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For The Deaf, Slash), took it upon himself to create his own version of the classic. We talk to Eric about his compressor, the newly updated and unveiled UnFairchild 670M II, which adds a few

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