Subject: Does the turntable still make a huge difference in a vinyl setup?
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I would like to know if the turntable still makes the biggest difference in a vinyl setup. You know, I've seen a lot of people say that the turntable itself is the most important component in the setup while others claim that the phono stage and cartridge got a bigger say in how the final sound turns out.

Let's say someone is using a good Technics SL-1200GR2 with an Audio-Technica VM540ML cartridge, do you think upgrading the phono stage make a more noticeable difference instead of getting an expensive turntable?

I am also putting into consideration that some of this might be down to what someone likes to upgrade first. You know some would want settings while other would want as much detail as necessary.

So, what is that component that you upgraded in your vinyl record that made a big difference? Was it down to personal choice or what was required to change at the time?