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Victrola Stream Carbon Turntable User Manual

Model: Stream Carbon

1. Overview

The Victrola Stream Carbon is a high-fidelity 2-speed turntable designed for both traditional vinyl playback and modern wireless streaming. It features Wi-Fi streaming capabilities, including Sonos, UPnP, and Roon Ready Relay, alongside Bluetooth connectivity. Equipped with an Ortofon 2M Red cartridge and a carbon fiber tonearm, it delivers rich, vivid sound. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your turntable.



Figure 1: Victrola Stream Carbon Turntable. This image shows the turntable from an elevated angle, highlighting its sleek black plinth, silver platter, and tonearm with a red cartridge.

2. Product Features

- **Premium Sound Quality:** Enjoy rich, vivid sound from your vinyl records with high-resolution audio playback.
- **Versatile Connectivity:** Features built-in aptX Adaptive Bluetooth for wireless speaker/headphone connection and switchable preamp with standard RCA outputs for wired connections.
- **Advanced Tonearm & Cartridge:** Carbon fiber tonearm with custom-designed removable headshell, adjustable counterweight, and Ortofon 2M Red cartridge for balanced, distortion-free playback.
- **Durable Construction:** Low-resonance veneered MDF plinth with premium metal components and platter ensures a sturdy build.
- **User-Friendly Design:** Front-facing controls and an auto-stop sensor to prevent stylus wear.
- **Wi-Fi Streaming:** Seamlessly integrates with Sonos, UPnP, and Roon Ready Relay systems for multi-room audio.



Figure 2: Built-in Hi-Res Bluetooth Audio Transmission. This image highlights the turntable's capability to transmit audio wirelessly to compatible speakers and headphones.



Figure 3: Ortofon 2M Red Cartridge. A close-up view of the red Ortofon 2M cartridge mounted on the tonearm, indicating its high-quality audio reproduction.

3. Setup

3.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain the original packaging for future transport or storage. Ensure all listed components are present:

- Victrola Stream Carbon Turntable
- Dust Cover
- Platter
- Felt Mat

- Counterweight
- 45 RPM Adapter
- RCA Cable with Ground Wire
- Power Adapter

3.2 Component Identification

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your turntable:

1. Platter
2. Tonearm
3. Cartridge (Ortofon 2M Red)
4. Counterweight
5. Anti-skate Dial
6. Speed Selector (33 1/3, 45 RPM)
7. Power/Volume Knob
8. RCA Output Jacks (L/R)
9. Ground Terminal
10. Power Input



Figure 4: Premium Metal Turntable Components and Platter. A top-down view of the turntable, showing the platter, tonearm, and control knob.

3.3 Initial Assembly and Connection

1. **Place the Platter:** Carefully place the platter onto the spindle. Ensure it sits securely.
2. **Install the Felt Mat:** Place the felt mat on top of the platter.
3. **Attach the Counterweight:** Slide the counterweight onto the rear of the tonearm. Adjust it according to the instructions for proper tracking force (typically 1.8g for Ortofon 2M Red). Refer to the detailed setup guide for precise calibration.
4. **Connect Audio Cables:**
    - For wired connection: Connect the RCA cable from the turntable's RCA output jacks to your amplifier's PHONO input (if using the turntable's built-in preamp, connect to a LINE/AUX input). Connect the ground wire to the amplifier's ground terminal.
    - Ensure the preamp switch on the turntable is set correctly (PHONO for external preamp, LINE for internal preamp).
5. **Connect Power:** Plug the power adapter into the turntable's power input and then into a wall outlet.



Figure 5: Carbon Fiber Tonearm and Adjustable Counterweight. A side view illustrating the carbon fiber tonearm and the adjustable counterweight mechanism.



Figure 6: Switchable Preamp with Traditional Analog RCA Outputs and Auto-Stop Sensor. This image shows the rear connections of the turntable, including the RCA outputs and the power input.

4. Operation

4.1 Powering On/Off

Rotate the power/volume knob clockwise to turn on the turntable. Rotate counter-clockwise until it clicks to turn off.

4.2 Playing Records

1. Place a record on the platter.
2. Select the correct speed (33 1/3 or 45 RPM) using the speed selector switch. Use the 45 RPM adapter for singles.
3. Unlock the tonearm clip.
4. Gently lift the tonearm using the cueing lever.

