MODEL 400 Single Channel Mic Processor

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



PURPOSE

The Valley 400 Mic Processor is the only dedicated signal processor specifically designed for vocal microphones. It provides the necessary link between the mic and the console via a microphone preamplifier, 3-band tone EQ control, compressor, expander, noise gate, and de-esser. It's purpose is to give the engineer total control over the incoming signal and provide the ability to create the desired sound.

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Valley International, Inc.
Model 400 Mic Processor. We are certain it will give you
years of trouble free operation and service. Valley Products
are manufactured to the highest standards in Nashville,
Tennessee, using quality components and materials. We have
over a decade of experience in the manufacture and
installation of products used in various facets of the
professional audio industry.

Since 1976, Valley has been dedicated to designing and creating signal processing devices that provide the user with ultimate value and function. The reliability and performance of Valley International products is recognized by recording and broadcast engineers as well as commercial installers, worldwide.

If you have any question regarding application or operation of the Model 400 or any other Valley product, please feel free to call us at any time at 615/370-5901 and ask for our customer service department.

DESCRIPTION

It often happens that products that fit the most basic operations are the last to be designed and manufactured. Such is the case for the Valley 400 Microphone Processor, a product dedicated to the very beginning of the signal chain—the microphone. Though signal processing has been occurring for decades with a variety of instruments and devices (even some of our own), no one has thought to package them in such a way that is optimal for the microphone alone. (In this case we are specifically talking about spoken word applications. The 400 is not intended for use with musical program materials.) The most frequent use of microphones today, is for the spoken word: from broadcast to public address. This application has its own fundamental problems that, until now, have never been singularly addressed.

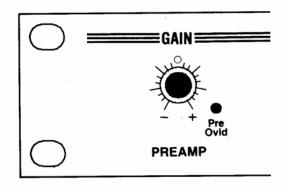
The Model 400 is truly a dedicated microphone processor, composed of six individual processing sections including a Microphone preamplifier, 3-band tone control, Compressor, Expander, Noise gate, and a De-esser. These six sections are electronically integrated, in order to unify several functions that work together. They are under your control to help you shape and create the desired sound. The unique versatility of the 400 enables you to operate many of these processor functions individually or together.

Thus, the Valley 400 provides you with the precise tools necessary to shape your announcer's voice. It is the missing complement to audio excellence.

THE FRONT PANEL CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS

The controls of the Model 400 are ergonomically designed for ease of operation. By following the front panel controls, you are in turn following the path of the signal. The adjustments you make here directly effect the signal, in the sequence that you select them. In this fashion, you can easily see what is occurring to your signal and how to effect the optimum signal processing available at any given time.

THE MICROPHONE PREAMPLIFIER

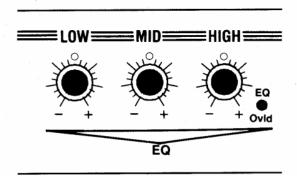


More often than not, the weakest link in the signal chain is right at the beginning of it—in this case the microphone preamplifier. Most on—air consoles cannot provide the high quality preamp necessary to handle today's top technology microphones. Instead of passing along a high quality signal, they amplify any existing noise or distortion to the detriment of the signal. Worse yet, a low quality preamp can add its own noise and/or distortion to the system and pass this amplified signal down the chain.

Valley pioneered and revolutionized low noise, low distortion preamp technology almost a decade ago. Thanks to the 400, you can take your high-quality microphones and properly link them to your system with a preamplifier which, in most cases, is superior to that in your console.

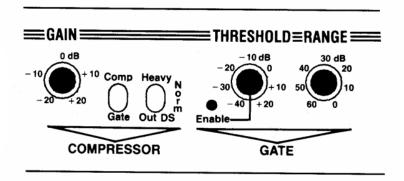
The PREAMP GAIN control is adjustable from 43 to 60 dB. An LED indicates when the preamp is being overloaded.

