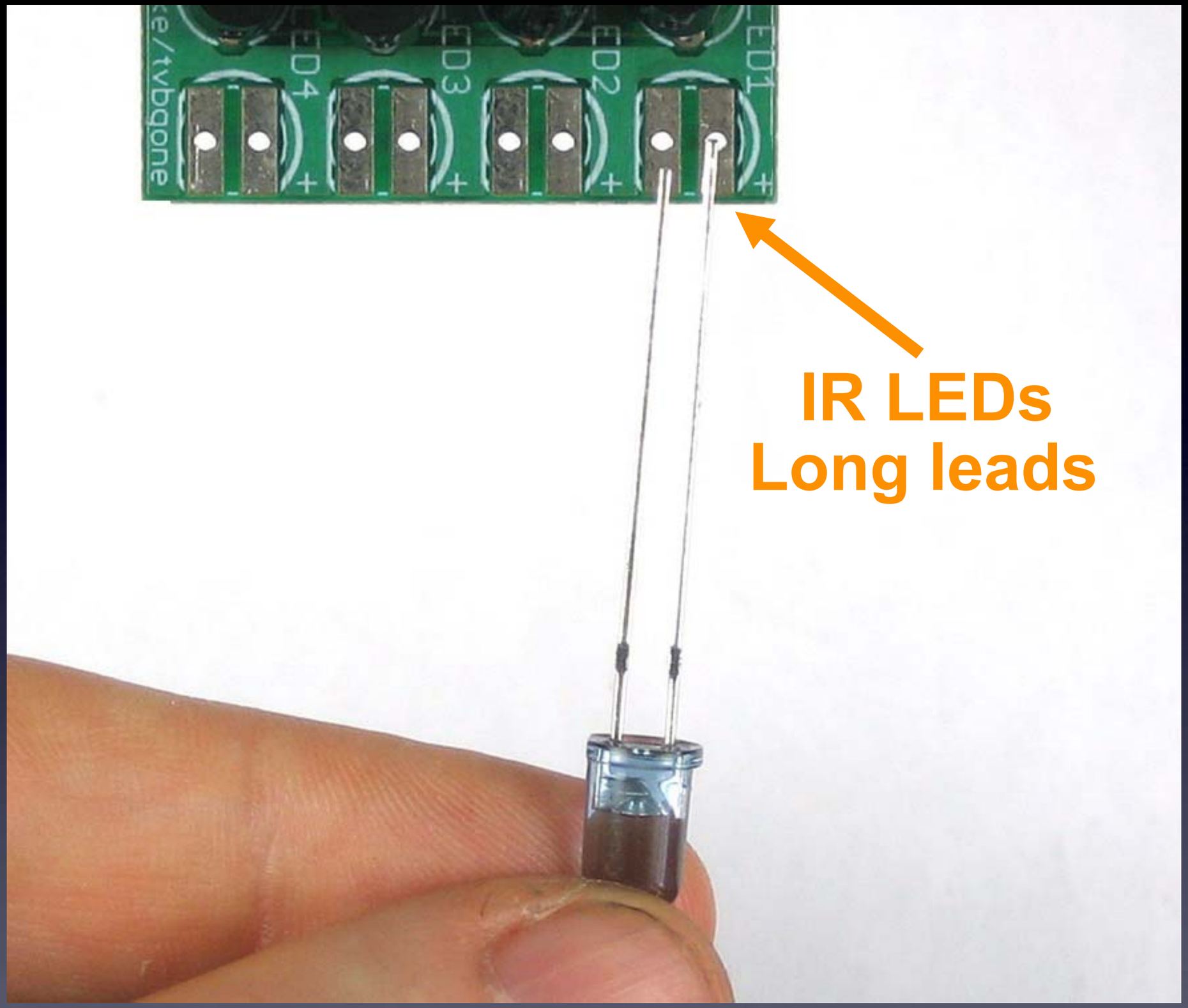
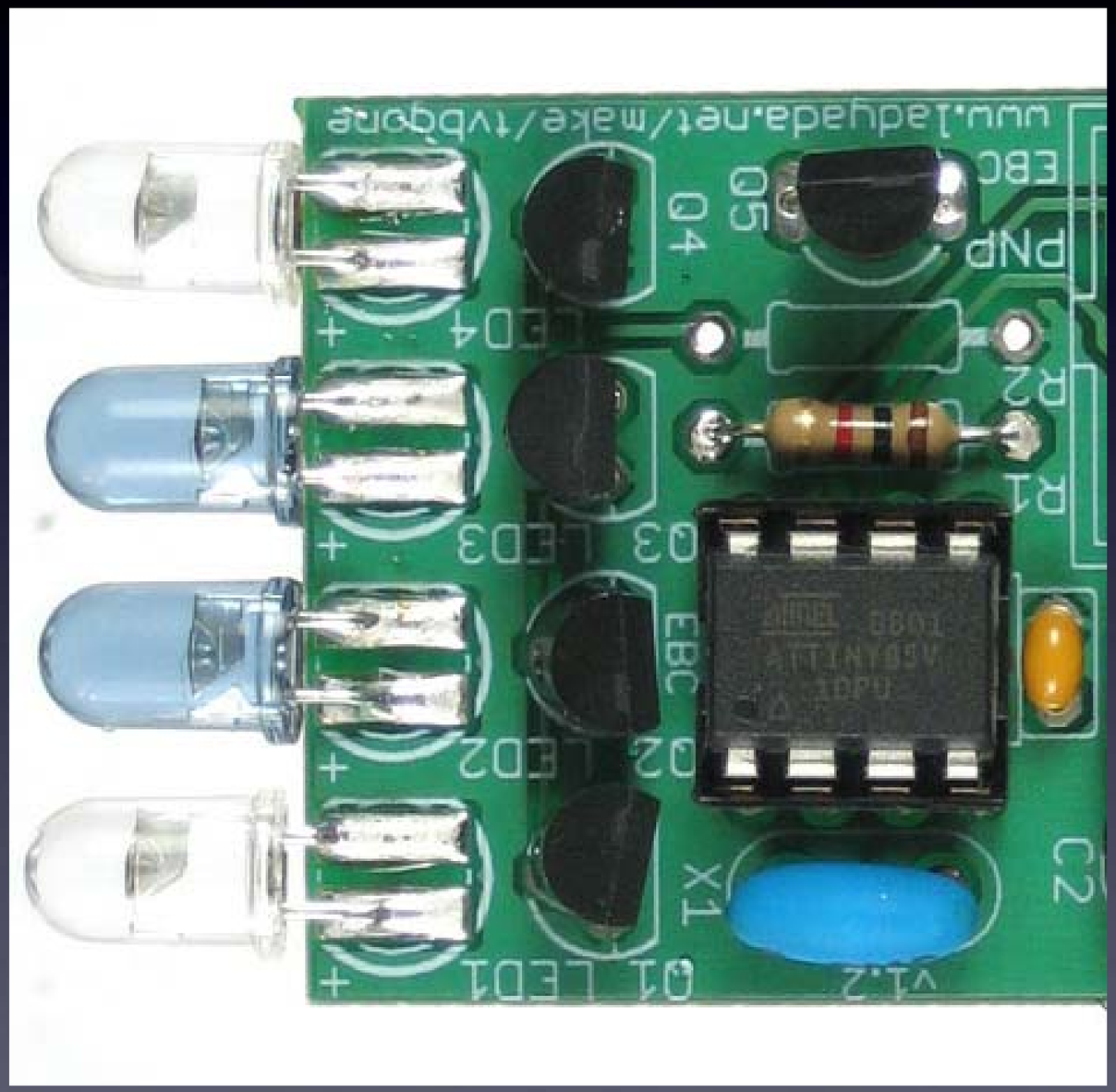


