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Subject: Decent 8-in/8-out mic/line pre  
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Hi folks,

Does anybody have a recommending on replacing my Mackie 1640vlz for tracking? I only use the 1st 8 channels (direct outs) for tracking instruments and backing vox. My 2nd 8-in takes direct signals from the Roland session kit. So the rest of the board is not in use. I have a single MEC with two 8-ins, two EDS and two C16s.

Can you recommend a clean, tight, non colorizing or minimal coloring pre, with 8 inputs of XLR and 1/4", 8 1/4" balanced outputs and gives me the ability to adjust each channel (some mic and some line levels) as I track bass, keyboards, guitars (acoustic and electric via POD or amp) and backing vox all at once. Don't break the bank but do recommend quality. I will pay up to \$2K but that is a little painful.

I just want to replace my 1604vlz because I can hear the harshness/brittleness and muddyness of the pre's.

Thanks,  
Wayne

btw - I'll be away from the newsgroup for a week so I won't be able to reply with thanks immediately.

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