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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 14:34:35 GMT  
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Subject: Re: lightpipe/ADAT input for laptops  
Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 14:54:13 GMT  
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Hi Don,  
Haven't tried one of these yet but M-Audio's usually is pretty good.

[http://www.m-audio.com/products/en\\_us/ProFireLightbridge-main.html](http://www.m-audio.com/products/en_us/ProFireLightbridge-main.html)

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Subject: Re: lightpipe/ADAT input for laptops  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 15:01:22 GMT

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does anyone make just a card for laptops?

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Posted by [Nil](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 15:31:13 GMT

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RME Multiface with the PCMCIA card?

<http://search.ebay.com/search/search.dll?cgiurl=http%3A%2F%2Fcgi.ebay.com%2Fws%2F&fkr=1&from=R8&satitle=multiface&category0=&submitSearch=Search>

There's a couple combos like this listed on e-bay.

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Posted by [Rich\[3\]](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 16:20:01 GMT

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Posted by [Nappy](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2006 16:29:30 GMT

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Posted by [Rich\[3\]](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2006 16:51:10 GMT

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Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 00:34:26 GMT  
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Posted by [Gene Lennon\[4\]](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 05:59:54 GMT  
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Gene

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Posted by [Gene Lennon\[4\]](#) on Wed, 13 Dec 2006 06:40:41 GMT  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 01:25:03 GMT  
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Posted by [Mike Mullin](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 03:30:24 GMT  
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Posted by [Gene Lennon\[4\]](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 07:41:06 GMT  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 08:14:13 GMT  
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Running my MacBook Pro to see how far I could push it was primarily academic.  
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the 80-90-track range.

I have started many tracks in commercial studios over the years, and still  
do. With this setup I can bring my laptop with reference tracks and click  
tracks already prepped and just plug into the house converters and go. At  
end of session unplug and leave.

the power is important. If I am working on a song with 50 tracks and I want  
to add a VSTI part or two, previous generations of laptops would fail. On  
a recent session I was re-arranging the song on my laptop while the first  
passes of the recording were starting. I had a new version of the song ready  
with both tracks and sheet music to pass to the studios Pro Tools HD rig

and musicians in just a few minutes.

Logic Node, a rack of soft synths, or 20 convolution reverbs.

Gene

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