
Subject: More questions?

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Thanks Manualblock and Gideon Bible for your information. I am trying to put together a good turntable arm set up for around the \$300 to \$500 range. Both of you have mentioned experiences with Thorens tables. Could you please give me some recommendations for a good combination, table, arm and cartridge that plays music. I really am not into the hyper analytical sound character that can get fatiguing after a short time, I like vacuum tube based audio. I have a Curcio Daniel preamplifier that has its phono stage set to the higher gain setting, around 53 db gain total with the line gain. I do not think that this phono stage will like any cartridge that has more gain than 2.5 mV without overloading it. My equipment stand is a very robust floor design, it is sitting on my concrete slab, so foot falls are not an issue. The top section of my equipment stand has 2.25" of MDF and a .75" piece of marble setting on top of that with a sheet of isodamp between the marble and MDF. Most of my research in looking for a bang for the buck turntable tonearm has zeroed in, leaning toward the Thorens TD-150 with a Rega RB-250 arm rewired to include an upgraded counter weight and VTA adjuster. Also, to top of this set up would possibly be to use a Grado 1.5 mV Reference grade cartridge, what do you guys think? If you can think of something better, that is not more than \$500, please let me know. I have seen comments by many who think that a well set up tricked out Linn LP-12 is the most musical turntable in the world, but that is way more than \$500. Thanks Norris Wilson
