



HERCHILD

MODEL 660

When you hear records made at Ardent, you are listening to the heart and soul of Memphis and from here on out, that spirit is captured by the HERCHILD Model 660: The Ardent Edition.

The legendary sound of Ardent Studios now available with this limited edition Vari-Mu Compressor.



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Ardent Recording Studios is one of the most iconic music studios in the world. Known for its creative energy and technological excellence, it's been home to a wide range of unique and talented recording artists, producers, and engineers, and has witnessed the creation of many timeless recordings that have influenced the direction of modern music and music production.

So it is easy to understand that when Ardent Studios first contacted us to evaluate the possibility of having an Ardent Edition of our HERCHILD to substitute their original Fairchild units we could barely believe it. Since its release, the HERCHILD has established itself as the industry reference for "Vari-Mu FAIRCHILD" compression all over the world, but with this request from Ardent we now had a new challenge...a unique opportunity to take it to another level.

But, what is so special about the original Ardent's Fairchilds? Ardent's team modified the attack and release times of their original units in the early 70's so that the time constants were faster and, therefore, more usable for modern recording studios at the time. This mods were first used to track Jimmy Page's acoustic guitars on Led Zeppelin III and it has been a best kept secret...until today.

After receiving the pencil on paper notes from the original modifications, the Heritage Audio team has worked together with Ardent's to nail the time constants of the original and after several months the HERCHILD "Ardent Edition" is a reality. Ardent's team were so impressed by the performance of the HERCHILDS that they have changed their original units for 4 HERCHILD 660 and a HERCHILD 670.

The HERCHILD Model 660: The Ardent Edition will be produced only on request and in very limited units.