

Balancing Your Turntable...Why It's Important...

An out of balance turntable causes several problems with your turntable and your vinyl. First and most important, if your turntable is not balanced correctly, you can get undo wear and tear on the groove side where your table is leaning. This can cause tracking issues, damage your vinyl and also cause fluctuations in speed during playback. From your turntable's point of view, being out of balance can cause undo stress on your stylus. Also, imagine the wear that goes on in a turntable bearing to say nothing of vibration, when it is running out of vertical. The concentric forces can permanently damage bearings over time and get you shopping for turntables before you like. In our search for better recording techniques, we've found that a correctly balanced turntable delivers better sound with less noise. Obviously, when we're recording...even though we have the world's best restoration and enhancement tools, it is always important to get the best recording possible from step 1.

The beauty of this is that we've found a neat little gadget that makes this process easy and also delivers one more important highlight. It also is the perfect size to play all of your 45 records without the little yellow thing that used to snap into the record. The bubble level weighs exactly 180 grams so your balancing with the exact weight of a vinyl LP. This cool little device kills two birds with one stone. It is normally \$99, but if you order by April 8, 2007 you can get one for only \$79 and save yourself \$20! Just go to:

<http://www.tracertek.com/khxc/index.php?app=ccp0&ns=prodshow&ref=45Level>
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