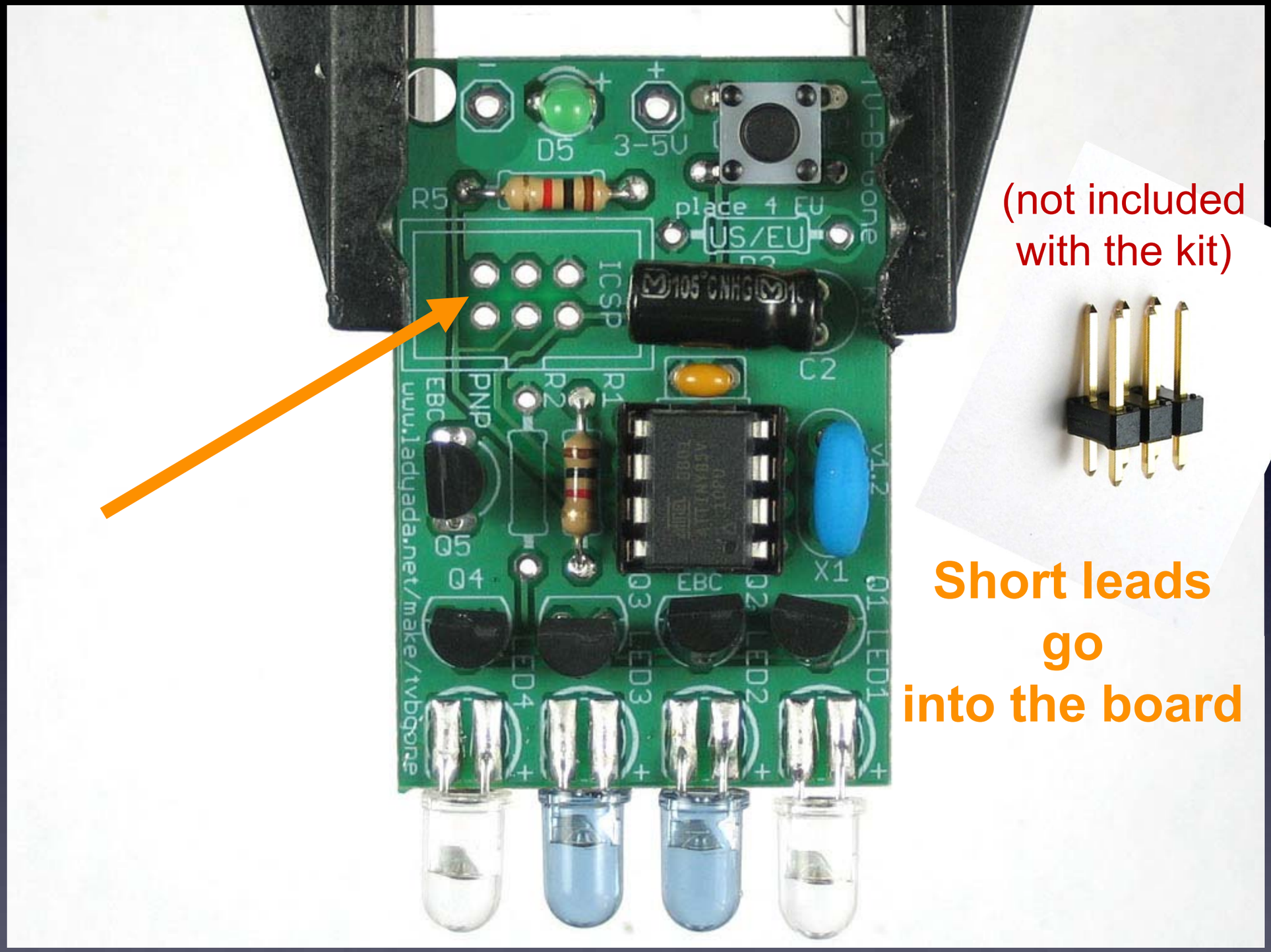
DO NOT solder these yet!

