

Weekend VHF/UHF radio

Assembly instruction

Thank you for purchasing Weekend VHF/UHF radio!

There are three basic products:

KIT all components (code 5KIT0036) contains:

- » All components that are to be soldered on the PCB
- » Double sided PCB
- » Nokia 5510 LCD, RGB LED & Red LED
- » Preprogrammed ATmega328 DIP
- » Rotary encoder
- » Potentiometer
- » 2 buttons
- » Speaker
- » All wires
- » Connectors:
 - ◊ BNC for antenna
 - ◊ 4-pole microphone connector
 - ◊ 3.5 mm jack for external speaker
 - ◊ DRA818 (VHF or UHF, depending from the ordered KIT)

KIT VHF module + PCB (code 5KIT0042) contains:

- » DRA818V
- » PCB_VER 5.11

KIT UHF module + PCB (code 5KIT0043) contains:

- » DRA818U
- » PCB_VER 5.11

The KIT all components (code 5KIT0036) includes all wires needed to wire your components and make coils. In the KIT you will see:

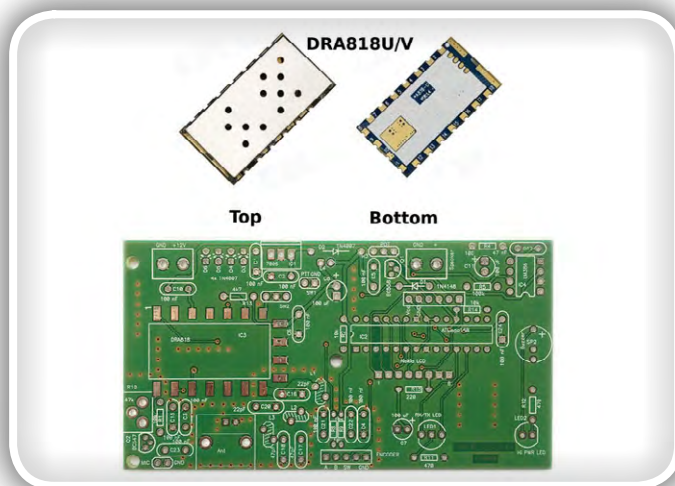
- » 1 m of 2 wire red/black cable
- » 20 cm of 10 wire flat cable
- » 15 cm of coaxial microphone cable
- » 26cm of 0.8 mm CuL copper wire

Use red/black cable for powering your Weekend radio station. Place rubber sleeve to predrilled hole on the back side of enclosure and insert cca. 10 cm of red/black cable in it. Connect red/black cable to +12V & GND terminals on the PCB

Cut flat cable to 15 cm lenght (to half), take 7 wires and use them to connect Nokia 5510 LCD.



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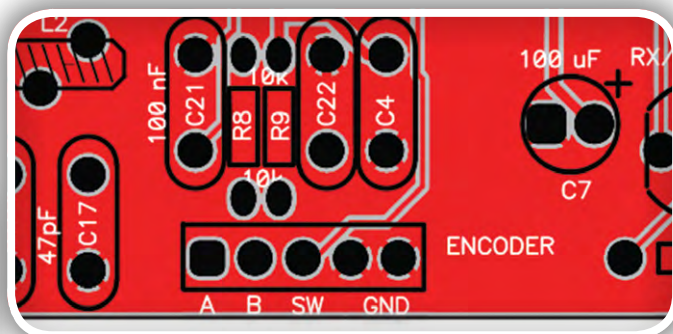
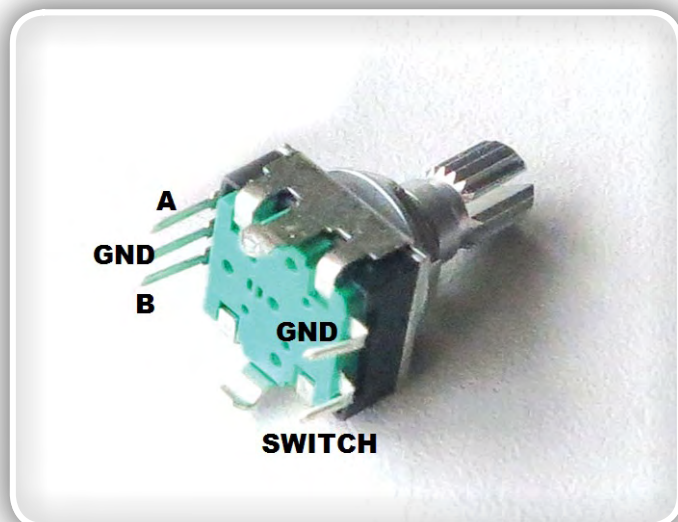


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This will leave 3 wires that you can use to connect RGB (RX/TX) LED. Use 3 wires from the other flat cable and use them to connect potentiometer, use 4 wires and connect rotary encoder. On encoder you will see 3 and 2 pins.

