Kotelnikov GE Presets

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Mastering - Quick Auto RMS

What

Inspired by the auto RMS mode in the Foote Control Systems P3S ME compressor.

When

On a full mix or master, although it can be used on other material as well.

For quick set & forget compression.

How much

Likely less than 2 dB of GR on peaks.

Always tweak

Threshold.

Maybe tweak

Harder compression: Increase the ratio.

More reaction to the kick drum or low end: Decrease Low Freq Relax to 3 dB/oct or set to Flat.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu and paste - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-19.0" peakCrestParam="15.0" softKneeParam="1.5" maxGRParam="2.0" maxGROnParam="0ff" ratioParam="1.3" attackParam="1.00" releasePeakParam="10" releaseRMSParam="20" inertiaParam="0ff" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="74" keyHPSlopeParam="6.0" keyStereoDiffParam="55" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="Off" fdrActiveParam="0ff" fdrTypeParam="Bell A" fdrFrequencyParam="1000" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0ff" yangParam="0ff" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Insane" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="0" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Mastering - Slow Drop Control

What

Very slow RMS compression, reacts less to wide stereo material (e.g. hard panned dubs).

When

On a full mix or master.

For slow, overall control of loud sections without reducing transient punch or impact.

How much

Likely less than 1 dB of GR.

Always tweak

Threshold.

Maybe tweak

Even slower action: Increase the RMS Release.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu and paste - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-20.0" peakCrestParam="RMS" softKneeParam="1.5" maxGRParam="1" maxGROnParam="0ff" ratioParam="1.4" attackParam="250" releasePeakParam="2000" releaseRMSParam="150" inertiaParam="0ff" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="6.0" keyStereoDiffParam="0" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0ff" fdrTypeParam="EL Curve" fdrFrequencyParam="50" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0ff" yangParam="0ff" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Insane" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="0" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Mastering - Low Level Enhancer

What

Approx. 3 dB of fake upward compression.

When

On a full mix or master, although it can be used on other material as well.

An alternative to parallel compression or true upward compression when you want to increase the audibility of low level signals.

How much

Approx. 3 dB of GR.

Always tweak

This preset applies 2.8 dB of make-up gain and requires a specific approach:

Find the section with the loudest peaks and notice the peak level before compression.

Set the *threshold* until the peak level is identical with and without compression. Use the DAW/channel bypass for this.

You will now have approx. 3 dB of near constant gain reduction with mainly very low level signals being pulled up.

Maybe tweak

Only the threshold, this is a one-trick pony.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-25.0" peakCrestParam="4.5" softKneeParam="0.0" maxGRParam="12.0" maxGROnParam="0.0" releasePeakParam="25" releaseRMSParam="40" inertiaParam="Inv Inertia" makeUpParam="2.8" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="4.5" keyStereoDiffParam="20" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0ff" fdrTypeParam="Bell A" fdrFrequencyParam="1000" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0ff" yangParam="0ff" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Insane" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="0" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Mastering - Kick Protection

What

Mid/mono material is prioritized and low frequencies in the kick drum area triggers fast RMS compression with minor overtone compensation via Yin.

When

On a full mix or master.

For subtle fullband but frequency related (kick/bass) protection prior to soft clipping or limiting.

How much

Up to 1 dB of GR.

Always tweak

Threshold.

Maybe tweak

Remove overtone shaping: Disable Yin.

Disable Yin if the mix is already hard compressed, limited or very saturated as the asymmetry may cause overshoots on (near) square waves.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-21.0" peakCrestParam="RMS" softKneeParam="0.0" maxGRParam="1.0" maxGROnParam="0n" ratioParam="2.0" attackParam="0.02" releasePeakParam="10" releaseRMSParam="40" inertiaParam="0ff" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="74" keyHPSlopeParam="Flat" keyStereoDiffParam="0" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0n" fdrTypeParam="Bell B" fdrFrequencyParam="50" fdrAmountParam="-100" yingParam="0n" yangParam="0ff" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Insane" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="0" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Creative - Parallel Smash

What

Very fast and saturated peak compression using internal parallel blend.

When

On a rock & roll drum bus or whatever needs a thrashing.

Low levels are pulled up violently, which increases tails and reverb.

How much

Approx. 10 dB of GR.

Always tweak

Find the section with the loudest peaks and notice the peak level before compression.

Raise the *threshold* until the peak output of the compressor goes above the original peak level. Overloads may occur.

Now slowly lower the *threshold* until the peak output of the compressor is identical to the original peak output before compression.

You have now added approx. 10 dB of saturated parallel compression with no increase in peak level.

