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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 14 Feb 2007 04:55:19 GMT
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Wed, 14 Feb 2007 05:39:54 GMT
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Martin Harrington
www.lendaneer-sound.com

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Heck man, I have no clue right now.

I guess I'm going to have to actually engage neural synapses after all....maybe even borrow his manual and give it a read. Looks like I'm getting hired on as a tech.....(poor guy.....little does he know what he's in for.....muhahaha!!!!)...that Digi 002 system may never be the same once I'm done with it. I'm sorta' thinking about a chopping it down to give it a more raked profile and converting it to a hard tail with big risers.

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<http://www.museresearch.com/news.php?id=74>

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<http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM07/Content/DigiTech/PR/GSP1101.html>

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<http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM07/Content/Lexicon/PR/M X300.html>
<http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/MX300/>

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<http://www.kurzweilmusicsystems.com/products.html?Id=283>

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Maybe for 2-6 tracks with a few low cpu usage plugins, but that's it..After that, it's snap crackle and pop city :)

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 14 Feb 2007 18:44:58 GMT

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Wed, 14 Feb 2007 19:00:50 GMT

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is this fxpansion product along the lines of what you're looking for?

I've been thinking about getting it myself.

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