THE 3-BAND EQ/TONE CONTROL



The specially designed tone controls are contoured specifically for the spoken word. The high and low frequency controls are shelving at 2.3 kHz and 200 Hz respectively. The mid-frequency is boost and cut at 2.1 kHz. The three EQ controls provide boost or attenuation of 20 dB. An LED indicates overload of the EQ section.

THE COMPRESSOR



The Model 400 Compressor has an interactive Expander that works with it to cut out and virtually eliminate any residual noise. These two components are intercoupled when the input signal falls 10 dB below the compressor Threshold. The Expander is then activated to reduce the noise at a slope of 1:2. See the Expander section for more information.

The Compressor itself offers over 20 dB of compression at a ratio of 20:1. Threshold is fixed at 0 dB, attack time is 1 ms, release time is .5 ms per 20 dB of recovery in this automated, program dependent section.

Additionally, the Compressor works in conjunction with the De-esser, thereby allowing a uniform, natural process to occur and preventing a choppy signal. See the De-esser section for further details.

THE EXPANDER

When the Compressor is in (active), the Expander is interactively following with downward expansion at a slope of 1:2. Their release characteristics are intercoupled, so that when the input signal falls 10 dB below the threshold of the Compressor, the Expander will take over and reduce the gain.

The ultimate amount of attenuation that the Expander can produce is controlled by the RANGE control. Should you wish to have some ambient room sound to be passed through the signal chain in the absence of the announcer's voice, you simply simply select what you want to come through by adjusting the RANGE control. This is really important to eliminate DEAD AIR. The standard type of noise gate just attenuates, and when the announcer goes away, the signal goes away as well. The result is dead air, and a Program Director down your throat. With the 400, simply by adjusting the RANGE control you can allow some room noise leakage to come through, thus eliminating dead air.

THE DE-ESSER

Designed to handle announcer sibilance problems, the Deesser section of the Valley 400 has two modes. NORMAL is for mild problems. It handles sibilant transients from 8 kHz and above. For more serious sibilance, the HEAVY mode may be selected. This eliminates sibilance from 4 kHz and above.

As stated previously the De-esser section works in conjunction with the Compressor control. This is very different from other types of equipment that utilize compressors or limiters in conjunction with de-essers. In those types of units, for example, the limiting section may be causing 20 dB of gain reduction...then the de-esser sees the signal, and it decreases the gain another 10 to 20 dB, or whatever. Both processors, operating independently, reduce the gain by about 40 dB. The result is a choppy over-processed sound.

In the 400, the Compressor always knows what the Deesser is doing and vice versa. The result is an interaction

that allows the Compressor and the De-esser to work together.

Taking the above example, when the De-esser needs to cut gain by 20 dB to remove the undesired sibilance and the Compressor is already doing 20 dB of gain reduction, you won't end up with this problem. The two interacting processors actually split the difference and arithmetically average out the required gain reduction, so both functions are satisfied. In this case, you would only end up with 25-30 dB of gain reduction, as opposed to doing 40 dB and chopping the signal up. The resulting signal is more natural sounding.

Through this interaction, the Valley 400 becomes an intelligent processor. The two stages or sections monitor each other's actions, giving a smooth signal transition. The De-esser can be used independently as well. However, the processing is less offensive when the compressor and de-esser are used together. Gain reduction and de-essing tend to go hand-in-hand.

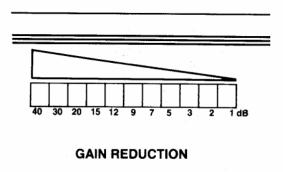
THE NOISE GATE

The Noise Gate can only be used when the Compressor is disabled. This was done purposely, because the correct way to control noise rush- up in a compressor is not with a Noise Gate, but with an Expander. The Expander section therefore, simply converts to the Noise Gate section when the Compressor Mode switch is in GATE.

Noise Gates are notoriously and easily misused. We felt it was necessary to incorporate one in the Valley 400 for applications where a compressor is not necessary. To make it more effective as well as foolproof, the 400 employs a relatively slow release time that is program dependent to prevent the trailing sounds of the spoken word from being chopped off. The RANGE control is still active, so you can remove as much or as little of the ambient noise as desired. The aforementioned program directors will be happy with this touch.

