

COMPRESSION CHEAT SHEET



	Kick	Snare	Toms	Vocals	Bass Gtr
Ratio	5	5	5	3	4
Attack	10ms	20ms	20ms	10ms	10ms
Hold	20ms	20ms	20ms	20ms	0
Release	120ms	200ms	300ms	50ms	100ms
Gain	+6dB	+6db	+6dB	+6dB	+6dB
Threshold	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below

Setting the Threshold

DRUMS

Have someone give the drum a solid hit over and over and adjust the threshold so that the **gain reduction meter** reads around **-6dB** on average with each hit.

VOCALS

While the vocalist is singing out, adjust the threshold so that the **gain reduction meter** reads around **-6dB** at their loudest moments.

BASS GUITAR

While the bass is playing during the loud moment of a song, adjust the threshold so that the **gain reduction meter** reads around **-6dB** on average.