
Subject: I was just wondering...

Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 20:41:06 GMT

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e UK.

I don't really mind, as I hate the things, always problematic, but I do have many, many thousands of dollars tied up in them.

Interesting times ahead.

Martin Hno doubt about it being interesting times ahead. This will be ugly on many levels.

AA

"Martin Harrington" <lendan@bigpond.net.au> wrote in message
news:C3BE355B.3EE4%lendan@bigpond.net.au...

> On 24/1/08 3:37 AM, in article 479770d5@linux, "EK Sound"

> <ask_me@nospam.net> wrote:

>

>> The entire 700 MHz band is up for sale. This affects all the wireless
>> manufacturers. Shure has been lobbying quite heavily to prevent this.
>> Even Broadway and Hollywood have gotten into the act. The pro audio
>> industry is so tiny, that it doesn't have the clout to do anything about
>> it. Companies like Verizon (currently a huge problem for RF mics) will
>> probably buy the band. Sennheiser has recently announced that they will
>> only make 700MHz range wireless now by special order. That means they
>> are losing their "C" and "D" wireless ranges.

>>

>> Get ready to buy more mic cable...

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>> David.

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>> AA wrote:

>>> I heard something yesterday that's probably going to hack me off, and

>>> most

>>> assuredly a LOT of musician's in the states. Apparantly according to one

>>> source once HD tv hits a lot of the UHF band is going to get sold off by

>>> the gov't and turn into a crowded gigantic hash... which will ruin a LOT

>>> of wi

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Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 21:46:14 GMT

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1) Sustain issues: I have no issues with sustain. In fact, the built-in compressor lets you increase the apparent sustain without fear of feedback.

Note that I'm speaking of the _Acoustic 700_. The one that looks like an acoustic guitar. That's the one I'm recommending for your described use.

1A) Comparing to the _Electric 700_: Meanwhile the _Electric 700_ (which I also have) DOES have some sustain issues when you select the Strat body as part of an emulation, because the Strat they modeled (a 56 or 57?) had less sustain than the Les Paul they modeled. And people noticed this and complained.

The workaround for the _Electric 700_ Strat is to change the body selection to one of the other electric body choices. It will still sound like a Strat because of the pickup emulation setup, but it will have longer sustain. Works great.

You'll need to have the add-on Workbench software to do this, which also works great for designing your own hybrid emulations. I set one up to sound similar to my PRS, for example, on all five pickup selector positions. Cool stuff.

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However I prefer the _Acoustic 700_ for those gigs because it looks and feels more like an acoustic, I can lay into the heavier strings more, and I like the control the built-in compressor gives me. It also has a better build quality and more frets.

But the Electric makes a good backup for the Acoustic, especially for shows where I'm going to switch to the Electric for jazz/rock stuff, so both guitars come along for the ride anyway.

2) Altered tunings: Not perfect. The farther you transpose away from the original string's note, the less perfect it is. It's OK for transposing down a half or whole step, which is great for getting a song into a more comfortable key to sing. It's great for instantly getting to DADGAD or other alternate tunings for those huge sounding chords, or some open tuning slide work. It's usable for 12 string emulations where the high

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 22:04:11 GMT

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 01:04:09 GMT

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n install a GK-2 pickup on any guitar if you don't have or want one with one built in.
there is absolutely NO delay as with a midi guitar setup.
there is also a midi out if you would like to drive a synth from the VG99.
there are allot of models built in and infinite ways to vary those.I'm not crazy about the electric guitar models but the acoustic models kick ass.
way too much for me to write about now.
and it can be had for around \$1000

the martin D-28 model is my favorite so far.

"D.P." <ottawarocks@netscape.net> wrote in message news:47989b01@linux...

> Once again, thanks to all for the contributions...

>

> All this dialog has given me a wicked idea: instead of shelling out almost

> \$3K on a Taylor, I could get for roughly the same amount both a decent

> Breedlove chosen mainly for its acoustic properties, *and* a Variax 700

> for live playing where a "reasonable" substitute is good enough.

