TouchTone 4049

TouchDescription:

TouchTone is a feedback amplifier system using all six inverters (inverting amplifiers) of a CMOS 4049 chip. Use the inverters in combined digital/analog mode. Two pairs are used as variable frequency oscillators (lower and high frequencies) and third pair is used in mixed amplifying/ filtering/ oscillating (feedback) mode to play around with the existing pads all over the system.

Combining touchable pads in various manners can bring out interesting - very complex results. The “touchables” also give name to this synthesizer - “Touchable Anton” or just DotičniTone (TouchTone)*

LINKS:
www.cirkulacija2.org/
www.3via.org/records/
www.ljudmila.org
wiki.ljudmila.org/Theremidi_Orchestra
www.dirtyelectronics.org

Theremidi Orchestra:

“touchTone 4049 // Finger-Synth

TouchTone is a feedback amplifier system using all six inverters (inverting amplifiers) of the CMOS 4049 chip – said in simple words - TouchTone is a simple noise synth to be played directly with your fingers.

The board was inspired by Dirty Electronics and was developed by Borut Savski, Luka Frelih and Saša Spacal.”

Credits: Cirkulacija 2 // Trivia records // Ljudmila // Theremidi Orchestra // Dirty Electronics
List of components:

- 2x 10KΩ resistor // Lines: brown-black-orange-gold
- 2x 100KΩ resistor // Lines: brown-black-yellow-gold
- 4 x 100 nF capacitor // yellow cubes
- 2 x 10nF capacitor // look like gray cubes
- 1 x 10 uF electrolytic capacitor
- 1x HEF(CD)4049 chip - six invertors' CMOS chip (3 to 18 V) // you could also use 74HC4049 - the same chip as high speed CMOS version (3 to 5V)
- 1 x Female audio socket
- 1 x 3V battery socket

1 x TouchTone 4049 PCB board – Made in Slovenia with love and poor man’s SMD technology ♥

You will also need soldering iron, some tools, soldering station and 3V (cr2032) battery.

HINTS: Solder the chip first and be careful that you put it in the right position. Be aware of the half-circle on the chip - it marks the first leg. Some of the components are polarised (e.i. LED and electrolytic capacitor) - that means you need to solder them in a specific orientation - follow the pluses (+) and minuses (-) on the picture.