

Pro-Ject VC-S3

Pro-Ject VC-S3 Premium Record Cleaning Machine User Manual

Model: VC-S3

1. INTRODUCTION

The Pro-Ject VC-S3 is a premium record cleaning machine designed to effectively clean vinyl records, removing dirt, dust, and static charges. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, setup, and maintenance of your device. Please read these instructions carefully before first use.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Always disconnect the power cord before cleaning or performing any maintenance.
- Do not operate the machine with wet hands or in wet environments.
- Use only the recommended cleaning fluid or fluids specifically designed for record cleaning machines.
- Keep the machine away from heat sources and direct sunlight.
- Ensure proper ventilation during operation.
- Keep out of reach of children.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the packaging:

- Pro-Ject VC-S3 Record Cleaning Machine
- Magnetic record clamp
- Pre-mixed cleaning fluid (Wash it)
- Vacuum arm with felt strips
- Goat hair brush
- Power cord
- Allen key for assembly



Figure 3.1: Included accessories for the VC-S3.

4. SETUP

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain the packaging for future transport or storage.

2. **Placement:** Place the VC-S3 on a stable, level surface. Ensure there is adequate space around the machine for operation and ventilation.
3. **Vacuum Arm Installation:** Insert the vacuum arm into its designated slot on the top plate of the machine. Ensure it is securely seated.
4. **Platter Assembly:** Place the platter onto the motor spindle.
5. **Power Connection:** Connect the power cord to the machine and then to a suitable power outlet.



Figure 4.1: Top view of the VC-S3 with platter and vacuum arm.



Figure 4.2: VC-S3 with a record on the platter.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Place Record:** Place a vinyl record onto the platter. Secure it with the magnetic record clamp.
2. **Apply Fluid:** Apply a small amount of the pre-mixed cleaning fluid evenly across the record surface. Use the provided goat hair brush to gently spread the fluid and work it into the grooves.
3. **Start Motor:** Flip the 'MOTOR' switch to the 'ON' position (usually indicated by 'I' or 'II' for different directions). Allow the record to rotate for a few revolutions to ensure the fluid is well distributed.
4. **Engage Vacuum:** Position the vacuum arm over the record. Flip the 'VACUUM' switch to the 'ON' position (indicated by 'I'). The vacuum system will activate, drawing the cleaning fluid and impurities from the record surface.
5. **Dry Record:** Allow the vacuum to operate for 1-2 revolutions in each direction (if applicable) until the record surface appears dry. The VC-S3 is designed for fast drying, typically within 2 rotations.

6. **Remove Record:** Turn off the 'VACUUM' and 'MOTOR' switches. Carefully remove the record clamp and then the cleaned record.
7. **Repeat:** Repeat the process for the other side of the record and for additional records.



Figure 5.1: Control switches for motor and vacuum.



Figure 5.2: Vacuum arm in operation on a record.



Figure 5.3: Detailed view of the vacuum arm.

6. MAINTENANCE

- **Emptying Waste Tank:** The VC-S3 features a 2.5L internal waste fluid tank. Regularly check the fluid level and empty it when full. Refer to the diagram in the full manual for the waste tank drain plug location.
- **Cleaning Vacuum Arm:** Periodically inspect the felt strips on the vacuum arm for wear or debris. Replace them if they become dirty or worn to ensure optimal suction and prevent scratching records.
- **Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Record Not Drying Completely:**

- Ensure the vacuum arm is properly seated and making full contact with the record surface.
- Check if the felt strips on the vacuum arm are clean and not overly saturated or worn. Replace if necessary.
- Verify the waste fluid tank is not full.
- Allow for an additional revolution or two under vacuum.

- **Weak Suction:**

- Check for blockages in the vacuum arm or tubing.
- Ensure the vacuum arm is correctly installed and sealed.
- Empty the waste fluid tank.

- **Wet Streak Under Vacuum Arm:**

- This can occur if the vacuum is turned off too quickly or if the felt strips are saturated. Allow the vacuum to run for a full rotation after the record appears dry.
- Ensure felt strips are clean and in good condition.

- **Motor Not Rotating:**

- Check power connection.
- Ensure the 'MOTOR' switch is in the 'ON' position.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Pro-Ject
Model	VC-S3
Tank Capacity	2.5 Liters
Included Components	Magnetic record clamp, Pre-mixed cleaning fluid, 2.5L tank, Vacuum system
Special Features	Magnetic Record Clamp, Pre-Mixed Cleaning Fluid

9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Pro-Ject products are manufactured to the highest quality standards. This product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. The specific duration and terms of the warranty may vary by region. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty information, refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Pro-Ject website.

10. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, spare parts, or further information regarding your Pro-Ject VC-S3, please contact your authorized Pro-Ject dealer or visit the official Pro-Ject Audio Systems website. You can find contact details and support resources at [Pro-Ject Audio Systems Store](#).