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Subject: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Bob Soden](#) on Sun, 31 Oct 2004 18:05:32 GMT

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Hey Wayne, Ok, so you have lit a spark in me, and now I have been busy. I am getting a new turntable, and wanted your opinion on it. VPI Hw-19 with and Audio Quest PT-9, Your opinion and help will be needed! Perhaps we could put it together at our club meeting? And I should have the 2 evm 12s also. Bob

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 31 Oct 2004 19:49:49 GMT

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Should be great! I'd be happy to help you set it up at the club meeting or before. You might want to get a copy of a test record like shown in this post. You might also mention your purchase on the Turntable forum and see what kind of feedback you get. Maybe some helpful hints to get the most out of it or things to watch out for, stuff like that.

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 31 Oct 2004 23:10:34 GMT

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Say Bob, is that the HW 19 jr? or the type 3/4? The table is really simple to set-up if it is the Jr. There are no support springs to level or adjustments to the table itself. Just make sure the bearing well has the proper amount of oil before you lower the spindle down into the well. (I have seen that mistake; guilty as charged). Keep the table on a level platform or whatever you sit it on. The arm is very good. It likes a higher mass cartridge such as Audio Technica or Denon. Is the arm mounted?

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Bob Soden](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 02:05:00 GMT

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Manual? I hope that is your name... No I have made these purchases so far, the VPI HW-19 JRAudio QQuest PT9 Arm Grado Reference platinum Probably could get a better cartridge, but do not know which to get, so I have ordered this one, do you think it is a good choice? Sounds like you are experienced, so may I ask a question, is the VPI already drilled for the Arm? IN the pic it

appears so, and the arm appears to be coming with its own table as well. Yes, and I can use all the help I can get, I would appreciate your help.bob

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 12:46:40 GMT

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Hi Bob; My name is John. How did you purchase the table, was it brand new or second hand? I am somewhat confused by your statement that the arm appears to have it's own table. Do you mean it has an arm board attached? The armboard is a small piece of acrylic that holds the arm and then mounts to the table. The PT arm is a common combination with the VPI so unless you have bought an armboard that has not yet been drilled out, then yes it probably is set-up for the PT arm. Should you have a blank arm board I am sure Harry at VPI will exchange it for a pre-drilled board. The grado cartridge works well with the PT arm, I personally would keep it. If the table is used; I would spring for a new belt. Other than that, there is not much to setting up the Jr. Just make sure the table is sitting on a firm platform, one that does not jiggle around because the table is sensitive to vibration. Let us know about the status of the armboard and good luck. Have you ever mounted a cartridge? Or is it already on the arm.

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 13:27:17 GMT

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Bob, Sounds like we almost have the same system. I'm running an HW-Jr too with a PT arm and a Grado Gold cart. I don't have the PT9, but one of the lower models. There are better systems on the market, but this will get you 95% of the way at a fraction of the cost. What are you using for phono stage? I've found that this part of the system to be just as important as the TT, arm and cart. Probably even more important than the pre-amp. Gar.

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Posted by [Bob Soden](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 22:20:38 GMT

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Today I found out the VPI comes predrilled for the arm, so I feel much better, I ordered it a few days ago. I am going to use the grado platinum, until I find something better, so if you guys have any suggestions I will appreciate it. So, to answer your question, John, yes it is new, I don't get used stuff anymore, even on E-bay it seems so tiring to loose out on something you set your mind to. And Gar. I am pleased that someone eles has a sytem that I will be similar to, and of course

pleased that I have chosen some decent additions. I have a lot of 45s I have not listened to in years, and a new record cleaner to try out. Here are either of you guys, John, Gar, coming to the meeting?

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Bob Soden](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 22:26:26 GMT

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Wayne, I ordered the test record, and also a nitty gritty record cleaning machine, but think I should have some new sleeves to put the records in once cleaned, do you think? oh, yes the new 12" evs on their way, EVDL12x I have all the specs so we can do what we want to the box, and also we should consider the new crossovers. Let me know Bob

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 23:08:06 GMT

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Sounds great! I wouldn't get new sleeves because I don't think that will do you much good. Best to clean the records before use each time. As for the EV's, I'll be happy to give you a hand. I already ran the numbers on that box and realized that your cabinet is so oversized it should be run sealed and will act as an infinite baffle. It seems like it was so large that even an EBS alignment would be too far - The shelf would be too far down. But we'll look at it again to confirm. The crossover point and slope will be determined by the drivers you choose to run above them. Wayne

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Bob Soden](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2004 23:41:43 GMT

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ok, I will dig out the info on the other drivers, hope I can find it, will let you know when the evs get here. thanks

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 02 Nov 2004 03:13:41 GMT

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Cool deal! We'll definitely go over it all together and get it sounding smoooooth.

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Subject: Re: Adding to the system!

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 02 Nov 2004 14:58:32 GMT

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Bob If I may say I think you will be very happy with the Grado. To step-up from that quality of sound would require some serious cash and you probably would not even hear a major difference.

Used turntables are not a great idea, I see your point and agree. You have the set-up covered if Wayne and the other members of your club are there so good table and arm. Somewhere down the line you might want to think about the outboard power supply upgrade and the Type 4 platter and suspension; all in good time. The type 4 up-grade is the most bang for the buck and in my humble opinion elevates the 19 to about as good as you will ever need. The meetings being 2000 miles away are not feasible but it sure would be fun. Good luck , I think you will be very pleased! And with more and more quality vinyl coming out each month there is no lack of software.

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