

# Review of the HUM Audio Design LAAL (Look Ahead Analogue Limiter)

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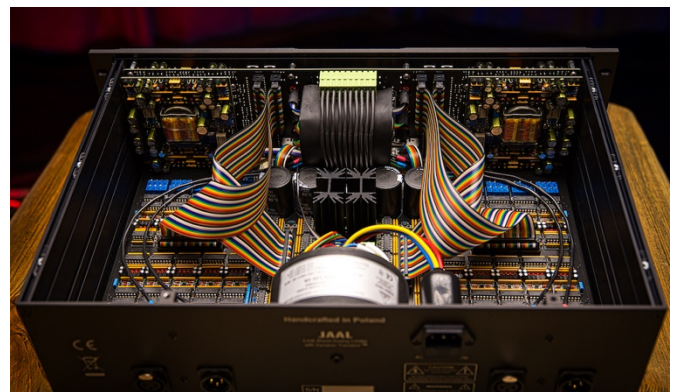
This is by far the best analogue limiter I've tried.

I own another great analogue limiter that sounds great, but nothing to write home about - but the LAAL by HUM Audio Design is a masterpiece of engineering and is one of those kinds of units that sounds musical, absolutely unique, smooth and elegant, powerful but at the same time preserving and enhancing the tracks in a way that is just magical.

I think a lot of this magic happens because of the high quality of the components and electronics and, also, due the design of the circuitry; but I think the main reason why the LAAL sounds great and natural, and where the magic happens, is in the transient recovery circuit and in the analogue look ahead circuit.

When I engage these functions on the limiter, I couldn't believe how amazing the audio source became, it was just unbelievable. As a mastering engineer I have the opportunity to work with very high-end analogue limiters very well known in the mastering world, but I have never heard something so musical and powerful like the LAAL.

I just smiled all the time from the first second I pass audio through the unit, it was like I discovered the limiter of my dreams and feel like all I want in a limiter was there in the LAAL.



Also, I love the saturation of the transformers, very powerful, but at the same time add enough of the harmonic content to the signal, nothing too dramatic but definitely audible and present. Overall, to me, it is the best analogue limiter I have tried and I could say is my favourite. I definitely want to add this unit as my main analogue limiter on my mastering chain ASAP. Thanks John from Sound-Link to let us try the unit here In Solar Vox Studio and thanks a lot to the HUM Audio team for create such an amazing piece of gear...I think you create an absolute classic unit and I'm sure it will soon become a legend.

Follow this link to my YouTube video review of the LAAL (or click the QR code):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qra-TS9ACbQ>



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