

Congratulations on your purchase of a fine, hand-built, Basslines bass guitar pickup! Installing this pickup in your bass isn't rocket science. And, if you're already handy with tools, it'll be a snap for you—and fun too! But if you have no experience handling red-hot soldering irons, you'd be well advised to take your new pickup and your trusty bass to a qualified guitar tech.

Wiring Diagram for Pickup Models:

SSB-4 / SSB-5
Passive Phase II Soapbars

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The basic steps for installation include:

1. Remove the strings from your bass.
2. Remove the control plate or pickguard and flip it over.
3. De-solder the original pickup's wires from the controls and make sure to remember where they were connected.
4. Remove the pickup from the pickup cavity.
5. If there was foam or springs attached to the bottom of your original pickup, re-use them with your new Basslines pickup.
6. Put your Basslines pickup into the pickup cavity.
7. Tin the wires from the Basslines pickup, and then solder them into place (see Fig. 1).
8. Replace the control plate .
9. Re-string your bass, and adjust the bridge pickup so it is set about 1/8" from the strings and the neck pickup is around 3/16" from the strings when they are pressed down at the highest fret on the neck. Fine tune the string-to-string balance and pickup-to-pickup balance by adjusting the height of the neck pickup.

Fig. 1

