

# Analogue Studio

## AS-500 Rolling Cleaner

**WE ALL KNOW** the importance of keeping our records clean. It doesn't matter how careful you are, dust and fluff can always find their way onto the surface of a disc, even during the short journey from the sleeve to the turntable platter. You should, therefore, always give your LPs a quick clean before you play them and one way to do this is to use a record cleaning roller.

In days gone by, record cleaning rollers used an adhesive coating on tape wound onto a roller. When clogged with dirt after repeated use, the surface layer was removed and discarded to reveal a fresh one. Unfortunately, these types of rollers were prone to leaving traces of adhesive on the record and the roller had to be replaced when all the layers were used up. Nowadays, record cleaning rollers use a silicone elastomer that has a tacky surface

that performs the same function, but without any of the messy drawbacks that come with using an adhesive. What's more, in the event that the roller gets clogged, it can be washed under a tap with a little soap to clean it.

### Let the good times roll

The AS-500 consists of a roller with a silicone elastomer surface housed in an ergonomically designed handle. The grip allows gentle pressure to be applied to the record to enable the silicone elastomer to deform sufficiently to reach into the grooves. The record should be cleaned on a mat rather than on the turntable to eliminate any risk of damage to the central bearing should undue force be inadvertently applied. A length of protective clear plastic to be wrapped around the roller when not in use is also provided.



I find the AS-500 very simple to use and roll the cleaner from the label to the edge of the record radially going around the record before playing. Even though the disc looks pristine before cleaning, I am surprised by the amount of debris sticking to the roller after the process.

This is an effective product at a good price and comes recommended for vinylistas everywhere looking to clean up their collection. **NR**

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£24

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