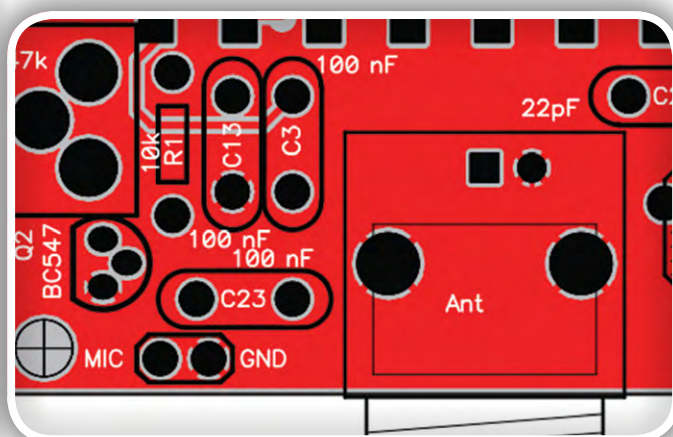
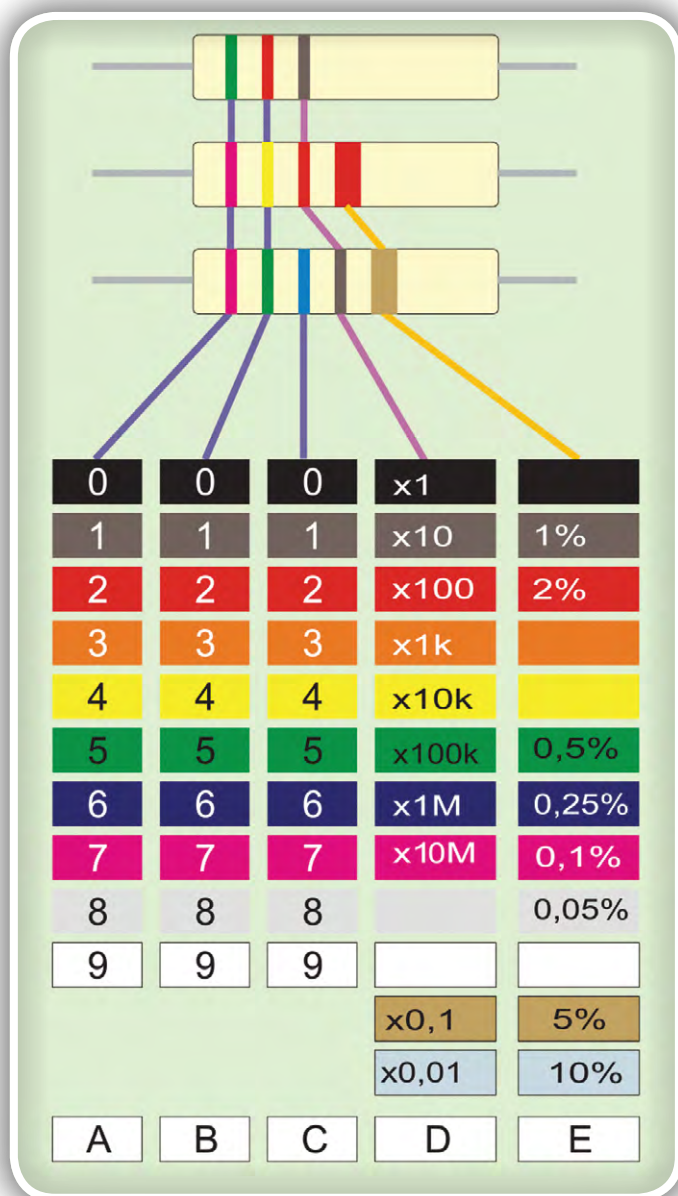


3 pins are named A, B and the middle pin GND. Two pins are Switch and GND. You can connect both GND terminals to one wire and use 3 wires to connect terminals A, B and Switch to PCB terminal Encoder as seen on the image.

