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Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2008 02:17:57 GMT

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2008 03:04:19 GMT

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But I care so deeply Thad, I really do :-) Seems like a good deal to me, considering that you don't need the hand holding.

I am totally onboard the whole 15000 virtual synths thing, but the other day I started just sticking a mono mic up in front of my piano, my amp and my face and it sounded good too, except for the face part.

Chuck

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2008 04:52:31 GMT  
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Hi Thad,  
Heh Yes I don't think you need any hand holding from me. Well Ok if you  
wanna hold hands we can. We can spoon if you want.

Liquid cooling? Are you over clocking it? Kinda over kill for such a low  
voltage low heat chip if you ain't over clocking it.

Make sure want ever OS backup software you use actually works right when  
backing up and restoring. The ICH10 chip set doesn't have allot of  
support yet. Do not use AHCI as a a controller mode it will cause issues  
with the pro audio stuff. Using that chip in either IDE or Raid mode it  
will work fine. The raid mode will give you trouble with the back up  
software if your program uses a boot CD especially for recovery. You  
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Chris

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2008 14:43:51 GMT  
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Posted by [audioguy\\_editout\\_](#) on Fri, 19 Sep 2008 04:08:02 GMT

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Funny you mention the processing. I'm just getting back into film and have been using the local 'pro' lab for processing. A 'real pro' (he makes his living from it) friend of mine showed me the negatives and scans to CD he had done at Costco and I was blown away. The prints were pretty much 'blah' but the scans of the negatives were gorgeous and hi-res, and the negatives looked not better/worse than the 'pro' shop in town. In fact, considering the turnaround times I suspect the 'pro' shop is outsourcing the development process and only printing in house.

Anyway, I'm doing a 'bake off' of processing options. I picked up four rolls each of Fuji and Kodak mid-priced color film and four rolls of Ilford XP-2 C-41 for B+W. I'm going to shoot them all with a combination of indoor/outdoor, humans/things, and day/night and drop off one roll of each film at Costco, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, and the 'pro' shop. Whoever does the best job is my new film processor.

Anyway, really fun stuff, and a new geeky gadget laden hobby.

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Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Fri, 19 Sep 2008 16:20:28 GMT  
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Yup, she's a beauty. I haven't had the shutter calibrated but doing a rough test (stop lens down one stop and double shutter speed, compare pictures) it's awfully close. The rest of it was built like a roman aqueduct--to last forever.

You should pull the Nikon out. As I mentioned in the other post, I've been shooting the Ilford B+W film that is developed using standard color process. The prints onto color paper can be a bit off, but the negative are fantastic so you can scan or have things custom printed. Really, really fun.

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