Subject: Re: Vinyl to computer without using USB.
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Hi, I have 4 converters (ADCs) including a Behringer UCA222 a M Audio ML03-00233, A Creative X-FI Surrround 5.1 and a vintage Creative SB0490 AKA Sound Blaster USB from about 5 years ago. All do the job fairly well but only the old SB is suitable for use with my Toshiba laptop. All work with the desktop though. The issue is noise getting into the audio via the power from the USB connection. Apparently none of the other units has very good power filtering on board and a whine at about 2-4KHZ at about -65 to -75db gets through. The older SB seems to either be immune to the power issue or has better filtering as I can get at least 10 more db S/N. The easiest to use is the Behringer and M Audio. The new Creative 5.1 is the least convenient. My suggestion is to ask around and see if someone is using your PC,operating system and other hardware and find out what they are using. I use the native (new version) of Creative's software to capture the sound and Audiocity to clean it up. There are several free programs to do either job, these just work for me. You might check with the vinylengine.com forum as I recall several threads on how to go about capturing vinyl to digital.

Looking at the links you provided, my inclination would be for the audio genie as it is externally powered based on the problems I had with USB powered ones. The ESI might be a better unit though. Unfortunately there are many out there and the specs don't always tell you anything useful.