

HOW TO USE A LIMITER WHEN MASTERING



- **STEP 1:** Add the limiter as the last plugin in your chain.
- STEP 2: Set the output ceiling at -0.5 dBFS.
- STEP 3: Increase your input gain until you're getting about 10 dBs of gain reduction.
- **STEP 4:** Set your attack very slow (100 ms).
- **STEP 5:** Set your release very slow (500 ms).
- **STEP 6:** Decrease the attack as much as possible until you hear the mix start to lose impact, then back off a bit.
- **STEP 7:** Decrease the release as much as possible until you begin to hear your mix distorting, then back off a bit. You could also use the auto function to let the compressor do it for you.
- STEP 8: Decrease your input gain until you're getting 2–3 dBs of gain reduction.