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Posted by [Steve Helm](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 20:31:25 GMT

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 21:18:08 GMT

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 21:22:28 GMT

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Yah, 95% of the public is listening to 3rd or 4th generation rips of high speed written, block errored to death CD's sourced from MP3's created quickly with bad sounding codecs...

Bandwidth? what bandwidth? ;-)

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Posted by [wireline\[35\]](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 23:59:51 GMT  
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A friend of mine (and Deej's) out of Nashville recently released a CD on which 10 of 11 songs were mixed 100% ITB with PTHD...the other one was mixed using schweet outboard and a killer console...

I can't tell which is which, and he ain't talking...

Why bring this up? I don't know...just lonely I guess...that, and when the mix engineer is 100% on game, the differences all become moot...add that to what's already been said about hypercompressing really crappy music to

formats crummier than cassettes, what difference does any of it make?

Jaded but still looking for an alibi,

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Subject: Re: Pro Tools vs. Analog Console Mixing: How sonically different are they?  
Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 00:09:51 GMT

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well without going too deep into the debate, but here are my findings:

any daw including paris improves with a ny mixer (digital or analog)..  
end of story

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Subject: Re: Pro Tools vs. Analog Console Mixing: How sonically different are they?  
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 00:45:10 GMT

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You guys should take the challenge. I got 57% correct. It \*seemed\* to me the PT mixes were a little less wide, but hey look at my score. I only listened to the Chuck Loeb tune. Which totally rocked by the way.

I appreciate the effort and respect them for doing this.

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