

# The Last\* Mackie™ Hard Disk Recorder Manual

*Confessions of a Long Time User*

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## **About this Book**

Since its introduction in the Fall of 2000, the Mackie HDR24/96 and its younger sibling the MDR24/96 have had several software updates; some to fix bugs, others adding new capabilities. Documentation beyond version 1.2 has been sparse, hence the genesis of this book. At this writing, current software is HDR Version 1.4 and MDR Version 1.3.

This book isn't intended to replace existing Mackie documentation nor is it an official or sanctioned Mackie publication. Rather, it explains new functions and features and their applications in more detail than can be gleaned from release notes. You'll also find operating tips, troubleshooting hints, modifications, some history, and a little philosophy. It's written for users who are running the latest software or are planning to update, brand new users, and those giving a new home to an "experienced" Mackie hard disk recorder.

To preserve my fumbling fingers, in most places I've dropped "24/96" and refer to the recorders as "HDR" and "MDR." I also use "HDR" to mean both HDR and MDR when something is applicable to both models.

## **About the Author**

I've been around and about audio and recording for more than 40 years. On a lark (well, and to make a little money) I joined Mackie as manager of the Technical Documentation Department just in time to get the initial instruction manuals together for the release the HDR24/96. I liked the HDR well enough to become a user myself. As a civilian (having resumed retirement) I've been assisting HDR users informally and figured it was about time to gather years answers and solutions into one place - here.

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