Subject: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by Nevermind on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 11:13:33 GMT
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A buddy of mine was showing off some of his old vinyl to me recently and we decided to have a listen to The White Album. When he put the record on the turntable I gasped when I saw that he had a dime taped to the tone arm.

WHY oh WHY would someone do this? Yes, it does prevent the needle from skipping, but it also adds too much weight to the stylus and it will eat away at your records. If you care about your records at all please for the love of all that is holy, don't tape a coin to your tone arm. If your player is that old, get a new one with adjustable weights for the tracking.

That is all.

Subject: Re: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by audioaudio90 on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 14:38:05 GMT
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I cringe when I see that and then gently explain why it's a bad idea. The person usually has no idea and will take the coin off because they don't want to ruin their vinyl either.

Subject: Re: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by woofer on Thu, 24 Feb 2011 18:29:45 GMT
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I remember seeing a lot of people doing this back in the day. I didn't know that it would damage the vinyl, however. I wonder how many records were ruined because of that? Now I'm the only one I know that still has a turntable and I'll be sure never to do that.

Subject: Re: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by SiliconChip on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 14:24:37 GMT
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We used to have a turntable where the head-shell would come off. Not a very reliable unit, though I don't think it caused any damage. We couldn't listen to our records anymore, though. If I'd kept all my vinyl albums, I'd probably buy a new turntable, but alas I no longer have them.

Subject: Re: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by Wuzajock on Mon, 21 Mar 2011 13:41:23 GMT
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Yep, we all used to do that in radio stations as vinyl wore out pretty quickly there. And they ALL had cue burn at the beginning. Records were spun, by hand, to the first note of the song, then backspun a quarter turn. This assured that when the turntable was started, the music was there 1 second later. However, it surely ruined the record and caused it to hiss eventually.

Subject: Re: please don't do this to your vinyl
Posted by AudioFred on Tue, 22 Mar 2011 01:46:48 GMT
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I wonder if a silver coin sounds better than a copper coin. Ditto for a pure gold coin. My wife has an 1881 gold dollar. I'll try it on my VPI Classic and will report back.