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Posted by [Jon Jiles](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 20:26:52 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 21:41:05 GMT

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I often work at a local studio <http://www.lamourrecording.com/>
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Great feel, 96 channels @ 96K
Pro Tools, Nuendo/Cubase/Sonar/Logic Controller
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Like I told James, I'm looking seriously @ the DM4800 X2 for my Home studio..To host Both Nuendo & Pro Tools...AND yes, Liek BrianT does in Houston, Paris will be used as the master summing mixer/recorder..

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2007 23:59:20 GMT
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>>>>>>spin. Due to the fact that no body in our area had a O2r/96, we
rented
>>>>>>the tascam.. Man, to my ears and others, the Tascam delivers the goods.
>>>>>>I
>>>>>>would have to say that the Tascam 3200 sonics was more "thick" than
>>the
>>>>>>DM2000.
>>>>>>Different converters and clocks.. But, we managed to get thru a sesion
>>>>>>without
>>>>>>opening the manual!!
>>>>>>You're not going to do that with the Yammys.. he 3200 had full eq
and
>>>>ynamics
>>>>>>on every channel as well as I think 4 DSP processors for Verbs and
>deays
>>>>>>chorus FX.. The verbs were the star of this board. The algo's were
>from
>>>>>>TC!!
>>>>>>the verb masters. Man, these verbs sounded like our TC 3000 ..really!!.
>>>>>>The
>>>>>>Eqs were usable as are the Comps/Lim..We click on the DAW controller
>>>>layer
>>>>>>button, scrolled to the DAW template (Pro Tools)..Boom!! "Houston
We
>>>have
>>>>>>Controll".. That easy.. We had transport, channel faders and Master
>>faders
>>>>>>and edit scroll.. To be honest, we probable had more functions,but
>like
>>>>>>I
>>>>>>stated earlier, we had not read the manual..
>>>>>>Oh well.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Like I told James, I'm looking seriously @ the DM4800 X2 for my Home
>>>studio..To
>>>>>>host Both Nuendo & Pro Tools...AND yes, Liek BrianT does in Houston,
>>>Paris
>>>>>>will be used a he master summing mixer/recorder..
>>>>>>
>>>>>>The DM3200/4800 can't be beat in their price range. They have the
sound,
>>>>>>looks, and product maturity. Tascam knew they had a winner with the
>>DM24,then

>>>>>>knocked the ball out of the park with the DM3200, and now DM 4800..
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>Now that it's official that Mackie has dropped the Ball with the DXB(20K
>>>>>>Plus), now selling are drastic discounts. The DXB is a one sweet sounding
>>>>>>board as well. At 9k it competes very well with Yammys O2r/96..But,
>>(2)
>>>>>>x
>>>>>>DM4800 @ around is just as and (imo) more potent ..AND dropped in
a
>>cool
>>>>>>Argosy, BAMM!..
>>>>>>
>>>>>><http://www.argosyconsole.com/dm3200.htm>
>>>>>>
>>>>>>
>>>>>>"Jon Jiles" <nanaheyhey@no.com> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Thanks for all the info James!
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>How do they stack up against the Yamaha boards? (O2r96v2 and the
DM1000v2,etc)
>>>>>>>Also, Cubase implementation will be a key factor if I move from Paris.
>>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>will consider the Yamaha boards too (used though due to price) because
>>>>>>>of
>>>>>>>the Yammy/Steinberg connection and better Cubase implementation I
>would
>>>>>>>suppose.
>>>>>>>The Tascam boards do seem like a very good value though... especially
>>>>>>>if
>>>>>>>they don't break and are not horribly non-intuitive.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Thanks again,
>>>>>>>Jon
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>By the way, the mic pres on the DM-32 and DM-48 are greatly improved
>>>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>vary
>>>>>>>>usable. It was only the DM-24 that had the problems.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>James
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>Hey Jon!
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Some of the guys on the DA7 NG have switched to the Tascam DM 32s.
>>>>
>>>>>A
>>>>>>>customer
>>>>>>>>of mine also has one. The mixes from both source sound good.
You
>>>>should
>>>>>>>>always test drive before you buy. You have to like it. I would
>>think
>>>>>>>>twice
>>>>>>>>before buying a DM-24, the Mic pres were not so good, they had
low
>>>>head
>>>>>>>>room.
>>>>>>>> If you use the DM-24 for line ins only, I think you'd be Ok.
There
>>>>>>>>was
>>>>>>>>an upgrade for the mic pres through Tascam, they may no longer
be
>>>doing
>>>>>>>>that.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>I hear the DM manuals are terrible, you can go down load them.

>If
>>>>>you
>>>>>>>>buy
>>>>>>>>>one, make sure you have 30 full days to test it. Clear your planner
>>>>>>>>for
>>>>>>>>>test time. Read the manual in advance and go to the NG a lot before
>>>>>>>>you
>>>>>>>>>get it. Every once in awhile Tascam puts out a lemon, so you want
>>>>to
>>>>>>>>be
>>>>>>>>>able to fully test what you buy from them. Unless they have changed
>>>>>>>>their
>>>>>>>>>policy, they only have a 90 day warranty!!!
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>James
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>"Jon Jiles" <snoid@sheboygan.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Hi,
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Anyone here actually had any real hands on with this board/controller,
>>>>>>>>>>especially

