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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 23:05:12 GMT  
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Posted by [Bill Lorentzen](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 00:38:31 GMT  
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Bill L

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 00:43:19 GMT  
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Looking for smoothness, warmth.

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It just seems more pleasant to the ear.

Emotion seems to convey better.

There is an intimate quality that I don't hear with other mics.

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Thanks,

Brandon=20

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 13:26:15 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 16:59:28 GMT  
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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 18:12:38 GMT  
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[www.audioupgrades.com](http://www.audioupgrades.com)

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Posted by [Dale](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 20:24:44 GMT  
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What did he do to your LXP-1 & how much? I use one of them dinosaurs with  
my mini-live rig-it's small & old but still sounds great, but hey, if it  
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I will. I'm thinking about it for a couple of reasons. One is that I love  
the sound of the old James Brown drums, and they were mono until well into  
the eighties. One overhead, kick and snare. So I'm thinking I should spend  
my time getting that M mic in exactly the right place so in theory the drums  
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