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Posted by [Robert Arsenault](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 02:47:06 GMT  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 05:35:50 GMT  
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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 18:00:39 GMT  
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Thanks so much guys for the input, what about one of these, any opinions?

- Toft EC-1 single channel preamp
- JoeMeek OneQ single channel preamp
- JoeMeek sixQ single channel preamp

Opinions are quite varied over at GearslutZ but these seem to stand out in the 'bellow 1000 price range'.  
I know the new Meek stuff is not the same but I wonder if it still good?

Cheers  
Rob the future Pulsar/Paris geek #2....!!! Wonder who's #1.....!!

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Subject: Re: Focusrite Voice Master Pro opinions.

Posted by [zmora](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 20:52:23 GMT

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Used for short period three: Platinum, Compunder, Voice Master, Tone Master. Don't like them at all and sold them quickly. In my opinion, get off Voice Master. Sounds thin and dry, not good quality made, only famous name.

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Posted by [Jeremy Luzier](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 22:56:35 GMT  
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Posted by [Robert Arsenault](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 13:17:09 GMT

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Posted by [neil\[1\]](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 15:19:59 GMT  
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Rob, I don't know what other mic pres you have in your arsenal, but for something in the "under \$1k" price range, I've always thought it's real hard to beat the Grace 101... it's very neutral & clean, and paired with even a simple, inexpensive compressor like a dbx 166 or 266 - which have good sound quality for that price, IMO, I think you'd be better off than with a platinum series, none of which I've seen or heard anything really good written or spoken about. Yeah you won't get the EQ on the combo I mentioned, but really, for so many things it's far from "required" to EQ it going to rack.

Just an idea for you to consider.

Also, if you can fit into the "right around a grand" range, I recall a post a while back where Fletcher was raving about the EQ on this unit:

<http://www.mercenary.com/toaudeat.html>

I've never heard it myself, so I can't attest, but for \$1k you get two channels of mic pre, dynamics & EQ. I have a feeling that if Merc is selling it, there's a good chance it probably sounds better than the Platinum series. There's also this one:

<http://www.mercenary.com/toaudeecmomi.html>

Which appears to be a single-channel version, but I don't know if it's the same circuitry... you might call & ask. Finally, there's also this at a slightly higher price point than the 1-channel Toft unit:

<http://www.mercenary.com/spltronemoch.html>

SPL makes some good stuff.

Neil

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