

The Long Play Vinyl Record

Obsolete? We hope not since there are 20,000 plus lps in the Multimedia Center's collection. If you can say "Oh yeah! I think my parents [or grand-parents] had some of those," this information is for you. Or if you played lps so long ago that you're sure you've forgotten how, this information is for you too. There is a lot of great listening in our lp collection. Many lps have never been released on cd, or ever will be.

If you're looking in the Horizon catalog and find a recording that is described as "33 1/3 rpm" and "12 in.," you found a record. Don't despair! There are ways to hear this wonderful music. Give it a try!



Everything from Blues to Broadway can be found in the MMC lp collection.



Lps from the MMC collection



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Listening to LPs (vinyl) in the Multimedia Center



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How to Play Vinyl Long Play Records

Learning to play a record on a turntable is easy, but there is a right way and a wrong way to do it. Doing it incorrectly can cause damage to the record and/or the turntable. Since the turntable represents a technology many of our users might not be familiar with, we are offering the following information to assist you in trouble-free lp listening. Check out lps, the head shell and a record cleaner at the MMC service counter.

The Turntable

Turntables are delicate, especially the tone arm, and should not be subjected to rough handling. The headshell with cartridge must be checked out at the MMC service counter when you check out the record and record cleaner. Remove and retain the clear plastic stylus guard, insert the headshell into the tone arm and screw the ring down to lock it in place. Do not touch the stylus itself. Place the record on the platter with the side up that you wish to hear. The turntable is completely manual and must be cued to start the record playing and lifted after playback is finished. Cuing individual bands on the record is also done manually. Use the lift lever to raise and lower the tone arm. The turntable should be completely stopped before turning the record over. When finished, unscrew the headshell from the tone arm, replace the stylus guard and check it back in at the MMC service counter, along with the record cleaner and record.

Handling The Record

Records should be handled on the outside edge only. If holding a record with one hand, place your thumb near the center hole. Please—no fingerprints on the record surface. When handling a record or the record is on the turntable, you should avoid scratching or gouging the record surface, including lowering the tonearm with the stylus guard still in place. Gently return the record to the sleeve, then to the cardboard jacket. The open end of the sleeve should be up so that the record is protected from dust and cannot fall out.

Cleaning The Record



INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ROUTINE PRE-PLAY CLEANING

1.

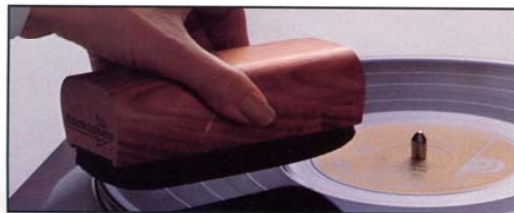
Application

Apply a thin line of D4+™ fluid (3-6 drops) on the leading edge of the pad (the arrow on the end of the handle points to the leading edge) Distribute the fluid along the leading edge of the pad using the DC-1™ Pad Cleaner to form a strip.

2.

Position

Position the Discwasher® handle/pad with the arrow end on the outside edge of the record. Gently contact the record with the damp leading edge of the pad. The turntable motor may be assisted by gently turning the record with your finger on the label.



3.

Clean/Dry

Allow the damp leading edge to contact the record for about three revolutions. Dry the record with a simple rolling movement of the handle, allowing for the middle and back edge of the pad to contact the album for several revolutions, assuring thorough drying.

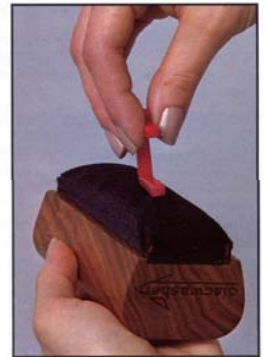


4.

Clean Pad

Clean the pad using the DC-1™ Pad Cleaner. Lightly brush the damp pad in the direction of the arrow on the Discwasher® handle. A dry Discwasher pad may be lightly brushed lengthwise.

DO NOT USE THE DC-1 PAD CLEANER AS A STYLUS CLEANER. For stylus care, we recommend the Discwasher® SC-2™ Stylus Care System, specifically designed for safe stylus cleaning.



Other Options For Listening To LPs

If you'd rather not play an lp hands on, our turntable on the rack behind the service counter can stream music to any computer on the floor or any MMC classroom. All you do is tell our staff when to start, stop or turn a record over.

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