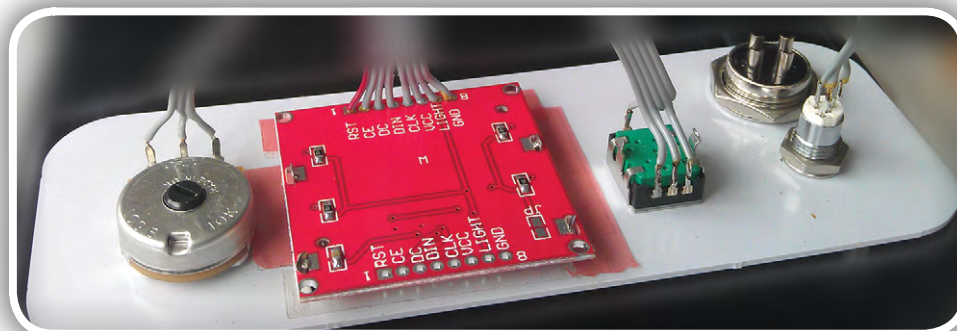
Out of remaining 3 wires use two wires for connecting PTT to microphone socket. One wire that is left can be used if you need to power your electret microphone with 5V via microphone socket. Use coaxial cable to connect microphone socket to MIC terminal on the PCB.

On the PCB you will see value of R10 to be 470k. The praxis has shown that this value can be smaller, down to 10k.

Copper wire should be used to wind coils L1, L2 and L3.

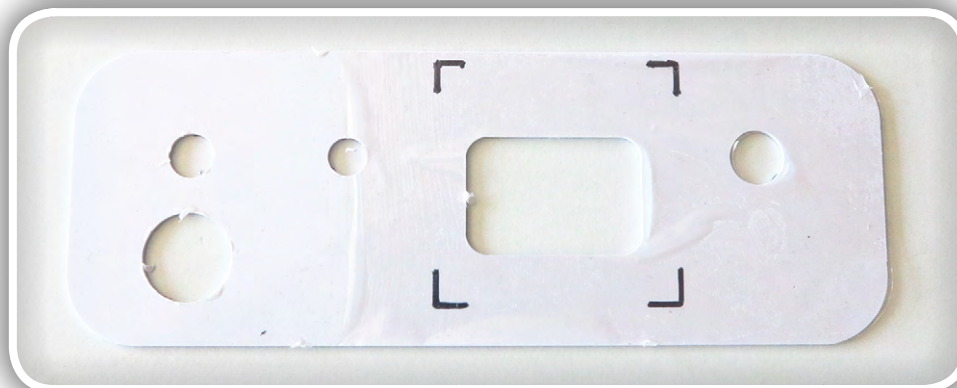


Fixing LCD to Front plate

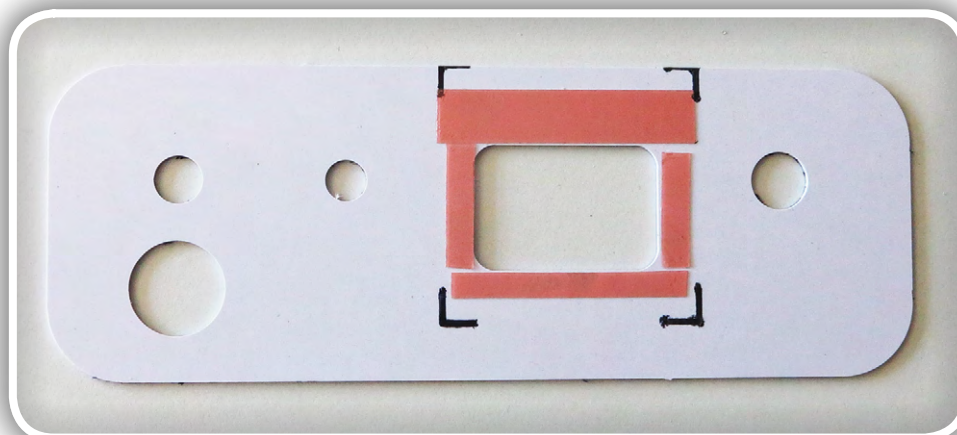


Front plate is predrilled and delivered with a protective foil. Peel that foil before you continue.

