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Subject: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [The Noise](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2022 05:09:50 GMT

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Show of hands.....How many of you read the user or owner's manual of a sound system that is brand new out of the box?

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Subject: Re: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2022 15:43:36 GMT

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I read the manuals of every piece of technical equipment I buy, and some of the non-technical stuff too. I know many people don't - there's the joke that guys never read the manuals - but I want to understand the devices I own.

And one of the cruelest acronym snide-remarks a techie can make to another is "RTFM." It's like saying "you're an idiot." If not an idiot, then at least a lazy person.

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Subject: Re: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2022 01:53:06 GMT

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Hi Everyone, I read them. It is easier to do than replace parts you broke when you didn't. Many of the things I get are sensitive or delicate and knowing how to use them is really important. Nothing like wrecking a \$750 or higher phono cartridge because you didn't know how to get the needle guard off (no I haven't done that, but it could happen). :?

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Subject: Re: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [Miami](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2022 04:35:18 GMT

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If it's a system I know nothing about, which can happen, I break out the manual. Some people read it like a book from start to finish, but there's no way I could remember everything in there.

I want to understand what I'm using, for sure, and the best way for me to go about that is to read when I need to.

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Subject: Re: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2022 05:11:22 GMT

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Reading the manual is just part of the process of setting up a new system. Growing up, I watched my older brothers when they did it, now I do it.

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Subject: Re: Reading The Manual?

Posted by [Azuri](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2022 00:38:53 GMT

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That's a good tradition to keep going. They don't just write these manuals to reduce liability, there is very useful information in those tomes. It's very dry writing, but informative.

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