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MODEL: VSC-550BT

Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Victrola Journey Bluetooth Portable Suitcase Record Player. Please read this manual thoroughly before use and retain it for future reference. This portable record player features a classic design, a 3-speed belt-driven turntable, and built-in Bluetooth speakers, offering versatile audio playback options.



Image: The Victrola Journey record player, showcasing its open suitcase design with a record ready for playback.

Safety Information

- **Power Source:** Use only the specified power adapter. Ensure the voltage matches the requirements of your region.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, or liquids. Avoid placing objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the unit.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not block ventilation openings.
- **Heat:** Keep the unit away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus that produce heat.
- **Cleaning:** Unplug the unit from the power outlet before cleaning. Use a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Package Contents

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Victrola Journey Bluetooth Portable Suitcase Record Player
- Power Adapter

- 45 RPM Adapter
- Instruction Manual

Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the components and controls of your record player:



Image: Labeled diagram highlighting key features such as Bluetooth connectivity, auxiliary input, headphone jack, built-in speakers, carry handle, vibration-isolating feet, 3-speed turntable, RCA output, and control knobs.

- **Turntable Platter:** Where records are placed.
- **Tonearm:** Holds the stylus (needle) for playing records.
- **Stylus:** The needle that reads the grooves of a record.
- **Speed Selector:** Switch to select 33 1/3, 45, or 78 RPM.
- **Power/Volume Knob:** Turns the unit on/off and adjusts speaker volume.
- **Input Select Knob:** Switches between Phono, Bluetooth, and AUX input modes.
- **Auto Stop Switch:** Enables or disables automatic stopping of the platter when a record finishes.
- **Built-in Speakers:** Integrated speakers for audio output.
- **Headphone Jack:** For private listening with headphones.
- **AUX Input:** 3.5mm jack for connecting external audio devices.
- **RCA Output:** Stereo RCA jacks for connecting to external amplified speakers or a home stereo

system.

- **45 RPM Adapter:** Used for playing 45 RPM records with larger center holes.

Setup

Follow these steps to set up your record player:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the record player from its packaging.
2. **Placement:** Place the unit on a flat, stable surface. Ensure the vibration-isolating feet are properly positioned.
3. **Power Connection:** Connect the power adapter to the DC IN jack on the back of the unit, then plug the adapter into a wall outlet.
4. **Remove Stylus Protector:** Gently remove the white plastic stylus protector from the stylus assembly.
5. **Unlock Tonearm:** Release the tonearm lock to allow the tonearm to move freely.

