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Posted by [Ed](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2008 21:57:46 GMT

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2008 02:45:24 GMT

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Yup, the LS9 is pretty cool! Huge bang for the buck factor and sounds
great! Actually, the A/D board is the *same* for all the live consoles
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PS, I am also on the "will never buy another Mackie product" list.

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Tue, 22 Jan 2008 23:59:28 GMT
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Yep, they are quite hefty!

David.

Martin Harrington wrote:

> On 23/1/08 3:39 AM, in article 47961fba@linux, "EK Sound"

> <ask_me@nospam.net> wrote:

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Posted by [aaron allen\[1\]](#) on Wed, 23 Jan 2008 17:39:32 GMT
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2008 01:30:19 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2008 01:43:25 GMT
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