Subject: Re: Cleaning CDs
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Cleaning CD surfaces may not be as necessary as cleaning vinyl because the disc reader does not actually touch the disc, but cleaning them should be done on occasion. Never wipe a CD in a circle! Always wipe them radially, preferably from the inside out. They are made of vinyl, just like LPs, so do not touch the playing surface with your finger tips, as this may eventually cause deterioration (from finger grease). Lint free clothes work best.

In addition, be careful not to scratch the back of the disc (the "painted" side). The playing surface has a back up layer of information in a replicated disc, so if it gets scratched accidentally, there is still the information there behind the top layer and the disc may still play. If you scratch the back and the lining with the data flakes off, the disc is irreparable.