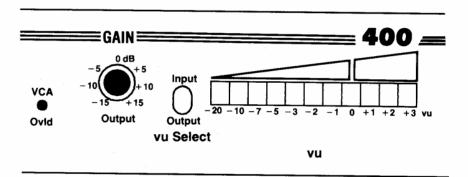
Noise Gate controls include THRESHOLD and RANGE. The RANGE control is used for the Expander in the Compress mode. The Expander ignores the GATE THRESHOLD setting. Range is adjustable from 0 to -60 dB of attenuation, Threshold from -40 to +20 dB. In order to take the Expander or Gate out of the circuit simply move the Range control to 0, where it will not be doing any attenuation whatsoever.

GAIN REDUCTION METER



Indicates amount of gain reduction caused by the Compressor, Expander, and De-esser.

OUTPUT GAIN CONTROL



Sets the quiescent or idle gain of the voltage controlled amplifier (VCA). It has a range of plus or minus $15~\mathrm{dB}$.

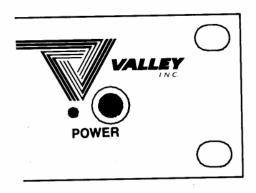
VOLUME INDICATOR SELECT SWITCH

This switch transfers the volume indicator source from the input of the processor to the output of the VCA.

VOLUME INDICATOR

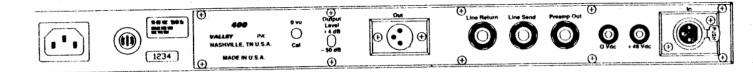
LED meter indicates volume from the source selected by the Volume Indicator Select Switch.

POWER SWITCH & INDICATOR



Power switch turns the Valley 400 on. It is located on the right side of the unit. LED indicates when power is on.

THE BACK PANEL



THE MICROPHONE CONNECTION

 $\,$ Microphones are plugged into an electronically balanced XLR type connector.

THE PHANTOM POWER CONNECTION

An external 48 volt phantom power supply may be connected to the Model 400 by a banana jack. Note: You must use an actual phantom power supply as there is $\underline{\text{NO POWER REGULATOR}}$ OR FILTER.

THE PREAMP OUT

A 1/4", 3-conductor phone jack gives you access to the post EQ signal. This line level output is available if you only want to make use of the Preamplifier and Equalizer of the Model 400.

THE LINE SEND & RETURN

A balanced line level Send and Return is available via 1/4", 3-conductor phone jacks. These connections allow other outboard signal processing equipment or effects to merge into the signal path.

THE OUTPUT

Differentially balanced output with XLR type connector.

THE MIC/LINE SWITCH

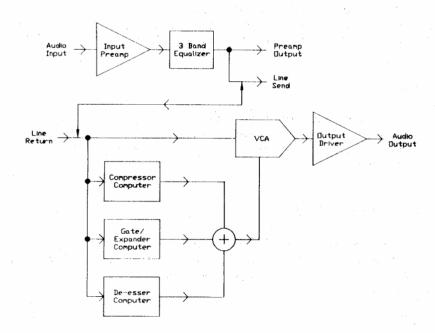
This switch enables you to switch the output from low impedance, high level (+4 dBm nominal from 50 ohm) to mic level and impedance (-50 dB nominal from 150 ohm). In this way the 400 may be used for a variety of consoles and connections.

THE vu CAL

Screwdriver adjustment for the front panel mounted LED Volume Indicator allows you to calibrate the meter for 0 $vu_{\:\raisebox{1pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$

SIGNAL FLOW DIAGRAM

This diagram illustrates the signal flow in the 400.



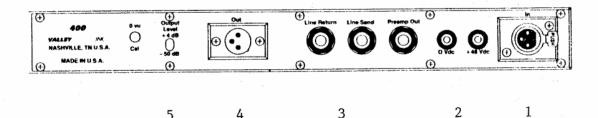
CONNECTIONS

Everyone has connections in the audio business. Knowing how to use them is the key to success. Why should it be any different with signal processing equipment? The Model 400 is electronically balanced in and out and easily interfaces with your microphone and console.

