

**ΛΛorphor<sup>®</sup>**

**Distortion  
LED Based**

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## Warranty

THIS PRODUCT IS COVERED BY MORPHOR'S LIMITED WARRANTY, FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PURCHASE (PROOF OF PURCHASE/INVOICE REQUIRED).  
THIS WARRANTY COVERS ANY DEFECT IN THE MANUFACTURING OF THIS PRODUCT.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER ANY DAMAGE OR MALFUNCTION CAUSED BY INCORRECT USE - SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: POWER CABLES CONNECTED BACKWARDS, WRONG POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGES, BACKWARDS OR REVERSED EURORACK BUS BOARD CABLE CONNECTION, EXCESSIVE VOLTAGE LEVELS, ABUSE OF THE PRODUCT, REMOVING KNOBS, CHANGING FACE PLATES, EXPOSURE TO EXTREME TEMPERATURE OR MOISTURE LEVELS, OR ANY OTHER CAUSES DETERMINED BY MORPHOR TO BE THE FAULT OF THE USER ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY, AND NORMAL SERVICE RATES WILL APPLY.

THE WARRANTY COVERS REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR, AS DECIDED BY MORPHOR. PLEASE CONTACT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE (SUPPORT@MORPHOR.IO) FOR A RETURN AUTHORIZATION BEFORE SENDING THE MODULE. THE COST OF SENDING A MODULE BACK FOR SERVICING IS PAID FOR BY THE CUSTOMER. CHANGES AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE MODULE NOT APPROVED BY MORPHOR COULD VOID THE USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

THE INSTRUMENT IS TO BE SHIPPED IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING ONLY. ANY INSTRUMENT SHIPPED TO US FOR RETURN, EXCHANGE, WARRANTY REPAIR, UPDATE OR EXAMINATION HAS TO BE IN ITS ORIGINAL PACKAGING! ALL OTHER DELIVERIES WILL BE REJECTED. THEREFORE, MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE INSTRUMENT CAREFULLY BECAUSE THIS WILL GUARANTEE PROPER OPERATION OF THE INSTRUMENT. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS TOUCH ON PRODUCT LIABILITY, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT THEY BE READ CAREFULLY. ANY CLAIM FOR DEFECT WILL BE REJECTED IF ONE OR MORE OF THE ITEMS HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED. DISREGARD OF THE INSTRUCTIONS CAN VOID THE TWO YEARS COVERED BY WARRANTY.

## Package Contents

In the Morphor Distortion box you will find:

- The Morphor Distortion module itself
- A 16-to-16-pin Eurorack power cable (already plugged in)
- 2 high-quality thumb screws including washer
- An original Morphor brand sticker

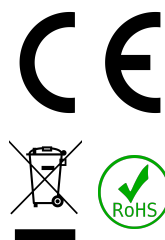
If any of the above items is missing, please contact your dealer or send an email to [support@morphor.io](mailto:support@morphor.io).

## Safety Instructions

- I. Never use the instrument in a humid or wet environment, nor near flammable goods. The instrument must never be operated outdoors but solely in dry rooms.
- II. No liquids or conducting substances must get into the instrument. Should this be the case, the instrument is to be disconnected from mains power immediately and examined, cleaned and possibly repaired by a qualified technician.
- III. Never expose the instrument to temperatures above +50° C or below -10° C. Before operation, the instrument should have a temperature of at least 10° C. Do not expose the instrument to direct sunlight. Do not install the instrument near heat sources like heaters, open fire places, central heating etc. Keep the top of the instrument clear in order to allow proper ventilation, otherwise the instrument could eventually overheat.
- IV. Never place heavy objects on the instrument.
- V. Transport the instrument carefully, never let it drop or fall over. Make sure that during transport and in use the instrument is supported properly and cannot drop, slip or fall over because people might get injured.
- VI. The instrument may only be used for the purpose described in this operating manual. Due to safety reasons, the instrument must never be used for other purposes.

## Conformity

This device meets the requirements of the following standards and/or directives: 2014/30/EU, 2014/35/EU, 2009/125/EC, 2011/65/EU, 2012/19/EU, EN 60065, EN 55032, EN 55035. Please refer to the online Declaration of Conformity for detailed information regarding compliance.



## Installation

### Before you start

Morphor modules are designed to be used with an Eurorack-compatible case and power supply. We recommend you to use a case with an adequate high-quality power supply. Before installing the module in your case, you must ensure your power supply has a free Eurorack standard PSU connector (2x8 pin header connector) and sufficient available capacity to power the module:

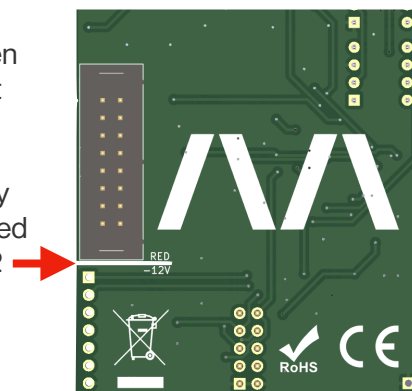
1. Make a separate sum of the +12 V, -12 V and +5 V maximum current draws respectively for all your modules, including the new one. The maximum current draw is specified in the manufacturer's technical specifications for each module. You can use a tool like [ModularGrid](#) to help you calculate the total values for your case.
2. Compare each of these sums to the specifications of your case's power supply.
3. Proceed only with the installation if none of the total values exceeds the power supply's specifications. Otherwise you must remove some modules to free up some capacity or upgrade your power supply to allow more capacity in your case. If you do not adequately power your modules, it may result in damage to your modules or power supply. If you are unsure, please contact us before proceeding.
4. Make sure your case has enough free space (HP) to fit the new module. To prevent screws or other debris from falling into the case and shorting any electrical contacts, do not leave gaps between adjacent modules, and cover all unused areas with blank panels. Similarly, do not use open frames or any other enclosure that exposes the backside of any module or the power distribution board.

