Subject: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Rod Lincoln on Mon, 11 Jun 2007 14:04:33 GMT

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Sarah on Mon, 11 Jun 2007 14:13:51 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Aw, those ProTools guys are just jealous cuz they spent so much more to be "Pro". Tracking drums too hot? Come on, is that even possible?:)

Is Rod Lincoln your real name, or do you just call yourself that because you're hot?

Sarah

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Regards, Dedric

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Rod Lincoln on Mon, 11 Jun 2007 14:53:53 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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That's my thoughts also. Thanks
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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by John Macy on Mon, 11 Jun 2007 14:55:22 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Rod, I had a similar circumstance a couple of years ago. I submitted some tracks to a trusted Pro Tools guy to mix and he said a number of the files were "too hot" and were distorted, though I was NEVER able to duplicate the problem when importing the tracks into a different project.

If I recall correctly, one of the thoughts here had to do with summing in Pro Tools.

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Deej [4] on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 23:13:52 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Mustang on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 01:20:54 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Sarah on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 02:27:37 GMT

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Subject: Re: Prootools guy says Paris tracks are too hot Posted by Deej [4] on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 05:08:01 GMT

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Neil

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Give Sarah a break. It's not her fault. It's all those time signatures.......
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