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Posted by [TC](#) on Sun, 18 Jan 2009 01:03:31 GMT

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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Sun, 18 Jan 2009 22:54:34 GMT

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 00:20:29 GMT
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Hi Paul,

Thanks very much for the feedback.

I'm pulling my digidesign 192 digital interfaces out of the equation, as with my current setup I'm not able to hook up 1 of my lynx aurora 16's if I use the digi interfaces, and I want the extra ad/da conversion for outboard.

The DM4800 routing seems flexible, along with the 4 expansion slots, which I would need to fill with AES cards. I've got to interface with Paris (adat) and the auroras (AES/EBU), so that's appealing to me. TDIF is a bit of a pita format for me, since I have nothing that uses it, which is where the motu would come in to convert those 3 onboard tdif ports to 24x adat, in addition to the onboard adat port.

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The Tascam would have all the routing, as well as HUI mode, but the Euphonix would make a better controller with PT and Logic.

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?

Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 01:57:18 GMT

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Hi Nappy,

No, Lynx and Apogee are the exceptions.

I've got LTHD cards in the auroras, so Pro Tools sees each Aurora as 2 Digi 192's, with the same delay comp settings, etc. I've got an HD2 setup, so I can only use the 2 192 digital interfaces off of 1 card, and 1 aurora 16 on the other card (in 32 channel mode) - each PT card having 32 channels max i/o.

If I use both aurora's together in 16ch mode looped off one card, PT doesn't register the delay comp settings correctly, so it's best to only use one aurora 16 per card.

The only reason I have the digi interfaces is for Paris adat, so I'm trying to find an alternative so I can use the 32 channels of AES/EBU from the auroras instead, somehow converting them to adat.

Cheers,

TC

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 02:31:06 GMT
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Hi James,

Good to know. So the LCD on the DM24 is the same as the 3200/4800?

Cheers,

TC

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 02:41:35 GMT
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I hate to be the barer of bad news. FYI the LCD screens go bad on the Tascam units. Apparently the screen life is greatly shortened by leaving the unit on 24-7, so turn off the mixer when not in use. The ribbon cable on the side of the LCD is glued in to place and there is pressure on the ribbon and the tiny connectors. Over time heat dries the glue and rubber, the connector becomes separated resulting in lines a crossed the screen. Some people have repaired the screens themselves, but it's no easy fix. Tascam has replacement

screens for \$168.00 plus shipping. Replacement is not too bad and there are instructions posted with pictures on the Tascamforum.com under DM-24. If you get the lines in the wrong spot, you cant see things like EQ settings.

I bought a Tascam DM-24 about a year ago, it has some lines in it, I was going to replace the screen, but I never got around to it. I have a lot going on, I need to down size and I've just got too much stuff, so it's up for sale on the Paris FS group.

If I had the space and a legitimate reason, I would keep the DM-24 or get a DM-3200 and the FW card. For now I'm keeping my Panasonic RAMSA DA-7 MKII digital mixer.

TC <tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [Nappy](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 03:02:01 GMT
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Don't you have to use Digi's hardware to use PT?

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Nappy

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:11:34 GMT
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In this day and age of plasma/LED/LCD screens, that's just pathetic on Tascam's part to sell you a non discounted part with a high failure rate. How many of us would put up with that on a computer screen from Dell or Apple?

AA

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:12:11 GMT
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That's what I'm leaning towards at this point, now that I've been watching various euphonix demos on Youtube etc. It's just amazing what that thing can do. I can see it really speeding up the entire workflow.

I like that the DM-4800 can also act as a controller at the click of a button, but as you say, the Eucon protocol will integrate much better with Logic, and probably with Pro Tools, even though I think it's still using a form of the Hui protocol for that.

The DM series is nice for routing options, but it's also true that I would be bypassing the preamps in it, so I would really be paying for things I'm not using. The built in tdif i/o is also a pain. If it was AES/EBU I would probably jump on it, but it's one more thing to work around.

My only concern now is finding some way of getting from 32 channels of AES to adat. There seem to be very few options, most of them 8 channels, and a high price point.. and most of them are no longer made.

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?

Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:49:06 GMT

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I believe it's the same design. The LCD screen issue is a well known issue with Tascam DM-24s, a couple of people are saying that they are now having issues with their DM-3200 and 4800 screens. I think the the bad 4800 was a defective unit shortly out of the box. They admit that they had their mixers powered up indefinitely or for long periods of time. It sounds like they are all the same bad design. The DM-24 has a blue screen and I believe the DM-3200/4800 screen is yellow. I'm told, Tascam's warranty is 9 months. Keep in mind that the DM-24 is now a vintage product:) Something eventually has to go and I guess it's the LCD first.

I still think the DM-3200 and 4800 are great products and well worth the money. Just keep in mind that you want to power down when your done using the mixer to extend the life of the screen. If you have a problem, at most your out around \$172.00, not that big of a deal in the over all scheme of things IMO.

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?

Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:51:56 GMT

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:56:01 GMT

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 05:56:22 GMT
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You can also use M-Audio hardware, like the ProFire LightBridge, hint, hint;
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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 06:19:40 GMT
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I believe the Tascam integrates well with Logic and PT. With the Tascam you have routing, a bunch of decent mic pres and additional analog I/O, and additional effects. If you have the money you could also go the Yamaha rout. It's hard to beat the Tascam DM-4800's price, feature set, and the wow factor.

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 07:07:44 GMT
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Tascam has always had an attitude about their warranty. Back in the old days their warranty was only 90 days. When I questioned a dealer, they said that Tascam products were so good that they didn't need a longer warranty. I use to think the law was you had to warranty your products for one year, apparently not.

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 19:51:09 GMT
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TC, you're not using ATAT's right, but bringing audio into Paris via lightpipe through the Paris ADAT module and your Lynx Aurora 16 right? If I'm confused please excuse me. Maybe you can explain to me what you're doing here. There's a reason for these questions which may not seem apparent at the moment :-)

Thanks,
Rich

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 20:22:01 GMT
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Hi Rich,

No problem. Well, it's a bit of a crazy setup here.

Basically, I alternate between PT HD and Logic native. I like both, but I prefer logic for composing (although PT8 is impressing me also). I've also been recently getting more gigs doing music and sound editing for film and tv, which I prefer PT for.

So I've got projects from both platforms. The idea is to be able to move seamlessly back and forth, while at the same time being able to send audio tracks or stems to Paris for mixdown from either PT HD or Logic native, especially for music work.

Now the other option that I like to keep open is summing analog to the SH Equinox. So I've got 24 channels of Aurora D/A going to the Equinox via dsubs. Ideally I would have all 32, but I need to keep 8 channels

open for outboard comps and eqs.

For the native logic system, currently I've only got 16 channels happening via a Lynx AES16e pcie card, going to one Aurora via AES/EBU. For me to use a full 64 channels, I'd need another card, but I'm now out of pcie slots with two HD cards and the AES16e (thanks apple for being so generous with those 3 pcie slots, really handy ;-).

What I've had going on is one lynx, and two digi 192 digitals, the 192's were strictly for lightpipe to paris. This limits my analog i/o (keeps one aurora out of use) and does nothing for summing logic to paris. The 192's are now out of the picture.

The Tascam DM4800 would be good for routing in this scenerio, but I would need to ditch the AES16e and move to something like a motu 2408 mkIII with the PCIE card. Even with 4 aes cards installed, I would still come up short. The other option would be the firewire card for the DM4800, which would allow direct firewire connection for logic native. I would then be down to 3 slots, which could fill with AES cards. The motu 2408 MKIII could then be used standalone (I think) to go from the DM 4800 TDIF ports x3 to adat x3, plus the additional adat port on the DM4800 would give 32 channels of lightpipe to paris.

On the pro tools side, then that would only give me 24 channels summed to Paris (24 AES, routed to DM4800 TDIF out x3 to 2408MKIII x3 adat -> Paris).

Another option is the RME ADI-192 DD or whatever it is, which is I think 16 channels of digital format conversion. Looks good, but over \$1500.. I think I would still need two of them..

This is giving me a headache.. I don't think I even understand what I just wrote... ;-)

If you have any suggestions on how to do all this, I'd love to hear it.

Cheers,

TC

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?
Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 20:32:03 GMT
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I should also say for the record that I realize that all of this is overkill on so many levels, but that's what makes it fun :)

Cheers,

TC

Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800?

Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 21:11:37 GMT

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Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 21:26:15 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 21 Jan 2009 17:40:00 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 24 Jan 2009 14:04:56 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 24 Jan 2009 21:17:22 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2009 06:56:09 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2009 07:00:14 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 00:43:39 GMT
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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 13:30:58 GMT
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Ted

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Yeah, it is really a great idea and a step forward with the Eucon protocol, but I honestly felt like I would break it. I was surprised when I saw the Control 24, as I expected it to feel cheap, but it doesn't. The scrub wheel is solid and metal like the control 16, and the faders feel solid. I'm not scared to use it..

Now all I need is a 24 fader motorized control surface for Paris, and I'm all set!

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(sorry)

Ba-da-boom..

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Subject: Re: Tascam DM4800? - Euphonix Artist
Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 22:23:53 GMT
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TC <tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org> wrote:

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>Hi Ted,
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>Yeah, it is really a great idea and a step forward with the Eucon
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>doesn't. The scrub wheel is solid and metal like the control 16, and the

>faders feel solid. I'm not scared to use it..
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>Now all I need is a 24 fader motorized control surface for Paris, and
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>Cheers,
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Talk to Doug W. about that one, he's working on something.

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 23:00:56 GMT
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I thought the air was a funny place for them . . .

"Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote in message
news:499c97d9\$1@linux...

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>> Tascam, yuk. Their product is fine as long as it's fine. Once you need
>> support though, brother watch out.

>> They have bar none the worst support I have ever encountered.

>> Glad you didn't go that direction.

>> AA

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and arrest worthy.

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 16:23:50 GMT
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