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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 10 Apr 2006 20:20:35 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 10 Apr 2006 21:06:56 GMT

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Posted by [rich](#) on Mon, 10 Apr 2006 21:22:35 GMT

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IIRC, the 1212 comes with a daughter card that allows for word clock and SMPTE code in and out.

Martin Harrington  
[www.lendaneer-sound.com](http://www.lendaneer-sound.com)

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Posted by [Edna Sloan](#) on Tue, 11 Apr 2006 00:48:39 GMT  
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Well I just won a 1212m on ebay, nearly new, for \$107. It can be upgraded to the 1820m as I understand it, if desired. The converters are spec'd at 120db. I have been hearing rave reviews on these on some other forums, even compared to RME. Gonna use it with Samplitude V8 for native system.

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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Tue, 11 Apr 2006 01:09:43 GMT  
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Jimmy

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 11 Apr 2006 12:53:24 GMT

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Wonder if, since they're using the same convertors on the 1212 & 1820 as Digi's HD 192, if they're using the same convertors as Digi's HD 96 on the 0404?

Neil

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P.S.

I just had a conversation with E-Mu support. I called to see if I could purchase the new 1616M dock, due to it's new mic pres with built-in soft limit. Here's the rresponse:

"Dear Mr. Davis,

After speaking with our test lab department, I've found that the 1010 card with the 1212M and the 1010 card with the 1616 PCI have design differences that will not allow the 1616 Dock to function on the 1010 card from the 1212M.

The 1616PCI uses a new 1010 card that has different electronics and no power cable, because the 1616 docks use a 48V wall wort whereas the 1820M was powered via the EDI cable. Also, when the dock is attached SPDIF/ADAT on the 1010 will be disabled.

I hope this information will assist you in determining what else to add to your rig. Please don't hesitate to contact us again if there's anything else we can do to assist."

I was also told by the Support Rep that they are agreesively testing and implementing "Multi-Card capabilities. The holkd up is that E-MU has to re-write the mixer application.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Tue, 11 Apr 2006 15:14:14 GMT  
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Hey Dedic!!  
Here's what I got from E-MU..

Dear Mr. Davis,  
After speaking with our test lab department, I've found that the 1010 card

with the 1212M and the 1010 card with the 1616 PCI have design differences that will not allow the 1616 Dock to function on the 1010 card from the 1212M.

The 1616PCI uses a new 1010 card that has different electronics and no power cable, because the 1616 docks use a 48V wall wort whereas the 1820M was powered via the EDI cable. Also, when the dock is attached SPDIF/ADAT on the 1010 will be disabled.

I hope this information will assist you in determining what else to add to your rig. Please don't hesitate to contact us again if there's anything else we can do to assist.

I asked about "multi card" capabilities. He stated that they are working on it and the only hold back is that they have rewrite the Mixer software to accomodate multicards..So, stay tuned :)

"Dedric Terry" <dedric@echomg.com> wrote:

>LOL.

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>Hey Lamont - Now email EMU and tell them to make an 8 or 16 I/O ADDA with

>lightpipe and AES. They haven't listened to me so far.

>Seems like it would sell like crazy.

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>Is that all it took for you to like mixing in Nuendo? ;-)

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>I was impressed the first time I setup an 1820M for an A/V rig - it was for

>live use, so I couldn't really tell that much about the converters, but they

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>Regards,

>Dedric

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>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote in message news:443abe13\$1@linux...

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Hi Pete,  
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the standard DA(s)

I have both cards and the 0404 sonds georgous!, but when i got the 1212M,  
man!! another level. Really. Another level..

"Pete Ruthenburg" <ruthenburg@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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>Well it looks like better converters.Same A/D as HD192,but  
>different D/A obviously.  
> I wonder if the D/A is the same as in the 0404 card?It says its  
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> Little confused;just better A/D or does the 1212 come with 2  
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There's a 1212M refurb on EBay right now for \$159.00 and an Emulator X add-on for \$115.00. I'm tempted, but this hardware just doesn't have the I/O options that I need.

Deej

"uptown jimmy" <johnson314@bellsouth.net> wrote in message  
news:443b039c@linux...

> Insane value, love mine.

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Hi Rich,

They are completing work on a 1010 PCI crd for the 1616(M). However, you can get a PCI(PCMIA) card converter card.

Check here for the card:

<http://www.supergooddeal.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode= SD-PCI-PCM&Click=17583>



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Nothing on earth could suck worse than Totalmix.....could it?

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> > Also, like I stated in another post, E-Muis working on updating their  
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