

Tools of the Trade**Rountree Voice Phenomena Recorder (RVPR)**

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What is a Rountree Voice Phenomena Recorder? In 2013 when we came across some research (from April 2008) that David Rountree was doing we asked ourselves the same question. In that research Rountree indicates that in all of his years of studying Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP), he found a correlation between EVPs and Electromagnetic Fields (EMF). He then built an apparatus (or prototype), called Rountree Voice Phenomena Recorder, to gather and track this evidence. Rountree has also referred to this apparatus as the Spirit 2000.

This apparatus used condenser and dynamic microphones at the same time to record audio, in stereo, to a computer with each microphone recording on a separate channel. The condenser microphones will pick up sound waves only, but the dynamic microphones will pick up both sound waves and Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) simultaneously. During data review the two types of audio can be compared by looking at the wave patterns using audio software. Any differences in those wave patterns would indicate that audio was recorded from an EMF signal. **NOTE:** I am over simplifying the entire apparatus but the details of the apparatus and Rountree's research can be found in his [Electronic Voice Phenomena Project](#).

That apparatus and others built by Rountree contained equipment that was just too expensive for most paranormal researchers to be able to afford. Additionally the setup was so large that it took a large table to hold it all...thus making it not mobile. We really wanted to try this out, but just couldn't justify the cost, as well as we wanted something more manageable. Then in 2013 when we found a video released by Paul Browning on [Youtube video](#) that demonstrated how to make a smaller, mobile, and more affordable rig that Browning called the Mobile RVPR Mark II. The Mark II used a Tascam DR40 and two dynamic mics on a portable stand.

Using that video we purchased the necessary components and built the rig; the rig is not sold as a single unit. We opted to use a Zoom H4N vs a Tascam DR40, since all you really need is a recorder that has built in condenser microphones and ports to add two external dynamic microphones. See the photos in this article for an example of our rig. We set the Zoom to record on all 4 channels in stereo and after the investigation we load the audio from the condenser and the dynamic microphones, at the same time, into Audacity to do the review.

On a side note Paul Browning further modified the Mark II by adding an EMF sensor to create the RVPR (Rountree Voice Phenomena Recorder) Mark 3. The video for how to make this rig can be found [here](#). Another note is that even though the Mark II is mobile you still can not walk around holding it and must leave it in a stationary position. This is so that the recordings are not contaminated by the movement of the rig.

In 2014 we purchased the necessary components to assemble both a Mark II and a Mark III and have used it a few times in the last 3 years. At this time we have no "evidence" to support the theory nor dispute it, but we will continue to use the rig in our research of the paranormal.

Other Source and Reference Information:

- **EVP / EMF Correlator** - <http://www.authorsden.com/visit/viewarticle.asp?id=57922>
- <http://www.tearsofcrimson.com/2013/01/david-m-rountree-author-lecturer.html>

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Mark II Rig



Mark III Rig

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