Subject: Re: Will playing the records cause damage?
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Hi, Playing them regardless of age is not harmful. However they should be cleaned, at least dusted. Perhaps more importantly the stylus (needle part of the phono pickup) is probably worn or damaged. It really should be replaced before you play anything. If there is a "dud" LP you could use it as a test record and see if anything actually works. Replacement stylus are available for nearly all cartridges. You tend to get what you pay for in them. Cheap ones can possibly damage the records as much as an already bad one. High priced ones are probably overkill. The turntable itself will probably need to be cleaned and re-lubricated. The grease tends to dry out cause it to not operate correctly. My suggestion is to go to vinylengine.com and log into the forums there. There are a lot of great folks and they don't mind assisting newcomers. There are service manuals and plenty of good tips as well.