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> But I read some comments on the Variax that make me nervous - I cannot

> find a Variax locally, and may have to (gulp!) mail-order one. The comment

> in question comes up frequently in various review databases, and goes

> along these lines: apparently, the Variax 700 has a significant deficiency

> in the sustain area (enough to be considered an unacceptable compromise by

> several reviewers).

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 01:22:37 GMT

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> so it's easy to set up a patch with a couple of bass strings and the rest

> as normal guitar tuning.

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> It would sound a little weird if you used the DSP to tune it up an octave

> and play only the detuned sounds alone.

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> Bottom line, it's good enough for a lot of stuff, and it's instant. None
> of the other guitars you mentioned offer it, so it's just icing on the
> cake. I regularly do live multitracking with a normal

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 01:55:48 GMT
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>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
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Despite the fact that DP uses all 8 processors correctly, Logic is more efficient

on a 4-core than DP is on an 8-core. Apple should have an update for Logic soon that properly shows off the power of an 8-core. Digi seems to be in no hurry to show off the potential of all native power!

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Gene

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thanks Gene.

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Posted by [john Macy\[1\]](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 03:37:35 GMT

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>Ha!

Hey Richard! How are you doing?

Nice to hear from you.

DC

"Richard Zeier" <pearlmusic@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

>Sure, you can mix a five minute song in only two-and-a-half minutes.

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>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message [news:4798d188\\$1@linux...](mailto:news:4798d188$1@linux...)

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On the subject of Reaper - you can now get their plugins
in a bundle ported to VST...

<http://www.reaper.fm/reaplugs/>

.... and, yep - they're free.

Neill'm not sure about that - their website has been like that for 6 months or
so. I emailed them back in October, and got a generic, vague response like
"check back with us soon". ?? Maybe some more people need to email them and
ask for it. ?

-Carl

"erlilo" <erling.lovik@lyse.net> wrote in message
news:5ghgp3tgcdub9mmib529qul4p4vbl2ouq@4ax.com...
> It's coming, soon;-) Look at their new/old homesite.
> <http://www.intelligentdevices.com/>
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Neil

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 03:44:20 GMT
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>news:5ghgp3tgcdub9mmib529qul4p4vbl2ouq@4ax.com...
>> It's coming, soon;-) Look at their new/old homesite.
>> <http://www.intelligentdevices.com/>
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I'm Back!!!

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 05:16:45 GMT

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 19:15:17 GMT

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---=_linux4799596a--I wish. I love me some SSC, no doubt.

"SSC" <SSC@intdevices.com> wrote in message news:4799513d\$1@linux...

>

> I'm Back!!!

>

> SSHell man - I'd even take Paris 2008 with new dedicated hardware..... :)

-Carl

"Neil" <OIUOUI@OI.com> wrote in message news:479944c3\$1@linux...

>

> No, tell me they didn't really use the word "soon", did they?

>

> Neil

>

> "Carl Amburn" <carlamburn@hotmail.com> wrote:

>>I'm not sure about that - their website has been like that for 6 months

> or

>>so. I emailed them back in October, and got a generic, vague response like

>

>>"check back with us soon". ?? Maybe some more people need to email them

> and

>>ask for it. ?

>>

>>-Carl

>>
>>
>>"erlilo" <erling.lovik@lyse.net> wrote in message
>>news:5ghgp3tgcdbub9mmib529qul4p4vbl2ouq@4ax.com...
>>> It's coming, soon;-) Look at their new/old homesite.
>>> <http://www.intelligentdevices.com/>
>>>
>>> Erling
>>>
>>> On Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:50:19 -0600, "Carl Amburn"
>>> <carlamburn@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>>
>>>>Time for native Paris !! What the heck has ID been doing??? Anything???
>>>>
>>>>-Carl
>>>>
>>>>"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote in message
>>>>news:4797f102@linux...
>>>>> Apparrantly The Soniq has dropped the year warranty down to 90 days.
> Bad
>>>>> news.
>>>>>
>>>>> AA
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>
>>
>Those blokes look way too complacent.