Maybe tweak

For more or less tails: Respectively decrease or increase the peak release.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="0.0" peakCrestParam="Peak" softKneeParam="0.0" maxGRParam="12.0" maxGROnParam="0" ratioParam="7.0" attackParam="0.02" releasePeakParam="15" releaseRMSParam="220" inertiaParam="0ff" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="0.0" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="-2.2" keyHPFrequencyParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="Flat" keyStereoDiffParam="100" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0n" fdrTypeParam="Shelf B" fdrFrequencyParam="50" fdrAmountParam="52" yingParam="0n" yangParam="0n" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Insane" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="3" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Vox - Serial 1 Peak Comp

What

Fast peak compression with pronounced overtone compensation on peaks.

When

On a dynamic vocal, applied as the first in a series of compressors.

Controls peaks and reduces pumping in the subsequent compressors.

How much

Depending on the vocal, up to 10 dB of peak GR.

Always tweak

Find a section with lots of dynamics and loud peaks in the vocal.

Lower the *threshold* until you clearly hear audible pumping or over-compression.

Raise the threshold back up until it's reduced to an acceptable level.

Maybe tweak

Make-up gain to compensate for the level loss.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-20.0" peakCrestParam="Peak" softKneeParam="1.0" maxGRParam="10.0" maxGROnParam="Off" ratioParam="4.0" attackParam="1.5" releasePeakParam="30" releaseRMSParam="60" inertiaParam="0ff" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="3.0" keyStereoDiffParam="100" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0ff" fdrTypeParam="Bell A" fdrFrequencyParam="1000" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0ff" yangParam="0n" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Precise" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="3" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Vox - Serial 2 Fake Upward

What

Approx. 6 dB of fake upward compression with pronounced overtone coloration.

When

On a dynamic vocal, applied as the second in a series of compressors.

Pulls up low level information such as the ending of a word or sentence.

How much

Approx. 6 dB of GR.

Always tweak

Remove background noise in the vocal. Then use volume automation or clip gain to reduce breathing sounds in the vocal by at least -6 dB.

Find a section with lots of dynamics and loud peaks in the vocal.

Set the *threshold* until the loudest parts of the vocal trigger 6 dB of GR. The GR should be glued to -6 dB GR for short moments during loud sections.

Maybe tweak

Less obvious compression: Lower the *threshold* even more for constant gain reduction. This seems counterintuitive, but works due to the GR Limit.

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<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-40.0" peakCrestParam="3.0" softKneeParam="1.0" maxGRParam="12.0" maxGROnParam="0ff" ratioParam="7.0" attackParam="1.5" releasePeakParam="20" releaseRMSParam="40" inertiaParam="Inv Inertia" makeUpParam="6.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="Dry Mix" outGainParam="0.0" keyHPFrequencyParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="3.0" keyStereoDiffParam="100" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="Off" fdrTypeParam="Bell A" fdrFrequencyParam="1000" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0n" yangParam="0n" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Precise" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="1" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Vox - Serial 3 RMS Smooth

What

Approx. 2 dB of slow RMS/Opto compression with very minor overtone compensation.

When

On a dynamic vocal, applied as the third and last in a series of compressors.

Has a smoothing effect on sustained or crescendo notes.

How much

Approx. 2 dB of GR.

Always tweak

Threshold.

Maybe tweak

For harder or softer compression: Respectively increase or decrease the ratio.

For even smoother action: Raise the soft knee.

Make-up gain or output gain to compensate for loss of level.

Code to paste (right-click preset menu - or see manual)

<TDRKotelnikovGE thresholdParam="-33.0" peakCrestParam="RMS" softKneeParam="3.0" maxGRParam="2.0" maxGROnParam="0ff" ratioParam="1.4" attackParam="250" releasePeakParam="80" releaseRMSParam="40" inertiaParam="Intertia" makeUpParam="0.0" dryMixParam="off" dryWetParam="0.0" dryMixModeParam="0.0" keyHPSlopeParam="3.0" keyStereoDiffParam="150" keyHPSlopeParam="3.0" keyStereoDiffParam="100" keyStereoLinkParam="Advanced" keyStereoBalanceParam="Center" fdrVisibleParam="0ff" fdrActiveParam="0ff" fdrTypeParam="Bell A" fdrFrequencyParam="1000" fdrAmountParam="0" yingParam="0ff" yangParam="0ff" deltaParam="0ff" bypassParam="0ff" equalLoudParam="0ff" qualityParam="Precise" modeParam="Stereo" grDispScaleParam="0" grDispModeParam="Gain Reduction" sidechainModeParam="INT SC"/>

Default

Mastering - Tight

Mastering - Smooth

Mastering - Warm

Mastering - Upward inertia

Mastering - Optical illusion

Mastering - Forward (TRK)

Mastering - Juicy (Nil)

Drum Bus - Deep Control

Drum Bus - Smasher

Drum Bus - Ger:Bra 2014

Vocal Bus - Tight

Vocal Bus - Warm

Vocal Bus - Sibilance control

Creative - Pump up (Resound)

Creative - Glue (Resound)

Creative - Limiter (Nekro)

Creative - Drama (Nekro)

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