
Subject: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [liz](#) on Tue, 05 Apr 2005 21:50:27 GMT
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I recently got a turntable second hand and during the shippeng the counterwieght and the part that went through it broke off. I was wondering if there is anything I can do to fix it? Thanks

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Thu, 07 Apr 2005 12:36:21 GMT
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Perhaps a little more info? what table, arm, is it broken like something is pulled off or fell off, or is something "Snapped" off broken, or what? Based on your inquirey it sounds like you just need to put it back on. Not to be a smart ass, I just see you are getting no responses and I am sure it is from a lack of more info surrounding the nature of your problem. Please try again with more info. Otherwise, it may require a new arm, a recommendation for which would be difficult without more info. Russellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 07 Apr 2005 18:10:47 GMT
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Funny how all these oddball questions start with a female name and then go nowhere. I think someone has too much time on their hands. And I don't see females anywhere else on the forum. Silly.

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Thu, 07 Apr 2005 21:46:24 GMT
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Yes, it is odd, but would hate to ignore a real request. This person is known as devilish_angel902@hotmail.com, ip address 24.153.2.69 Probably doing the footwork for some lazy boyfriend. used to run into this years ago when I sold guns. Female calls not knowing what the guy wants and you can hear him in the background prompting the poor woman what to ask. No doubt he's sitting naked in a naugahide bean bag eating cheetos. Russellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [liz](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2005 00:03:00 GMT
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lol, okay, you want info: it is Pioneer PL-200 direct drive auto-return turntable. The part of the tone arm that broke is the part the goes through the counterweight to hold it on. It snapped off during shipping and the seller is not taking responsibility for the fact that it was their fault (they said i was SOL) because they did not remove it from the tone arm and package it seperately. And it is MY turntable, i'm just new to the them

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2005 04:39:01 GMT
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If it snapped and broke it has probably had it. I just looked at ebay and there were several on there, one was buy it now for around 80 bucks. I don't know what condition yours is in or what it cost, but they seem fairly plentiful, all you need is a real cheap one that doesn't have to even work, and pirate the arm. Also, you might contact "the turntable factory". I don't mean the factory it was made, I mean a turntable repair/sales/supplies type of place. I believe it is www.theturntablefactory.com, but google it if not. If anyone might have such a part laying around, it would be him. Very popular turntable repair/tuning reasonably done. Or if it could be fixed, he could probably fix it. Perhaps you have an insurance claim of some sort? or crappy packing by seller? sometimes in shipping, no matter how well packed an item can be obliterated. If ebay, they have some dispute resolution of some sort if the seller is to blame. Hopefully you had it insured? Turntables are the most damage prone component for shipping, unless very carefully packed, preferably in the original packing boxes and materials. The arm should be secured in some fashion if mounted to the table with a twisty tie so it doesn't fly all around in shipping. Regards, Russellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2005 04:53:51 GMT
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Well, if it broke it has probably had it, but if it could be fixed the folks at "the turntable factory" would be the ones to ask. Also, I just looked on ebay and there were several, one "buy it now" for around 80 bucks. It appears that they are plentiful, watch ebay for another one cheap, that doesnt even have to work, just to pirate the arm. again, the turntable factory may have or be able to lead you to an arm. was the packing poor? perhaps the seller is to blame. If ebay, I believe they have some dispute resolution help. Hopefully you insured it, and at least you have an insurance claim with the shipper. Sometimes, no matter how well packed an item can be destroyed. Turntables are particularly vulnerable. best bet is probably the turntable factory. I believe it is

www.theturntablefactory.com but google it if not. Anyone have a dead PI 200 out there?
RegardsRussellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2005 04:56:48 GMT
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Well, my first message disappeared so I had to re write it, now some how I have posted both. I guess I've wasted enough bandwidth now. sorry wayne!Russellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Dominic](#) on Sat, 09 Apr 2005 01:25:00 GMT
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It is almost impossible to find another counterweight.Ok here's what you may want to do. Measure the apporximate weight you need, probably around 10 ounces or so. measure the diameter of your tone arm (1/4 inch). It will be larger at the other side of the fulcrum (1/3 inch). Go down to Home Depot or Lowes and find several big bolts which will not cost you much. Try these out. When you can get the stylus to balance just barely above the record then that is zero grams. tap a hole in the bolt (1/16 or so) and put in a set screw.Carefully adjust the counterweight inward so that it causes the stylus to deflect 1/16 inch which should be about 2 grams. you are set.
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Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Sat, 09 Apr 2005 13:49:25 GMT
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Do you mean nuts or bolts? I don't understand how these bolts are connected to the end of the tonearm. If you mean a nut, I understand, but if that end of the tonearm is broken off too close to the pivot point, there is either nothing to attach to, or not enough length for a weight of reasonable size to counterbalance the cartridge end. The turntable factory deals with these types of tables and fixes them regularly, maintaining large quantities of "donor tables" to pirate from, or so claims his web site. On the other hand, I found the same table "buy it now" on ebay (the other day when the thread started) for 79.99, and several at low current bidding. At that price, (I've paid more for platter mats) I'd just get another rather than ship it all over, again risking the demolition derby that moves packages around. Perhaps she could just send the tonearm in, which is easier to package and send than a turntable.Regards, Russellc

Subject: Liz, which arm does your table have?
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Sat, 09 Apr 2005 14:09:36 GMT
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I also just noted that several PL 200s are on ebay, but one shows a straight arm tube and another shows the typical s shape arm. which is yours? I emailed the turntable factory and inquired about your PL 200 problems, and whether or not he has a replacement arm. Also, one PL 200 I looked at said "semi automatic" the other did not say. Is this tables arm manual, or is it supposed to pick up automatically (or, I guess semi automatically) at the end of album play?Russellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Sun, 10 Apr 2005 11:25:20 GMT
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I heard back from the turntable factory and they agreed that the table is to inexpensive to warrant repair, so they don't mess with it. He also felt you had an issue with the seller based on improper packing. Sorry but it sounds like a new table is in order. If you get one from ebay, check to see if this is a one time table seller, or someone who sells components of this sort regularly. Communicate to the seller that you want it packed like its the end of the world, and insure it. All parts of the table must be secured and all components should be wrapped in 4 inches of bubble wrap, boxed, foam around that box for about 4 more inches, then another box. Cover packed seperatly inside. Tell seller you will accept nothing else, before auction is complete. Buy from sellers who care about there rating, and check their feedback. RussellcRussellc

Subject: Re: HELP! my counterweight broke off
Posted by [liz](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2005 13:56:03 GMT
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Thanks! The seller is going to try and get me a new tone arm and counterweight (after a long struggle convinving them that the reason it broke wasd because they packed it wrong)if they can't find one the they will give me my money back. Thanks again!

Subject: Re: Liz, which arm does your table have?
Posted by [liz](#) on Tue, 12 Apr 2005 15:28:31 GMT
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thanks for your reply...it has an s shape arm. Also, i think it picks up automatically because I did

try to use it before I knew what was really wrong, and at the end of the record it lifted up and moved away on its own. But I have since learned that it was the counterweight thread that broke, which is evidently a common thing with PL series turntables and the seller said they would send a new one for me. Thanks for all of your help!
