
Subject: AR XB1 wire ring mod?
Posted by [Howard](#) on Thu, 25 Mar 2004 11:12:20 GMT
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Dear JR and fellow forum members, Firstly I would like to thank John for his assistance and kind donation of parts. I must have set up at least five different headshells. All of which have slightly different collars (all completely different to the plastic original) To my dismay none work 2 of them simply did not tighten at all into the arm tube. Those that nearly made it generated a loud hum or at best one channel of audio. This evening I thought some more and I experimented with split metal pins inserted between the plastic ring and the head-shell notch. My final idea involved a ring of wire inbetween notch and plastic ring. What a complete success!!!! I am delighted since I have found a very easy way of using a none standard headshell with this great old deck. I have included a picture with a close up of the mod. Its actually quite difficult to notice. Proof that simple ideas are the best. Best Wishes to all Howard(Sunshine Coast)

Subject: Re: AR XB1 wire ring mod?
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 25 Mar 2004 13:04:15 GMT
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Hey Howard, nice work, I see you polished up the counterweight, sharp ain't it! Tell us when you are ready to implement some of the mods, you will be very surprised at how well they work!

Subject: Re: AR XB1 wire ring mod?
Posted by [Howard](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2004 05:45:22 GMT
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Dear John, I think the new weight looks great. I can relax and enjoy using it now that I have sorted fixing a headshell. The wood work is a little battered around the edges so I would like to build a new plinth (out of ply). Have you any experience with this? Also where is the best place to order a couple of new belts? Thanks again for the parts and manual Howard

Subject: Re: AR XB1 wire ring mod?
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 27 Mar 2004 00:07:52 GMT
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Hey Howard, Vilchur designed the xa and xb I think you asked that earlier. I hate to say this but I

think I sent the wrong headshell because I was downstairs earlier and lo and behold headshell under the el 84 chassis. Surprise;surprise! Looks like you got it sorted out though. Are you interested in the tonearm mods? They work well. And they are easy to do. and undo if so desired. The belt is standard: E-mail Tim@turntablebasics.com he will have it and lots of other interesting turntable stuff on his site. The only thing I tried on the plinth was plasti-clay. Just molded it all around inside. Seemed to help but I couldn't say how. By far the arm mods make the most change. SLFN,J.R.

Subject: Re: AR XB1 wire ring mod?
Posted by [Howard](#) on Sun, 28 Mar 2004 04:46:19 GMT
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Dear John,Thanks for the information. I will get in touch with Tim shortly.I am interested in any mods you are willing to pass on. I have spent time listening to the XB1. It is nice sounding in soft way. Nothing to worry about, but it lacks a bit of bite. Particularly in the bottom end. I was using a VFET amp (known for bass) and a couple of Pioneer CS911s (with 15in bass drivers) and alnico tweeters.The plinth is actually not bad. I will probably keep it as is. The deck really isolates external vibration. The 1967 advert is right you can strike the top plate with no effect on playingThanks againHoward
