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Subject: Re: Questions about vinyl

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Hi, I get a lot of records from second hand record/cd/dvd stores. ZIA record exchange in my area is tops. Many are \$1 or less and often just fine. Some may have to be cleaned (another thread is on that topic). For something to play them on ...that is a really big can of worms. It is true that the cheapo players that are on the market (usually under \$100) will play them but the sound quality is IMO really poor. In this instance price does tend to equate to quality. For new inexpensive gear Pro-ject turntables are hard to beat and run in the \$300 range. Often used ones are for 1/2 that. Buyer beware that some have been trashed and show up as well. You will need an amplifier that can handle the signal from the turntable that supplies the needed gain and equalization (normally RIAA) and a pair of speakers. Do not skimp on them. Some home theater amps will work and most can take an external "phono preamp" and do the job fairly well. Such preamps cost from about \$25 to thousands. There are several good ones in the under \$100 range. Such a system (HT amp and speakers with turntable, and if needed phono preamp) will often sound nice and give you enough of a taste of vinyl to see if you really want to get involved. If not then you can sell off the stuff and move on. I personally am a vinyl lover. I have 100's of LPs, 6 turntables and premium amps and speakers. Certainly not for everybody, but it is my passion.

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