
Subject: Turntable won't turn?

Posted by [Jon](#) on Sun, 13 Feb 2005 15:48:38 GMT

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Hi. Today, whilst clearing out the attic, I found my Mum's old hifi. Its a Phillips, and the Turntable is labelled 808. It won't turn, but I don't know why. Its my first experience with turntables of any sort, so I don't really know where to start. I thought it could be the fuses, but the radio tuner (which connects through the turntable) is working, so its not that. A friend suggested that it could be the drive belt, but if the drive belt was loose/broken, surely I'd be able to hear the motor turning when I press Start? If you need any photos, just ask. Thanks, Jon

Subject: Re: Turntable won't turn?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 13 Feb 2005 17:07:13 GMT

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Might not be a belt; that is an older model so it could be a idler wheel. In either case you must lift the platter and observe the motor to see if it is turning when you apply power. Let us know.

Subject: Re: Turntable won't turn?

Posted by [Jon](#) on Mon, 14 Feb 2005 12:15:40 GMT

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Crap, I feel like an idiot now. I lifted the platter, and the motor *is* turning, it looks like it would be a belt drive system, but there's no belt there. a) How do I find out what belt size I need? b) How much would one be? I might just buy a turntable from eBay..

Subject: Re: Turntable won't turn?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 14 Feb 2005 15:30:56 GMT

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Where'd the belt go? Did you check inside the unit, it might have fallen off. Are you sure it's a belt, is there a big rubber wheel on top of the motor? To get a belt go to VinylEngine and look up your table for the size, most likely 11". Then there are several sites that sell belts. Check the motor first though and make sure it is a belt. If you find the belt you can measure the width of the belt pulled taught but not tight and x2 for the length. There are only 2 or 3 sizes so close is good enough.

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Posted by [John Chleapas](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2005 05:35:43 GMT

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Try emailing or better yet call garage-a-records. It is one of the links below to get you going in your search. Also keep in mind you will need a new stylus before you destroy any playable records on your new t/table if the stylus is NFG. On Ebay buying it is VERY risky. Sadly most sellers have no clue how to properly pack and ship a turntable. Perhaps use the advanced search feature on ebay to limit yourself to only tables in your state. Or look at AudioGon for tables near you. In my area is the WantAdvertiser that has used stereo gear for sale, also try the Craigslist. It is far safer to buy something close to you to avoid heartache when the box arrives with a smashed table due to improper packaging. Good luck! John C.

Google search for turntable parts to get you started..
