

Congratulations on your purchase of the CARVIN CG200 two channel Optical Compressor／Gate．The CG200 was designed with the professional in mind．Your unit has been engineered and assembled in the U．S．A．，using only high quality electronic components and uncompromising workmanship．The CG200 was designed around hand matched analog optoisolators．Unlike many compressor／gates which use higher noise VCA＇s，the CG200 is based on classic optical compressors from the 60＇s that had that warmth and softness that cannot be recreated with VCA＇s． Optoisolators are also known for their extremely low distortion．

## RECEIVING INSPECTION

INSPECT YOURITEM FOR ANY DAMAGE which may have occurred during shipping． If any damage is found，please notify the shipping company \＆CARVIN．
SAVE THE CARTON \＆ALL PACKING MATERIALS．In the event you have to reship your unit，always use the original carton and packing material．This will provide the best possible protection during shipment．CARVIN and the shipping company are not liable for any damage caused by improper packing．
SAVE YOUR INVOCE It will be required for warranty service if needed in the future． SHIPMENT SHORTAGE If you find items missing，they may have been shipped separately．Please allow several days for the rest of your order to arrive before inquiring．
RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER on the enclosed warranty card or below on this manual for your records．Keep your portion of the card and return the portion with your name and comments to us．

For your records，you may wish to record the following information．
Serial No． $\qquad$ Invoice Date

## CG200 SPECIFICATIONS

| fREQUENCY RESPONSE： DYNAMICRANGE： MAX INPUT LEVE： THD＋N： | 20 Hz TO20kHz＋／－1dB <br> 115dB <br> ＋20dBu <br> LESS THAN 0．002\％20Hz TO 20kHz， NO COMPRESSIONGATING OdB INPUT LESS THAN $0.05 \%$ ，ANY AMOUNT OF COMPRESSION，OdB INPUT ATTACK AND RE－EASE TIMES NOMINAL |
| :---: | :---: |
| INPUT IMPEDANCE： | 20K BALANCED XLR |
| CROSSTALK： | $<-90 \mathrm{~dB} 20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ TO20kHz |
| OUTPUT GAIN： | $-\infty$ TO＋12dB |
| COMPRESSOR |  |
| THRESHOLD RANGE | -30 bB to＋20dB |
| RATIO： | 2：1 TO20：1 |
| ATTACK TME | 4 mS TO 400 mS |
| R⿴⿱冂一⿱一一厶儿的ASETME： | 10 mS TO 2 SEC |
| GATE |  |
| THRESHOLD RANGE | OF（OPEN GATE）TO＋ 10 dB |
| RATIO： | 1：1（O\＃）TO30：1 |
| REEEASE TIME | 1 mSTO 2 SEC |
| INPUTS AND OUTPUTS： | XLR BALANCED AND 1／4＂UNBALANCED |
| SIDECHAIN INPUT： | 1／4＂UNBALANCED |
| INPUTLEVE SEEECTION： | 0 dBu or +6 dBu |
| POWER REQUIREMENTS： | 4VA 90－250VAC， $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ SWITCHING SUPPLY |
| FUSE | INIERNAL 1．5A FAST BLOW |
| DIMENSIONS： | $13 / 4{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{H} \times 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W} \times 6$＂${ }^{\text {d }}$ |

## CONNECTING UP

The CG200 can be used in various applications that require different configuration within a sound system．Fig． 1 shows the CG200 connected between the stereo output of a mixer and the inputs of a power amp．This is best for compressing or gating an entire main mix of program material．Fig． 2 depicts a channel insert connection．This is done with a TRS（tip send，ring return）Y－cable． The signal is sent out of the channel，compressed／gated and returned into the channel．This is a typical set－up on most vocal or drum microphone channels．Fig． 3 depicts a mic channel direct out to the SIDE CHAIN INPUT．The mic signal triggers the compressor／gate．

FIG． 1

FIG． 2
 someone speaks into the mic．


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## FRONT PANEL:

## 1. GAIN REDUCTION LED METER

Shows how much gain reduction (in dB ) that is taking place whether compression, gating or both.

## 2. INPUT/OUTPUT LED METER

Shows the incoming signal or output signal level (in dB) depending on the position of the meter in/out switch.

## 3. METER IN/OUT SWITCH

When this switch is "IN", the input/output meter shows the input signal level. When "OUT", the meter shows output level.

## 4. BYPASS SWITCH

With this switch "IN", the signal passes with no processing. Note: The OUTPUT GAIN knob will still control the output level even when the CG200 is set to bypass.

## 5. BYPASS INDICATOR

This LED illuminates when the unit is bypassed.

## 6. POWER INDICATOR

This LED illuminates when power to the unit is on.

