
Subject: Re: E-Go Tonearm

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2012 02:34:27 GMT

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Hi, As an avid vinyl junkie.... I have some concerns about that arrangement. Several factors are quite critical in tone arm alignment on the turntable. If the mounting hole, board or anything else is not on spec then the pre-aligned arm will not be correct. Additionally not all arms are the exact same length even within the typical sizes. A variation of a few mm from brand to brand and even within models of the same brand will mean the arm will not match the TT unless you set it up on the TT. I find the process is not all that difficult. With a suitable alignment protractor (several free ones are on [vinylengine.com](#) forum) it is relatively an easy process to get the parameters right. Then the setting the tracking force is really just a simple measurement. The only setting that can be elusive is the anti-skating. Here it depends a lot on the actual arm, turntable and cartridge. Manufacturer's guidance is just that. There are plenty of hints and tips on the VE site and with as many members as there are it is quite likely that someone else has already done exactly what you want to do and will be glad to assist. It seems to me that the "improvement" is more a marketing gimmick than a real benefit. I would not trust my vinyl to a pre-aligned arm.