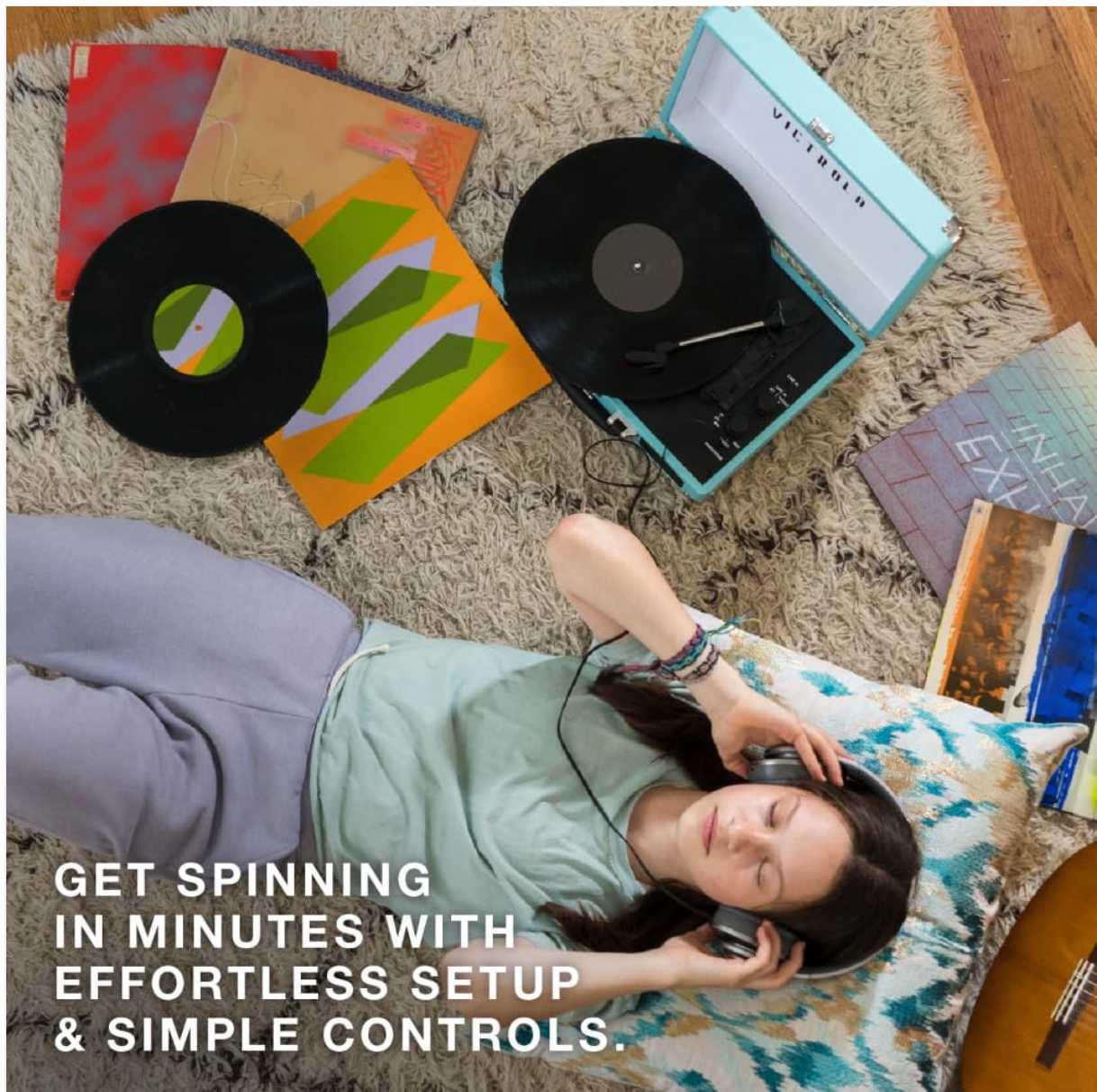


Image: The record player being set up, illustrating its readiness for use with minimal effort.

Operating Instructions

Playing a Vinyl Record

1. **Power On:** Turn the Power/Volume knob clockwise to turn on the unit.
2. **Select Phono Mode:** Turn the Input Select knob to 'PHONO'.
3. **Place Record:** Place a vinyl record on the turntable platter. If playing a 45 RPM record with a large center hole, place the 45 RPM adapter on the center spindle first.
4. **Select Speed:** Set the Speed Selector switch to the correct speed (33 1/3, 45, or 78 RPM) for your record.
5. **Start Playback:** Gently lift the tonearm using the cue lever and move it over the desired track on the record. Lower the tonearm slowly onto the record.
6. **Adjust Volume:** Adjust the volume using the Power/Volume knob.
7. **Auto Stop:** If the Auto Stop switch is ON, the platter will stop spinning automatically when the record finishes. If OFF, the platter will continue to spin.
8. **End Playback:** When the record is finished, lift the tonearm, return it to the tonearm rest, and engage the tonearm lock.