You may want to bend the IR LEDs over, like this:

The color of these LEDs is unimportant



(The ordering of these LEDs is unimportant)

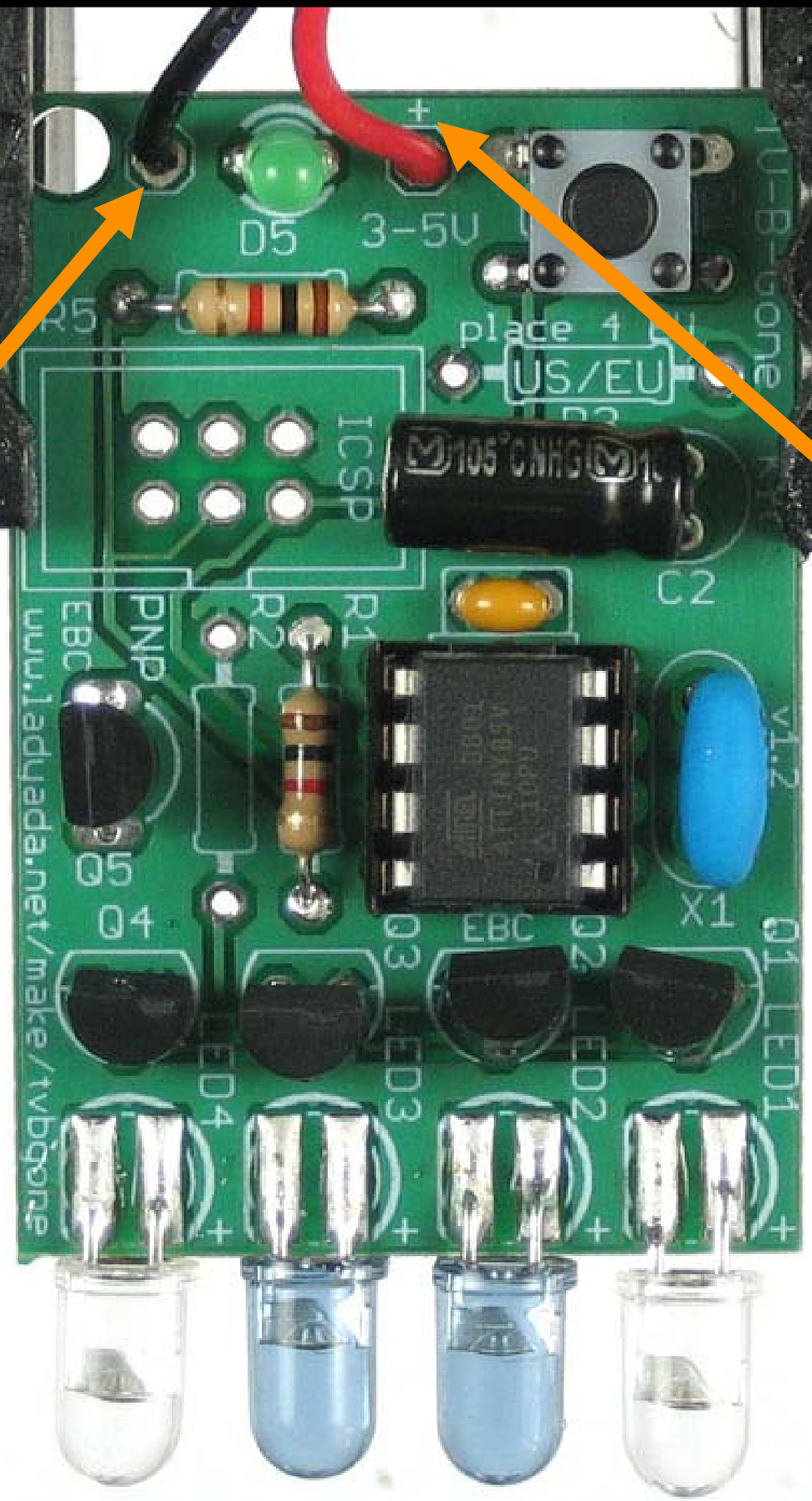


(not included with the kit)

Short leads go into the board

Optional: ICSP header
(for re-programming the microcontroller)

Black wire of battery pack “-”



Red wire of battery pack “+”