## 7. POWER SWITCH

Push this switch to the "ON" position to apply power to the unit. The power indicator LED will light to show the CG200 is on.

## 8. THRESHOLD

The THRESHOLD is the signal level where compression begins. Al incoming signals above this threshold will be compressed according to the RATIO control. If no compression is desired, and use of the gate is desired by itself, turn the THRESHOLD control clockwise to "OF'

## 9. RATIO:

The RATIO is the amount of compression applied to the signal above the threshold setting. The numbers 2 through 20 are the dB of input signal required to achieve a 1 dB output increase. $2: 1$ is the most
subtle. 20:1 is the most extreme and will produce a more "squashed" sound. High ratio settings can be used for limiting.

## 10. ATTACK:

Delay (in milliseconds) is "before compression takes place." A short attack time will respond much faster to signal dynamics than a longer setting. Increase this setting if you want the initial hit from a snare or punch from a bass to get through before compressing the signal.

## 11. RELEASE:

Time (in milliseconds) in which compression is held after the initial attack. The shorter the release time, the closer the compressor follows the signal dynamics. Longer release times will tend to make the sound more "squashed".

## 12. OUTPUT GAIN:

Output signal level. Use this after setting the compressor to make up the over all signal level lost due to compression.

## 13. GATE THRESHOLD:

Signal level where "gating begins." All incoming signals below this threshold will be attenuated according to the GATE RATIO control. Any signals above this threshold will be passed unaffected (unless compression is on). If no gating is desired, turn this control fully counter clockwise to the "OF' position.

## 14. GATE RATIO:

Amount of attenuation applied to the signal below the gate threshold level. Setting the GATE RATIO to $1: 1$ will effectively turn gating off. A setting of $30: 1$ will attenuate all incoming signals below the gate threshold by 30 dB .

## 15. GATE RELEASE:

Amount of time after signal reaches the Gate Threshold before gating turns on. The shorter the setting, the more "choppy" and tighter the effect. The longer the time, the smoother the effect but the more un-wanted noise will pass.

## Compressor/Gate Applications

## COMPRESS A STEREO MIX

CONNECTION METHOD: STEREO L-R MIX (see fig. 1)
To compress a stereo mix, depress the STEREO LINK button. Start with a low RATIO setting. Set the THRESHOLD for a bit of Gain Reduction and set the ATTACK on a slow setting. Raise the RATIOfor more compression if needed.
EVEN OUT VARIOUS VOCAL MICS
CONNECTION METHOD: CHANNEL INSERT (see fig. 2)
In a situation where there are various vocalists with different dynamics, it is best to compress each mic channel before adding each mic to the mix. Start with a medium ATTACK setting on each mic. Set the REEASE time
to a slow setting. Set the compression RATIO to 4:1. Set the THRESHOLD so the GAIN REDUCTION meters show 9dB of gain reduction. Increase the compression RATIO as needed. Soft vocal signals may require a higher RATIO setting.

## BASS GUITAR, ELECTRIC GUITAR COMPRESSION

CONNECTION METHOD: CHANNEL INSERT (see fig. 2)
To increase Bass sustain and reduce transient spikes, set the compression RATIO around $4: 1$, set the THRESHOLD at 9 dB of gain reduction. Use a higher RATIO setting ( $5: 1$ or higher) to add sustain to Guitar signals. Set the THRESHOLD as needed.


## REAR PANEL:

## 16. LINE CORD:

The exclusive built-in auto switching power supply allows you to connect any voltage from 90 to $255 \mathrm{v} 50-60 \mathrm{Hx}$. Use a 3 -conductor line cord for maximum safety. If the CG200 is to be plugged into a 2 -prong outlet, use a quality 3 -to-2 prong grounded adapter. Do not defeat the grounding pin of your AC line cord.

## 17. GROUND LIFT SWITCH:

This switch lifts the grounds on the inputs and outputs when depressed. Useful in getting rid of ground loops.

## 18. UNBALANCED 1/4" INPUT:

This input will accept an unbalanced input from insert patch cables, amplifier effects sends, etc. The tip is signal, the ring is shield.

## 19. LEVEL SWITCH:

Depressing this switch "OUT" gives a 6 dBu boost to the input signal if a low level signal is to be used.

## 20. BALANCED XLR INPUT:

This input will increase the gain by 3 dB because it is balanced and that will be most resistant to any induced noise. The connector wiring is: Pin 1 - ground, Pin 2 - Positive Balance, Pin 3 Negative Balance.

## 21. SIDE CHAIN INPUT:

Use this if an external source is desired to control the compressor or gate (ducking, de-essing, etc.). For example, if a lower music level were desired when someone is taking on a microphone, the microphone signal would be split, and sent into the side-chain input. The music would be run into the input and back out of the output of the processor. The music would automatically be turned down when ever some one spoke into the mic, according to the compressor settings. The Tip is signal, Ring is shield.

