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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2007 16:54:02 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2007 18:01:38 GMT
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use it tracking toms, some vocals. it's a nice piece...like you said for the money.

On 7 Apr 2007 02:54:02 +1000, "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sat, 07 Apr 2007 13:33:31 GMT

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sun, 08 Apr 2007 10:31:27 GMT
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I'm with you Neil. I'd never use the opto comp in the DVC on the two bus at mixdown. I was thinking of tracking the kick and snare with little or no compression and then trying to get some splat from the DVC when mixing. Or I'll try it with a little compression when tracking. Nevertheless, it's not a happy critter with overheads, even at very light compression settings.

Still, one hell of a box for the price,

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I owned one for a while, and sold it to get into Great River and Purple Audio stuff. It's a cool box for the money, but I thought the preamp lacked mojo, the EQ wasn't versatile enough, and almost never liked the compressor.

Not trying to be difficult, just providing my perspective...

Jimmy

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