5. Position the stylus over the desired starting groove of the record.
6. Slowly lower the tonearm using the cueing lever. The stylus will gently descend onto the record and playback will begin.
7. At the end of the record, the auto-stop sensor will stop the platter rotation. Lift the tonearm, return it to the tonearm rest, and secure the clip.

4.3 Bluetooth Connectivity

The Victrola Stream Carbon features aptX Adaptive Bluetooth for wireless audio transmission to compatible speakers or headphones.

1. Ensure your Bluetooth speaker/headphones are in pairing mode.
2. On the turntable, activate Bluetooth pairing mode (refer to specific button/indicator on your model, usually a dedicated button or a long press of the power knob).
3. The turntable will search for and connect to the nearest available Bluetooth device. A confirmation light or sound will indicate a successful connection.

4.4 Wi-Fi Streaming (Sonos, UPnP, Roon Ready)

The Victrola Stream Carbon integrates seamlessly into your home Wi-Fi network for multi-room audio streaming.

1. **Initial Wi-Fi Setup:** Download the Victrola Stream app (available on iOS/Android) to connect your turntable to your home Wi-Fi network and configure streaming services. Follow the in-app instructions for a guided setup.
2. **Sonos Integration:** Once connected to Wi-Fi via the Victrola Stream app, your turntable will appear as a source in the Sonos app. You can then stream vinyl playback to any Sonos speaker or group.
3. **UPnP Streaming:** For UPnP compatible devices, the turntable can act as a media server, allowing other UPnP clients on your network to access its audio stream.
4. **Roon Ready Relay:** The turntable is Roon Ready, allowing it to be discovered and controlled by Roon software for high-resolution audio streaming within your Roon ecosystem.



Figure 7: User enjoying the Victrola Stream Carbon Turntable. A man is shown comfortably listening to music through headphones, with the turntable visible on a shelf beside him, demonstrating its use in a home environment.

5. Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning the Turntable

- Always unplug the turntable before cleaning.
- Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to wipe the plinth and dust cover.
- For stubborn marks, slightly dampen the cloth with water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- Keep the dust cover closed when not in use to prevent dust accumulation.

5.2 Stylus Care

- A clean stylus is crucial for optimal sound quality and record longevity.

- Use a dedicated stylus cleaning brush (often included with turntable accessories) to gently brush the stylus from back to front. Never brush side-to-side.
- Inspect the stylus regularly for wear or damage. A worn stylus can damage your records. The Ortofon 2M Red stylus is replaceable.

5.3 Record Care

- Handle records by their edges or the label to avoid transferring oils from your skin.
- Store records vertically in their sleeves to prevent warping.
- Clean records regularly with a carbon fiber brush before each play to remove dust and static. For deeper cleaning, use a record cleaning solution and cloth.

6. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or low volume	Power not connected Incorrect input selected on amplifier Preamp switch set incorrectly Loose RCA connections Bluetooth not paired Sonos/Wi-Fi not configured	Ensure power adapter is securely plugged in. Select the correct input (PHONO or LINE/AUX) on your amplifier. Verify the preamp switch on the turntable matches your amplifier's input. Check and secure all RCA cable connections. Re-pair Bluetooth device. Use the Victrola Stream app to configure Wi-Fi and streaming services.
Skipping or distorted sound	Dust/debris on record or stylus Incorrect tracking force Turntable not level Damaged stylus	Clean record and stylus. Adjust counterweight for correct tracking force. Place turntable on a level, stable surface. Inspect stylus for damage; replace if necessary.
Platter not spinning	Power not connected Auto-stop engaged	Check power connection. Ensure a record is placed and the tonearm is lowered onto the record to activate rotation.

7. Specifications

- **Model:** Victrola Stream Carbon
- **Speeds:** 33 1/3, 45 RPM
- **Cartridge:** Ortofon 2M Red
- **Tonearm:** Carbon Fiber with adjustable counterweight
- **Connectivity:** Wi-Fi (Sonos, UPnP, Roon Ready), Bluetooth (aptX Adaptive), RCA Output (switchable preamp)
- **Material:** Low-resonance veneered MDF plinth, metal components
- **Included Components:** 45 RPM Adapter, 6' RCA Cable with Ground, Dust Cover

- **Power Source:** Corded Electric
- **Voltage:** 240 Volts
- **Item Weight:** 3 Kilograms

8. Warranty and Support

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