## COMPRESSING DRUMS

CONNECTION METHOD: CHANNEL INSERT (see fig. 2)
To tighten the sound of a kick drum start with a RATIO around 6:1. Turn up the THRESHOLD until the GAIN REDUCTION LED's light up around 12dB. Increase the compression RATIO if needed. These suggested settings can also be a starting point for snare and tom-toms. Experiment for the best results.
To gate a drum mic signal so adjacent sounds don't "false trigger" the gate, set a fast REEASE time so the gate closes fairly quick after the signal falls under the THRESHOLD. This will help tighten up the sound of a drum kit by eliminating sustained "ring".

## 22. BALANCED XLR OUTPUT:

The balanced output is also 3 dB hotter out the $1 / 4$ " output because thats what "active balancing" does to the signal. for the processor. The connector wiring is the same as for the balanced XLR input.
23. UNBALANCED 1/4" OUTPUT:

This is the unbalanced output for the processor. Use this to return the processed signal to insert patch cables, or the return on an amplifier effects loop. The tip is signal, ring is shield.

## 24. STEREO LINK:

Depressing this switch links channel 2 to channel 1 for stereo operation. The controls for channel 1 become the master controls for both channels, with the exception of the Output Level controls and Level switch, which remain independent. The signals are effectively processed identically in this mode to give proper stereo imaging.

## CG200 COMPRESSION CURVE



## DISTORTION PREVENTION-SPEAKER PROTECTION

## CONNECTION METHOD: STEREO L-R MIX (see fig. 1)

A compressor can be used to control audio levels from distorting power amps and speakers. If the audio mix being sent to the power amps is loud, a 10:1 or more RATIO setting with the THRESHOLD provide 15 dB or more of compression, which will protect against surprise signal spikes. For best results in this application, position the compressor before any EQ's in the system.


## IMPORTANT！FOR YOUR PROTECTION，PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

WATER AND MOISTURE：Appliance should not be used near water（near a bathtub，washbowl， kitchen sink，laundry tub，in a wet basement，or near a swimming pool，etc）．Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the enclosure through openings．
POWER SOURCES：The appliance should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance．
GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION：Precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of an appliance is not defeated．
POWER OORD PROIECTION：Power supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them，paying particular attention to cords at plugs，convenience receptacles，and the point where they exit from the appliance．
S⿴囗VICING：The user should not attempt to service the appliance beyond that described in the operating instructions．All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel． PUSING：If your unit is equipped with a fuse receptacle，replace only with the same type fuse． Refer to replacement text on the unit for correct fuse type．

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS（EUROPEAN）

The conductors in the AC power cord are colored in accordance with the following code． GREEN \＆YELLOW—Earth BLUE—Neutral BROWN—Live
U．K．MAIN PLUG WARNING：A molded main plug that has been cut off from the cord is unsafe．NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU INSERT A DAMAGED OR CUT MAIN PLUG INTO A POWER SOCKET．

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Your Carvin product is guaranteed against failure for 1 YEAR unless otherwise stated．Carvin will service and supply all parts at no charge to the customer providing the unit is under warranty．Shipping costs are the responsibility of the customer．CARVIN DOES NOT PAY FOR PARTS OR SERVICING OTHER THAN OUR OWN．A OOPY OF THE ORIGINAL INVOICE IS REQUIRED TOVERIFY YOUR WARRANTY．Carvin assumes no responsibility for horn drivers or speakers damaged by this unit．This warranty does not cover，and no liability is assumed，for damage due to：natural disasters，accidents，abuse，loss of parts，lack of reasonable care， incorrect use，or failure to follow instructions．This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties， expressed or implied．No representative or person is authorized to represent or assume for Carvin any liability in connection with the sale or servicing of Carvin products．CARVIN SHALL NOT BELIABLEFOR INCIDENTAL OR OONSEQUENTAL DAMAGES．
When RETURNING merchandise to the factory，you may call for a return authorization number．Describe in writing each problem．If your unit is out of warranty，you will be charged the current PLAT RATE for parts and labor to bring your unit up to factory specifications．

## MAINTAINING YOUR EQUIPMENT

Avoid spilling liquids or allowing any other foreign matter inside the unit．The panel of your unit can be wiped from time to time with a dry or slightly damp cloth in order to remove dust and bring back the new look．As with all pro gear，avoid prolonged use in caustic environments（salt air）．When used in such an environment，be sure the mixer is adequately protected by a cover．