Rich

"Neil" <OIUOI@OI.com> wrote in message news:4799596a\$1@linux...
>
> Because EVERYBODY knows you're supposed to use plastic toy
> boats for this...He's come back to save us, I knew it. Man I miss the good old days.

Rich

"SSC" <SSC@intdevices.com> wrote in message news:4799513d\$1@linux...
>
> I'm Back!!!
>
> SSCThen just make tomorrow your best day ever.... that way THESE
will be your good old days.

Neil

"Rich Lamanna" <richard.lamanna@verizon.net> wrote:

>He's come back to save us, I knew it. Man I miss the good old days.

>

>Rich

>

>"SSC" <SSC@intdevices.com> wrote in message news:4799513d\$1@linux...

>>

>> I'm Back!!!

>>

>> SSC

>

>I hope they aren't using chlorine!

"Neil" <OIUOI@OI.com> wrote in message news:4799596a\$1@linux...

>

> Because EVERYBODY knows you're supposed to use plastic toy

> boats for this...actually when you think of it it's probably a good idea in that it may stop them from breeding any more idiots.

On 25 Jan 2008 14:37:14 +1000, "Neil" <OIUOI@OI.com> wrote:

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Part of it may also be the amp models they used for those patches.

This thing is endlessly tweakable.

2 separate ,simultaneous guitar models,2 separate simultaneous amp/effects chains ,filters,EQ,flexible routing ,sheesh.....

and then buss EQ/effects after that.

you want a Rick 360 and a danelectro56 through a Marshall stack and a Solano SLO100 at the same time? no problem.

you want altered tuning? the impossible is possible with this thing.

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<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/vg-8/messages>

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- 1) Play a guitar you already like.
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Disadvantages:

- 1) Another \$1000+
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If the VG99 can do long jump alt tunings with absolutely no artifacts, that's pretty huge. I'll have to hear it to believe it.

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Wondering if you want mix critiques?

Most of my thoughts are simply level tweaks

I'd bring that organ/rhodes type of keys way down..blowing away the bass

and drums that are the heart beat of the shit. ALso that stereo treatment

is too distracting from the song..And the horns and keys are too out front...

Also bring the vix up a CH..

Let the song chill a bit.. don't try so hard to make a "mix"

Just my thoughts...very close and better sounds than I ever get

Remember the lyric is where it is at..Listen to Culture or G Isaacs to get in vibe.

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This Sunday, Geoff will be calling in, so I can ask him anything I'd like.

In fact, Pamela Moore, aka Sister Mary, will be live in the studio with us -- she moved to the Chicago area several years ago and has been in with us a couple of times already. Last time, she brought homemade chocolate chip cookies.

So, do you, as a prog rock kinda guy, have anything you'd like to know?

Hell, for that matter, if any of you have a question....

I'll be happy to ask him and report back on the answers.

In two weeks, we'll have Peterik in the studio and Joe Lynn Turner on the phone.

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 >Very nice demo! Great players, too. Just having those bass sounds would
 be valuable for me in a trio format, switching off playing bass with the
 keyboard player. I was not impressed with the acoustic guitar sounds but
 i liked the sitar! And that beam thingy looks like fun too.

