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Subject: Distortion --mistracking or damaged LP?  
Posted by [clone17](#) on Sun, 24 Dec 2006 03:38:07 GMT  
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I recently purchased a used LP that sounds fairly distorted throughout the album, although it looks almost brand new. Is there a way to determine if I am mistracking or is it caused by previous damage? It doesn't crackle or anything, but the distortion won't seem to improve after much adjustment...any thoughts??

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Subject: Re: Distortion --mistracking or damaged LP?  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 25 Dec 2006 11:15:00 GMT  
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If it's just that one album, I'd say it was probably played a lot with a damaged needle or misadjusted tone arm.

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Subject: Re: Distortion --mistracking or damaged LP?  
Posted by [hurdy\\_gurdyman](#) on Mon, 01 Jan 2007 13:15:17 GMT  
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I have a few LP's that are distorted right out of the box. Bad pressings. These usually get worse toward the center of the disc where the grooves are squeezed together more. Dave