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Posted by Graham Duncan on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 15:21:08 GMT
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Posted by Paul Artola on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 16:44:08 GMT
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Posted by Aaron Allen on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:38:16 GMT
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Musician's Friend as well, though it backordered and took a while to get
here. Neither of them is spongy/cheap feeling, but they are synth action,
NOT piano. As a drummer/programmer, I prefer this. I put hands on some of
the cheaper yahama & korg keys and the M Audio stuff and they all felt
spongy to me.
YMMV.

AA

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Posted by Chris Ludwig on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 19:37:51 GMT
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Posted by Graham Duncan on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:20:25 GMT
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I'll keep a look out I guess...

There is a $180 Novation ReMOTE 49 LE -- I wonder if it's up to the
quality of their nicer models?

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Posted by Graham Duncan on Fri, 24 Aug 2007 16:57:28 GMT
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of regular VST control while mixing... quite the deal.

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Posted by DJ on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 00:02:28 GMT
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Posted by chuck duffy on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 17:34:16 GMT
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The version I have is a yamaha P60. They were blowing them out at Sams club
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and some pianos that would have been fantastic in 1999, but are a little
dated now :-) Anyway.. the action is FAR better than my realy yamaha upright.
It's an option I guess few consider cause it's not really pro, haha..

They are good for jamming if you don't want to fire up the whole rig, want
to play out on the deck, the backyard, or are too lazy to walk down to the
basement room where the real acoustic yamaha is waiting :-)

As all my playing time now is literally stolen moments it's pretty cool.....

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