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Posted by [Nei](#) on Sun, 27 Jan 2008 04:42:16 GMT  
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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 27 Jan 2008 12:16:37 GMT  
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way to go Rod!

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 27 Jan 2008 17:42:11 GMT  
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Thanks Mike - if you mean the lead guitar tones in the solos, that's pretty basic... '75 Les Paul Deluxe, through an Aphex Punch Factory compressor into a Sovtek 50-watt tube head, into a 2x12 Celestion cab - mic'ed with a B.L.U.E. Ball mic, into a Grace 101 mic pre. There's no EQ or any additional processing on it, except for a bit of delay. All the other guitar parts (to include the lead lines in the outro bit) are from one of my FrankenStrats (Shedua body maple/ebony neck, p'ups are from a '63 Fender Strat), tracked through the same setup. The rhythm guitar tracks have some compression on them, but the rest of those do not; and again, no EQ on any of those tracks, either.

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Glad you enjoyed it!

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Posted by [Wayne Carson](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 18:40:36 GMT  
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Posted by [neil\[1\]](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 19:29:45 GMT

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 19:39:30 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 01:33:06 GMT  
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OK, I just dragged "Pull Me Under" into a new project with "Istanbul" running parallel to it, and the first thing I noticed is that Istanbul has a SHITLOAD more information from like 12k and above than the D.T. track does... that could be part of the issue if you're comparing one to the other. I mean it really is a shitload... 15-20 db or more difference depending on the section of each song.

Spectrum analyzer also shows a deficit on the 100-150 range on my track compared to "Pull Me Under", but not a huge amount... could be enough to make a difference, though, if that's what you guys are all feeling (or NOT feeling, as might be the case).

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Of the three, this 2nd one is my favorite version

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I still think the kick is a bit on the thinnish side. I'm hearing some kind

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In all mixes, I think the rhythm gtr could stand to come up a bit, but those freq's at the top (1.2 & 2k) are hard on the listener. I'm also hearing some space fighting/uneven low energy going on between synth and bass (3:26~3:37 are examples of this)..... a multiband on the insert might fix that.

'zat help bro?

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:25:42 GMT  
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Hi Neil,

Cool tune, great sounds, great playing too! I also felt like I wanted to hear more bass but my RTA kept telling me that the low end was well represented.

A good lesson in not mixing w/ your eyes! Maybe a slightly different EQ on the bass would give it a little more equal footing w/ the kick drum. Your guitar playing was smokin' and Rod's drums rocked!

Gantt

"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

>Neil,

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> I like your EQ, actually, a lot. Don't like that smily stuff. But

I,

>too, want to hear more of the bass and Hot's drums, which is just a matter

>of taste, mix-wise, I suppose.

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Chuck

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Neil

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Subject: Re: Can I give a guy some "Props?"  
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 00:28:13 GMT  
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Don't dare me, i'll do it! lol

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>>No, because then you'll say that you didn't like the way  
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