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Subject: The Latest Tape Op  
Posted by [cujo](#) on Sat, 23 Jul 2005 00:37:47 GMT  
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would have 8 channels,  
>>>>but some have suggested I'd be better buying a decent 2 (or 4) channel  
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> unit,  
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>>>>and using the desk for the rest. That way acoustic guitar could be recorded  
>>>>with 3 mics through decent pres. I'd only need to use the desk pres for  
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>>>extra  
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>>>>drum mics beyond the 3 channels (each instrument tracked individually).  
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>>>It'd  
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Posted by [DT](#) on Sat, 23 Jul 2005 06:50:45 GMT  
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ef="mailto:dterry@no\_spamkeyofd.net" target="\_blank">dterry@no\_spamkeyofd.net> wrote in  
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> news:BF0744E5.329D%dterry@no\_spamkeyofd.net...  
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>> objectivity, I'll keep writing reviews.  
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>> That's what ads, and respectively, other forums are for. ;-) If someone  
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>> On 7/22/05 6:37 PM, in article 42e1915b\$1@li

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sat, 23 Jul 2005 15:29:43 GMT  
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>;o).....well, that does it then. My peanut is going up on EBay.

"DT" <dterry@no\_spamkeyofd.net> wrote in message  
news:BF07C7CF.32AA%dterry@no\_spamkeyofd.net...

> I was referring to standard unsalted, un-shelled peanuts. YMMV with other  
> varieties. I hate to admit it, but I am always on the lookout for free  
> diamonds lying around in my yard. So far no luck (although I once found a  
> MatchBox car, but I think that belongs to my son). The ones in those  
fancy

> stores always seem to have price tags on them.

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> On 7/23/05 9:29 AM, in article 42e2626d@linux, "DJ"

> <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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>> I have a peanut here that looks like a cross between the virgin Mary and

>> David Copperfield.....and I've been waiting and  
waiting.....so

>> now you're telling me that I'm wasting my time????????????!!!!!!!

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> >>> OH another tape op comment..I am starting to really bum out about the  
> > gear  
> >>> reviews.  
> >>> The AH review of the SE mic smacked of an endorsment trade..Then in  
one  
> >>> article  
> >>> about Peter Gabriel's studio..  
> >>>  
> >>> I quote froma page 42:" We've go a bit of a deal with focusrite. We've  
> > written  
> >>> some reviews of their gear, so they've been kind enough to give us  
some  
> > gear  
> >>> in exchange"  
> >>>  
> >>> I'm not saying they gave bad gear a good review for trade, but it  
> > certainly  
> >>> raises more suspicians eh?  
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>This is a bit "Sharper Image" but broader and nonetheless interesting.

[www.idsa.org/galleries.htm](http://www.idsa.org/galleries.htm)

Be sure to check out the 2005 consumer section, near the bottom, modular electric guitar.

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Deej

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news:42e27b07\$1@linux...

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> news:42e1d68f\$1@linux...

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> > So should you.

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>I only go to Wal Mart when I just can't find something at my local mom and pop. This isn't really as much about making a political statement as it is about quality/bang-for-the-buck and what my time is worth. I have just found the goods they sell to be really inferior in quality and considering the fact that it takes me at least an hour ++ longer to drive the extra distance to the edge of town where WalMart lives, find a parking place within 1/2 a mile, locate whatever it is that I need in the bewildering giant cavernous expanse of wall-to-wall/floor-to-ceiling crap, and God help me if I don't know where to find it because finding someone to help may take another hour..... and then wait in one of the 4 out of 20 cashier stations that are open, I've actually \*saved\* money by paying a little more at my local ACE hardware or local grocery or retail clothing/electronics shop downtown which is struggling to survive the onslaught of WalMart, charges a little more and has someone there to lead me to \*exactly\* what I'm looking for and help me every step of the way in finding what I want.

As for Chinese mics, I've got a couple here that are on loan from Morgan that are \*really\* more in the comparison range with my German mics. These are made by SE electronics and I'm finding them to be \*big boy toys\*.....but they're not cheaply priced either. This company is competing with the high end stuff that I've heard. Here's a pic of a couple of their mics.....the Gemini and the Titan.

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