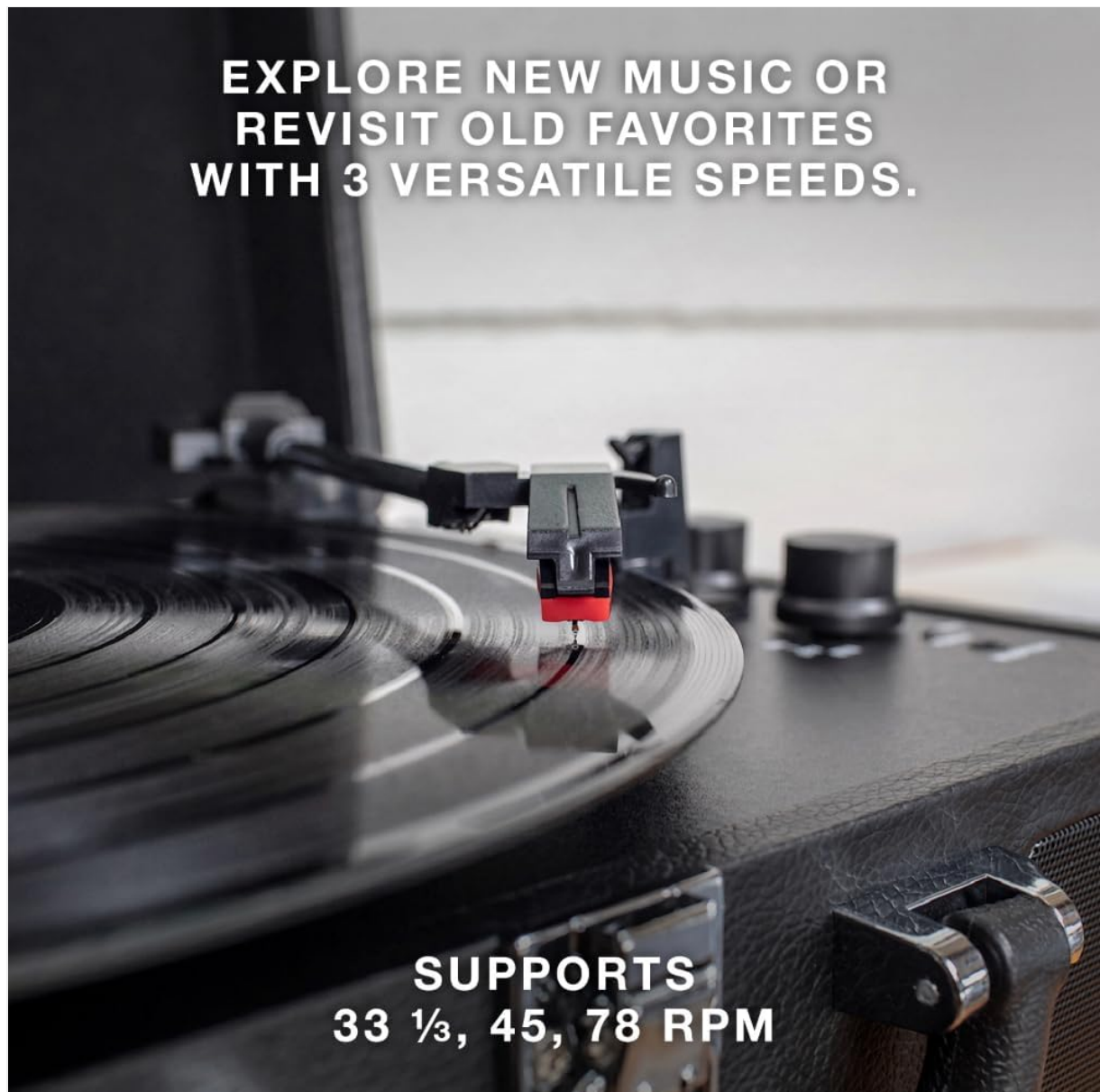


Image: Detail of the turntable, illustrating the tonearm and speed settings for playing records at 33 1/3, 45, or 78 RPM.

Bluetooth Pairing

You can stream audio from a Bluetooth-enabled device to the record player's built-in speakers.

1. **Power On:** Turn the Power/Volume knob clockwise to turn on the unit.
2. **Select Bluetooth Mode:** Turn the Input Select knob to 'BLUETOOTH'. The Bluetooth indicator light will flash.
3. **Enable Bluetooth on Device:** On your external Bluetooth device (e.g., smartphone, tablet), enable Bluetooth and search for available devices.
4. **Connect:** Select 'Victrola Journey' from the list of devices. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator light will stop flashing and remain solid.
5. **Play Audio:** You can now play music from your Bluetooth device through the record player's speakers. Adjust volume using both your device and the record player's Power/Volume knob.



Image: The record player positioned on a shelf, demonstrating its wireless audio streaming capability via Bluetooth.

Using the AUX Input

Connect external audio devices (e.g., CD player, MP3 player) using a 3.5mm audio cable (not included).

1. **Power On:** Turn the Power/Volume knob clockwise to turn on the unit.
2. **Select AUX Mode:** Turn the Input Select knob to 'AUX'.
3. **Connect Cable:** Plug one end of a 3.5mm audio cable into the AUX IN jack on the record player and

the other end into the headphone or audio output jack of your external device.

4. **Play Audio:** Play music from your external device. Adjust volume using both your device and the record player's Power/Volume knob.

Using the RCA Output

Connect the record player to external amplified speakers or a home stereo system for enhanced audio output.

1. **Power Off:** Ensure the record player and your external audio system are turned off before making connections.
2. **Connect RCA Cables:** Connect RCA cables (not included) to the RCA OUT jacks on the back of the record player. Match the red plug to the red jack (right channel) and the white plug to the white jack (left channel).
3. **Connect to External System:** Connect the other end of the RCA cables to an available audio input on your external amplifier or stereo system.
4. **Power On and Play:** Turn on both the record player and your external audio system. Select the appropriate input on your external system and begin playing a record.

Using the Headphone Jack

For private listening, plug standard 3.5mm headphones (not included) into the Headphone Jack. The built-in speakers will automatically mute.

Maintenance

Cleaning the Unit

- Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.

Stylus Care

- The stylus is delicate. Handle it with care.
- Clean the stylus periodically with a soft brush, brushing from back to front.
- Replace the stylus if you notice a decrease in sound quality or visible damage.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power adapter not connected; unit not turned on.	Ensure power adapter is securely connected and plugged into a working outlet. Turn Power/Volume knob clockwise.
No sound from speakers	Volume too low; wrong input selected; headphones connected.	Increase volume. Select correct input (PHONO, BLUETOOTH, AUX). Disconnect headphones.
Record skips	Record is dirty or scratched; unit not on a stable surface; stylus worn.	Clean record. Place unit on a stable, level surface. Replace stylus if worn.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Bluetooth not connecting	Wrong input selected; device too far; not in pairing mode.	Select BLUETOOTH input. Ensure device is within 33 feet. Put device in pairing mode and select 'Victrola Journey'.
Turntable not spinning	Power off; belt dislodged; auto stop engaged prematurely.	Ensure unit is powered on. Check if the drive belt is properly seated (refer to service manual if needed). Try setting Auto Stop switch to OFF.

Specifications

- **Model:** VSC-550BT
- **Brand:** Victrola
- **Product Dimensions:** 13.9 x 10.1 x 5 inches (353 x 257 x 127 mm)
- **Item Weight:** 5.5 pounds (2.5 kg)
- **Rotational Speeds:** 33 1/3, 45, 78 RPM
- **Connectivity:** Bluetooth, 3.5mm AUX Input, RCA Output, Headphone Jack
- **Included Components:** Turntable, 45 RPM Adapter
- **Material:** Plastic



Image: Dimensional drawing of the record player, indicating its compact size.

Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Victrola website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.