### Installing your module

Always turn off the power to the case and disconnect the power cable when installing or removing a module from your case to avoid injury or equipment damage.

The Morphor Distortion uses the -12 V and the +12 V rail of the power supply (using a standard Eurorack 2x5 pin connector). The red stripe of the included ribbon cable (-12 V side) must be oriented on the same side as the “RED -12 V” marking on the module and on your Eurorack power distribution board.

The module draws a maximum current of 25 mA from the +12 V rail and maximum 25 mA from the -12 V rail.



Example rear side of a module



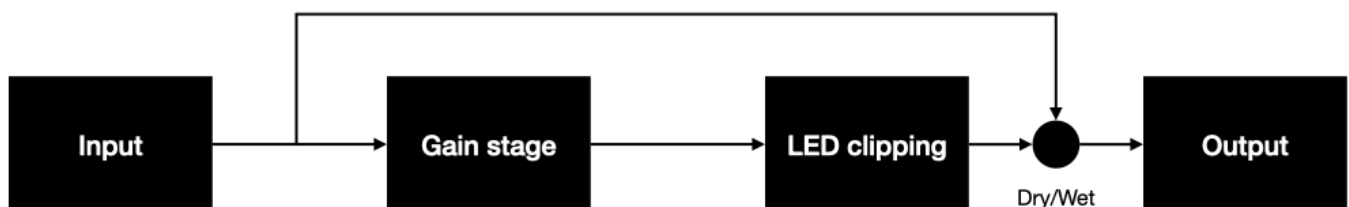
## Introduction

The Morphor Distortion - LED Based is a compact and characterful analog distortion module. Loosely based on the legendary MXR distortion circuit this module is perfect for adding some extra crunch to your patches.

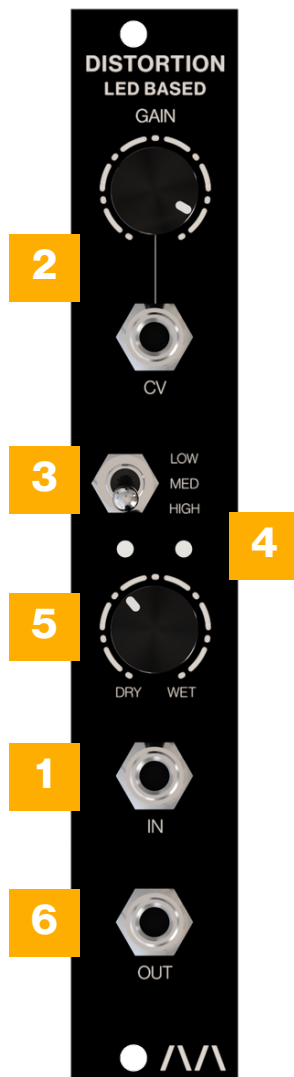
With CV-controlled gain setting, three distortion modes and a dry/wet mixing control, this module gives you lots of options to spice up your sound without taking up too much space. Internally the clipping is performed by LEDs which are also shown in the front of the module, so you can see your sound getting destroyed with your own eyes.

Happy morphing!

## Module overview



## Controls & Connections



### **INPUT [ 1 ]**

Insert your incoming signal here to start distorting!

### **DISTORTION GAIN [ 2 ]**

Set the amount of distortion with the main knob and the CV jack. Note that this CV is multiplicative with the main knob, not additive. This means inserting 0V CV will always result in very low gain/distortion. Think of this jack as a CV-controlled attenuation of the main gain knob.

### **MODE SELECTION [ 3 ]**

Three different modes are available with increasing amounts of distortion. Add some light crunch or go all out into unrecognizable sounds. Flipping this switch gives instant gratification.

### **CLIPPING LEDS [ 4 ]**

The clipping in the Morphor Distortion is performed by LEDs. These are shown at the front so you can see your sound getting destroyed with your own eyes. The left and right LEDs show the negative and positive clipping respectively.

### **DRY/WET MIX [ 5 ]**

Easily blend some of your distorted signal with the original with this knob to get a perfect balance.

### **OUTPUT [ 6 ]**

Your distorted signal is available here.

## Technical Specifications

module width	4 HP (20 mm)
module height	3 U (128.5 mm)
module maximum depth (incl. power cable)	40 mm
module mass	53 g
maximum current draw	25 mA @ +12 V 25 mA @ -12 V
input impedances	11 kOhm
output impedances	1 kOhm
front panel	2 mm anodized aluminum

## Support

To provide the best possible performance with the highest quality and reliability for music professionals, all Morphor's products are designed, manufactured and tested in-house with the highest possible standards. In case your module is not functioning as it should, make sure to check your Eurorack power supply and all connections first.

If the problem persists, contact your dealer or send an email to [support@morphor.io](mailto:support@morphor.io). Please mention your serial number, which can be found on the module's rear side.

## Module Revision History

Revision 1.0 - initial release

## Manual Version

20/04/2023 - initial release



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