Subject: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Jonathan on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 16:31:02 GMT
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Hi all,I am a bit worried as my stylus is picking up a lot of fluff when I am playing records. When I pick up and roll the fluff with my fingers, it is black (yes, my hands are clean). This had lead me to think that my stylus is worn or chipped and was scraping off the vinyl in the groove wall, so therefore I brought a brand new stylus. However, my brand new stylus is also picking up a lot of black fluff.I am rather concerned and would like to know if the fluff is actually chiseled vinyl or just plain old dust.The picture shows the black fluff on my new stylus.I hope that someone can advice me.Thanks,Jon

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 17:27:19 GMT
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Go buy a record at a used record store. Play it on your turntable and see if you still get this black debris. If not, there is something about your environment or cleaning system that is making this, and your needle is picking it up. If so, then I'd be concerned the turntable is causing it and the next step would be to find out why. It can't hurt to check tracking weight and other settings too.Turntable tone arm and cartridge setup

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Jonathan on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 10:49:13 GMT
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Thanks,I'll get a record today and I'll let you know about the results tomorrow.Jon

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Jonathan on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 11:14:40 GMT
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Hi,The new record also cause the stylus to pick up a lot of fluff.Jon

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 15:42:14 GMT
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Sounds like maybe you need to adjust your tone arm. Hopefully that's all it is.

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Jonathan on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 12:57:20 GMT
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Hmmm... My tracking weight is on 1g (recommended tracking force is 1.5g) and the anti skating is on 0.Another thing worth mentioning is that I usually play records with the dust cover opened... Is this something to look into as well?Jon

Subject: Re: Black fluff on the stylus
Posted by Dewald Visser on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 18:44:11 GMT
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Hi Jon,Get yourself a record cleaner - your records may be dirty.Also, try getting a ONZOW Zero Dust stylus cleaner - this is the best stylus cleaner on the market today.Regards,Dewald