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Posted by [TC](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 17:30:01 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 19:49:56 GMT  
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IIRC, Fletcher had a hand in the design of the NV, so they're effectively ALL Merc Editions.

I have a "2-NV", and sound-wise, I can give you my opinion, FWIW, compared to some of the ones you mention:

>1 UA LA610

The thing I keep hearing about UA pres is that they're "dark" - the NV is not dark... it's warm, and with a nice high end, but not hyped up there. if you select the "load" button to unload

the Transformers, then it gives you a slight high end boost, but adds a bit of distortion (not a ont, depends on the mic, too... try that with a TLM-103 & you probably won't like it, try it with mellower condensor or a dynamic, & it could be just the ticket).

>2 x API 512c

I haven't a/b'ed these, but I'd say the API's are probably a little "faster" - not that the NV is a slow, mushy preamp, but the attack doesn't come across as fast as the API stuff, I'd also say the API's are a bit more midrangey.

>GT Vipre

Can't tell you, never heard one.

>Avalon 737sp

Both can be described as "warm" preamps, and they both have x-formers in them, but sound-wise they're different enough to where you wouldn't be duplicating something you already have if you got the NV.

Neil

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Posted by [TC](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 22:28:09 GMT

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Posted by [TC](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 22:52:56 GMT

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Hi Neil,

Yes, I can see the 737 comp being nice for that application.

Although if I do get a 747, Vipre and 747 should cover that pretty nicely for the tube thing.

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Posted by [TC](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 22:57:01 GMT

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Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 23:22:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 23:30:05 GMT  
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Posted by [TC](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 23:41:40 GMT  
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Yes, it's phat phat phat. Quite an amazing plugin.

Sorry, it's called the SVX, not SVT.

<http://www.ampegsvx.com/Main.php?prod-AM.php>

If you take a good DI to begin with, this is the cat's meow IMO.

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Neil

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2007 00:58:36 GMT  
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Yes, but I've got a U5 also. Actually, everything here has a di on it, so I could track a bass sextet, no problem!

I think I'll keep the 737, get the Babyface mod and use it for mixing to run key mono channels back through for extra warmth and eq.

I'd still love to check out the Great River though, I think that would cover all my preamp needs for years to come.

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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2007 21:10:00 GMT

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I sold my original "white" Great River MP-2MH, and I regret it. Awesome preamp, and they've stopped making it for a while. They claim they'll reintroduce it with the NV-style controls, but we'll see.

I have an NV now, and it kills on everything. Great River makes awesome gear. The EQ is also excellent.

Jimmy

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