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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Durpower replacement phonograph record turntable needle. This stylus is designed to replace worn or damaged needles in compatible Zenith J900 series turntable models, ensuring optimal sound reproduction from your vinyl records.

The replacement stylus features a .7 mil diamond tip, suitable for playing records at both 33 and 45 RPM speeds. Proper installation and care are essential for extending the life of your needle and protecting your record collection.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Carefully follow these steps to replace your turntable needle. Always handle the stylus with extreme care to avoid damage.

1. **Power Off:** Ensure your turntable is completely powered off and unplugged from the electrical outlet before beginning installation.
2. **Locate Stylus:** Identify the existing stylus on your turntable's cartridge. The stylus is the small needle assembly at the end of the tonearm.
3. **Remove Old Stylus:** Gently grasp the plastic housing of the old stylus. Depending on your cartridge model, it may slide forward, pull down, or unclip. Apply minimal force to avoid damaging the cartridge or tonearm. If resistance is met, consult your turntable's original manual for specific removal instructions.
4. **Install New Stylus:** Align the new Durpower replacement stylus with the cartridge housing. Carefully push or slide the new stylus into place until it clicks or seats firmly. Do not force it. Ensure it is fully seated and secure.
5. **Inspect:** Visually inspect the newly installed stylus to ensure it is straight and properly aligned within the cartridge.



Image: Durpower replacement turntable needle. This image displays the replacement stylus, typically protected by a clear plastic cover, ready for installation into a compatible phonograph cartridge.

After installation, you may need to re-balance your tonearm and adjust the tracking force according to your turntable's specifications. Refer to your turntable's user manual for these adjustments.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the new stylus is installed and your turntable is properly set up, you can begin playing records. This stylus is designed for optimal performance with records played at 33 and 45 RPM.

- **Record Placement:** Place your record gently on the turntable platter.
- **Speed Selection:** Ensure your turntable's speed setting matches the record's intended playback speed (33 or 45 RPM).
- **Lowering the Tonearm:** Use the tonearm lift mechanism to gently lower the stylus onto the record's lead-in groove. Avoid dropping the tonearm directly onto the record, as this can damage both the stylus and the record.
- **Playback:** Allow the record to play through. When finished, use the tonearm lift to raise the stylus and return

the tonearm to its rest.

Always handle records by their edges to prevent transferring oils and dirt to the playing surface, which can degrade sound quality and accelerate stylus wear.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your stylus is crucial for preserving sound quality and extending its lifespan.

- **Stylus Cleaning:** Use a soft stylus brush, specifically designed for turntable needles, to gently brush the stylus tip from back to front (away from the cantilever). Do this before or after each listening session. Never brush side-to-side.
- **Avoid Touching:** Do not touch the stylus tip with your fingers, as oils and dirt can accumulate and affect performance.
- **Record Cleaning:** Keep your records clean. Dust and debris on records are the primary causes of stylus wear and poor sound quality.
- **Stylus Replacement:** A stylus typically lasts between 500 to 1000 hours of playback, depending on care and record condition. Signs of a worn stylus include distorted sound, sibilance, or skipping. Replace the stylus promptly when these signs appear to prevent damage to your records.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your new stylus, consider the following common solutions:

- **No Sound or Weak Sound:**
 - Ensure all audio cables are securely connected between the turntable, amplifier, and speakers.
 - Verify the stylus is fully seated in the cartridge.
 - Check that the amplifier input is set to 'Phono' if applicable.
- **Skipping or Jumping:**
 - Clean the record thoroughly. Dust or debris on the record surface is a common cause of skipping.
 - Ensure the turntable is on a stable, level surface. Vibrations can cause skipping.
 - Verify the tonearm's tracking force is correctly set according to your turntable's specifications. Too light or too heavy a force can cause skipping.
 - Inspect the stylus tip for any visible damage or debris. Clean if necessary.
- **Distorted or Muffled Sound:**
 - Clean the stylus tip.
 - Check for proper tonearm balance and tracking force.
 - Ensure the stylus is correctly installed and not bent.
 - A worn stylus can cause distortion; consider if it's time for a replacement.

SPECIFICATIONS

Stylus Tip:	.7 mil Diamond
Compatible Speeds:	33 RPM, 45 RPM
Product Type:	Replacement Phonograph Record Turntable Needle

Compatible Zenith Models:

J900, J901, J902, J903, J904, J905, J906, J907, J908, J909, J910, J911, J912, J913, J914, J915, J916, J917, J918, J919, J920, J921, J922, JR900

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Durpower replacement turntable needle is manufactured to high standards. For information regarding warranty coverage or technical support, please refer to the contact information provided by your retailer or the manufacturer's official website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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