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Subject: Re: Longest you've used a cartridge  
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Hi, A good link. I have a 10-200X digital scope that feeds a PC monitor or HDMI TV. It has its own screen but it is only about 6 inches diagonal and not good enough to see what you need to see. As Wayne noted even knowing what to look for it is difficult to determine if a stylus is worn enough to replace. Micro ridge and similar ones are especially hard to tell. If I have any doubts it gets replaced. Styli are replaceable many LPs are not. If it is an expensive cartridge especially one that the stylus is not user replaceable I send it off to a pro to evaluate and if needed replace. This does cost \$\$ though. Often in the area of \$75-100. Still cheap insurance on protecting the LPs. For folks that have modest budgets I would stick to cartridges that have easily replaceable stylus. The 55E should not be difficult to find a replacement for. Check over on the vinylengine web site for help in getting a good source. I would assist on that, but have no cartridges by that company.

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