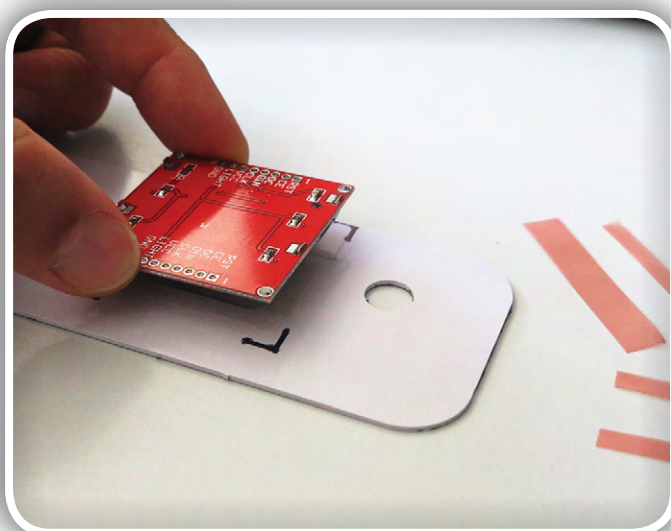
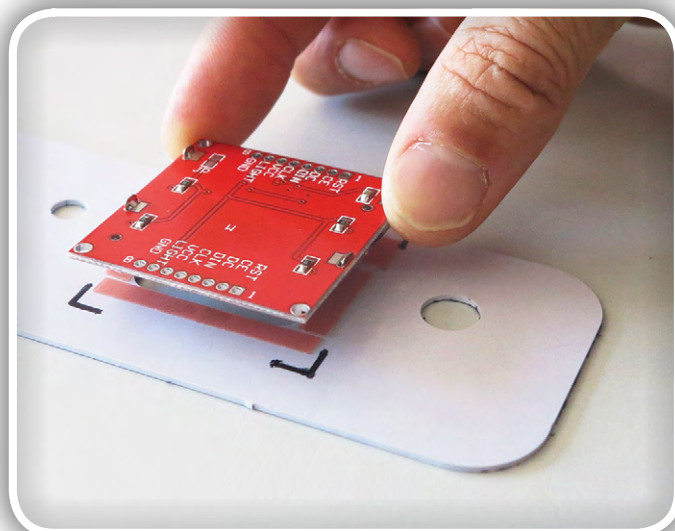
Fixing LCD to front plate is easy. Use a double side red adhesive tape that you find among other components.



Cut this tape so that it will be nicely aligned around hole for LCD. Then peel off red protective cover on all 4 lines, align LCD and gently press it to adhesive tape. Don't overdo that because you may want to re-align LCD.



When LCD is aligned as good as possible, gently press all sides so that LCD glues well to front plate.



NOTE

There is a slight modification needed on the PCB Ver. 5_11. Version No. may be found at the solder side of the PCB.

Robert has suggested a small mod **in case if you're using a small rubber duck antenna with Weekend radio project**. In this case it can happen that TX will keep staying on although microphone PTT switch was released. To solve that problem you can solder one resistor and one capacitor on the solder side as seen on the image.

