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Subject: Cool preamp

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A friend of mine uses one of these and I had a little time on it a while back and thought it was at least "OK" and I see used ones fetch "almost new" prices in the rare event that they become available on EBay so when given the opportunity to trade a piece of gear that was little used for one of these, I bit.

<http://www.aybg12.dsl.pipex.com/>

I played around with it some last night. I must say that I'm impressed. Very transparent Class "A" pre with a smooth/transparent compressor and expander. It's got up to 70dB of gain so it's a nice choice for old ribbon mics and the expander works in such a natural way that, if tweaked properly, you can basically gate the self-noise right out of a mic circuit without chatter or unnatural decay characteristic.

Also, the top of this unit could be used as a hot plate for eggs ' hash browns. Even with the ventilation holes in the top, depending on what was racked above it, I might want more than 1U rack space above. It could probably heat a small apartment in the winter.

I give this piece a thumbs up so far.

Deej

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