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Subject: Re: Direct Drive Revisited

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I don't know about muddy sound but I have always believed that the cheaper DD's sound better than the cheaper Belts and Vice Versa. DD's have the motor connected directly to the platter so the stylus is subject to motor vibration and noise. The DD is servo controlled so the speed is never right on. The belt isolates the platter from motor vibration and the play in the belt absorbs some of the speed variation. Belt drives allow the use of much heavier platters so that rotational inertia helps with the drag imparted to the platter by the stylus tracing the grooves. Compare a really good quality belt with a decent quality DD and the difference is readily apparent. The music has more depth and 3d like presentation and you get more information out of the grooves. Turntable Factory, he's a good guy, and the prices seem fair and he does good work.

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