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An In-Depth View of VPI Machine Features by [Seth Frank](#)

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Over time, dust, dirt and scratches can alter the sound quality of a record, making VPI machines a necessary ally to have in order to ensure the longevity of these ancient relics. You might be a clean freak and have cared for your records with the respect, but even the cleanest records will suffer from scratches that can ruin the sound quality of the device, forcing you to restore it back to its original state. Unless sealed, an opened, prized album can become ruined and your dream of selling it at a higher value can dwindle with each skip of the beat thanks to dust and scratches. Still, some folks will invest in a VPI vinyl machine to help care for the record and keep it from rotting away and losing its value thanks to the dirt and scratches.

Liquid Cleaner

Special liquid helps polish up a record and minimize skipping on a record; combined with a brush on the VPI device, the liquid cleaner helps remove dust and grime caught inside the grooves. Later version VPI cleaners have a special compartment for the liquid gel to automatically clean the LP, while older models demand self-application. The liquid can be located online and sells for normally less than 30 dollars for a VPI record cleaner.

Vacuum

In order to suck all the dirt and grime from out of a vinyl, a vacuum inside a VPI product is used to eliminate the excess materials stuck within the grooves, but cheaper models tend to have lower end vacuums, making them less than efficient. VPI machines with lower-end vacuums normally leave behind more dust and grime, while products with more powerful suction can clean an LP in one try. Keep in mind the power of the vacuum and its ability to discard dust and grime to be sure you wind up with a decent device that removes all, if not most, of the ailments of a record.

Brush

The last main aspect of any VPI device is its special brush that together with the liquid and the vacuum helps discard the dust and grime found inside of each tiny groove. Always exercise caution when handling the specialized brush on each of these VPI devices, as this part, along with the vacuum, helps do away with most of the dirt located on your old favorites, like your ancient The Beatles vinyl.

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