Below you will see, pictured in block diagram form, the basic connections. The Model 400 will install easily into

your system.

1)



Microphone is connected to MIC INPUT.

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- Connect PHANTOM POWER SUPPLY if necessary. 2)
- Hook up outboard equipment if desired to SEND and RECEIVE jacks.
- Connect console and Model 400 via the balanced XLR 4) output.
- 5) Adjust MIC/LINE switch to proper position.

THE OPERATIONS/COMPRESSOR IN

- Plug in microphone. 1)
- Select appropriate level switch position (mic or line). 2)
- 3) A) Connect output at line level into the console. OR
 - Connect output at mic level into mic input of board.
- Select INPUT on vu SELECT SWITCH. 4)

- 5) Speak into microphone and adjust PREAMP GAIN until 0 vu bar indicates.
- 6) Adjust EQ to desired effect. Note: from approximately horizontal left to horizontal right there is only about 4dB of change available. From there it increases exponentially, and you can really crank it up.
- 7) To COMPRESS or not to COMPRESS, that is the decision.
- 8) Flip compressor mode switch to COMP.
- 9) Adjust INPUT GAIN control for amount of compression desired as idicated by the GAIN REDUCTION METER. Apparent loudness will be increasing. Use your ears!
- 10) Determine if DE-ESSING is required. If so select mode: HEAVY or NORMAL. If De-essing not required, leave switch in OUT position.
- 11) The EXPANDER is now adjusted depending on how much ambient noise you want to come through: for no Expansion leave RANGE control at 0, for some ambient noise adjust RANGE somewhere between 10 and 20, to eliminate ambient noise completely set between 30 and 50.
- 12) Switch vu SELECT to OUTPUT position.
- 13) Adjust OUTPUT GAIN control to derive desired output level.

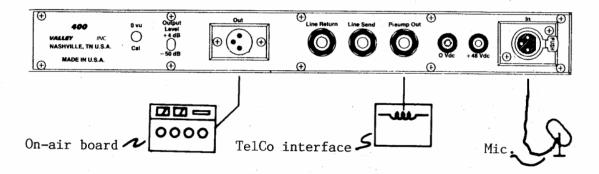
THE OPERATIONS/NOISE GATE IN

- 1) Plug in microphone.
- 2) Select appropriate level switch position (mic or line).
- A) Connect output at line level into the console.
 OR
 - B) Connect output at mic level into mic input of board.
- 4) Select INPUT on vu SELECT SWITCH.

- 5) Speak into microphone and adjust PREAMP GAIN until 0 ν u bar indicates.
- 6) Adjust EQ to desired effect. Note: from approximately horizontal left to horizontal right there is only about 4dB of change available. From there it increases exponentially, and you can really crank it up.
- 7) Flip compressor mode switch to GATE. Note: INPUT GAIN control is still active but the COMPRESSOR is out of the signal chain.
- 8) Determine if DE-ESSING is required. If so select mode: $\mbox{HEAVY or NORMAL.}$ If De-essing not required, leave switch in $\mbox{OUT position.}$
- 9) The NOISE GATE is now ready for use. The THRESHOLD is adjusted to the point where the noise gate opens up reliably during spoken words. The RANGE may be suitably adjusted, depending on how much ambient noise you want to come through: for some ambient noise adjust RANGE somewhere between 10 and 20, to eliminate ambient noise completely set between 30 and 50.
- 10) Switch vu SELECT to OUTPUT position.
- 11) Adjust OUTPUT GAIN control to derive desired output level.

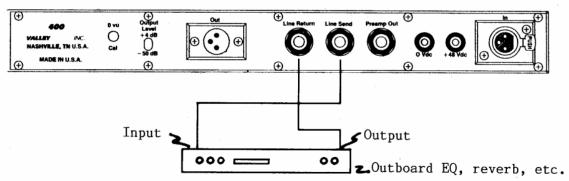
THE SPECIAL CONFIGURATIONS

MIX MINUS



This application allows you to use the Model 400 for talk show formats. The microphone signal is fed into a telco device. The announcer's voice must be present both at the transmitter and the telephone line. To perform this application, take the PREAMP OUT at line level and feed it into the telco device. The 400 main output is fed to the onair console either at line or microphone level.

