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Posted by [Ivan](#) on Thu, 24 May 2007 20:06:44 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Thu, 24 May 2007 22:45:44 GMT
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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Thu, 24 May 2007 22:46:43 GMT
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Hmm,

I hadn't considered Liquid Mix usable with Paris, but I guess it would be under XP. I'm on a Mac. Rats. I really like it too. I'm using it with Logic and like most reviewers, can't say that the emulations are "precise". Probably UAD are closer in EQ and width, attack characteristics etc, but I really find the Liquid Mix grabs the signal and pulls it out of the speakers. It's really good.

my 2 cents (CDN)

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 04:43:09 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 06:35:59 GMT

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 13:07:54 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 13:10:16 GMT

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It's a pretty cool unit. The integration of the controller with the software plug-in isn't the best, every now and then I'll wind up twiddling knobs on the wrong channel by accident. The resolution on the hardware controller for the EQ section is also a bit heavy handed, I think each detent on the knob is almost a full db. But the sounds are up there with the top plug-ins I've heard, and I really do like all of those channels. Working with the very dense Monkie mixes I usually want at least some subtractive EQ on almost every track, and the LW certainly stomps all over the built in EQ in SX. Also, it frees up my other DSP to do what it does best.

And I'll send you a Monkie CD for free, of course. I don't do this for the money.

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>>UAD-1.
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>>I'm maxed out on UA stuff (4 cards) and if I don't have at least 40
>>plugins
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>>on a mandolin, I feel naked. (not to mention the hit that the UAD-1's take
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>>on the CPU, which is substantial)
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>>Your insights are much appreciated.
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>>Deej
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Subject: Re: liquid mix problem
Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:03:06 GMT
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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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The other thing that the dongle/controller means is that the unit can be
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with you to other DAWs and used there, provided the host has the
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or added from the DVD that comes with the Liquid Mix. So you can mix
elsewhere, with all your presets and tweaks already in place...

By the way, I'm sure I'll regret asking this, but why are you guys calling
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Ted

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:18:12 GMT
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> Ted

We were doing this just to see if you were paying attention.

;o)

Subject: Re: liquid mix problem
Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:19:01 GMT
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David.

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snip

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Subject: Re: liquid mix problem

Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:35:19 GMT

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Because I'm a raging moron?

TCB

>Ted

Subject: Re: liquid mix problem

Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:52:02 GMT

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EK Sound <askme@nospam.com> wrote:
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>
>David.

Do you know I was actually starting to read it this way in my mind?

Sheesh

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Fri, 25 May 2007 22:56:04 GMT
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Hey Thad-

Don't be so hard on yourself, I'm sure you don't rage that often :)

As far as the portability goes, it sure beats trying to take a PCI card,
reinstall drivers,
transfer licence etc etc

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Subject: Re: liquid mix problem

Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sat, 26 May 2007 01:04:53 GMT

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BWAHAHAHA!!!!.....man!!!, I just spewed water all over my query.

;oD

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