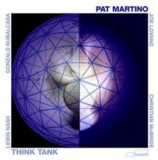
Pat Martino – Think Tank (2003)



1. The Phineas Trane (Mabern) - 6:40
2. Think Tank (Martino) - 12:09
3. Dozen Down (Martino) - 7:56
4. Sun on My Hands (Ridl) - 9:19
5. Africa (Coltrane) - 11:44
6. Quatessence (Martino) - 9:59
7. Before You Ask (Martino) - 6:53
8. Earthlings (Ford) - 5:33

Personnel:
Pat Martino (guitar);
Joe Lovano (tenor saxophone);
Gonzalo Rubalcaba (piano);
Christian McBride (bass);
Lewis Nash (drums).

‘Think Tank’, as the name suggests, finds Martino at his most cerebral, which has its pros and cons. The title track, for example, is a blues of sorts built on an equation based on the letters of John Coltrane's name, which may sound like an exercise for a composition class, but manages to hold together pretty well organically. Coltrane, a Philadelphia mentor of Martino's, is a recurring reference on the album, both indirectly in Martino's intensely spiritual and intellectual approach to the music. ‘Think Tank’ was nominated for the 2004 Grammy Award for Best Jazz Instrumental Album.

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