OUTBOARD PROCESSING



Use the line level SEND and RETURN to interface outboard processing equipment. These connections are normalled, so if you insert a 3-conductor phone plug into LINE SEND, it will break the signal chain. You must plug back into RETURN to complete the chain. Use only three-conductor plugs for the 1/4" outputs of the 400, and do not ground the tip or ring connections even when feeding unbalanced lines.

The processor loop requires no termination, nor does it provide any termination. It will drive 600 ohms, and presents a high impedance to equipment as used as a source.

SPECIFICATIONS

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Input	GUARANTE	ED TYPICAL	UNITS
Input Impedance:	> 13		kohm
Input CMRR (60-15 kHz):	37	60	dB
EIN @60 dB gain, with 200 ohm source:	-127	-129	dB
Input Gain Range:	COMPANIENCE COMPANIENCE	43 to 60	dB
Line Return Input Impedance:		40	kohm
Line Return CMRR (60-15 kHz):	37	40	dB
Line Return Max. Input Before Clipping:	+24	-26	dB
OUTPUT			
Preamplifier Output Source Impedance:	<50	44	ohm
Line Send Output Source Impedance:	<50	44	ohm
Preamp Out and Line Send Max. Output, bal.:	24	26	dBm (600)
Preamp and EQ Distortion @ 0 dB Out, Into 600 ohm:	<.05	.01 1 kHz THD +	%
	<.05	.01 IMD PER	% SMPTE
Range of EQ Control:	±18	±20	dB

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)	GUARANTEED	TYPICAL	UNITS
Low Freq. Shelving fo:		280	Hz
Mid Freq. fc:		2	kHz
High Freq. Shelving fo:		2.5	kHz
Compressor Threshold:		0	dB
Compressor Ratio:		20:1	dB/dB
Compressor Attack Time:		1	ms
Compressor Release Time:		1	s/20 dB
Compressor Gain Range:		±20	dB
Expander Slope:		1:2	dB/dB
Expander Attack Time:		10	μs
Expander Release Time:		1	s/20 dB
Expander or Gate			
Max. Attenuation:		60	dB
Gate Slope:		1:20	dB/dB
Gate Attack Time:		10	μs
Gate Release Time:		2	s/20 dB
Line Output Source Impedance:	50	44	ohm
Line Output Attenuator Source Impedance:		150	ohm
Line Output Max. Level Before Clipping:	+24	+26	dB
Line Output Attenuator Nominal Output Level:		- 50	dB
Signal Processor Static Distortion:	<.1	.05	%

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)	GUARANTEED	TYPICAL	UNITS
Output Noise and Hum, Rsource=600 ohm, Rload			
=600 ohm, Processor Only:	-83	- 85	dB
RFI Rejection: (Electric Field, .1 to 400 MHz)	60	72	dB

NOTE: 0 dB refers to 0.775 Vrms; All noise measurements made with rms-responding meters in a 20 kHz noise bandwidth; THD measurements made with 3rd order low-pass filter having -3 dB point @ 30 kHz. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Electrical

Mains Input Voltage:

90-130/190-250 Vac, 50-60 Hz

Power Consumption:

14 VA Max.

Uses standard IEC cord and connector set.

RF and transient protection provided in power supply.

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Mechanical

The 400 is packaged in a 1.75"X19" (482 mmX1u) steel rack mount package 8.5" (216 mm) deep. Access to the 400's inputs and outputs is achieved with 1/4" diameter, 3-conductor plugs, such as Switchcraft 260, 290 series or equivalent, and XLR or QG type 3-pin audio connectors.

