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Posted by DJ on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 02:49:51 GMT

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Posted by Neil on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 04:32:17 GMT

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There is lengthy interview with Pete Townsend in the current EQ. He is also using this mic a lot. Great read, btw.

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The R84 does something special when used "for proximity effect". The top doesn't turn to mush...instead, crowding the mic does something almost like dialing in a bit of very high quality low/mid EQ. This can be worked very effectively if a pop screen is used.

You "do not" want to put a "screamer" in front of this mic, but a vocalist with a strident 6-10k range will likely fall in love with this mic.

Another ribbon that does a good job (high end detail/very smooth) is the SE Electronics R-1, but it's a bit of a different beast from the R84.

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