

Analogue Studio

Anti-static Record Cleaning Arm

STATIC CHARGE BUILD-UP on an LP is an occupational hazard of playing records. Even the friction of the stylus in the groove can induce static charges. Furthermore, it can attract airborne dust onto the surface of your discs. While anti-static guns are effective at removing charges before the record is played, they obviously can't help once it's in a spin.

Clean sweep

Enter the Cleaning Arm, which cleans your records and discharges static during playback. It's a nicely made counterbalanced arm with a carbon fibre brush that gently sits on the record. The downward force can be adjusted using a small weight and the height can also be altered so it is parallel to the surface of the record, which sets the brush at the optimum angle.



A particular feature of this device is the small earth wire that at one end plugs into the base of the unit and at the other is fastened to the earth tag of your turntable deck or phono amplifier to dissipate the static charges from the tip of the carbon fibre brush away to earth. Although the base is fitted with an adhesive pad to fix it to the record player, I find that the weight of the base alone is sufficient to hold it in place. I initially find that the brush gets stuck in the

middle of the record rather than tracking completely across the surface, until I realise that I have the pivot too far away from the platter, so the problem is easily rectified.

I find the cleaner to be very effective at removing dust and there is no evidence of static build up, even on a very dry day with the heating on in the house – ideal conditions for static! Consequently, this cleaning arm is a great addition to any vinyl deck, and comes recommended. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£15

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