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Subject: Taking care of your Vinyls

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Always store the actual record in a paper sleeve. Insert the record in its paper sleeve into the jacket for storage. Inserting a record straight into the jacket can cause scuff marks on the record surface. Paper sleeves are much gentler. Make sure the opening of the paper sleeve is pointed up, while the opening of the jacket should be pointed to the right. This helps insure that if you do something stupid and drop the jacket, or allow the record in the sleeve to slide out of the jacket, then just the record in the jacket will fall out, i.e. the record itself WON'T fall out. If it did, the record would almost certainly be damaged. NEVER touch the playing surface of the record. Always handle a record by either grasping firmly the outer edge of the record, as when removing from sleeve, or cupping the record in your hand, your fingers supporting the center of the record, where track info, etc. is printed, and have edge of the record braced against your hand and thumb. Clean off the surface of the record EACH TIME before playing it. Either with the special record cleaning brush, or by blowing the dust off. Try not to spit on the record while doing this! NEVER brush off dust with your fingers or anything other than the special record cleaning brush. When positioning the needle on the record, always raise and lower it EXACTLY VERTICALLY. Lower and lift the needle SLOWLY, being careful not to "skate" the needle in the process. This could cause bad scratches. Brace your hand against the base of the turn-table, and manipulate the arm/cartridge using your thumb, or delicately lift the arm/cartridge directly using your index finger. When finished playing the record, raise it EXACTLY VERTICALLY off of the turntable. Grasp both edges of the record to do this. Then once lifted off the table, switch the record to one hand, and use the other hand to open the sleeve to place the record in. Do not leave the record on the turntable for longer than necessary otherwise dust will quickly accumulate on the surface.

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