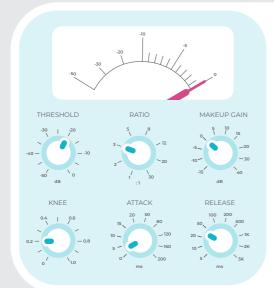


THE 3 WAYS TO USE A COMPRESSOR

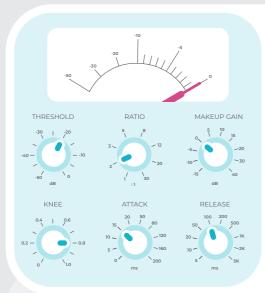


METHOD 1:

TO CONTROL THE DYNAMIC RANGE OF AN INSTRUMENT.

- Settings:
 - faster attack
 - faster release
 - harder knee
 - higher ratio

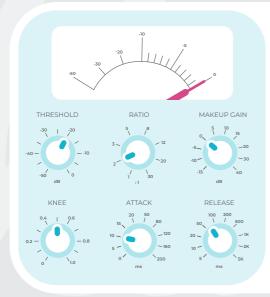
This is to make the recording more consistent, helping it to sit in the mix



METHOD 2:

TO SHAPE THE SOUND OF AN INSTRUMENT.

- Settings:
 - slower attack
 - slower release
 - softer knee
 - lower ratio
- This "colors" the sound of an instrument, giving it more character and excitement.
- Use an analog compressor if possible.



METHOD 3:

TO "GLUE" INSTRUMENTS TOGETHER.

- Settings:
 - medium attack
 - medium release
 - medium knee
 - lower ratio
- Used on instrument buses or the mix bus.
- Helps to make several instruments feel like they're all performing together.