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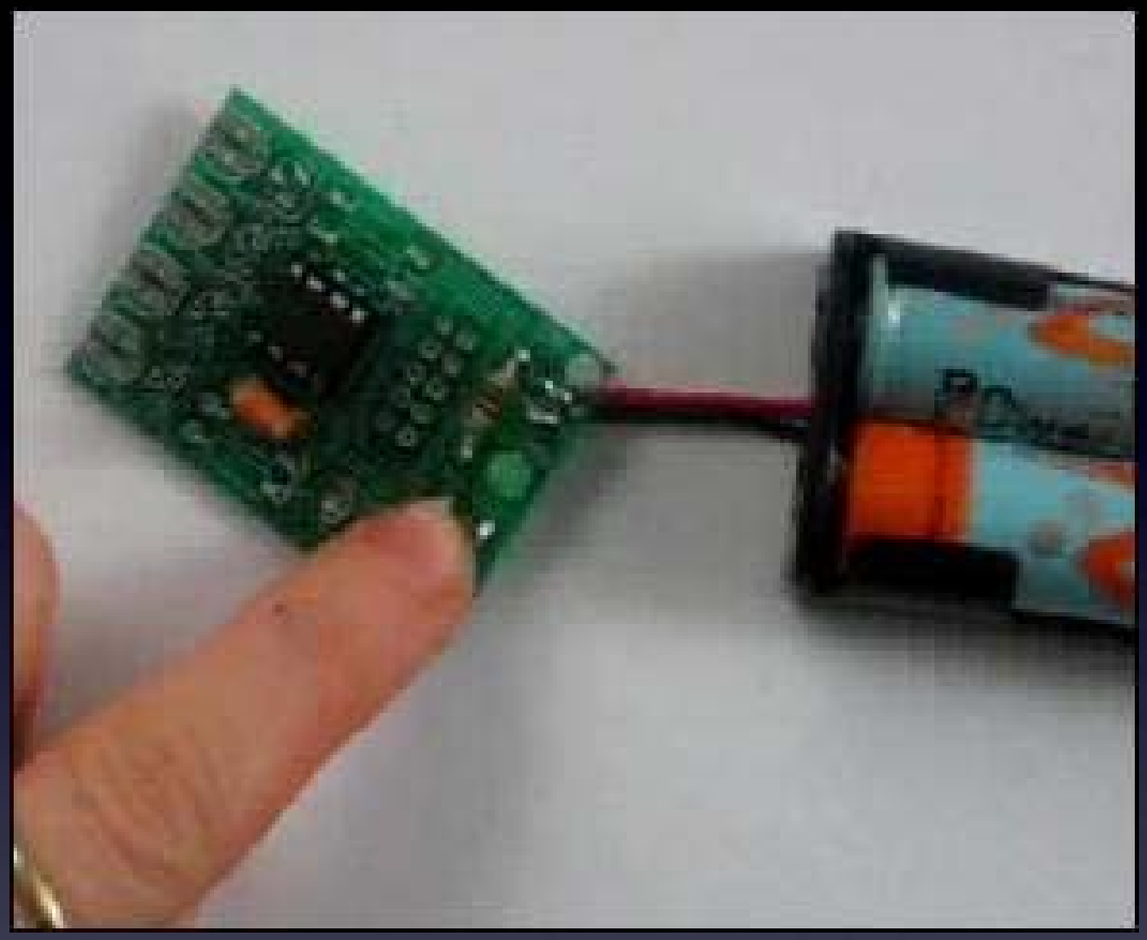
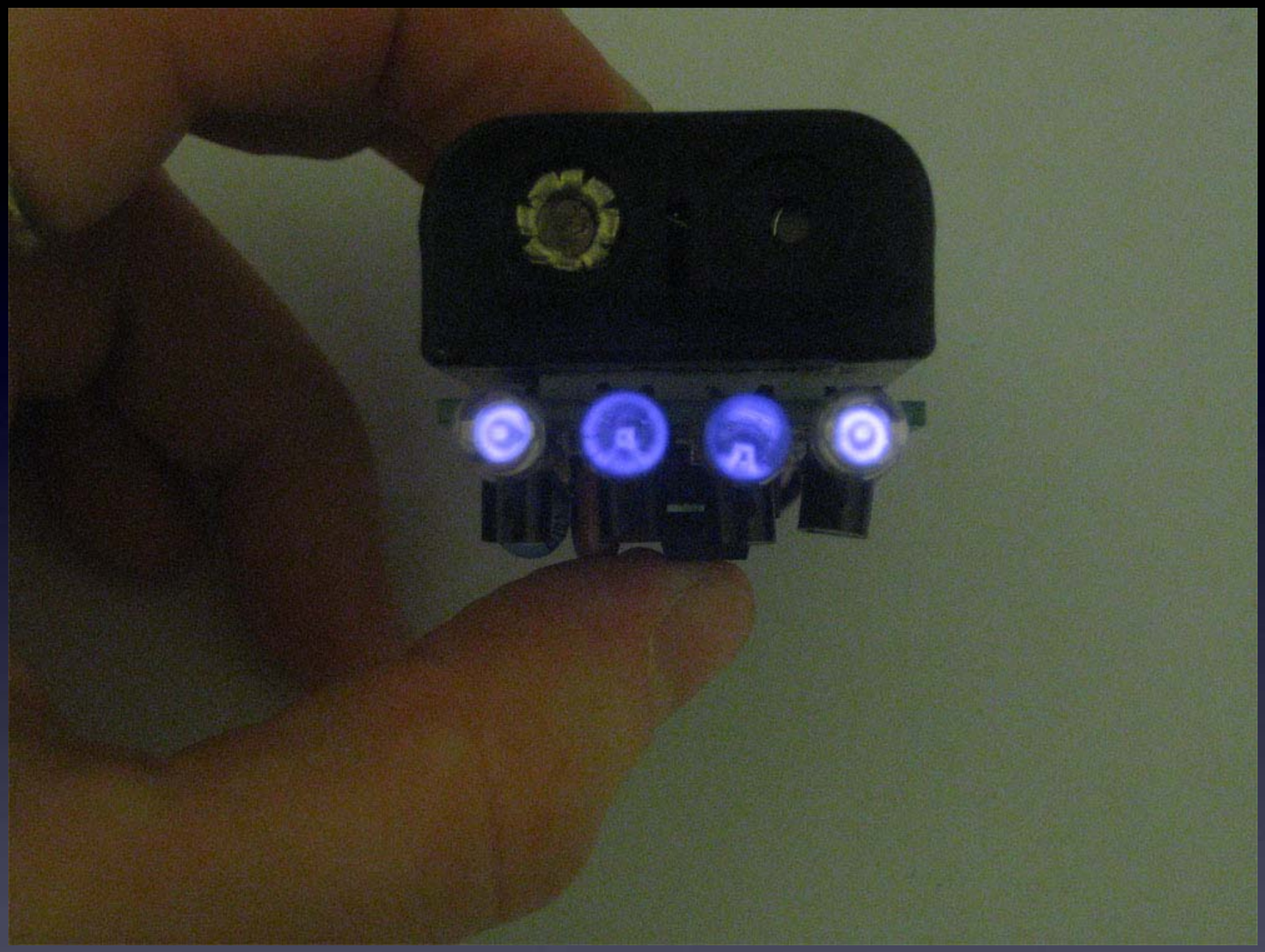