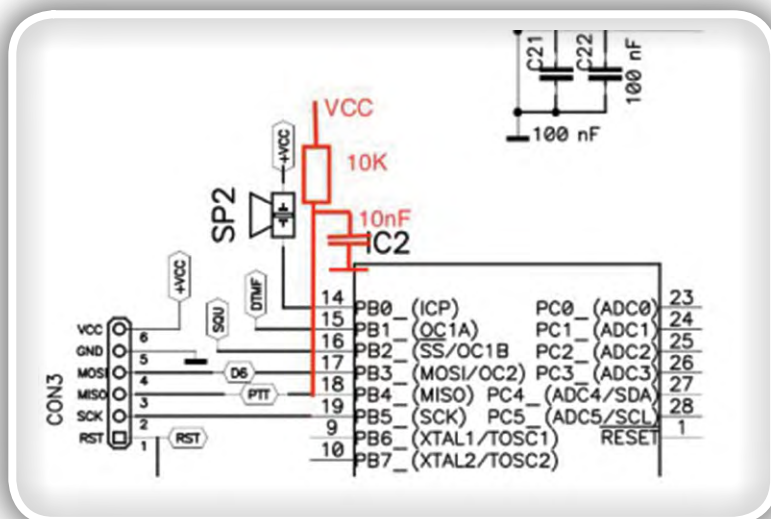
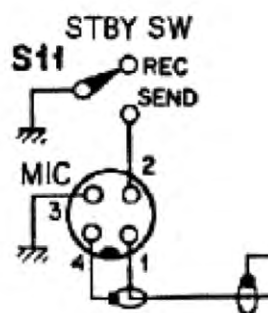
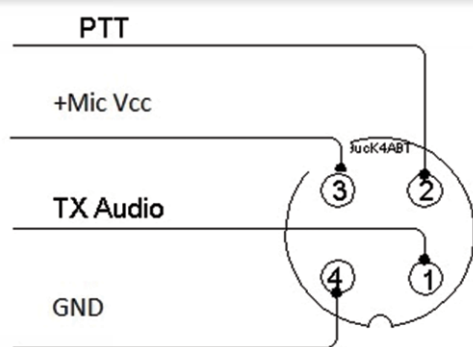
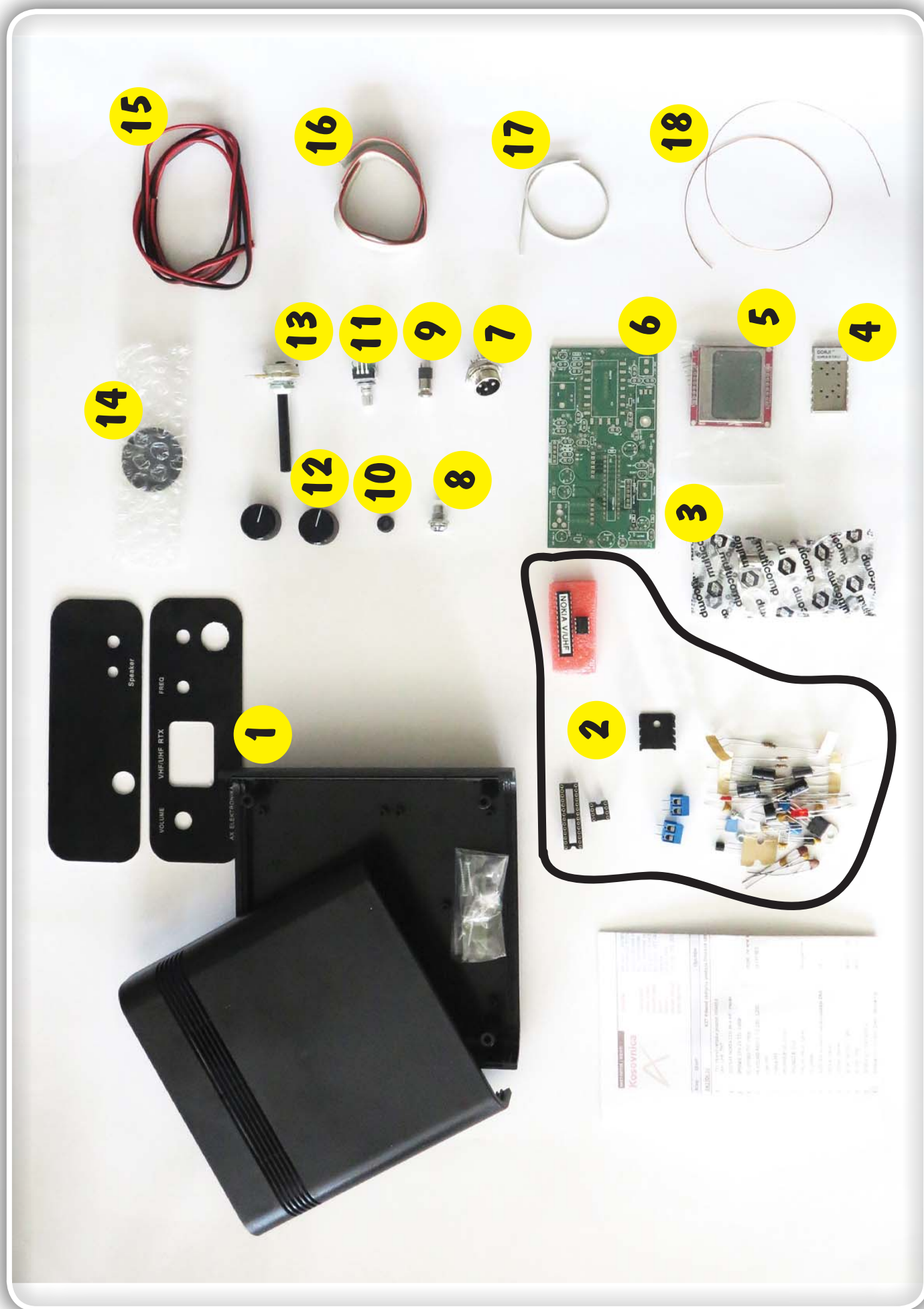


Photo of the KIT (code 5KIT0036):

1. Predrilled PVC enclosure
2. All components that are to be placed to the PCB (including preprogrammed microcontroller)
3. BNC antenna connector
4. DRA818 module (VHF or UHF, depends of your order)
5. Nokia 5510 LCD
6. Doublesided PCB
7. Microphone 4-pin socket
8. LED holder
9. 3.5 mm jack for external speaker
10. Enclosure sleeve
11. Rotary encoder
12. 2x Metal buttons
13. Potentiometer
14. Speaker
15. 1 m of 2 wire red/black cable
16. 20 cm 10-wire flat cable
17. 15 cm Coaxial microphone cable
18. 26 cm of 0.8 mm CuL copper wire (for VHF), and 16cm for (UHF)



Microphone 4-pin socket





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