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Subject: Drums-When in doubt- lose the room mics  
Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 14:37:03 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Drums-When in doubt- lose the room mics  
Posted by [cujo](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 15:50:10 GMT  
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I agree, seems like a bad habit someone got into back in say 1986 or so.  
Even Bohnam's drums sound better earlier in my opinion.  
Of course, it all depends on the material

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 16:05:30 GMT  
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Or make sure the room mics are at least 3x the distance from the snare than the distance from the snare to each overhead. I like the multiple of 3 exactly, in fact; and if the room is large enough, try to have at least 2x the OH distance behind the room mics before you hit the wall behind the room mics (usually not a problem unless you're in tight quarters). Don't ever stick your room mics practically right up against (or even merely a couple of feet away from) the wall opposite the front of the kit - that just gives you too many strong reflections in the rear portion of the mic's pattern. If you can manage this kind of configuration in whatever space you've got to work with, adding some room mic signal to the mix shouldn't make things sound any less "tight", they'll just contribute some ambience without phasing or comb-filtering issues.

But then you probably all knew that. Sorry if I'm spewing redundancy, but I figured I'd mention it, just in case someone might not be aware.

Neil

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Subject: Re: Drums-When in doubt- lose the room mics  
Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 16:52:15 GMT  
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 11:44:04 GMT  
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In all my years of recording drums, up to 1988, I never used room mics and was always, (well, sometimes) complimented on my sounds. well recorded overheads work really well.

Martin Harrington

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 15:09:22 GMT  
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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 16:09:38 GMT  
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Try band pass filtering of the room mics and bring them up till you can \*just\* hear them.

David.

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 16:45:12 GMT  
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Posted by [michael bliss](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 18:16:18 GMT  
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yha DeeJ, i really like the drum sound without room mics. My last album we did SDC on the toms, one splitting the mounted toms and another splitting the lower floor toms. That was everything we wanted and needed for picking up the room.

michael

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Posted by ["Kris"](#) . on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 19:16:06 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 20:57:37 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:52:20 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 00:42:47 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 02:06:31 GMT

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Posted by ["Kris"](#) . on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 15:43:39 GMT  
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Sony ECM series perhaps?

Kris

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 19:56:15 GMT  
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