

# Erica Synths – Compressor

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[Erica Synths Stereo Compressor Manual \(PDF\)](#)

*(Link provided according to typical Erica Synths documentation URLs for further reading)*

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**Eurorack Module Cheat Sheet**

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### Overview

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- **Stereo THAT-chip-based compressor** for Eurorack.
  - Designed for percussion, live modular mixes, basslines, and sidechain ducking.
  - Features **DC-coupled sidechain** and full independent or linked stereo operation.
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### Specs

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Parameter	Value
Audio Input Level	-5V to +5V
Threshold	-40dB to +10dB
Makeup Gain	-12dB to +12dB

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Ratio	1:1 to $\infty$
Power Consumption	+60mA / -22mA
Width/Depth	10HP / 35mm

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## Inputs & Outputs

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### Front Panel Jacks

- **IN L / IN R**
    - **Type:** Audio Input (Left/Right)
    - **Range:** -5V to +5V
    - **Use:** Main stereo audio input.
  - **OUT L / OUT R**
    - **Type:** Audio Output (Left/Right)
    - **Range:** Typical eurorack audio levels
    - **Use:** Main stereo output.
  - **SIDE IN L / SIDE IN R**
    - **Type:** CV/Audio Input (Left/Right)
    - **Range:** -5V to +5V
    - **Use:** External sidechain trigger/ducking per channel – patch a drum or kick for beat-based ducking.
  - **SIDE OUT L / SIDE OUT R**
    - **Type:** Buffered Output (Copy of IN L/IN R)
    - **Range:** -5V to +5V
    - **Use:** Pass-through copy of input for splitting or other processing.
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# Controls

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- **INPUT LVL** (*Knob*)
    - Adjusts input level before compression.
  - **GAIN** (*Knob*)
    - Sets compressor's makeup gain, from -12dB to +12dB.
  - **THRESHOLD** (*Knob*)
    - Sets the level at which compression kicks in (-40dB to +10dB).
  - **COMP.AMT (Compression Amount / Ratio)** (*Knob*)
    - Controls how much compression, from 1:1 (none) to  $\infty$  (limiting).
  - **STEREO LINK / PROCESS** (*Toggle Switch*)
    - **STEREO LINK ON:** Link level detectors for both channels (consistent stereo image).
    - **PROCESS:** Engages compression circuit.
  - **BYPASS** (*Button*)
    - Instant bypass of compression (audition unprocessed sound).
  - **8-SEGMENT VU METER**
    - **Visual:** Shows output level post-compression.
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## Panel Reference

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flowchart LR
  A(IN L) --> F[COMPRESSOR]
  B(IN R) --> F
  C(SIDE IN L) --> F
  D(SIDE IN R) --> F
  F --> E(OUT L)
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F --> G (OUT R)  
F --> H (SIDE OUT L)  
F --> I (SIDE OUT R)

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## Operational Tips

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- Use **STEREO LINK ON** for consistent compression and stereo image (great for percussion & full mixes).
  - Insert a **sidechain signal** (typically drums/kick) to duck/move melodic content (pump effect).
  - If processing very different L/R signals, **stereo linking** avoids wild panning shifts due to channel-independent gain reduction.
  - Tweak **THRESHOLD** and **COMP.AMT** for subtle glue or aggressive slap.
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## Safety/Usage

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- Never expose to liquids or extreme temps.
  - Only ship in original packaging for warranty!
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## Links

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- [Erica Synths Official](#)
  - [Full Warranty Info](#)
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