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Subject: Has anyone try this...

Posted by [Terry T](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 23:28:41 GMT

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Subject: Re: Has anyone try this...

Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 03:33:02 GMT

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Surely some or all of that is at the Mackie.com site, but stinkwater hasn't done a very good job of translating that info to potential buyers.

I'd also recommend doing some research on the firewire interface... if it's DICE, then it's nothing special and you can expect normalcy in it's latent behaviour (that means, a cheapo tascam/M Audio unit will likely be just as fast, or maybe faster, since it's got less traffic because of less channels). This is why (Chris Ludwig... correct me if I'm off here man) a RME firewire will kill the run-of-the-mill FW interfaces in latency times.

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"Terry Thomas" <god1stjt@alltel.net> wrote in message  
news:47869c19\$1 @linux...

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Posted by [Terry T](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:21:10 GMT

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Thanks Aaron for pointing out key things that I had not consider. It is way  
past time to up-grade my pre-amps and I'am looking to get all I can for the  
"bang for my bucks". I'm looking for an 8 channel pre-amp for live drums,  
that also has D/I for bass, D/I for guitar, and vocals.

The Focusrite 828 is the other unit I was thinking of buying.

Any recomendation. Budget \$3000 (Does not Have to be 8 Channels)

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