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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 16:39:21 GMT

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Thanks!

Gantt

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 17:51:28 GMT

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You could try a demo of either of these & see if they'll help:

<http://www.izotope.com/products/audio/rx/>

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Really, though, the best way would be to get the original tape & have it dubbed into wav files, with the proper decoding, as I'm sure you know. Make sure you dub duplicates of any vocal tracks WITHOUT the decoding, too, though... that was a popular trick back in the day - playing back vocal tracks without the "A" decoding (or mixing the decoded signal in with the clean, decoded signal); can impart the vocal with some rasp, or "air" or a combination thereof, depending on the singer, how hot the vocal tracks hit the tape, etc.

Can you get the tape? Could the client afford a little bit more budget to get it properly dubbed off? It might be tough finding a studio with a pure "A" system on their 2-inch, but IIRC, Dolby SR can also decode "A", and that's not too hard to find in studios that still have tape... in fact, I can help you

there if the client's willing to ship the tape(s) & pay a little bit for the dubbing.

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 23:31:14 GMT

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It's help and advice like this that keeps me coming back to this forum

Oh yea - that and I still use Paris

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thanks

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