

Stacking Compressors

This is your cheat sheet on getting a better sound by using two compressors in a row (known as stacking compression).

1. Apply less compression than you normally do

If you are compressing hard your vocals or any other instrument, it's time to slow down a little and use less gain reduction. Duplicate the settings into a new identical compressor and adjust the input/threshold to apply 2-3db of gain reduction for each compressor. The second one might even use less than that.

2. Try it on Busses

Instead of using that technique on individual tracks try to apply it on busses. Doing that you save CPU resources while you simplify your thinking on mixing by bypassing tracks.

3. Stock Compressors rock too!

Don't be afraid if you don't have the money to buy a cool plugin. Stock plugins that come with your DAW work really great. (Don't forget they are based on vintage hardware)

Hope that helps you create more music!

Have fun!

Peace.