Warranty

VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. warrants its products and their related enclosures and power supplies to be free from defects in workmanship and material under normal use and service. Said warranty is to extend for a period of twelve months after date of purchase. In the case that a VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. product or any of its related enclosures or power supplies is believed to be defective, same may be returned with transportation prepaid to VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC., within twelve months after date of purchase, accompanied by proof of purchase. If the product is found by VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'s inspection to be defective in workmanship or material, it will be repaired or replaced (at VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'s election) free of charge and returned, transportation prepaid, to any point in the United States. If inspection by VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. of such products does not disclose any defect in workmanship or material, VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'s regular charges will apply.

This warranty is expressed in lieu of any and all other warranties, whether expressed or implied, and the sole liability of VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. under this warranty is to either repair or replace (at VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'s election) the product or its related enclosure or power supply. Any incidental damages are expressly excluded.

The foregoing warranty is VALLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'s sole warranty, and all other warranties, expressed, implied, or statutory, are negated and excluded.

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THE VALLEY PRODUCT LINE

810 KEPEX II

The KEyable Program EXpander is the world's most versatile noise gate and expander. Its variable slope and variable attack and release times suit it to all production noise reduction chores.

APPLICATIONS: Noise reduction; Noise gating for percussion instruments; Electronic music effects.

PACKAGE: 800 series module

811 GAIN BRAIN II

Gain Brain's Linear Integration Detection and Peak Reversion Correction allow this limiter/compressor to preserve correct musical relationships throughout the audio spectrum.

APPLICATIONS: Limiting vocals, string instruments, etc.; Enhancing apparent loudness of mixed program. PACKAGE: 800 series module

812 MAXI-Q

This 3-band fully parametric equalizer features an unique tune mode for rapid set-up and a 7 octave range for each of the three filter sections providing unsurpassed flexibility and ease of operation.

APPLICATIONS: Notching objectionable noises such as acoustic feedback; General use as filter set; may be used in conjunction with dynamics processors for vocal stressing, de-essing, frequency selective gating, or other interactive Signal processing functions.

PACKAGE: 800 series module

815 DYNAMIC SIBILANCE PROCESSOR

This unique tool allows sibilance to be removed from vocal tracks and even completed mixes without affecting or coloring the program information.

APPLICATIONS: Removing sibilance from master tapes when cutting master disks; Control of sibilance for FM broadcasting; Removal of sporadic high frequency noise without added coloration.

PACKAGE: 800 series module

PR-2A

Valley's 800 series modules may be housed and powered by this 2-module, 1.75"X19" (482mmXlu) enclosure. Ideal for stereo processing using any two Valley modular products, or for interactive signal processing using Maxi-Q and Kepex or Gain Brain.

PR-10A

The PR-10 is a 5.25"X19" (482mmX3u) enclosure is designed to house and power up to ten 800 series modules. Valley's new rugged rack design features split power sources and tough aluminum and steel construction, perfect for road use or for permanent installations.

400 MICROPHONE PROCESSOR

Combining a high quality, low-noise microphone preamplifier with a full complement of processing functions including EQ, limiting/compression, expansion and gating, the Model 400 is the complete microphone channel processor. Among the features of this product are a Volume Indicator (vu meter) and separate gain reduction meter, a pre-fader patch for outboard processing or processor-only access, a de-esser, and switch-selectable line level/microphone level balanced output.

APPLICATIONS: Live studio broadcast; ENG and ENG post-production; Mix minus interface for on-air consoles, audio and video production.

PACKAGE: 1.75"X19" (482mmXlu) rack mount enclosure

430 DUAL LIMITER/EXPANDER/GATE

This multi-function signal processor can perform any of 18 variations of limiting, gating, expansion, AGC, envelope following, keying, or voice-over gain reduction.

APPLICATIONS: General production and post production processing and sweetening. May be coupled for stereo operation or used as a two channel device. PACKAGE: 1.75"X19" (482mmXlu) rack mount enclosure

440 LIMITER/COMPRESSOR/EXPANDER

Only from Valley could you expect so much signal processing power in a single unit. The Model 440 can

simultaneously compress, limit, expand, and perform dynamic sibilance processing for suppression of objectionable sibilance in mixed material. An "Auto" control mode reduces set-up of the compressor and expander sections to the selection of more or less processing at the turn of a single control. Use of Linear Integration, Peak Reversion Correction, Anticipatory Release Computation, and fully interactive control assures freedom from processing artifacts and distortion. The 440 is the best dynamics processor on the market today at any price.

