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## Victrola VPT-1500-BLK

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Model: VPT-1500-BLK

## INTRODUCTION

This user manual provides comprehensive instructions for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Victrola Hi-Res Black Vinyl Record Player. Designed for audiophiles, this turntable delivers an unparalleled listening experience with its rich, vivid sound and advanced connectivity options. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your new record player to ensure proper function and longevity.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always follow basic safety precautions when using this product to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- Do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture.
- Do not block any ventilation openings.
- Ensure the power cord is not pinched or walked on.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- Unplug the appliance during lightning storms or when unused for long periods.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Victrola Hi-Res Black Vinyl Record Player (Model VPT-1500-BLK)
- 6' RCA Cable with Ground
- 45 RPM Adapter
- Dust Cover
- User Manual (this document)

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Victrola Hi-Res Black Turntable is engineered for superior audio performance and user convenience. Key components and features include:

- **Aluminum Tonearm:** Provides stable tracking and minimizes resonance.
- **Adjustable Counterweight:** Allows for precise tracking force adjustment for optimal sound and stylus longevity.
- **Audio Technica AT-VM95E Cartridge:** A high-quality moving magnet cartridge for accurate sound reproduction.
- **Detachable Headshell:** Facilitates easy cartridge replacement or upgrade.
- **Low-Resonance Veneered MDF Plinth:** Contributes to dynamic, resonance-free sound.
- **aptX Adaptive Bluetooth Connectivity:** Enables high-resolution wireless audio streaming to compatible Bluetooth speakers or headphones.
- **Gold-Plated RCA Outputs:** For wired connection to external audio systems.
- **Switchable Preamp:** Allows connection to phono or line-level inputs.
- **Auto-Stop Sensor:** Protects your stylus by stopping the platter when a record finishes.
- **Front-Facing Controls:** For easy access and operation.



Figure 1: Top-down view of the Victrola Hi-Res Black Vinyl Record Player.

# ALUMINUM TONEARM WITH CUSTOM-DESIGNED REMOVABLE HEADSHELL



Figure 2: Detail of the aluminum tonearm with its custom-designed removable headshell, ensuring precise tracking.



Figure 3: The Audio Technica AT-VM95E Moving Magnet Cartridge, included for high-fidelity sound.

## SETUP

Follow these steps to set up your Victrola Hi-Res Turntable:

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Placement:** Place the turntable on a stable, level surface away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and excessive vibration.
3. **Platter Installation:** Gently place the platter onto the spindle. Ensure it sits flush.
4. **Belt Installation:** If the drive belt is not pre-installed, carefully guide it around the motor pulley and the inner rim of the platter.

5. **Counterweight Adjustment:** Attach the counterweight to the rear of the tonearm. Adjust it according to the instructions provided with the Audio Technica cartridge to achieve the recommended tracking force. This is crucial for optimal sound and to prevent damage to your records and stylus.
6. **Headshell/Cartridge Installation:** The Audio Technica AT-VM95E cartridge is typically pre-installed on the headshell. If not, follow the cartridge manufacturer's instructions for installation and alignment.
7. **Dust Cover:** Place the included dust cover over the turntable to protect it from dust when not in use.
8. **Power Connection:** Connect the power adapter to the turntable's DC input and then to a wall outlet.

## LOW-RESONANCE VENEERED MDF PLINTH



Figure 4: The turntable's low-resonance veneered MDF plinth provides a stable foundation for optimal sound.

### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

#### Playing a Record

1. Ensure the turntable is powered on.
2. Select the appropriate speed (33  $\frac{1}{3}$  or 45 RPM) using the speed selector switch. Use the 45 RPM adapter for singles if needed.
3. Place a record on the platter.

4. Unlock the tonearm clamp.
5. Gently lift the tonearm using the cueing lever.
6. Position the stylus over the desired starting groove of the record.
7. Slowly lower the cueing lever to allow the stylus to descend onto the record.
8. At the end of the record, the auto-stop sensor will stop the platter. Lift the tonearm and return it to its rest, then secure the clamp.

### **Bluetooth Connectivity (aptX Adaptive)**

The turntable features aptX Adaptive Bluetooth for high-resolution wireless audio streaming.

1. Ensure your Bluetooth speaker or headphones are in pairing mode.
2. Press and hold the Bluetooth pairing button on the turntable (refer to your product diagram for exact location). The indicator light will flash, indicating pairing mode.
3. Select "Victrola Hi-Res" (or similar name) from the Bluetooth device list on your speaker/headphones.
4. Once connected, the indicator light will become solid. Audio from your records will now stream wirelessly.



Figure 5: The turntable supports aptX Adaptive and HD Audio for high-quality wireless streaming to headphones or speakers.



Figure 6: Enjoy high-resolution Bluetooth streaming with compatible devices.

### Wired Connection (RCA Output)

Connect your turntable to an external amplifier or powered speakers using the gold-plated RCA outputs.

1. Connect the included RCA cable to the "LINE OUT" or "PHONO OUT" ports on the back of the turntable.
2. Connect the other end of the RCA cable to the corresponding input on your amplifier or receiver (e.g., "PHONO" or "AUX/LINE IN").
3. **Preamp Switch:** Use the switchable preamp to match your amplifier's input.
  - Set to **PHONO** if connecting to an amplifier with a dedicated PHONO input (which includes a built-in phono preamp).
  - Set to **LINE** if connecting to an amplifier's AUX/LINE IN input (the turntable's internal preamp will be active).
4. Connect the ground wire from the turntable to the ground terminal on your amplifier (if available) to reduce hum.

