



Superior Fidelity Tone Machines

Congratulations on your purchase of the FAT GENERAL Parallel Compressor pedal! The use of this pedal will now allow you to achieve some fantastic compressed sounds from this incredibly versatile little box.

OVERVIEW: The Fat General is an evolution of the critically acclaimed OTC-201 compressor. ThorpyFx and the original designer (Dan Coggins) have collaborated to deliver the next level of compression for guitarists. Unlike many other compressors, the Fat General adds sustain and balance to your signal without unnecessary noise or signal "pumping". You'll also notice that the Fat general can be particularly transparent but with a sparkle and clarity that you were missing before. For me it has become an always on pedal, I cant play without it!

BLEND: Use this control to balance the output of the pedal or mix the dry and compressed signal. In "JUICY" mode the Blend knob acts as a standard Volume control moving from zero signal through unity and onwards. In "BLEND" mode it moves from 100% dry at full ccw, through to a parallel mix of the compressed and dry signal.

SUSTAIN: This control sweeps between a fully compressed signal (full clockwise) to a subtly compressed signal (full counter clockwise). The sweet spot for most amps and guitars will hover between 11 and 2 o'clock. Feel free to experiment though.

TREBLE: This control allows you to add just the right of chime/sparkle into your signal. the position this control will vary according to taste and the type of guitar/pickups you are using. Experimentation here is key.

MODE: This flicks between "JUICY" which is a 90% compressed signal with 10% dry and "BLEND" mode which is a parallel studio style compression which mixes both the dry and compressed signals together in phase on top of each other for the perfect balance of compression and clarity. Blend is my favourite mode.

POWER: The Fat General is designed to work at voltages of 9V DC. This can be from a 9V battery or a quality centre negative power supply such as the Gigrig Generator or Voodoo Lab Pedalpower Plus 2. Do not attempt to use this pedal with other voltages or polarities.

COMPONENTS: To ensure consistency, reliability, low noise and tonal supremacy the Fat General is made with extremely high quality components. 1% metalfilm resistors, WIMA and Panasonic capacitors where possible, A Burr-Brown Op-amp and robust through hole plated PCB'S. In short, all of this means you won't have to worry about your pedal and it should give you many years of inspiring tonal bliss.

WARRANTY: The Fat General is guaranteed for 2 years against manufacturing faults or defects. This guarantee is applicable to the original owner and is not transferable.

LEGAL: In the unlikely event of a failure ThorpyFx Ltd will not be held responsible or compensate for any loss of earnings or any other losses incurred by failure of this equipment. The use of this equipment is at the owners' own risk.