
Subject: Re: I'm about to try an Ariston RD-11

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Hi everyone, I have owned mainly floating suspension type turntables in the past, so a direct drive table would be fairly new to me. I did hear a couple inexpensive Kenwood and Denon direct drive tables many years ago, I don't recall the models, but I was not impressed with them. Obviously, this has no bearing on a good direct drive table, but I think I would prefer to stick with what I am familiar with. My last turntable was a VPI HW MKIII with an ET-2 air bearing tonearm. But I have been without a turntable close to seven years now, and that is too long. This has been long enough for my memory to dim somewhat, so I can use all the help I can get. I found a Linn LP-12 with Vahalla power supply and Ittok MkVII tone arm for a \$500 asking price. But they state that the unit needs a fuse, that concerns me. I have done a little bit of research regarding possible causes that would blow out a fuse in the Vahalla. It looks as the overwhelming consensus is that the unit needs to be completely rebuilt with a kit sold through Linn dealers. The supply does not just need a capacitor change, but I do not know what the kit contains. I would assume that the clocking chips have shorted out. Do any of you have any experience with problems associated with the Vahalla power supply, and could you guide with some advice? Also, do you think this relatively clean LP-12 is worth the asking price, especially if I would have to rebuild or replace the Vahalla supply? I have seen somewhere that someone has designed an Armageddon DIY type power supply that can be built for a few hundred dollars. Does anyone know where I could find this supply design information? Again, have any of you had any experience with it? And finally, to answer Maulablock's question about the Daniels input impedance, yes it does have a 47k Ω impedance. Thanks everyone for your help and guidance. I hope you will be able to help me with these additional questions? Norris Wilson
