

## Sound Fading & Returning Problems

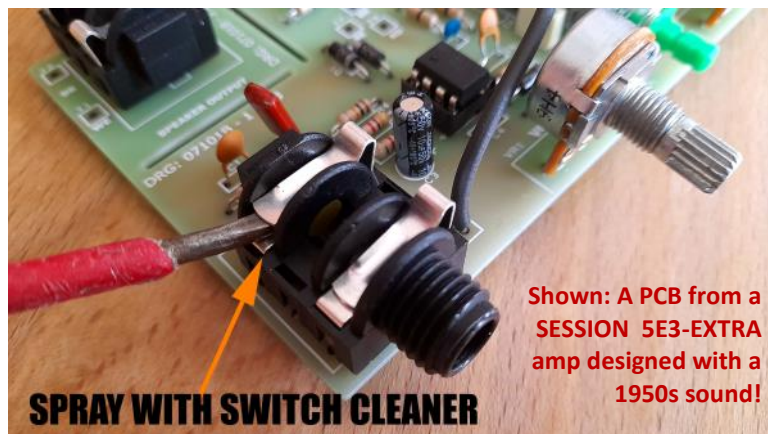
After a number of years, you may find that the sound from your amp might fade away and come back again repeatedly. This is not a major fault, but will need some careful attention. Usually, with amps that have an FX LOOP, it will be caused by the FX RETURN jack contacts being oxidised & not making good contact.

Input jack sockets can be affected too, causing the amp to self oscillate or make other horrible sounds when your guitar is unplugged. You need to have your amp more regularly serviced to avoid these.

**How to cure: Applies to many makes of amps.**



- **Unplug your amp from the AC mains supply** and remove the amp chassis from the amp's cabinet!
- Find the location of the socket you want to clean.
- Get an old screwdriver that is worn and rough.
- Insert it between the contacts and gently move it back and forth, so as to scrape the oxidation off the contact surfaces. Be gentle with it.



- Next, spray it with a small amount of 'switch cleaner', ensuring it goes between the contacts... but DON'T drench it! Suitable switch cleaner spray is commonly available online for about £4-£6. There is no make preference... they're all just as good as each other!
- **Job done... reassemble and test!**

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