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Subject: Hissing while listening to vinyl.

Posted by [TheWanderer](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 03:47:28 GMT

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I was recently listening to a record and I noticed a hissing sound periodically. Almost like the vocalists themselves were hissing. I thought maybe it was just the record, so I put another one on and the same thing happened. I gave everything a good cleaning but it's still happening. Anyone know what could be wrong?

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Subject: Re: Hissing while listening to vinyl.

Posted by [musicluvr](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 00:47:51 GMT

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If this is happening with multiple records then your issue could be a worn or misaligned stylus.

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Subject: Re: Hissing while listening to vinyl.

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 21:26:29 GMT

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Hi, Most likely what you are hearing is sibilance. It can occur because of a badly manufactured LP, but more likely is caused by the cartridge/stylus. Even with the best turntables some is possible. Anyhow, it is usually an indication of miss tracking. There are several ways this can occur. The most common are: insufficient tracking force, incorrect anti skating force, cartridge not aligned correctly, worn or damaged stylus (needle). You need to check any of those things you can. What brand/model of turntable do you have? What cartridge are you using?

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Subject: Re: Hissing while listening to vinyl.

Posted by [TheWanderer](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2018 19:23:56 GMT

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Thanks for the replies, everyone. The problem was actually silly. The surface the player was sitting on wasn't completely level. I noticed that the surface was a bit wobbly and leaning slightly to one side. Once I fixed that, the records starting playing properly again.

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