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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 24 Sep 2007 17:09:57 GMT
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 18:34:44 GMT
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"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>"Ed" <AskMe@email.com> wrote:

>>Ok... I hooked it up as said and it is not gonna work for me... I have

>

>>absolutely no controls on the mixer for the channel being sent to Paris.

> I

>>can't control the levels or anything... it is what it is! I am getting

>

>>better levels, but I have to control the levels in Paris. I am wanting

>to

>>control the levels at the mixer AND Paris... I am not sure that is possible

>

>>with these i/o inserts on the mixer... How depressing....

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>Ed, you should be able to set the level going in to Paris with the Mic trim

>knob on the Behringer. That is usually the top knob.

>

>I hope this helps.

>

>James

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>>"rick" <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote in message

>>news:qt1gf3hds2bb7i0l5gia1rbeim7il4pu73@4ax.com...

>>> you need must plain trs plug and insert the 1/4" jack to it's first

>>> ring position (you will feel it stop. if you push further the jack

>>> will then go into the second ring and stop.
>>>
>>> with your y cables one is wired to the tip ring and the other is wired
>>> to the second band. just plug the two ring single end into paris and
>>> the tip wired end into the mixer.
>>>
>>> On 25 Sep 2007 04:48:19 +1000, "Ed" <askme@email.com> wrote:
>>>
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>>>>Ok... I think I am following this... and I just pulled up the mixer manual
>>>>about each channel insert. But it is still confusing me. I need a
>>>>diagrams,
>>>>not words... lol. The manual states:
>>>>
>>>>"All mono input channels are equipped with insert points. They can also
>>>>be used as a pre-EQ direct outputs, without signal flow interruption.
> For
>>>>this you need a cable with a 1/4" TS connector on the recorder/effects
>
>>>>processor
>>>>end, and a bridged stereo 1/4" TRS connector on the console end (tip
and
>>>>ring interconnected)."
>>>>
>>>>I think I understand that with my Hosa insert cables, I plu the single
>
>>>>black
>>>>side into the Paris, but I am confused what to do with the 'Y' end...
> it
>>>>states to interconnect them. How do I do that? There is only one 1/4
>
>>>>input
>>>>and the 'Y' cable has 2 plugs. Can someone help?
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>"Cujo" <chris@applemanstudio.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>Your mixer should also have aux sends and returns. Those are more for
>
>>>>>external
>>>>>FX.
>>>>>The inserts are often used for sending to a ccompressor or the like.
>
>>>>>just
>>>>>use the send side of the patch cable out to paris Actaully if I recall
>

>>>>>correctly
>>>>>on my old mackie you could use a regular 1/4" cable but don't click
it
>
>>>>>all
>>>>>the way into the insert jack. I could be dreaming that too though.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>"Ed" <askme@email.com> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Paul,
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Me no understand... again, I am totally spoiled with direct outs
>and
>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>am not sure what you mean. I have some insert 'Y' cables, but not
sure
>>>>>>>how
>>>>>>>to use them in this way. I plug in the "send" side to the insert at
>the
>>>>>>>mixer channel, or into a channel on Paris? You confused me...
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I see that each of the 24 channels on my mixer has a i/o insert,
but
>>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>thought they were for using external effects. I didn't know I could
>use
>>>>>>>these as direct outs.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Looking at the insert cable, the 'Y' side has "tip" and I think
>>>>>>> "Sleeve".
>>>>>>> The other end is just black. Do I plug the 'Y' tip and sleeve to

>>>>>>> Channel's
>>>>>>>1 and 2 of the insert on the mixer, and then the single black end into
>>>>>channel
>>>>>>>1 on my 8in card? Is that how I do that?
>>>>>>>
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"pauln" <pn@nospam.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>If your mixer has channel inserts, you can get individual channel

>>>>>>>>preamp
>>>>>>>>signals
>>>>>>>>>from there. Just use the send side of an insert cable or plug a 1/4
>

>>>>>>cable
>>>>>>halfway in the insert jack to the input of paris. And ditto on
>>>>>>checking
>>>>>>the input level setting in the patch bay.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>"Ed" <askme@email.com> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Hi Erlilo,
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> That is one of the major problems with this mixer, there are no
>
>>>>>>> direct
>>>>>>>outs. I have smaller mixers with direct outs and I am use to that...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>just can get decent levels from the 4 subgroups on this mixer...

