



# VCA COMPRESSOR

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Operation Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of the Trickfish VCA Compressor. The VCA Compressor pedal was born out of our desire to offer a compressor pedal that threads the needle between the transparent and accurate studio compression we love, and the tonal enhancement (aka magic sauce) that we all love in certain vintage compressors or beloved compressor pedals on the market. Our goal was to create a highly flexible, super accurate, and, most importantly, fantastic-sounding compressor pedal. We settled on a VCA (voltage-controlled amplifier) design with a smart and simple set of controls over the crucial compression parameters.

### Using the VCA Compressor

Start by plugging a 9VDC adapter into the jack on the top of the VCA Compressor. Connect an instrument cable from your instrument into the IN jack and an instrument cable from the OUT jack to your amplifier. Press the ON footswitch to engage the compressor circuit. The footswitch LED will be on and you may begin adjusting the controls of the compressor.



1. OUT: 1/4" phone jack output
2. DC IN: 9V DC power input, center pin negative
3. IN: 1/4" phone jack input
4. THRESHOLD: Sets the level at which the compressor engages
5. LEVEL: Adjusts the overall output level
6. RATIO: Adjusts how aggressive the gain is reduced
7. BLEND: Sweeps between wet/dry levels
8. ON: Footswitch toggles effect on/bypass