IMPORTANT:
Use Alkaline
AA batteries

other kinds of AA batteries
will not work

Green LED blinks
after inserting batteries
(and continues blinking for about 1 minute)

Test 2

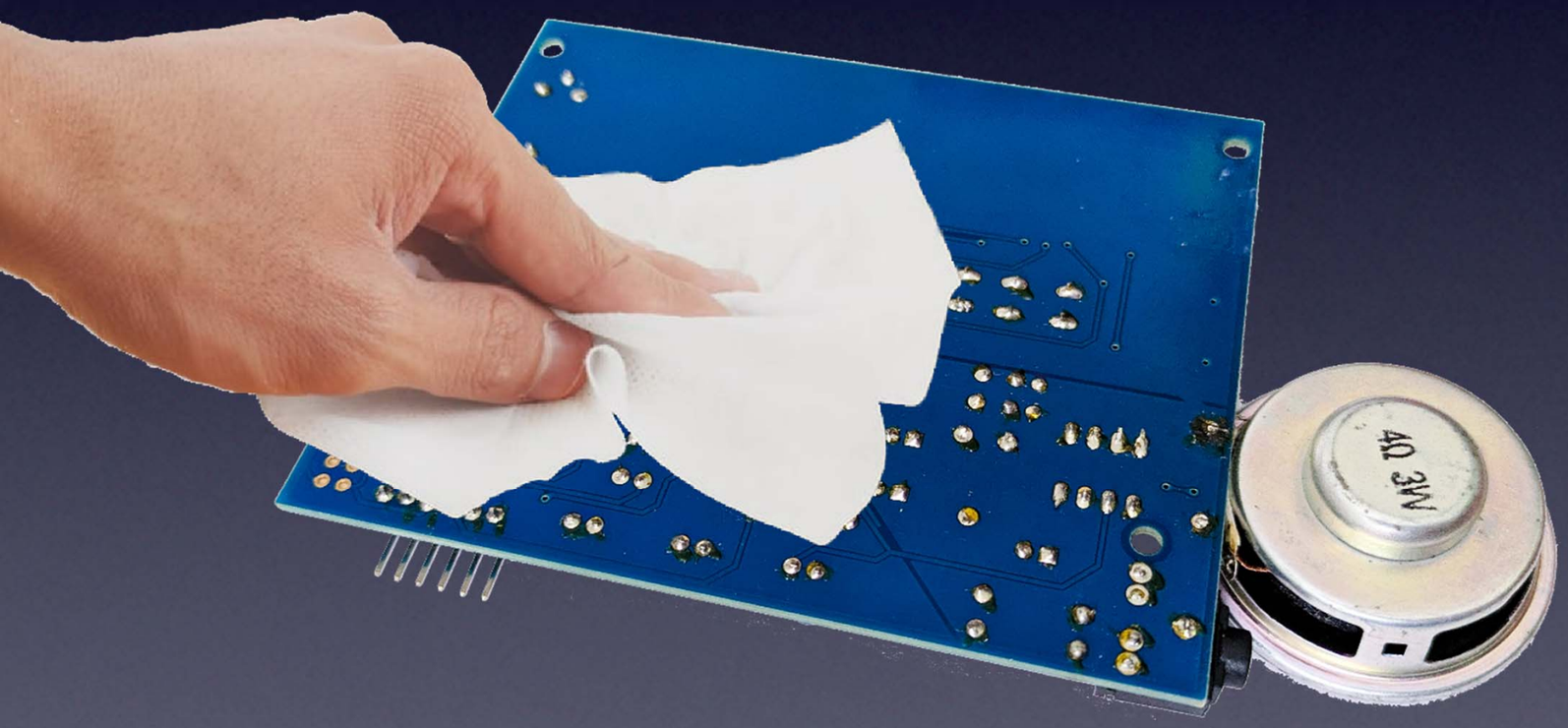


All IR LEDs blink

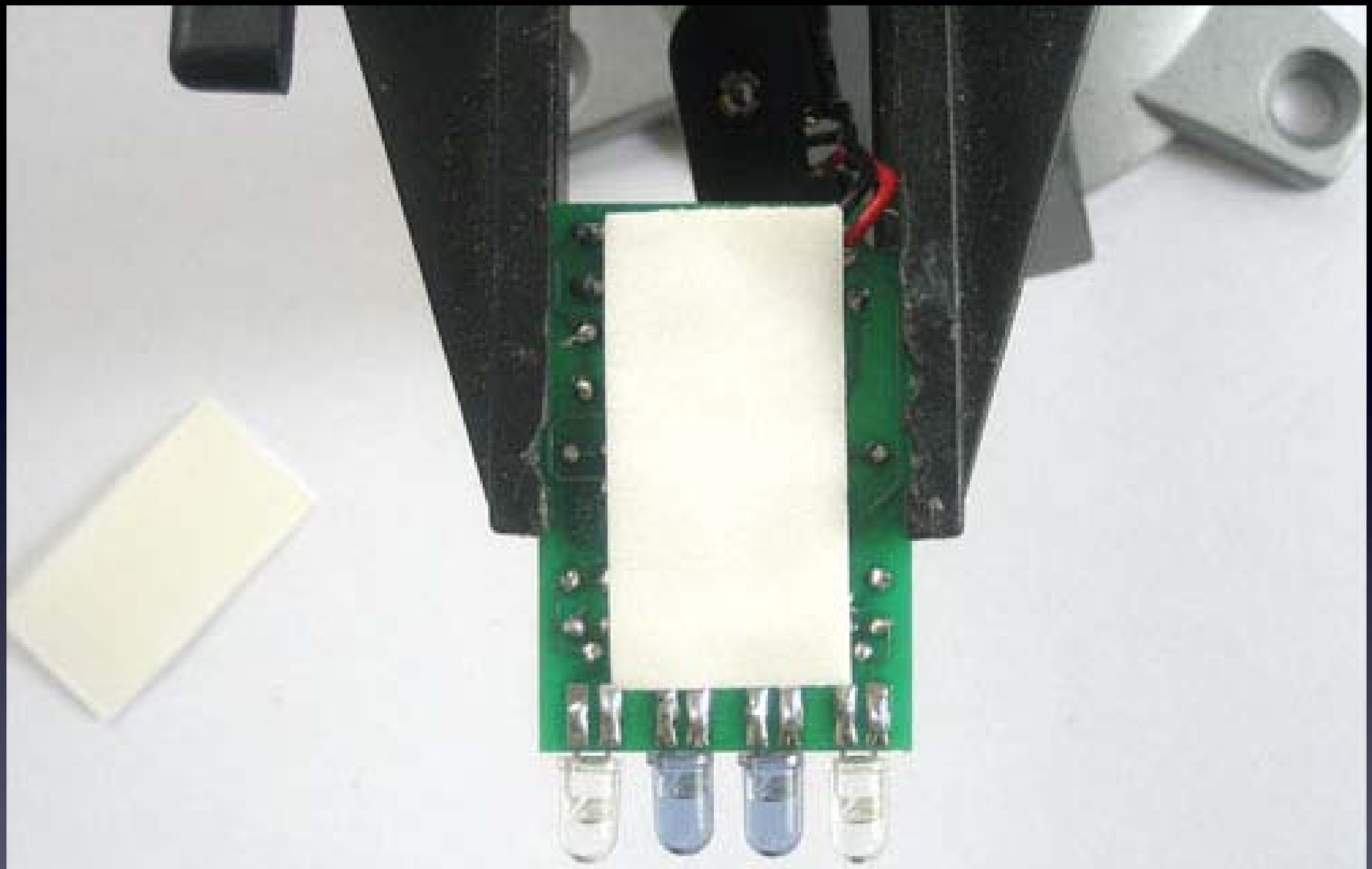
(using your phone’s front-facing camera)