>That
>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>the only way to get individual channels from this mixer.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I didn't check the level button on the 8in cards that I have and
>
>>>>>>> I'll
>>>>>>>check
>>>>>>>those now that I remember that they are on there.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>erlilo <erling.lovik@lyse.net> wrote:
>>>>>>>>Have you looked what the patchbay inside Paris is showing up? You
>can
>>>>>>>>change the inputs and outputs there between -10db or +4db.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>I've used Eurorack MX3242 to feed Paris for years. Wonderful mixer
>>>>>>>>with 16 direct output channels to go right into Paris.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Erling
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>On 25 Sep 2007 00:53:44 +1000, "Ed" <askme@email.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Hey folks... does this sound ridiculous, or does it sound ok?
I
>use
>>>>>>>to
>>>>>>>>track/record
>>>>>>>>>straight from the instruments/mics to preamps and directly into
>my
>>>>8in

>>>>>>>cards.
>>>>>>>> For the purpose of performing live, I recently purchased a
>>>>>>>> behringer
>>>>>>>>SL3242
>>>>>>>>(24 channel mixer) and I have the main outs going back into 2
>>>>>>>>channels
>>>>>>>>on
>>>>>>>>the mixer. If you are familiar with this mixer, there are no direct
>>>>>>>>outs
>>>>>>>>(like I am use to for multi-track recording) and I have to use
the
>>>>Sub
>>>>>>>>1
>>>>>>>>thru 4. I am so disappointed with the levels I could cry. Levels
>>>>within
>>>>>>>>the mixer are good, but what is going out the subs into Paris is
>so
>>>>>low.
>>>>>>>> I have the sub levels almost max'd, but still I have to open each
>>>>paf
>>>>>>>>file
>>>>>>>>after recording and increase about 10db. Playback is ok... except
>>>>again
>>>>>>>>the levels I am sending to Paris. My question is... would it be
>
>>>>>>>>inappropriate
>>>>>>>>to put a 4 channel preamp between this mixer and Paris... I need
>
>>>>>>>>better
>>>>>>>>levels bad and I am getting desperate. I love this mixer except
>for
>>>>>>>>this
>>>>>>>>reason. I would have never purchased it if I knew it didn't have
>
>>>>>>>>direct
>>>>>>>>outs. I don't like the subgroup crap, but I have no choice but
>to
>>>>use
>>>>>>>>it...
>>>>>>>> Has anyone else run into this kind of problem? Of course if I
>use
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>>preamp
>>>>>>>>between the mixer and Paris (on the 4 subgroups) I don't want to
>
>>>>>>>>hurt
>>>>>>>>my
>>>>>>>>levels coming back into the mixer while I am recording. I am one

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What you'll end up with is a lot of noise doing this.

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> and 24 reserved for the Paris playback... I have it cranked almost max to
> get good levels to hear the playback to record... but still the levels on
> the channels being track (main mix) are over-powering the playback. I am
> worried that if I increase the recorded tracks, they will spoil the Paris
> levels coming back in the mixer for play back even more.

Paris has huge balls and tons of headroom. Cheap mixers don't, so this is probably a losing battle from end to end my friend.

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mixture of A/D/A rack units (feeding/fed by lightpipe), rack mount stereo preamps, mixer inserts.

I don't use channel direct outs to record, I feel that in infringes cumulatively on the clarity to run all the extra circuitry.

FWIW,
AA
