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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 02 Jun 2007 23:27:30 GMT

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Bill

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Subject: Re: Real drums? Or are these OK?

Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 00:07:35 GMT

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I think real drums would be better -- but they work. Mostly it's the reverb on the HH and kit that bugs me a bit. Maybe try them drier or with different reverb/fx?

Graham

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Subject: Re: Real drums? Or are these OK?

Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 00:56:33 GMT

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Well, the programmed drums are clearly lacking in dynamics, tonal variations, and other expressive elements a real drummer would add. Also, the drums seem to be functioning as a glorified metronome rather than really contributing creatively to the arrangement, which could also be remedied with a human-powered drumset.

But if it's just a demo . . . well I wouldn't worry about it.

Just my hypercritical opinion based on my personal prejudice in favor of drummers. (drummers have fast hands)

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 02:56:08 GMT  
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It just seem like the wrong kind of kit (or tones) for that  
tune... you need something more subtle, whether it's programmed  
or not.

Neil

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Subject: Re: Real drums? Or are these OK?  
Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 05:15:47 GMT  
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I like it . The drums work for me. You may want add live cymbals or play cymbal  
samples live...Nice work..

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 06:37:09 GMT  
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As a drummer, I'd say it sounds too programmed. The HH is too loud and has no dynamics.

And yes, I have fast hands; )

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Subject: Re: Real drums? Or are these OK?  
Posted by [John](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 11:58:27 GMT  
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I think they sound like shit. The snare sucks, the hihat sucks, the kick really sucks. Other than that it rocks. Sorry I've got a TD20 and while those even are not real drums the sound of this drum thingy is terrible.

Love ya,  
John

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 03 Jun 2007 15:35:57 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Real drums? Or are these OK?  
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Mon, 04 Jun 2007 01:06:42 GMT  
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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Mon, 04 Jun 2007 04:07:03 GMT  
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Hat, and cymbals the most.  
Snare rolls bother me.  
Drums to upfront altogether for my taste.  
Love the guitar..needs to be more upfront for my taste.  
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 06 Jun 2007 03:01:58 GMT

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Thanks for the input.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 06 Jun 2007 05:07:31 GMT  
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Hey Bill,

Are you the guitar player? You have a few Robben Ford CDs in the car CD changer don't you? Very nice playing, has that very vocal, vowel sounding tone that good distorted blues/jazz/rock guitar sounds do.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2007 02:55:34 GMT

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Thanks, Thad, it's me. I does love me some Robben Ford. ;-) He's about the best blues player out there for my money. Prolly 'cause he's a lot more than a blues player.

I don't usually write stuff like that, but I just dug the first 3 changes and had to write something after them. Usually I play Latin and jazz, although I do have a long, sordid rock and R & B past life too.

I think I did get a pretty nice tone. You're going to laugh - it's a custom Strat type w/ EMGs into either a Pod (mark 1) or a Vox Tonelab. With a UAD1 Pultec and 1176. That's about as digitalectric as you can get, but dang it sounds warm enough doesn't it?

When do I get to hear some of your new album, or old albums?

Bill

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