If you used any *flux paste for re-working problems*

The bottom of the PCB will be sticky from the flux

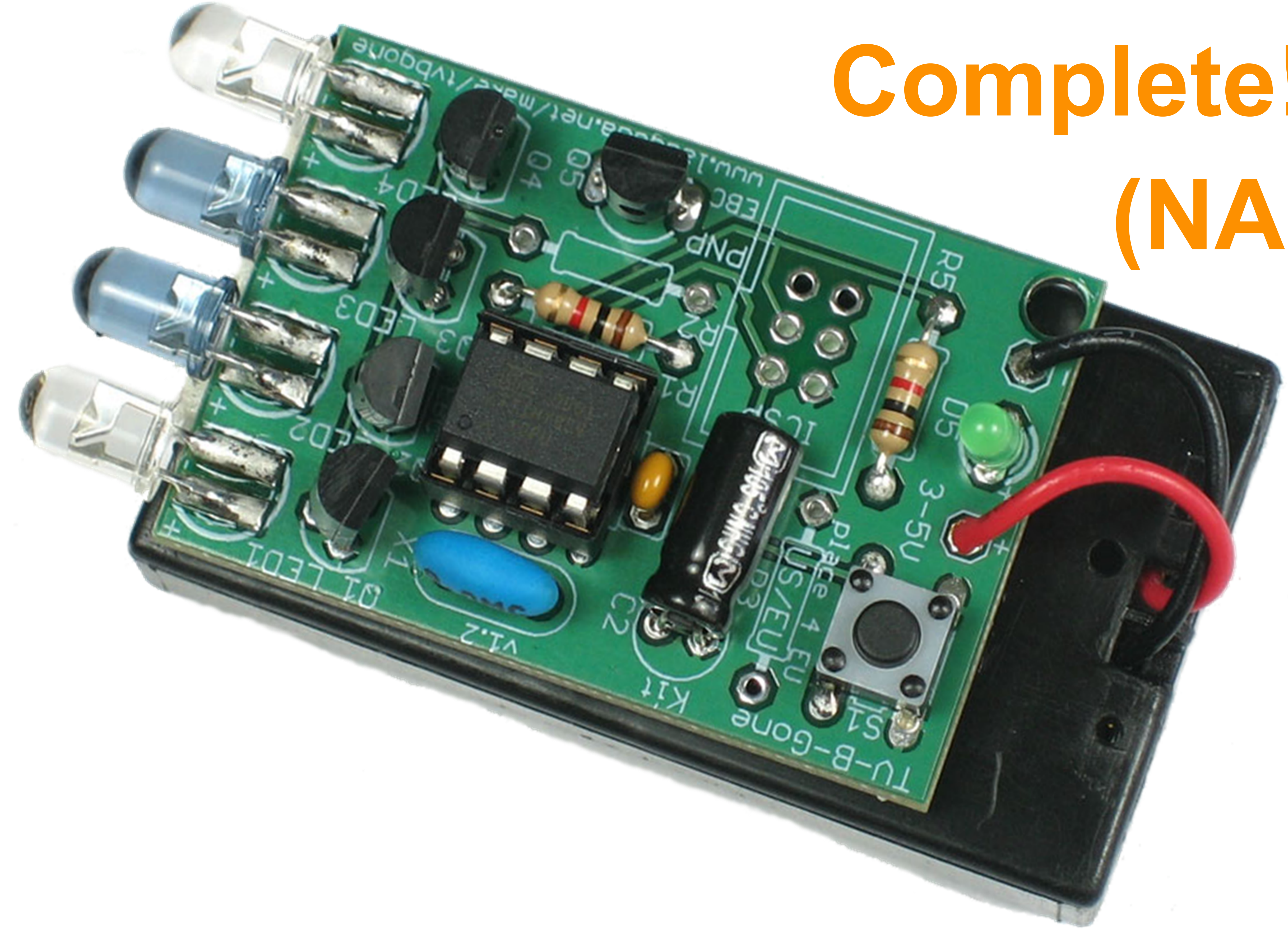


You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol



