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fComp

Multi-Mode Compressor

VST3 plugin for Windows

Nine compressors in one plugin. Each mode is a different circuit with its own controls, and each keeps its own settings, so switching mode never loses what you dialled in.

Installing it

This zip holds three things: a **.vst3** file, this guide, and the full PDF manual. Copy the **.vst3** into:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3

Then restart your recording software, or find the rescan button in its plugin preferences. It will not appear until you do.

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Getting a sound in two minutes

- 1 Put fComp on a track that has something on it.
- 2 Pick a mode from the Mode selector. FET is a good all-rounder to start with.
- 3 Pull Threshold down until the gain-reduction meter shows a few dB of movement on the loudest parts.
- 4 Set Attack and Release to taste, then use Makeup or the Gain Match button to bring the level back.
- 5 A/B against Bypass.

If you hear nothing, check the Mode is set to a compressor rather than De-Esser, and that Bypass is off.

New to compression?

Threshold sets how loud a signal has to be before the compressor starts working. Ratio sets how hard it clamps down once it does. Attack and Release set how fast it grabs and lets go.

Start with a low ratio and a few dB of gain reduction, get that sounding natural, then reach for the character controls. Try Ratio at 4:1 and Threshold around -16 dB, aiming for 2 to 6 dB of gain reduction for gentle control.

You do not need the rest of it

fBox is a whole studio, but nothing in it depends on anything else. Every plugin works on its own, on one track, in whatever software you already use. **fBox Console** is a 32-channel mixing desk and **fBox Rack** is a channel strip that hosts other plugins. Both are worth having and neither is a hub the rest runs through. Leave them until you want them.

The full manual is in this zip and goes far deeper, control by control. Installation help is at fboxaudio.com/install.html. Stuck on any step? Email info@fboxaudio.com and tell us exactly which one.

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