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Posted by [Wayne Carson](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 03:13:14 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 03:39:06 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 05:06:51 GMT  
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On that list, the DynAudio's would be my pick, and maybe those Adam's in 2nd place. Don't know a thing about the Focal, but Events, Mackies, and JBL's would bug me for sure (for various reasons), so, yup: DynAudio, or Adam...

Regardless of what you choose, consider where you'll be putting them, and steer clear of rear-ported boxes if you're putting them anywhere near walls...

-- happy hearing -- chas.

(oh, and keep the NS-10's for sure -- and listen to them every now and then for a little audio sandpaper before going back to your "good" guys... You'll be smiling, I bet...)

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Posted by [wireline\[30\]](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 12:42:53 GMT

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My opinion only, so take it all with the proverbial grain of salt...

Nothing on your list of possibilities will provide a more viable mixing system than what you already have, NS10s...I have heard all of your possibilities except the focals, and mostly agree with your assessments of the shortfalls...each of the systems mentioned IMO lacks sufficient bass and overall system clarity - enough that your mixes really won't be any better as a result of spending a lot of cash, but they will be different.

If you are wanting something deadly accurate, you will likely be spending a much bigger chunk of change...If given a chance, you may want to consider a used set of JBL 4311, Altec Model 19, Urei Time Aligned, Tannoy Golds, or some other mid field monitors - these boxes all have their own quirks, but seem to be less forgiving (thus causing you to be more accurate)

There again, I like mixing with Radio Shack Minimum 7s...

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 13:40:33 GMT

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Rod

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put a 50 watt a side amp on them and they suck--put 250 a side on them and they come to life. Dial in an inexpensive sub with them and you have a really sweet setup...I never have problems at mastering time...

"wireline" <kennospam@wirelinestudio.com> wrote:

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>My opinion only, so take it all with the proverbial grain of salt...  
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>Nothing on your list of possibilities will provide a more viable mixing system  
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>a used set of JBL 4311, Altec Model 19, Urei Time Aligned, Tannoy Golds,  
>or some other mid field monitors - these boxes all have their own quirks,  
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I would agree with this if you have the original "made in USA" ones...  
The newer made in China ones are a mere shadow of their predecessor...  
not even close.

David.

Sarah wrote:

> We really like our Mackie HR824s. Couple of local engineer/producer types  
> bought them after hearing ours over here. Actually, one of them borrowed  
> them first so he could hear them in his studio, then he bought some.  
> Apparently, they're famous for their wide "sweet spot". Personally, I have  
> no basis for comparison, I just think they sound real purty, and they seem  
> to impress people.

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Hey Rod,

I have not tried them side by side with the Adam's, so a comparison  
would be loosely based on my memory.. (you do NOT want to go there! ;-) )

Something has always bugged me about the Adam's I have heard though...  
they seem a tad "artificial" sounding to me. I have not played  
seriously with the Dynaudio's so I can't comment on them. ATC also

makes some really nice smaller monitors that I client of mine has, but they are over the Focals in price.

The M.A.P. on the Focal Twin 6be is \$1595.00 CAD each... That's about \$2700 US a pair at the moment.

It has taken a little while to become really comfortable with the 6328's, but I am quite happy with them now for what we do. They seem to be a great fit for the room... and they can get REALLY loud if need be for the clients. :-)

David.

Rod Lincoln wrote:

> Dave Have you had a chance to compare the 6328's to the Dynaudio's or Adam's?  
> I have heard some positive comments about the 6328's and have been thinking  
> about getting some (I have Mackie 824's right now)

> Rod

> "Dave(EK Sound)" <audioguy\_editout\_@shaw.ca> wrote:

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>> Avoid the 4300 series JBL's (the ones with the level meter  
>> on the bottom)... I A/B'd them against several monitors and  
>> they came in dead last... horrible imaging and a weird mid  
>> response. I ended up choosing the 6328's though... go figure.