I'm gonna have to get one and try it out.

alex plasko wrote:

> bill here is a link to their video demo's for the VG99
 > it should give you a rough idea of what this is capable of.
 > as far as feeling the same as a real tube amp, uh naah, but I haven't tried
 > this through a tube amp yet so I don't know for sure.
 > I don't get the same feeling as playing through my lp-9 through my mesa
 > roadking, or one of my marshalls.
 > the tradeoff is extreme versatility .and its not a one trick pony your
 > locked in to as with with one amp one guitar at the gig or session .
 > you have a wide range of different sounds with the VG99,an amp, and your
 > favorite guitar.add a floor board controller if you need to control the
 > effects or whatever. I change patches right from my DC-1/13
 > the VG99 has a built in light beam controller and a ribbon controller so if
 > you set it on a stand right in front of you you have that option. unless
 > you rather dance on the floor controller...
 > anyway check out the videos.
 > I think the amp models are better than on the Vetta 2, and there are allot
 > more slots(400)
 > the only thing on the vetta I like better is the roger mayer Octavia effect.
 > is it better than a pod? I think so
 > more variation than on a variac? allot more
 > better than VG88 or VG8? double the processors.
 > It's not modeling nirvana yet, but 2 steps closer than last year.
 >
 >

> http://www.rolandus.com/products/productdetails.aspx?ObjectID=849&skip=true&page=video&file=vg-99_demo_video_pt1.flv

> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:479a4e65@linux...

>> Kool, Alex. I'm currently using a Vox Tonelab into a Mesa Boogie Satellite

>> which is a combo style 1x12 amp designed to be a stereo add on to a

>> regular combo (it has no real preamp). I play either a custom Strat style

>> guitar or an Ibanez Artist 335 style, depending on the gig. I'm overall

>> pretty happy with the Tonelab and Mesa tone and feel, but I am looking for

>> more sounds and options, and versatility like having a decent bass sound

>> or an acoustic sound, plus better f/x would be way cool.

>>

>> The thing I dig about my current rig is it feels very responsive and is

>> very playable, if you know what i mean. Does the VG99 feel like a real amp

>> setup, presuming you run it through a good tube power section like a 2020?

>> By the way, I rarely play heavy rock any more. I usually play funk, R&B,

>> fusion or jazz.

>>

>> alex plasko wrote:

>>> bill, I should have been more specific. I should have said that I'm not

>>> crazy about the Les Paul models. It may be more the way the patch is

>>> written than the actual model

>>> The patches using the standard humbuckers and P90's just don't sound

>>> right to me. again im saying the factory patches , not the potential of

>>> the VG99.

>>> Part of it may also be the amp models they used for those patches.

>>> This thing is endlessly tweakable.

>>> 2 separate ,simultaneous guitar models,2 separate simultaneous

>>> amp/effects chains ,filters,EQ,flexible routing ,sheesh.....

>>> and then buss EQ/effects after that.

>>> you want a Rick 360 and a danelectro56 through a Marshall stack and a

>>> Solano SLO100 at the same time? no problem.

>>> you want altered tuning? the impossible is possible with this thing.

>>> sticking a pickup at the 12th fret ?what?

>>> sorry for being unclear about the electric models.

>>> The VG99 has some serious processing power(double the previous)

>>> It fills so many needs I think everyone should get one.

>>> A VG99 through a stereo tube amp like a mesa 20/20 would be very

>>> convenient for gigs.

>>> anyway your going to have to get one to dig in on the capability of this

>>> thing cause a store demo wont give you the picture, unless you spend a

>>> day with the manual.

>>>

>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message

>>> news:479a14f7@linux...

>>>> Alex, I'm interested in something you wrote, "I'm not

>>>> crazy about the electric guitar models..." Really? I would have expected

>>>> the electric guitars to be best. What's wrong with them?

