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Hi Jon, I can chime in here on this question.

I often work at a local studio <http://www.lamourrecording.com/>  
which has (2) Yamaha's DM2000. I can't speak highly enough of these powerful  
beast.

Great feel, 96 channels @ 96K  
Pro Tools, Neundo/Cubase/Sonar/Logic Controller  
Nice Comps/EQs on every channel  
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All in a foot print that keeps the Engineer/Operator right in front of the mix..There's a ton more features..

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You're not going to do that with the Yammys.. he 3200 had full eq and dynamics on every channel as well as I think 4 DSP processors for Verbs and dleays chorus FX.. The verbs were the star of this board. The algo's were from TC!! the verb masters. Man, these verbs sounded like our TC 3000 ..really!! The Eqs were usable as are the Comps/Lim..We click on the DAW controller layer button, scrolled to the DAW template (Pro Tools)..Boom!! "Houston We have Controll".. That easy.. We had transport, channel faders and Master faders and edit scroll.. To be honest, we probable had more functions,but like I stated earlier, we had not read the manual..

Oh well.

Like I told James, I'm looking seriously @ the DM4800 X2 for my Home studio..To host Both Nuendo & Pro Tools...AND yes, Liek BrianT does in Houston, Paris will be used a he master summing mixer/recorder..

The DM3200/4800 can't be beat in their price range. They have the sound, looks, and product maturity. Tascam knew they had a winner with the DM24,then knocked the ball out of the park with the DM3200, and now DM 4800..

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>>Hi LaMont,

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>>Yup, the firewire seems very interesting (32 in/32 out@ 96k) but the MKII's  
>>not out yet. Apparently some people have tried / are using a firmware updated  
>>version of the firewire card that was originally intended for the DM-24.

>>

>>If I do this I will stick to the HD9652 for now.

>>

>>How dangerous do you think it would be to consider the DM3200 used?.. and  
>>what do you think it should be worth?

>>

>>Cheers,

>>jj

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>> "LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:

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>>>Hey Jon,

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>>>- most DM24 users/owners units have been rock solid  
>>>- having stated the above, Yamaha Desks are as solid as they come. They  
>>rarley

>>>break down. O2rs(originals) are still cranking to this day.

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>>>Have you considered the Firewire Option? 32/32 ins/outs?

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>>>"Jon Jiles" <nojj@yadoo.com> wrote:

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>>>>Thanks LaMont -

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>>>>I had considered keeping some of my Paris rig to use as a glorified mastering  
>>>>deck. Sounds like that's what you're suggesting here as a possible solution.

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>>>>I just finished talking to guy who is selling his O2r96v2 (which I've

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>>>>Tascam customer service horror story regarding a DM-24 he owned. 4 bad  
>>power

>>>>supplies, LCD failed, lost studio time (had to ship it back something

>like



>>>>6 times - from Hawaii!!!!) and Tascam apparently never did make it right  
>>>>for him.  
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>>>>Hopefully they got it right with the new boards because the resounding  
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>>>>I'm getting of Tascam's willingness/ability to stand behind their products  
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>>>>>However to not throw away your Paris investment(s), instead of summing  
>>>>out  
>>>>>of the 3200..you can...  
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>>>>>out card..to master or internal bounce..  
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>>>>>You can't loose either way you go.. Grat choice!!  
>>>>>P.S. Put into an Argosy!!! :)  
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>>>>>>>I'm definitely leaning towards the 3200 and Cubase 4. The only client

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>>>>>the songwriting end of things, and still achieve quality results at  
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>>>>>Can you explain to me in a little more detail how you (and apparently  
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>>>>>set-up if, you will) but being a guy who only gets to work on my stuff  
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