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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 03:50:18 GMT
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 13:13:23 GMT
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That does look nice but how good are the Pres. I like the quote that he tested it for 2 weeks and didn't have one problem. WOW !!!!! Maybe it has a 3 week warranty. kidding

I got 2 presonus digimax fs and they are only 8 each but it's worth looking at too.

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LOL! True - maybe the reviewer is used to stuff breaking right out of the box. I dunno how good the pres are - I've never really heard anyone slamming MOTU stuff, though, so I think it's probably safe to assume their stuff isn't crap.

Just throwing it out there for ya - looks like a handy product for anyone who doesn't have a mixer & wants to run a bunch of toms to two track or perhaps a multi-keyboard rig to two channels for live use, since it has line-in's as well (this is assuming the mixing can be done without any software that might be accessible via the FW connection).

Neil

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 15:23:50 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:27:41 GMT
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The deluxe version of this would be the API 3124 with the mixer built in.
I had one and it was a great sounding piece. Obvioulsy not in the same world price-wise.

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:51:11 GMT

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 19:12:10 GMT
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The preamps on my MOTU 828MII seem clean and reasonably transparent. Also, the box has been very dependable and MOTU's driver updates for my system (MacOSX) have been timely. Recommended.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 20:05:13 GMT
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Sorry, that would be "Grace" not Gracie. I guess I have a George Burns complex.?

Tony

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 13 Dec 2006 14:44:04 GMT
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Hi James,

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The Focusrite will actually buss power (don't know how they managed that).

Chris

James McCloskey wrote:

>Here are some competing products you guys should look at. The question is
>can these products be used in stand alone mode as a mic pre amp. There was
>some talk about the Focusrite being able to be used in stand alone mode.
> The Alesis is the least expensive and also gives you a turntable in put
>with a ground. All of these products have 8 mic pres and 16 Adat light pipe
>I/Os, the MOTU only has 8. By the way, they are all using the same TC chip
>set for the firewire. I expect TC electronic to come out with their own
>26 I/O box, maybe at the NAMM show.

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>http://www.focusrite.com/product/saffire_pro_26_i_o/

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><http://presonus.com/firestudio.html>

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><http://alesis.com/product.php?id=96>

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Subject: Re: 8-Channel mic pre with summing for \$550
Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 01:09:26 GMT
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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 04:27:10 GMT

Wow...what a coincidence you guys are talking about this.
I am trying to work a trade with Morgan on one right now.
I saw the ad for the 8pre on MIX Magazine.
Looks great for my needs.
The 8 ADAT lightpipe outs should interface
with the PARIS ADAT card correct?
I am just looking for more mic pres for drumset micing, etc..

Brandon

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