
Subject: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [Howard](#) on Sat, 03 Jan 2004 05:37:15 GMT
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Dear TT forum,I have just picked up a nice old AR XB1 on eBay. (circa 70's) The plastic headshell is missing a notch and will not lock into the arm I need to find a spare from somewhere. Or has anyone any suggestions regarding a new tonearm.I would like to keep it original if possibleHowardQueensland
my audio page

Subject: Re: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Sat, 03 Jan 2004 11:54:13 GMT
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Last year theneededoctor.com had black headshells for about \$50USThere's ARGuy on E-Bay who has some parts and an upgrade motor and AudioXpress has articles archived on installing Grace tonearm and other upgrades

Subject: Re: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [Howard](#) on Sat, 03 Jan 2004 12:44:01 GMT
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Dear BillThanks for the valuable information. I have started by contacting the needle doctor in MNI assume you own something similarI also own a Merrill modified AR Legend (ES). Owned from new. It is basically a XB1 in new clothes. I have included a picture above.Thanks againHoward

Subject: Re: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 03 Jan 2004 18:29:58 GMT
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The pinout on the original plastic headshell is deeper than standard units I believe the only one you can use is the original, thats why they are so scarce. I have lots of parts for them but no headshells, sorry.

Subject: Re: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 08 Jan 2004 20:01:29 GMT
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Hi Howard I wanted to elaborate somewhat on the mods for AR xb. There was a tutorial in the original Audio Ameteur that presented a list of mods including the tonearm,motor and platter. I performed most of them and I can tell you the results compared to a Technics 1200 and a Thorens td 160. Before the mods the ar was dull and boomy. After it handily wiped the technics and compared with the Thorens. The best part is it turned the arm into a good tracker enabling me to use my shure type iv wich is high compliance and usually would not work well in that arm. Basically we tightened up the bearings with plumbers tape, ground down that nub on the bearing housing and secured it with epoxy, coated the platter with golf club lead shaft tape reversed the leads to the motor and upgraded the power supply cap shrink wrapped the tonearm shaft and some other mods. If you are interested I would be glad to forward the original methods, but I must say I used the table for some time and only surrendered when I got my lp 12. The original tonearm can sound pretty good.

Subject: Re: REQUIRED:HEADSHELL FOR AR XB1
Posted by [Howard](#) on Thu, 08 Jan 2004 20:47:45 GMT
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Dear Manualblock.Thanks for taking the time to write. Yes I am most interested. Perhaps we can contact each other directly via emailhoward@eastmarinedrive.comBest WishesHoward
