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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 16:09:42 GMT

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Posted by [wireline\[17\]](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 18:09:04 GMT

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David.



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I assisted on a remote recording a few weeks ago from the band Keene. The truck had 4 or 5 Digimax and one RME Midi Controlled 8 channel nit.

I was pretty impressed by the play back I heard, the engineer seemed to think they were pretty hearty for mobile use. One did go was not getting signal before sound check, so we popped it open and saw a small ribbon cable had come loose! he plugged it back in and was good to go.

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Anyone here tried the A design Pacifica or the P1?

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A guy I know has (or had) one of the earlier ones. His opinion

was basically: "they're OK, but they don't have much headroom".  
He didn't say it sounded bad or anything like that.

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Neil

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Paris adat is 20 bits passing only.

"wireline" <nospam@dogbreath.gov> wrote in message news:466ee140\$1@linux...

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> OT to your question, but..  
>  
> Not sure I follow why you would lose 4 bits...ADAT is ADAT, and to the  
> best  
> of my knowledge there are no ADDA convertors that go above 24 bit...can  
> you  
> elaborate on how/where you would lose bit information?  
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> FYI: 20bit recordings have a dynamic range around 106 db or so...far  
> greater  
> than CDs, tape, etc, so the only one who would really notice would be you,  
> and then only if you looked at your bit metering....

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> "Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net> wrote:

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>>Anyone have any experience w/ these? I'm thinking about picking up a used  
>>one for doing remote recording. It has direct analog outs and ADAT outs  
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>>lose



>>4 bits. Do you think anyone will notice? I could also just run the  
>>direct  
>>outs into Paris' AD converters...  
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Subject: Re: Presonus Digimax FS  
Posted by [wireline\[19\]](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 02:21:12 GMT  
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Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 18:10:49 GMT  
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I haven't used one of these, but I believe it just got a rave review in Tape Op. Evidently a great improvement on the previous model.

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Posted by [Cujjo](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 02:03:47 GMT  
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Thanks! I need to decide what to put in my last two slots, although I seem to be having issues with the pres in slot one and two all of a sudden, I need to hunt down the culprit, could be a bad snake. I hope it was just a ghost.

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 14:43:17 GMT

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Subject: Re: Presonus Digimax FS  
Posted by [John](#) on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 11:13:18 GMT  
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I have 3 digimax fs(s) and love em. Amazing sound.

Neil wrote:

> Although not ever having used any of the Presonus stuff before,  
> I would kind of tend to agree with Crhis' last statement - at  
> least from a standpoint of HAVING used RME & MOTU stuff.

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> I've always been happy with the sound & performance of my RME  
> Multifaces, and I recently picked up a MOTU 8-Pre, and although  
> I'm not using it as an interface, so I cna't speak for the  
> drivers (I just using it as a stand-alone preamp for tom mics  
> so far, lightpiping the signals out to one of the Multifaces),  
> I can say that for \$549, it's a bargain for a bank of eight of  
> what so far seem to be pretty darn decent, good clean preamps.

>  
> Neil

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> "Brandon" <a@a.com> wrote:

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