>>>>

>>>> alex plasko wrote:
>>>>> if you get a Roland VG99 y

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"Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

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"zmora" <docent191@wp.pl> wrote in message news:479f6d5e\$1@linux...
>
> Is a difference in sound quality between two system: 1 Mec 2 EDS card - 32
> tracks vs.1Mec 1 EDS card - 16 tracks ?.I ask for quality on sume bus."Neil"
<OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:479f6b20\$1@linux...
>
> Both of them sound too "constricted" to me, frankly... feels
> like I'm being suffocated trying to listen to them. The first
> one still felt like it was able to breathe a bit.
>
> The voice distortion in the 2nd version might just be me lol
> Or it could be the Portico doing it - it's

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said "less keys" - well, the song has considerably
>>>>> less keyboard presence now, especially in the verses -
>>>>> especially with the guitars up a bit where they are.
>>>>>
>>>>> 4.) As for the drums being too high-end-ish, no i didn't go for
>>>>> a big "thumpy" kick on this... I think the kick drives things
>>>>> pretty good, but I wanted a good deal of "thwack" so you could
>>>>> hear the accents come through clearly. Snare-wise - i'm diggin'
>>>>> that nice "CRACK!". It's coming across just the way I want it -
>>>>> same with the toms... you can hear the impact, and in their
>>>>> case still feel them... you know, that "tubby" tom sound. Keep
>>>>> in mind that this song has a LOT going on in terms of texture &
>>>>> layering - much of which is apparent in the lows & lo lo-mids,
>>>>> so I have to have some of the drums sitting "above" that
>>>>> tonali

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2007 15:24:37 GMT

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ty-wise, or else, as busy as it is, things can get murky

>>>>> pretty quick.

>>>>>

>>>>> 5.) Someone said the reason the guitars should come down is

>>>>> that they couldn't hear the bass - or something along those

>>&

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Posted by [tonehouse](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 00:02:54 GMT

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> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote in message news:479f8f88\$1@linux...

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>> The phrase this reminds _me_ of involves the words 'gauntlet' 'thrown
>> down'

>> and 'Deej.'

>>

>> TCB

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>

> My idea for a long time was (and sometimes still is):

>

> 1) Build 9 x PC's running windows ME. The master PC will have a MEC and

> pair of ADAT cards and each of the 8 x slaves will have a MEC 1 x EDS

> card and 1 x ADAT card.

>

> 2) Each PC has an Opcode Studio 64 XTC and the SMPTE output of the master

> triggers the daisy chained slave boxes so that they are all timeline

> locked.

>

> 3) The main mix bus of each slave PC is routed to an ADAT stereo pair

> which is routed to one of the 8 x stereo ADAT pair residing in the master

> PC.

>

> 4) 4 x Dell 2407 LCD's with whatever KVM hardware (or remote desktop

> software) may be necessary to flip between the various computers.

>

> This would create an 8 bus Paris rig, summing at the master and you would

> have the analog or spdif I/O of each MEC to use to interface outboard

> gear on the master bus insert. If you had 8 x C-16's you could create a

> very impressive looking Deejenstein. I have used all of the hardware

> described above at various times and I'd lay odds that I could pull this
> off if I wanted to go there. You're gonna need a machine room though.
>
> Whoever wants to try this with 9 x ASUS A7V-8x mobos and AMD XP 3000 CPU's
> (very reliable for me when I was using Paris) could probably pull it off
> and I'll make them a gift of my Colorgraphics Predator Pro quad AGP card
> with 4 DVI outputs which will work perfectly with this mobo on the master
> DAW and the 4 x Dell 2407 LCD's. (but probably not worth a flip with any
> other mobo that is Paris friendly).
>
> C'mon.....who's gonna step up?
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> ;o)
>
>"Sarah" <

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gt; You had me laughing and that's a healing agent right there!
>> Today's better than yesterday and it's usually like that.
>> Your well wishes are graciously accepted. =20
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>> I'll get into the studio one way or another. I am in need of a =
new
>> armless chair with wheels. Does anyone have any suggestions
>> for less than \$350 ? I like a firm lower back and adjustable
>> height at a minimum. The more bells and whistles the
>> better though.
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>> Thanks!
>> Tom
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>> "steve the artguy" <artguy@eaglenebula.com> wrote in message =
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>> Tom-
>>
>> Reading this made my hair hurt. ouch.
>>
>> Whatever you did, don't do it again!
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>> -steve

