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Posted by [Dan B](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 10:48:01 GMT

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 14:16:21 GMT

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Posted by [Dan B](#) on Tue, 18 Apr 2006 08:07:07 GMT

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Tue, 18 Apr 2006 08:46:51 GMT
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Sorry Dan, but PT will only work with PT hardware or selected M-Audio hardware

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