Subject: Turntable thrust bearing (replacement) alternative
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If the turntable thrust-bearing (the platter rides on it) needs to be replaced and you can not get a replacement for it, there is a way to get the turntable up and running -- and it can be even better than with a bearing.Recently, I replaced the thrust-bearing on my 1964 Garrard Lab-80 with two stacked washers that I formed out of Teflon sheeting. The bearing had been "missing in action" for many years -- the platter riding only on the (well lubed) phenolic bearing-race (the little ball-bearings were retained in holes in the race -- and they fell out years ago when the platter was removed for some reason). A benefit from the use of Teflon-on-Teflon is that the turntable rumble [turntable on, no record -- and amp. at full volume] had virtually disappeared. And the speed is dead-on for the first time in years.If you perform this "operation", please let me know how it worked out for you.