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Subject: Re: Best deal on a Grace m101?  
Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 02:16:47 GMT  
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Tom

"Mike Audet" <mike@...> wrote in message news:492f4d24\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 02:45:08 GMT  
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Posted by [Kerry Galloway](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 05:34:32 GMT  
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If you'll be getting more channels, you might find the Seventh Circle stuff to your liking. One C84 module (reportedly closest to the Grace vibe) plus the eight channel chassis runs under nine hundred bucks US assembled (\$469 if you're handy enough to build it yourself).

After that, populating the remaining seven slots with preamp modules starts at DIY kits for \$79. The priciest is \$329 for the Neve channel, \$499 assembled - try finding a channel of really-brilliantly-executed Neve for that price! The sound of the N72 is reputed to be spot-on Neve, the C84 seems to be the kind of ultra-clean pre the Grace is reputed to be. Killer reviews on these so far; it's the way I'm going to be jumping in the new year.

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Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 13:50:54 GMT  
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news:492f86cb@linux...

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Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 18:03:19 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Best deal on a Grace m101?  
Posted by [Kerry Galloway](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 20:09:43 GMT

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Hey Rich - I haven't tried them yet, I'm just going on word of mouth - albeit some from folks whose ears I trust. The user buzz is incredible, and I literally have not found a single word of negativity - or even "damned with faint praise" -- amongst the pros. The rumour is that they've got the Neve implementation really right.

The driving factor for me is the bang-for-the-buck. Back in the day when I was running a little studio we used to use Shawn Pierce's modded Neve broadcast "bassinet" to front end PARIS recordings and i got used to that Neve magic, and miss it (although I'll be trying some of the other SCA offerings like the C84 "Millennia" clone).

The bassinet came with a lot of problems (there were always one or two flaky channels that needed lovin' up). I probably could have bought it for a few grand and refurbished it, but for a small project facility it's a real challenge to make a purchase like that cost-effective. So I'm really looking forward to having similar sonics but with far greater reliability at a price point I can justify, in a day of scaled-back productions and a producer's facility I have no intention of letting mushroom into A) a full studio with attendant overhead and B) a busy facility that has large amounts of folks tramping in and out of our family bathroom :D

- K

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Subject: Re: Best deal on a Grace m101?  
Posted by [Kerry Galloway](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 20:10:35 GMT  
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Posted by [john Macy\[2\]](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 20:48:12 GMT  
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Posted by [john Macy\[2\]](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 20:49:27 GMT

oh yeah, that would be 303-443-9822

Mike Grace is a great guy, too :)

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Posted by [Luiz Orsano](#) on Sun, 30 Nov 2008 19:29:16 GMT  
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Hi Luiz; thanks very much for the first-hand perspective. That's precisely what I'm hearing from everyone who's A/B'd them with the originals in real work situations.

I think this is going to be fun :D

- K

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