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Subject: Vinyl question

Posted by [Tikki](#) on Mon, 15 Jan 2018 11:17:57 GMT

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For those of you in the know, how does dust affect vinyl records and needles? Also, what is the best way to store vinyls to avoid damage in the long term?

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Subject: Re: Vinyl question

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 15 Jan 2018 15:27:32 GMT

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Dust particles can damage the vinyl surface by denting it or even becoming embedded in it when struck. So clean the surface of each record with a record cleaning kit before playing it. Store records in their sleeves standing vertically without anything on top of them. Keep them in a room that is temperature and humidity controlled. Never put them in a place that gets very hot or very cold.

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Subject: Re: Vinyl question

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 16 Jan 2018 21:13:12 GMT

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A stylus cleaner is a good thing as well.

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Subject: Re: Vinyl question

Posted by [Perfect Storm](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2018 15:29:33 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Mon, 15 January 2018 09:27

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I didn't know that they needed to be stored vertically. Why is that? Also, what kind of sleeves do you recommend? Are the poly sleeves the right way to go?

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2018 16:09:46 GMT

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Records stored horizontally one on top of the other can crush the grooves.

The paper sleeve inside the cardboard cover is useful for storing the record. Don't throw away the sleeve or the cardboard.

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Subject: Re: Vinyl question

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2018 21:10:25 GMT

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Hi, I use MoFi poly sleeves and clear plastic jacket covers. When you care for your records they will last a long time. I was listening to some of mine yesterday that are over 50 years old. In some ways they were made better than many that came later. A lot of ones in the 80s and 90s were poorly made. A real shame as there were a number of really great groups then. With good gear and good care records will out last the owner.

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