

MONARCH

A composed finish. A character of your own.



WEIGHT. GLUE. GRACE.

Variable-mu inspired compression for mixing and mastering.

135 presets / Six rectifier families / Four color themes

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THE INSTRUMENT

Shape the movement.



Six timing families

Choose a rectifier response, then refine its six-step Attack and Release. From a relaxed envelope to quicker transient control, shape how the music moves into and out of compression.

Bias and tone

Move between Low, Mid and High Bias, then choose Air, Off or Tape. Broad voicings and mild nonlinear shaping give you a practical way to explore weight and texture.

A focused stereo workflow

Link the channels for shared detection and matched inputs, or use independent processing in stereo or M/S. Refine the processed image with Mono Bass and Width.

IN THE SESSION

Find the useful difference.

Mastering

Start with modest reduction and compare at similar level. Listen to how the chorus opens, whether the vocal keeps its place, and how the low end recovers between phrases.

Mix bus

Connect the rhythm section without losing its front edge. Use detector filtering when bass dominates the action, then adjust timing against the groove.

Parallel processing

Build a stronger fully wet sound and bring the original back with Mix. Add body in small moves, then check the final level.

Compare with confidence

Gain Match, A/B/C, Undo/Redo, Delta and Bypass support deliberate decisions. The curved meters show reduction; use a downstream meter for output level and peak control.

MONARCH IS A COMPRESSOR, NOT A PEAK CEILING.

MAKE IT YOURS

135 ways to begin.



A musical starting library

100 original presets plus 35 recipes in five fictional engineer-style collections. Each collection offers four mastering and three mix-bus settings. All are created by Shark Plugs.

Your sound, organized

Category browsing, search, favorites and user preset management keep useful settings close. Four color themes and scalable sizing let the interface fit the session.

Read. Explore. Listen.

Explore the detailed manual and FAQ at sharkplugs.com/plugins/monarch. The customer installer and verified compatibility details will follow on the product page.