You can use the double-sided tape to connect the PCB to the battery pack

Complete!
(NA)



Complete!

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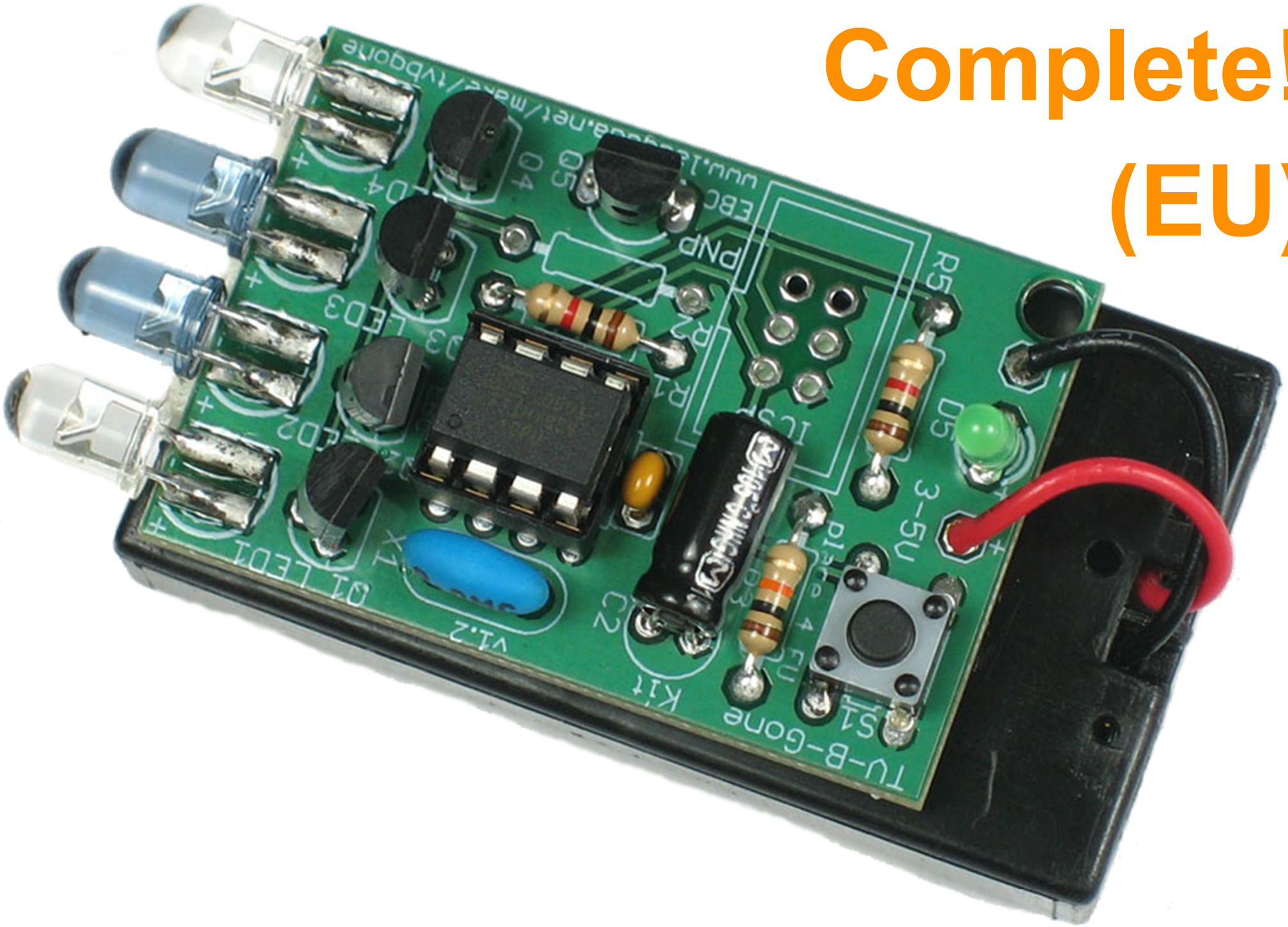