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| CG200 PARTS LST |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 03－50250 | 3 EACH | STANDOFFLED 250 X .135 T 1 ＂FORD3，D17，D217＂ |
| 03－92521 | 32 EACH | STANDOFLED $.925 \times .215$ T1 <br> ＂FORD1，D2，D4，D6，D7，D8，D9，＂ <br> ＂D10，D12，D13，D14，D15，D18，＂ <br> ＂D21，D5，D22，D201，D202，D204，＂ <br> ＂D205，D206，D207，D208，D209，D210，＂ <br> ＂D212，D213，D214，D215，D218，D221，＂ D222 |
| 06－40040 | 2 EACH | TERMINAL VERT $\nrightarrow M L$ PCMTG． 250 S10 |
| 07－01603 | 4 EACH | ＂KNOB＂＂6L＂＂ $6 x 6 x 17.4 m m$ GREY CAP＂ <br> ＂FOR S3，S4，S5，S205＂ |
| 15－00300 | 2 EACH | INDUCTOR ． 3 mH DRUM OORE ＂L8，L10＂ |
| 15－05002 | 2 EACH | LINEFLTER 5 mh ASE－1303FB |
| 15－10110 | 2 EAOH | INDUCTOR OHOKE 100uH 1．13Amp ＂L1，L2＂ |
| 15－86020G | 1 EAOH | XFORM SWITCHING20W．3／．6AMP T1 |
| 21－40000 | 2 EAOH | XLR $\nrightarrow M A L E O O N N E C T O R W / O G R N D$ ＂J5，J205＂ |
| 21－40001 | 2 EAOH | XLR MALEOONNECTOR $" \mathrm{J4}, \mathrm{~J} 204 "$ |
| 21－31100 | 1 EACH | RECPTAQ＿EAC W／FAST－ON CHASS PL1 |
| 21－51345 | 6 EAOH | JACK ． 250 PHONEMONO PLASTIC <br> ＂J1，J2，J3，J201，J202，J203＂ |
| 23－05601 | 2 EAOH | FUSEHOLDERBRASS .5 mm F1 |
| 23－10308B | 1 EAOH | ＂HEADER 8 PIN SIP 1.015 ＂＂＂ H2B |
| 23－11004 | 6 EACH | OONNECT HEADR 4 PIN STRAIGTT <br> ＂H3A，H4A，H4B，H5A，H5B，H201A＂ |
| 23－11008 | 1 EAOH | CONNECT HEADAR 8 PIN STRAIGTT H1A |
| 23－12004 | 2 EACH | OONNECT HEADR 4 PIN RT／ANGLE ＂H3B，H201B＂ |
| 23－12008 | 1 EACH | CONNECT HEADER 8 PIN RT／ANGLE H1B |
| 23－13008 | 1 EAOH | OONNECTOR HEADER 8PIN SIP H2A |
| 25－02201 | 3 EAOH | SWTOH DPDT PUSH PCMTGLOOKNG ＂S4，S5，S205＂ |
| 25－02200－ | 4 EACH | ASSEMBLED SWITCH W／5MM CAP <br> ＂S1，S2，S201，S202＂ |
| 25－04201 | 1 EAOH | SWITCH 4PDT PUSH PCMTGLOOKNG S3 |
| 30－02200D | 1 EAOH | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PCB C200 } \\ & \text { REVD } \end{aligned}$ |
| 42－33042 | 1 EACH | CAP 日 E EC 33 uF 400 VOLT |
| 46－10242 | 1 EAOH | CAP POLY ．0010UF 400VOLT 10\％ C171 |
| 41－27322 | 3 EAOH | CAP POLY FLM ．027uF250VAC 10 <br> ＂C338，С339，©41＂ |
| 41－47422 | 1 EAOH | CAP MYLR．47UF250VACBOX C282 |
| 41－10342 | 1 EAOH | CAP POLY ．0100UF 400VOLT 10\％ C11 |
| 46－47412 | 2 EAOH | CAP MYLR．4700UF 63VOLT 10\％ ＂C43，C243＂ |
| 47－10225 | 4 EACH | ＂CAP 日 $E$ E 1,000 MFD $25 \mathrm{~V} 20 \%$＂ ＂C159，C160，C161，C162＂ |
| 49－10050 | 10 EACH | CAP SMT 1UF50V BEECTROLTIC <br> ＂C28，C29，C39，C40，C42，C228，＂ <br> ＂C229，C239，C240，C242＂ |
| 49－10312 | 3 EACH | 0．01UFSMT 10\％RLM 080550 V <br> ＂C47，C167，C168＂ |
| 49－10412 | 4 EAOH | 0.1 UFSMT $+80-20 \%$ CERAMIC 0805 <br> ＂C25，C26，C225，C226＂ |



