
Subject: Re: Perhaps I should point out.....

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.....that I got ticked at the V.O.A. when they raised the price from 50 cents to 69 cents each album. And my cart cost \$39. Perhaps when the Ariston/SME is up and running I'll buy a few lightly used or even new records and some bottled cleaner. I should also point out that my late lamented vinyl collection was mostly acquired through years when my stereo consisted of a Panasonic 2 piece player with ceramic cartridge, then a Garrard Lab 80 with Shure cart of obscure origin and length of service. When I moved on up to the East Side and acquired first a Kenwood 650, then an AR-XA and finally a VPI HW-19 III with ET arm and Talisman Virtuoso DTI cart the albums still sounded good and quiet. My care regimen back then was the Discwasher brush with the fluid bottle in the handle and never touching the playing surface with my hands. Now I read all this obsessing over the care of a polymer that is designed to have a piece of diamond dragged over it at very high P.S.I. and temperatures over 120 Celsius. I appreciate the advice but will remain a curmudgeon for now.