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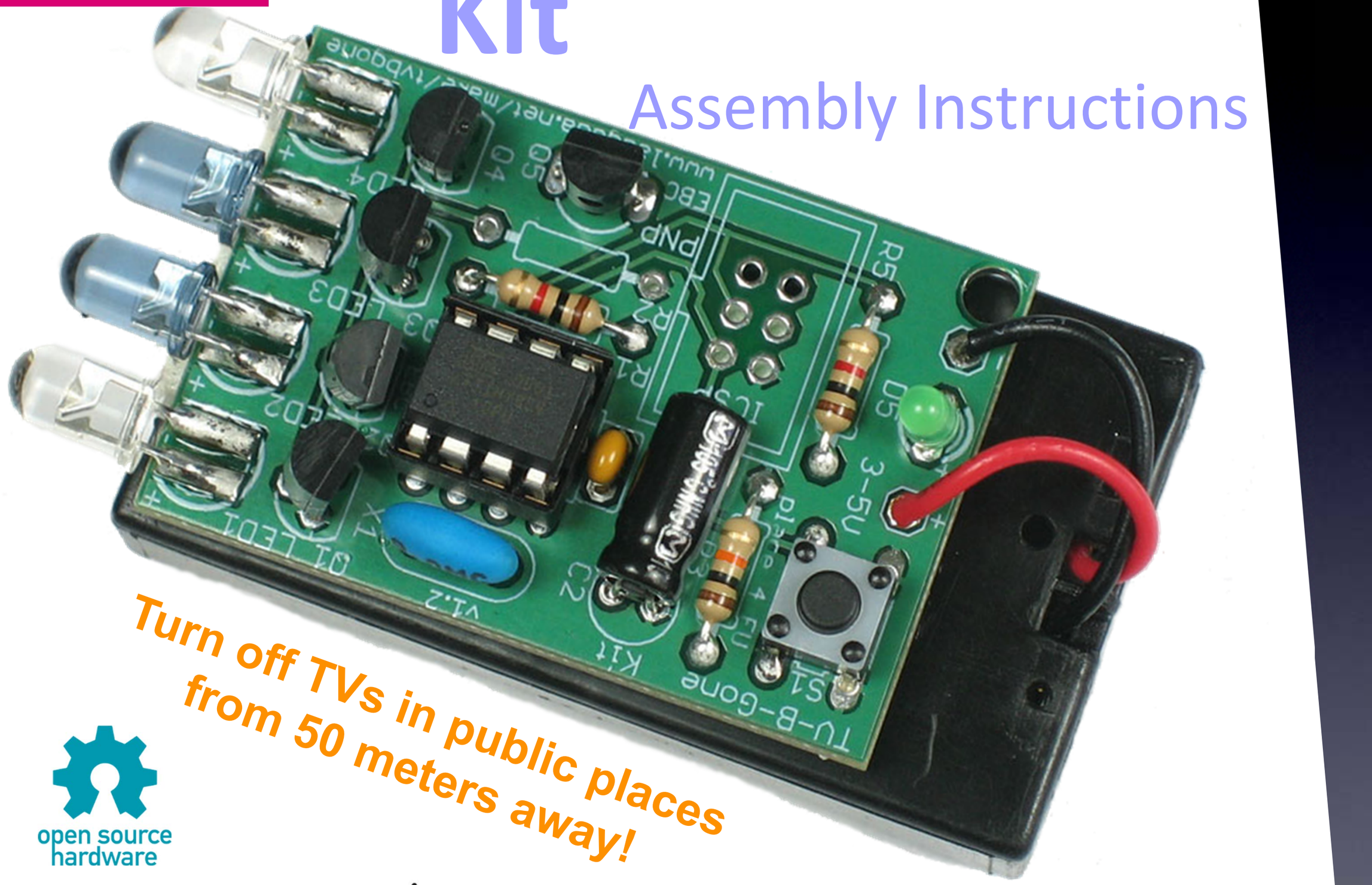

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