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>> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:
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>> >He guys,
>> >It's been a month since my last post. Reason being
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>> >Got some titanium inserted inside where the marrow was
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>> >due to a fever I was running. The pain was incredible for
>> >the first three weeks. Now I'm barely taking the pain meds.
>> >They helped alot though. Toes are moving and feeling. They
>> >tell me that's good. Ankle feels swollen and tender and is =
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>> >to move.
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>> >Physical therapy is in house which is great although
>> >very difficult. I am giving it all I've got to get back on =

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V>and the beer was flowing. Now =
the game was=20
 long over and</DIV>
 <DIV>three of us took a walk downstairs at =
about 3:30=20
 AM to shoot</DIV>

<DIV>some pool. The other two had =
already=20
started as I was on my</DIV>
<DIV>way down the 1930s wooden =
staircase. I made=20
it 2/3 of the</DIV>
<DIV>way down when my left foot decided to =
go left=20
just enough</DIV>
<DIV>to get lodged into the unfinished =
wall's=20
studs. My upper</DIV>
<DIV>body continued down the last four =
stairs as if=20
nothing was </DIV>
<DIV>out of the ordinary. =
Snap! There=20
goes my leg.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>In great pain my buds were =
chanting: " Shake=20
it off ! " Riiight.</DIV>
<DIV>I realized that was not an =
option. I=20
dragged my sorry ass </DIV>
<DIV>onto the stairs that had just =
accosted me. =20
I begged my</DIV>
<DIV>friends to get me home which was =
right across the=20
street.</DIV>
<DIV>The leg was hurting alot. My =
friend Dan=20
decided the best way</DIV>
<DIV>to cart my 180lb body back to my home =
was in his=20
cement dust </DIV>
<DIV>ridden wheelbarrow. I dragged =
that=20
sorrowful ass of mine up his</DIV>
<DIV>deadly stairs across the dinning room =
and into=20
his living room. </DIV>
<DIV>I couldn't stand the pain =
<FONT face=3DArial=20
size=3D2>to make it onto his sofa so I remained </DIV>
<DIV>on the floor. Dan <FONT =
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threw my body over =
his shoulder and=20
gave me the </DIV>
<DIV>fireman's walk to the <FONT =
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<DIV>There a few <FONT =
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<DIV>I was <FONT face=3DArial =
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consultation with the surgeon and 12/31 <FONT face=3DArial =
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chosen as the</DIV>

<DIV>day <FONT face=3DArial =
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operation.</DIV>

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<DIV>I can say that pain was the =
underlying theme from=20

the moment of </DIV>

<DIV>the fall until three weeks =
later. All=20

of the nurses enjoyed the ' =
wheelbarrow=20

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<DIV>chariot service ' <FONT =
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size=3D2>story and were amazed that I waited eight hours before =
</DIV>

<DIV>going to <FONT face=3DArial =
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hospital. Mass quantities of beer make men do strange=20
things.</DIV>

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<DIV>So Bill, that's my story as my =
friends and I=20

remember it. I like telling </DIV>

<DIV>it <FONT face=3DArial =

size=3D2>to those that=20
enjoy hearing about man's idiotic behavior and it's </DIV>
<DIV>potentially life=20
changing outcome.</DIV>
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ache.</DIV>
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question although =3D
> ><I'm =
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without =3D
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chair.</DIV><BR&g

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 21:25:44 GMT

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much of which is apparent in the lows & lo lo-mids,

>>>>>> so I have to have some of the drums sitting "above" that

>>>>>> tonality-wise, or else, as busy as it is, things can get murky

>>>>>> pretty quick.

>>>>>>

>>>>>> 5.) Someone said the reason the guitars should come down is

>>>>>> that they couldn't hear the bass - or something along those

>>>>>> lines... the guitars & bass are pretty freakin' tight with each

>>>>>> other - is it possible that you're not hearing the bass as

>>>>>> being where it lives, but are thinking it's part of the bottom

>>>>>>&g