# GOLD-PLATED RCA OUTS FOR WIRED LISTENING



Figure 7: Gold-plated RCA outputs for reliable wired connections to your audio system.

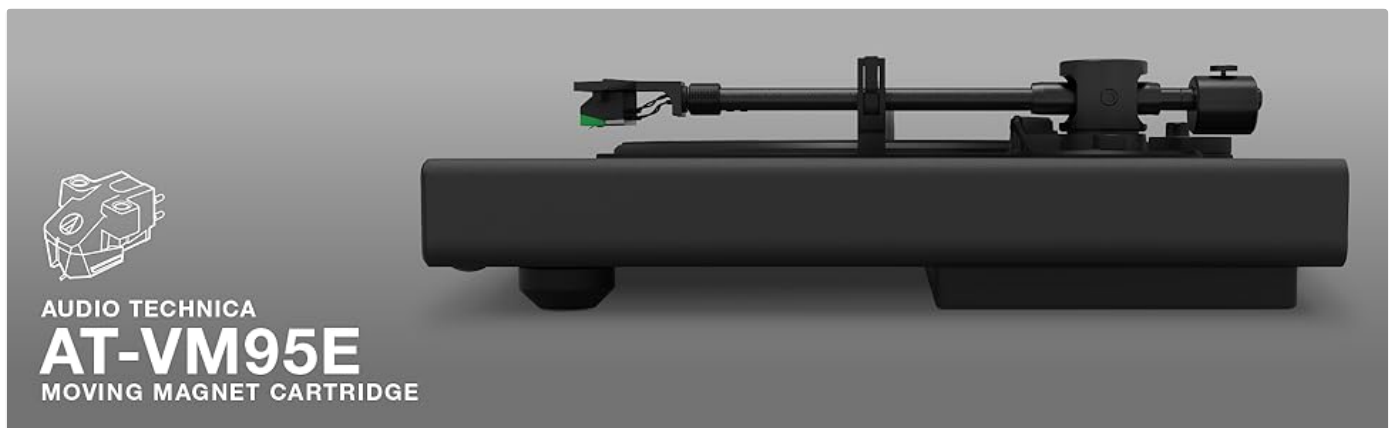


Figure 8: RCA output with switchable pre-amp for flexible connection options.

## MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your turntable.

- **Cleaning the Stylus:** Use a soft brush designed for stylus cleaning, brushing gently from back to front. Clean regularly to remove dust and debris.
- **Cleaning the Record Player:** Wipe the turntable's surface with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. For stubborn marks, use a slightly damp cloth and immediately dry. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Dust Cover:** Keep the dust cover on when the turntable is not in use to prevent dust accumulation on the platter and stylus.
- **Record Care:** Always handle records by their edges. Store them vertically in their sleeves to prevent warping. Clean

records regularly with a record brush or cleaning solution.

- **Stylus Replacement:** The stylus (needle) has a limited lifespan. Replace it when you notice a decrease in sound quality or visible wear. Refer to the Audio Technica AT-VM95E cartridge manual for replacement instructions.



Figure 9: A record cleaning kit can help maintain your vinyl collection and turntable.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your turntable, consult the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power adapter not connected; outlet not active.	Ensure power adapter is securely connected to the turntable and a working wall outlet.
No sound from speakers (wired)	Incorrect preamp setting; RCA cables loose; amplifier input incorrect.	Check preamp switch (PHONO/LINE) matches amplifier input. Ensure RCA cables are firmly connected. Select correct input on your amplifier.
No sound from Bluetooth device	Not paired; device out of range; device not compatible.	Re-pair the turntable with your Bluetooth device. Ensure devices are within range. Verify your Bluetooth device supports aptX Adaptive.
Sound distorted or skipping	Dirty stylus/record; incorrect tracking force; turntable not level.	Clean stylus and record. Re-adjust counterweight for correct tracking force. Ensure turntable is on a level surface.
Platter not spinning	Drive belt dislodged; auto-stop engaged prematurely.	Check if the drive belt is properly seated around the motor pulley and platter. Ensure auto-stop is not interfering (though it typically engages at end of record).

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	VPT-1500-BLK
Brand	Victrola
Product Dimensions	14.25 x 16.93 x 4.53 inches
Item Weight	13.44 pounds (6.11 Kilograms)
Connectivity Technology	Bluetooth, Auxiliary (RCA)
Maximum Rotational Speed	45 RPM (supports 33 1/3 RPM)
Included Components	6' RCA Cable with Ground, 45 RPM Adapter, Dust Cover
Special Features	Auto Return, Built-In Preamp, Dust Cover
Material	Plastic (Plinth is Veneered MDF)
Cartridge Type	Audio Technica AT-VM95E Moving Magnet Cartridge

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Victrola products are designed for reliability and performance. For warranty information, technical support, or service inquiries, please refer to the official Victrola website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

**Online Support:** [www.victrola.com/support](http://www.victrola.com/support)

**Customer Service:** Refer to the Victrola website for contact numbers and hours of operation.

