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Subject: Re: Longest you've used a cartridge  
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Meanwhile over at the Vinyl Engine. A few, (obsessed?) individuals have done some exhaustive investigations into stylus wear.

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More power to them but, I can't get the inspiration to go to those lengths looking at these tiny things. I'm with you there Strum Drum. If it starts to sound funky, then time to get a replacement stylus. And as I've mentioned, with my stable of carts now. Doing a prudent rotation keeps the replacement issue to a minimum. I think.

Things can get so esoteric with hobbies. Delving into these issues. I remember as a kid that the needle as was the parlance then to call the stylus. When it would change sound character, nudging one to look at the thing. It'd be covered in a ball of lint that you'd run your finger across to clean it. Contact patches were as far away from your mind as Pluto was.

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