Aguilar’s TLC Compressor is an innovative analog Compressor that is designed to give musicians the ability to control their dynamics in a flexible and musical way, making it an invaluable musical tool for both recording and live use. Our proprietary Trans Linear Control (TLC) circuit enables us to achieve unprecedented levels of performance in a small package.

The TLC Compressor features a four-knob layout to provide a full set of important features. Using a wide range of attack times and variable threshold and slope levels, you’ll be able to dial in just the right sound. Aguilar’s TLC Compressor gives you a range of control usually found only in expensive studio compressors.

Features:

- Threshold control: variable from -30 to -10 dBu
- Slope control: variable from 2:1 to infinity
- Attack control: variable from 10ms to 100ms
- Level control: -infinity to -3dBu
- Low Distortion: (<0.2 %)
- Gig-saver bypass (signal passes even if your battery dies)
- Power: Nine-volt battery or optional power supply
- Heavy Duty steel construction
Owner’s Manual
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I. Functions

A. Top Panel:

LEVEL: Controls the volume of the output. Used for setting loudness and make-up gain.
THRESHOLD: Sets the input level at which compression begins. Turning the knob clockwise causes compression to begin at lower input levels.
ATTACK: Sets the amount of time before compression begins after a note is played. Turning the knob clockwise causes the attack time to become longer, allowing the leading edge of the note to be heard without compression.
SLOPE: Controls the compression ratio, or slope. As you turn the knob clockwise the dynamic range is compressed more.
ENGAGE: Toggles between on and off. The blue LED indicates that the effect is on.

B. Side Panel:

IN: ¼” input
DC IN: This is a standard 2.1mm DC jack. The center terminal polarity is negative. Compatible with 9-10 VDC regulated power supplies.
OUT: ¼” output
C. Specifications:

Current consumption..........................5mA
Noise Level: ..............................................-95 dBu ‘A’ weighted *
Input impedance: ......................................1M_ (Effect On)
Output impedance: .................................1 K_
Distortion: ..............................................< 0.2% +
Maximum Output: .................................+6dBu (1.6VRMS)
External DC Power: .................................9-10 VDC, center terminal negative

* = all knobs set to 12 o'clock
+ = nominal input of -20dBu

II. Sample Settings

Please visit our website, www.aguilaramp.com, for sample settings.

III. How to change the battery

This operation can be done quickly and easily with a standard, #2 Philips screw driver!

The battery is easily accessible by loosening the screw on the bottom of the unit. The battery compartment will slide forward and you will be able to see the padded area to insert the battery and attach the battery clips. Once the battery has been replaced, simply slide the compartment back in and tighten the screw.
IV. Warranty Information

The TLC Compressor is covered under limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 3 years. This warranty is non-transferable.

The warranty period starts from the date of purchase from an authorized Aguilar dealer. Please retain your sales receipt as it is necessary to obtain warranty service.

Before sending your unit to Aguilar for repair, you must receive a return authorization number from us. Please contact us via email (techsupport@aguilaramp.com). Do not send any products to us without first receiving a return authorization from Aguilar.

You are responsible for all shipping charges. You must ship the unit to us freight prepaid. We will return the unit to you freight collect. Aguilar Amplification LLC is not responsible for shipping damage, either to or from our service center. Claims must be filed with the carrier.

The only company in the US authorized to perform work under this warranty is Aguilar Amplification LLC of New York, NY.

Warranty service outside the USA: Warranty Service may be different in your country. Please contact the Aguilar distributor in your country for terms and procedures.

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