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Cartridge Alignment Tools are put to the test by **Neville Roberts** who's in search of perfect set up

Dr Feickert Analogue Protractor NG

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THE PROTRACTOR DESIGNED by Dr Feickert Analogue and distributed in the UK by Analogue Seduction is a high-end tool that allows for cartridge alignment using either the Baerwald, Löfgren or Stevenson models.

The instructions provided are excellent and some 'quick instructions' are provided on the gauge itself. All the necessary tools are supplied along with the gauge, including an Allen key for assembly. A nice touch is the inclusion of an illuminated key ring that incorporates a high-brightness LED to help with viewing the stylus.

After deciding on the desired mathematical model, the gauge is adjusted to set the pin above the centre of the tonearm pivot and the cartridge overhang is set by moving the cartridge in the headshell so the stylus can be placed on the crosshairs of the chosen geometry (B, L or S) conveniently labelled 'Step 1'. Then the arm is moved to the first null point at Step 2 grating to line up the cartridge. The second null point at the Step 3 position is then used to check that all is well. The procedure is then repeated if necessary to make any final adjustments.

The whole process is really easy and very accurate. It may seem a lot to pay for a gauge, but this is a high-end product and is likely to be a relatively small investment in proportion to your turntable and cartridge, plus your record collection! The ability to try all three models and choose the best one by ear is a real bonus.



VERDICT



THIS IS AN EXCELLENT quality gauge that allows alignment against all three of the mathematical models and for that reason it's highly recommended