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>> <http://www.focalprofessional.com/en/products/tween6Be.html>

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>> Not cheap, but they sound really good... \*almost\* went with  
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Posted by [Chris Latham](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 16:45:14 GMT  
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Love my Mackie 824s... but everything I've heard that Adam makes sounds  
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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 16:54:42 GMT  
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I am cautious with the corner monitor. The monitor on the left is noticeably  
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Genelec

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DynaBM5A

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 21:09:41 GMT

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 22:05:23 GMT

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I use a recapped Yamaha PM2201--Supposedly they sound better than the PM2200 with the meters--the meters introduce some distortion according to lore. They have no fans so perfectly quiet.

One of my sets of NS10 is headed to my drummer friend's house who paints high end custom cars to be flamed--he has already flamed my SubKick...

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 23:08:58 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 23:21:26 GMT

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Bingo. Spend the money on the amp/sub combo. I found the mid imaging on the NS-10s to be really intense. At times, too intense but if there's something wrong in the mids boy will you know it. Wish I still had mine for this purpose.

AA

"John Macy" <spamlessjohn@johnmacy.com> wrote in message news:469b918e\$1@linux...

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> I still love mixing on my NS10s--the key is power--

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 00:17:33 GMT  
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Yesss... that might be kinda cool, in fact.

Then you could throw like 1 row of your auralox foam just to the outside of the speakers so the outside imaging wouldn't be too drastically present vs. the center (since the center would have a few feet of depth behind it and the sides virtually nothing). I've never mixed into a corner before, but I imagine this would be better than your current setup - at least it would be symmetrical.

That way you could rip all that right-side foam off, too...  
gawd, that would bug the shit out of me, I'd feel visually disoriented in there.

Neil

EK Sound <askme@nospam.com> wrote:

>This would be better / symmetrical. You could then build a nice  
>Roxul/OC bass trap into the corner behind the LCD panels and cover it  
>with fabric.  
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>David.  
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>Wayne Carson wrote:  
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>> What do you think if I moved the rack and turned the desk at a 45 degree  
to

>> the corner so that each monitor is equally spaced about 3' from the corner?

>> I know, I'm still in a corner, but at least it would be a better balance.

>> One monitor would be about half way along the left wall and the right

>> monitor would be approx where the rack currently is. Then stuff a bunch of

>> blankets behind the desk to fill up the void. I am pretty much stuck in

>> this corner and it does work quite well with the exception of the corner

>> speaker, so any more opinions on desk arrangements are welcome.

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>> Thanks,

>> Wayne

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>> "Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:469bdaeb\$1@linux...

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>>> Dave's right - you really ought to see if you can rearrange your

>>> setup so that you can have at least some semblance of a

>>> bilaterally symmetrical front end there. What's off to the left

>>> of that monitor over there? Is that a window frame? Better to

>>> have glass behind there & have to throw some foam over that than

>>> have one tight corner like you have on the right & one open wall

>>> like you have on the left... what if you reversed the wing on

>>> your table, so that the surface where your keyboard sits is off

>>> to your right & that rack 'o stuff is off to your left? Would

>>> that allow you to get the monitors more centered in the room?

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>>> that a few angle braces & dowels from Home Depot would do the

>>> trick to facilitate a reversal.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 11:49:35 GMT

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Subject: Re: mixing monitors A/B review

Posted by [Ab](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 12:38:23 GMT

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I think in your list, Qusted monitors are missing.

Check out <http://www.quested.com/s/> and read the reviews

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There seems to be a new distributor for the states.

At the moment I'm checking the S6, S7 and S8 models. They sound great and very balanced and produce a very nice and tight bottom end, the three of them, and I'm having a hard time to choose, depending on room size and wether they are used with or without the SB10 (sub woofer).

For the moment I'm leaning towards the S7, great on their own and even better with the SB10.

All the best with your choice.

Ab

"Wayne Carson" <[carson\\_wayne@msn.com](mailto:carson_wayne@msn.com)> wrote:

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I

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>

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>At Sam Ash, every monitor is laid out in a nice room. Selection was

>adequate but not in every model I'm considering.

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>Adam

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>  
> Yes, it's the coils in the meters which exhibit a LF buildup in  
> the stator windings, and every time the needle moves, the  
> reluctance between the steel stop-post & the copper needle  
> changes, resulting in a very slight capacitive discharge  
> between the needle & the clear mylar coating on the metal  
> backplate, causing.... oh never mind, I got nowhere  
> else to go with that one. lol  
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> :)



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You just left out the part about the flux capacitors.....

