Subject: Best way to store vinyl?
Posted by audiophil2 on Tue, 01 May 2018 14:58:59 GMT
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Just wondering what is the best way to store vinyl? Is it better to store it standing upright or better to lay them flat? Might be overthinking but standing upright might lead to warping while laying them flat prevents it?

Subject: Re: Best way to store vinyl?
Posted by Soundcheck12 on Mon, 07 May 2018 18:50:49 GMT
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Not sure it really matters. I have my collection standing upright. Always have because it makes it easier to flip through my records and find what I want. Laying them flat probably does prevent warping but seems like it would be harder to look through the collection.

Subject: Re: Best way to store vinyl?
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 10 May 2018 22:44:11 GMT
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Hi, Absolutely standing upright, but arranged with some sort of support so they don't tilt. At room temperature and to protect the jackets use clear plastic sleeves. Inside the jackets I like to use MoFi liners. Not expensive and they keep the vinyl protected. I'm not a huge collector but I figure I have around 500 lps. Six turntables and lots of other gear. Most well kept LPs last forever if played on good gear. I have many that are the original pressings from as much as 50 years ago. They play fine. Something not asked was about cleaning them. There are many ways as low cost as a "Spin Clean" (under $100) to mega dollars. I use a diy ultrasonic cleaner. Grunge in the grooves is one of the major causes of poor sound. An anti static dust brush is indispensable as well. Dust the LP just before playing to reduce (but unfortunately not eliminate) groove dust. Lots of other thing you can do as well and if you are getting serious you should visit the vinylengine.com forums.

Subject: Re: Best way to store vinyl?
Posted by Humphries on Wed, 23 May 2018 19:31:02 GMT
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Does that mean there's a downside to storing them horizontally? Does it increase their chance of warping or something? How big of a difference does it make? I have my eye on some records at an estate sale. The picture shows them stacked in a box and it looks like they've been there for quite some time.

Subject: Re: Best way to store vinyl?

Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 26 May 2018 18:51:24 GMT
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Hi, It can cause warps, but also if any foreign material is inside the jacket it can grind it into the grooves and cause damage. On end the stuff will tend to fall to the bottom edge of the jacket and be largely harmless.

For LPs at estate sales ...if they are cheap enough then it is often worth the chance. I get lots of them at second hand stores and most are in pretty good to near mint condition. A quick pass through the cleaner and nearly all play well.