APPLICATIONS: AGC and compression/expansion for broadcast; Production and post-production sweetening; AGC/compression, limiting, and clipping for uplink program feeds; compression and sibilance suppression for all post- production processes.

PACKAGE: 1.75"X19" (482mmXlu) rack mount enclosure

GATEX FOUR-CHANNEL GATE/EXPANDER

For the first time, you can buy four high quality gates in a single package for about the same amount you'd expect to pay for a single unit. That's not all; the GATEX's two expand modes are perfect for keyboards, strings and general noise reduction chores.

PACKAGE: 1.75"X19" (482mmX1u) rack mount enclosure

610 DUAL COMPRESSOR/EXPANDER

By combining the best features of Valley technology, such as Linear Integration, Peak Reversion Correction, and symmetrical release, the 610 provides the capacity to perform interactive expanded compression so imperceptibly, you may not believe your ears. This device has been called the best available by producers and mastering engineers world-wide because of its incomparable transparency and ease of operation. The 610 simultaneously limits or compresses and performs one-way apparent noise reduction. No other stereo signal processor on the market can touch it for the price.

APPLICATIONS: Production and post-production sweetening; Processing noisy mixes; AGC and noise suppression for program feeds in broadcast or cable installations; Processing noisy STL feeds and down-link program sources; May be coupled for stereo operation or used as 2-channel device.

PACKAGE: 3.25"X19" (482mmX2u) rack mount enclosure

HH2X2B LEVEL MATCHING INTERFACE

You've seen these in every station or studio in which you've visited or worked; now you know who makes them! The HH2X2B is invaluable for interfacing professional equipment to semi-pro and musical instrument electronics, as well as CD and VCR feeds. Line level inputs and sources are balanced with XLR connectors, while -10 dB inputs and sources are unbalanced with RCA phono (HI-FI) connectors.

APPLICATIONS: Amplifier/attenuator set for connecting -10 dB sources and inputs to +4 dB and +8 dB recording and production equipment.

PACKAGE: 1.7"HX8.5"WX4.9"D (43mmX216mmX125mm) steel package. Requires external power supply (included with each unit). 1.75"X19" (482mmX1u) rack mount adapter available.



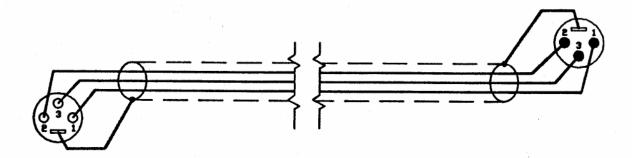
Important Information for Valley Model 400 Users

The Valley Model 400 Microphone Processor owes its startling clarity and exceptionally low noise figure to the use of an unique proprietary transformerless balanced microphone preamplifier.

The preamplifier is capable of rejecting broadband common mode signals more completely than is possible by use of a transformer (CMRR > 100 dB), but must be installed in such a way as to present equal line impedances at radio frequencies from the high and low outputs of the microphone to the high and low inputs (pins 3 and 2) of the Model 400.

In most installations, the use of foil-shielded wire having two conductors and a ground will provide satisfactory results, with only slight degradation in the quality of the signal from the microphone. Please note, however, that for optimum performance, especially in the presence of a strong RF field, the Model 400 should be installed using a high-quality microphone cable.

Microphone cable suited for use with the Model 400, or any high-quality, low noise microphone preamplifier, should have three Litz wire conductors and a wrapped, stranded copper shield. Several manufacturers produce such cable, which is specifically designed for use with microphones; among them are Canare, Mogami, Monster Cable, and Gotham Audio. In using the cable, follow the wiring diagram shown below.



If ready-made microphone cables are used, inspect the connectors to insure that pin 1 is not connected to the shield or the shield of the connector itself.

