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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 16:41:13 GMT  
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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 16:50:33 GMT  
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Posted by [JB](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 16:58:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 19:27:24 GMT

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Posted by [neil\[1\]](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 23:46:41 GMT

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Posted by [wmarkwilson](#) on Sat, 22 Apr 2006 00:14:18 GMT  
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The Digimax is clean but \*sterile\* and does not like to be pushed at all.  
It has some cool features such as monitor through but for sound it really is  
about as exciting as a blank piece of paper.

Dubya

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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Sat, 22 Apr 2006 02:24:02 GMT  
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Just sayin'.

Jimmy

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sat, 22 Apr 2006 10:08:22 GMT

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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Sat, 22 Apr 2006 15:01:07 GMT

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I would give the guys at Gearslutz the benefit of the doubt, most of the time.

And I know from experience that Mackie gear is almost always something best kept out of the signal chain. I feel the same way about Presonus, FWIW.

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Posted by **JB** on Sat, 22 Apr 2006 15:33:15 GMT

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I have done comparisons between my apogee da-16X connected directly to monitors, and going through the mackie. The mackie adds a bit of low level noise, and smears the low end compared to the direct signal. It definitely does not give you exactly what you put into it. It may not make a difference with low end converters, but you can hear it with the apogeess plain as day. I plan to upgrade, most likely to the Colman, when funds allow.

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