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Subject: Re: Buying a turntable

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I think he needs a built in Phono-stage because he is going directly into the PC and doesn't want to have to route through an outboard phono stage. Is that correct; Allan? I get the impression he doesn't want to build his own from his post. Also the tables he mentions are very inexpensive which would lead me to believe he probably won't be going for a 500 or 600\$ Thorens. But maybe I'm wrong. The Hagtech comes in around 150\$ once you mount it in an enclosure and that requires some work and electrical knowledge. Many of the recent questions posted on this Turntable site are pretty basic; seems like guys want 150\$ tables that play right into the PC. For serious playback of vinyl that would be of value you really need to ratchet the price up above 400 or 500\$ in my humble opinion. There is one way. A Technics SL 3300 which uses the same arm as the SL 1300. That is a very inexpensive table if bought used. Then you need a Shure M 97 ed cart which you glue the stylus onto the cartridge body with crazy glue. Then get a 1970's receiver from the Salvation Army for 20\$ and use the phono stage through the Tape out jacks. Those older receivers had pretty good phono stages and since that is all you will use then it sounds good played through your existing electronics. Total outlay? About 150\$ And it will equal most modern players and stages you can get for around 400\$ or so. Even the 200\$ cheap tables need a 75\$ cartridge and a phono stage. That puts you at 400\$

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