

TASCAM®

2488 Portastudio™

24-track, 24-bit, 36-channel Digital Portastudio with capacious hard drive, powerful signal processing and built-in CD-RW drive



Way way back in 1979, when we introduced the first 4-track cassette tape Portastudio, we were also helping set the professional audio industry standard for recording tracks: **twenty-four.**



Like the Portastudio, 24 recording tracks caught on, becoming the primary creative tool for artists and producers worldwide. Was then. Still is. Only now *everyone* can have access to that magic number of tracks.

Twenty-five years after the first Portastudio comes the incredible **2488**. It's by far the most affordable 24-track recording and mixing workstation ever made for home studios — and the only model within three times its price range that can truly run 24 tracks at 24-bits/ 44.1kHz.

Eight inputs can be simultaneously recorded into the XLR and 1/4" inputs. Twenty physical faders control the mixdown channels; each channel has 3-band EQ and access to three built-in effects processors.

A40GB internal hard disk gives the user ample space for twenty to thirty² 24-track songs and virtual tracks for comping. Plus the 2488 has a USB 2.0 port for back-up via home computer.

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- ▶ 24-track / 24-bit recorder (44.1kHz)
- ▶ 36-channel mixer
- ▶ 3-band EQ on 24 channels, 8-inputs, tone generator and stereo bus with high and low sweepable shelving bands and full parametric mid band
- ▶ Three aux sends on all channels except the effects return
- ▶ Loop effect provides reverb, delay, chorus and more on an aux send and return
- ▶ Assignable Guitar multi-effects processor for distortion, chorus, delay, flange and more
- ▶ Up to eight assignable dynamics processors for compression during recording or mixdown
- ▶ Dedicated Stereo Compressor on the stereo output
- ▶ Eight inputs: 4 XLR with phantom power double as 1/4" mic/line inputs, plus four dedicated 1/4" mic/line inputs
- ▶ Twenty 45mm faders including master fader
- ▶ LCD display for viewing meters and edit parameters
- ▶ CD-RW drive to record Red Book CDs, import/export WAV files and backup hard drive
- ▶ 64-voice General MIDI sound module
- ▶ Standard MIDI File player
- ▶ High-speed USB 2.0 jack connects to PC or Mac® for data backup and SMF/WAV file transfer

¹ Okay technically this 24-track recorder is circa 1987 but you get the point.

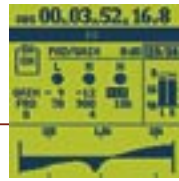
² Reasonable estimate. Your mileage may vary depending on the length of your songs and the number of virtual tracks.

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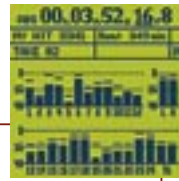
Waveform screen with variable zoom.



Parametric EQ screen



24-track/Main L/R meter screen.



The 2488's Standard MIDI player and General MIDI sound module provide an additional stereo sound source for fuller arrangements.

Complete waveform editing including cut/copy/paste/loop gives you DAW-like flexibility for building that next hit recording.

And for the final mix, the built-in CD-RW drive can turn your 2-track master mixdown into a Red Book CD, or use it to back up the hard drive or import and export .WAV files.

If you want the best of both worlds — a portable, compact workstation *and* the creative power of 24, 24-bit digital tracks — look no further. ■

Input trim controls with switchable phantom power on Channels A thru D.

Monitor section with level control, source selection and Speaker Mute.

Dual-function display controls.

Jog/shuttle wheel and cursor controls.

EQ, Send and Fader/Pan switches let you use the jog wheel as a hands-on rotary control for these functions.

Inside*: 40GB hard disk (size subject to change) gives you plenty of room for that extended dance remix version of your upcoming hit.

Auto-punch, Rehearse and Repeat buttons.

Solid-feeling transport controls with Record and Play LEDs. Stop and Play can be used as jog controls.

Four balanced XLR / 1/4" TRS mic/line inputs with switchable phantom power for studio condenser mics.

Overload LEDs for all eight inputs. Source select buttons allow linking of two inputs.

All twenty channel strips have dedicated Mute/Solo buttons, Source selection buttons with linking and Record enable controls.

Stereo master fader. Four 1/4" mic/line inputs. Input H accommodates high-impedance guitar inputs.

Dedicated Delete, Trim, Insert, Copy and Move buttons for track editing.

Dedicated Locate, In/Out, Set In/Out buttons.

Built-in power supply instead of another outlet-eating wall wart.

Wicked-fast USB 2.0 port. MIDI in and out. S/PDIF digital input & output.

Balanced 1/4" TRS outputs for your monitor speakers.

RCA analog stereo outputs. 1/4" effects sends.

*Well not inside the side trim panel, but you get the idea.

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