Subject: Repairing scratched records
Posted by vhfspeeks on Sun, 22 Jan 2017 11:24:25 GMT
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If vinyl gets damaged, scratches can ruin the listening experience. If this happens the only way I know to recover some tracks is to capture them in a computer and piece them back together, which is necessary because some of these tracks never came out on CD. Do you know any better ways to do this, or ways to repair the original records?

Subject: Re: Repairing scratched records
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 23 Jan 2017 01:23:33 GMT
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I've always considered the safe treatment of vinyl records to be preventative rather than remedial. If the record becomes damaged, then it's "game over" to me - time to replace the disk.

So I take care of the albums I have by storing them appropriately in a temperature controlled environment, handling them properly when getting them out to play them, cleaning them properly before playing them, and only using a high-quality turntable with a good stylus set at the right tracking weight and anti-skating force.

Subject: Re: Repairing scratched records
Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 24 Jan 2017 17:36:21 GMT
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Hi, I agree with Wayne on this one. However....on damaged LPs that can not be replaced I have a few. Not available at any reasonable price. I will digitalize them at 24/96 and 24/192 depending on the actual quality of the LP. I will then edit the problem and record the fixed music to a reel to reel tape (at 7.5 IPS). This is nearly as good as the original.

Subject: Re: Repairing scratched records
Posted by vhfspeeks on Wed, 25 Jan 2017 15:11:05 GMT
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Sadly, they came to me damaged. I picked up a record collection from an older navy veteran, and the records had been played onboard in rough seas. I'd rather like to recover them because they are unusual, just not in good condition.

Thanks for the advice @gofar99. It's a better way than mine.

Subject: Re: Repairing scratched records
Posted by Silver on Wed, 01 Feb 2017 16:29:46 GMT
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Reel to reel still has practical uses, that's for sure. I would have to pay someone like GoFar to do it for me though, my skills here aren't that advanced.