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Subject: Turntable setup question

Posted by [Cam Ewart](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 02:40:13 GMT

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Hello all,I am wondering if someone could offer some advice. Every turntable I have ever owned has the same problem. The last 2" or so on each side starts to sound distorted, with loss of treble and poor sound quality in general.Naturally I check to make sure the needle isn't dirty, then I put it back down and the same thing happens. If I then jump back to the start of the album, everything sounds great...I had my Technics SL1200MkII 'professionally' set up by the local store - should this be happening?Thanks for any info,Cameron Ewart

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Subject: Re: Turntable setup question

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 03:43:10 GMT

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Maybe tracking or balance weight is off? If the symptom grows as the needle gets nearer to the center, I would suspect tone arm geometry issues of some sort.Then again, maybe its just dirty and the needle is picking up more stuff as it goes along. That's easy enough to take care of.

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Subject: Re: Turntable setup question

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 13:13:33 GMT

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Hi Cameron;There will always be some inner groove distortion due to the limitations of tonearm geometry, but it should not be so apparent, I suspect you have an cartridge alignment problem. You did not state how you set-up your cartridge, how old it is, or what make and model as some are more critical of variations in azimuth, VTA and other factors. The merrill set-up pamphlet is excellent for understanding these requirments and showing how to implement them. There is a copy floating around here somewhere if you are interested.J.R.