Subject: Kenwood KD-500/Grace 707, Cartridge replacement suggestions
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Gentle people,
This is my cherry post. I have owned the above mentioned table/arm combo since the '70s. Purchased the bare table, and arm, had them mounted with a Sonus Blue cartridge. I played this table in my system through several amp/preamp combo's, and was always happy with the sonics.

During the '80s I got lazy and bought a linear tracking table which would lift the arm, ergo I didn't have to get up... I said I got lazy.

FF 25 yrs. I want my Kenwood back in the system. Problem is, I un-boxed it to find the tonearm not resting in the rest , stylus destroyed(in a move most likely). Can't locate a replacement.

I would appreciate recommendations as to what I should look for which would give me similar sonics, and how to go about mounting a new cartridge. When I purchased the setup I had a high end shop handy to do the work for a reasonable fee. Now when you talk to anyone in a big box store about working on a turntable they look at you like you've grown a second head. Sadly there aren't any high end shops left 'round here, at least none I 'm aware of.

I hope this doesn't make me sound too lame, I just can't see buying the tools to properly mount and align a cartridge for only one use.

What say ye? (today is ITLPD after all)

John