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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors

Posted by [DJ](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 16:24:09 GMT

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Along with my NHT A-20's and B-20 which are configured as midfield's I'm using NS10's along with an Alesis Mattica 900 power amp and a powered KRK sub as nearfields. Working nicely here.

Deej

"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message  
news:469bfecb@linux...

> Bingo. Spend the money on the amp/sub combo. I found the mid imaging on  
> the NS-10s to be really intense. At times, too intense but if there's  
> something wrong in the mids boy will you know it. Wish I still had mine  
> for this purpose.

>

> AA

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>

> "John Macy" <spamlessjohn@johnmacy.com> wrote in message  
> news:469b918e\$1@linux...

>>

>> I still love mixing on my NS10s--the key is power--  
>> put a 50 watt a side amp on them and they suck--put 250 a side on  
>> them and they come to life. Dial in an inexpensive sub with them and you  
>> have a really sweet setup...I never have problems at mastering time...

>>

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>> "wireline" <kennospam@wirelinestudio.com> wrote:

>>>

>>>My opinion only, so take it all with the proverbial grain of salt...

>>>

>>>Nothing on your list of possibilities will provide a more viable mixing  
>> system

>>>than what you already have, NS10s...I have heard all of your  
>>>possibilities

>>>except the focals, and mostly agree with your assessments of the  
>>>shortfalls...each

>>>of the systems mentioned IMO lacks sufficient bass and overall system

>>>clarity

>>>- enough that your mixes really won't be any better as a result of

>>>spending  
>>>a lot of cash, but they will be different.  
>>>  
>>>If you are wanting something deadly accurate, you will likely be spending  
>>>a much bigger chunk of change...If given a chance, you may want to  
>>>consider  
>>>a used set of JBL 4311, Altec Model 19, Urei Time Aligned, Tannoy Golds,  
>>>or some other mid field monitors - these boxes all have their own quirks,  
>>>but seem to be less forgiving (thus causing you to be more accurate)  
>>>  
>>>There again, I like mixing with Radio Shack Minimum 7s...  
>>>  
>>>  
>>>  
>>>"Wayne Carson" <carson\_wayne@msn.com> wrote:  
>>>>My current system monitors. Yamaha NS-10M Studio.  
>>>>  
>>>>Here's what in play. All active, bi-amp'd, 6"woofers/1"tweeties.  
>>>>  
>>>>JBL LSR4326p \$999pr includes cal mic  
>>>>  
>>>>Adam A7 \$999pr  
>>>>  
>>>>DynAudio BM5A \$999pr  
>>>>  
>>>>Event ASP6 \$999pr  
>>>>  
>>>>Focal Twin6  
>>>>  
>>>>Mackie HR824 \$1200pr  
>>>>  
>>>>I picked these monitors from the Sweetwater catalog. My concerns:  
>>>>  
>>>>JBL: My experience with main PA JBL's is an overbrightness/bite to the  
>>>>  
>>>>horns. This may not apply to studio monitors. It does have a  
>>>>calibration  
>>>>  
>>>>mic to set the speakers to the room vice tweaking the room.  
>>>>  
>>>>Adam: Recommended by Brad. I can't get on to their website.  
>>>>www.adam-audio.com Site doesn't load.  
>>>>  
>>>>DynAudio: Unknown.  
>>>>  
>>>>Event: Had a friends studio using low end Event monitors and were  
>>>>blown  
>>>>

>>>>quite easily. Also the sound was muddy on bottom and thin on top.  
>>>>  
>>>>Focal: Recommended by Dave. I don't anything about this company. I  
>> can  
>>>  
>>>>not find any data.  
>>>>  
>>>>Mackie: Not my 1st choice but if someone has positive/negative  
>>>>feedback,  
>>>  
>>>>I'd appreciate it. From what I've recently learned about my 1604vlz  
>>>>(upper  
>>>  
>>>>mid harshness and lower mid muddyness) I'm uncomfortable about them and  
>>>I'm  
>>>>not sure I want Mackie speakers.  
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>>>>  
>>>>I'm really looking to stay at the \$999 price range for a pair of active  
>>>>6".  
>>>>I would like zero colorization and a large sweet spot if possible.  
>>>>Anybody  
>>>  
>>>>using any of the above? I'm leaning towards the Adams but only because  
>>>>of  
>>>>Brad. I'm sure I won't be able to listen to many of the above  
>>>>monitors.  
>>>  
>>>>I may get lucky on one/maybe two at best. I'm relying heavily on the  
>>>>inputs  
>>>  
>>>>I recieve from this newsgroup. I too am quite "anal" about sound. I  
>>>>want  
>>>  
>>>>it clean, clear, deep and rich. I think I can mix it if I get true  
>>>>reference monitors.  
>>>>  
>>>>Thanks.  
>>>>Wayne Carson  
>>>>Paris user since '97  
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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 16:30:02 GMT  
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"Wayne Carson" <carson\_wayne@msn.com> wrote in message  
news:469ba2b3@linux...

