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Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 15:58:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: How Good is the UAD-1 Fairchild?

Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 16:21:15 GMT

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Gary,

You're right, I doubt I'd get any chance ever of comparing it to the real deal. I mean, after all, there's only 10 or 20 real Fairchild's here in central Iowa (a that's a joke, son!). Anyway, I do use it from time to time, but it definitely seems to impart a lot of "color". I suppose that's what makes it so popular though.

Tony

"Gary Flanigan" <[gary\\_flanigan@ce9.uscourts.gov](mailto:gary_flanigan@ce9.uscourts.gov)> wrote in message news:45097c10\$1@linux...

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Posted by [gene Lennon\[3\]](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 18:49:22 GMT

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Gene

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 19:43:13 GMT

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Where/when would you want to use the Fairchild?

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"Gary Flanigan" <gary\_flanigan@ce9.uscourts.gov> wrote:

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"Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:

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