> Wow! Such a variety. Great inputs.

>

> NS10s - John, can you recommend an amp? Quiet, clean, reference and cool

> (minimal heat) pushing 200w per side. I'm using an Alesis RA-100 now with

> just 75watts per side. It's quiet and cool.

>

The Alesis Matica 900 has 270W/CH at 8 ohms and runs quiet and cool. Though discontinued, they can be found pretty easily and at good prices. If you add a sub, be sure to use a powered sub.

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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 16:34:47 GMT  
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;o)

"EK Sound" <askme@nospam.com> wrote in message news:469bd71a\$1@linux...

> Worse... I'm sending DJ there to re-wire your rig!

>

> David.

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I'm gonna' have to start reading every thread here in self defense.

(now where'd I put that post hole digger?)

;o)

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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors  
Posted by [Wayne Carson](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 18:06:53 GMT  
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Thanks DJ. I'll check around for the amp.

Wayne

"DJ" <animix \_ at \_ animas \_ dot \_ net> wrote in message

news:469cefe7\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors

Posted by [duncan](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 20:47:43 GMT

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I was just about to suggest that idea -- rotate the whole mess 45 degrees... Best thing you can do for zero dollars when stuck working in a standard box type room-in-a-house... You can park some stuff in the corner behind your desk (computer, etc.), make a few other creative adjustments -- but i bet things will sound a little less boomy right from the jump...

Do it, man!

--chas.

On Mon, 16 Jul 2007 14:15:38 -0700, "Wayne Carson"  
<carson\_wayne@msn.com> wrote:

>Neil/Dave,

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>Yes, that is a window to the left. Can't go farther to the left . . .

>family reasons. Did you mean, flip-flop the keyboard and rack? Nuthin'

>would change with the speaker placement.

>

>What do you think if I moved the rack and turned the desk at a 45 degree to

>the corner so that each monitor is equally spaced about 3' from the corner?

>I know, I'm still in a corner, but at least it would be a better balance.

>One monitor would be about half way along the left wall and the right

>monitor would be approx where the rack currently is. Then stuff a bunch of

>blankets behind the desk to fill up the void. I am pretty much stuck in

>this corner and it does work quite well with the exception of the corner

>speaker, so any more opinions on desk arrangements are welcome.  
>  
>Thanks,  
>Wayne  
>  
>"Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:469bdaeb\$1@linux...  
>>  
>> Dave's right - you really ought to see if you can rearrange your  
>> setup so that you can have at least some semblance of a  
>> bilaterally symmetrical front end there. What's off to the left  
>> of that monitor over there? Is that a window frame? Better to  
>> have glass behind there & have to throw some foam over that than  
>> have one tight corner like you have on the right & one open wall  
>> like you have on the left... what if you reversed the wing on  
>> your table, so that the surface where your keyboard sits is off  
>> to your right & that rack 'o stuff is off to your left? Would  
>> that allow you to get the monitors more centered in the room?  
>> Unless that's some custom-made & glued-up unit, I would suspect  
>> that a few angle braces & dowels from Home Depot would do the  
>> trick to facilitate a reversal.  
>>  
>> Neil  
>>  
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Subject: Re: New mixing monitors  
Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Wed, 18 Jul 2007 01:12:19 GMT  
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Yeah, get something as full-range as possible and something NS-10 or Auratone-like. (I really like the Avantone MixCubes for this purpose).  
The trick is finding/affording the nice full-range system...

Graham

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