

Okki Nokki

RECORD CLEANER

Owner's Manual

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IMPORTANT! READ THIS SUPPLEMENT TO THE OWNER'S MANUAL AND THE OWNER'S MANUAL ITSELF CAREFULLY, BEFORE USING THE MACHINE!

Introduction

You are now the proud owner of the Okki Nokki Record Cleaner. It will give you many years of good service if you read and follow this instruction manual.



Photo 1: the Cadence Okki Nokki record cleaner



Photo 2: *Never lift the Okki Nokki by the turntable*

The Okki Nokki is available in two versions: 110V and 230V. Please make sure that your machine has the correct voltage and mains connection for the UK. You will find the appropriate voltage indicated on the back panel of the machine. Please note: The rubber feet underneath the machine may leave marks or damage to polished or other surfaces. Please note: The rubber feet underneath the machine may leave marks or damage to polished or other surfaces. The record cleaner is suitable for 230 V AC at 50 Hz. For safety reasons it is advisable to always plug the machine into an earthed wall socket. Do not operate the machine in damp conditions.

Unpacking

After opening the cardboard box, take out the supplied accessories, after which you should lift the machine with both hands, out of the box. Keep the packing for any subsequent shipping.

Accessories supplied with the machine: stainless steel suction arm, cleaning brush and an earthed IEC mains cable.

Installation

Place the record cleaner on a clear, clean dry surface. Make sure that the cleaner is in a stable position on a sturdy table or stand. Position the cleaner in such a way as to ensure that it is situated at a comfortable working height. You will have to keep in mind that there may be the possibility of a leakage of fluid onto the table or other base. It might help to place a towel or similar absorbent material under the cleaner, in order to protect the surface underneath. Please provide ample ventilation around the machine.

Please provide ample ventilation in the room if using an alcohol based cleaning solution. Warning!

Stainless steel suction arm

Place the suction arm in the aperture provided for it, at the right hand, front side the machine. Place the arm parallel with the side, towards the rear of the machine (photo 3).

Give the stainless steel suction arm a regular check; the black velvet protection strips should be free of greasy substances, such as natural grease from your fingers. Check for dust, dirt and any traces of damage. Dust and dirt can be removed with a clean, dry brush (a soft bristle toothbrush would suffice).



Photo 3: position of the suction arm

Connecting the machine for operation

Plug the mains lead into the socket at the rear of the machine, then insert the plug in an earthed wall socket, of 230 V AC– 50 Hz. Locate the two switches at the front of the machine. The top switch marked “Motor” should be in the centre “OFF” position. Switch it upwards to the “L” position and the platter will now start revolving in a left hand direction. Repeat this with the switch in the downward “R” position; the platter will now revolve in a right hand direction. Some noise from the motor will be heard, this is normal. Put the switch in a horizontal position and the turntable will stop turning. Now engage the suction motor by placing the switch marked “Vacuum” in the downwards “ON” position and you will hear the noise of an old fashioned vacuum cleaner. Your cleaning machine is now ready for operation!!

Drain Down hose

Check that the drain down hose at the rear of the cleaner is closed with the red end cap.

Never operate the machine without the end cap in place and in the closed position!! Warning!

Cleaning test

We recommend a practice run on an old unwanted LP in order to ensure that the machine is set up and working correctly and to acquaint yourself with the correct cleaning procedure.

Cleaning operation.

Remove the locking nut from the turntable spindle, place the record in position, taking care that it is correctly centered on the spindle. Replace the locking nut on the spindle and screw down onto the record to secure it and prevent it from slipping. Before applying fluid, it is advisable to remove any obvious foreign substances from the LP surface. Place the platform switch in an upward position; the turntable will now revolve in a left hand direction. Apply the correct quantity of cleaning fluid on the grooved section of the record, place the cleaning brush on the record, (photographs 4 and 5).



Photo's 4 and 5: distributing the cleaning fluid

Apply the liquid to the record, making sure that it is evenly distributed over the surface, then slightly push the record down and let it run about three times, longer if necessary. Try to prevent the record label from getting wet, wipe off any spilled fluid immediately.

Swivel the suction arm until it is above record and is pointing at the spindle. The notch on the vertical section of the suction arm should be right above the slot of the suction arm holder. Lower the tube, lock the notch in the slot and then switch on the suction motor. Two revolutions are sufficient and recommended to suck up all the fluid – any more may damage your records. Switch off the motor, at the same time lifting the suction arm. Move the suction arm towards the rear of the record cleaner.

Repeat these actions in the opposite direction, i.e. with the turntable turning clockwise. This side of the record is now clean and dry. Remove the lock nut and repeat the procedure for the other side of the record.

Please ensure that you empty the fluid tank after 30 to 40 LP sides! Gently pull out the fluid release tube, which is situated at the back panel of the machine, until you feel resistance then stop. Don't be too heavy handed, as the point of resistance is built in. Empty the fluid tank as described in this owner's manual. Never take out the vacuum arm tube while the machine is switched on. This can severely damage the machine.

The Okki Nokki has a built-in sensor inside the fluid tank. This will shut off the machine automatically when the tank is full, to prevent any damage. This will happen when there is approx. 350 ml fluid in the tank. Please empty the tank as described in this manual. Please make sure that you have switched off the vacuum motor, as the machine could start to vacuum automatically should the sensor reset while you are emptying the tank. Damage to the machine could occur if this happens. The machine will start working again after the fluid reservoir is almost empty.

The vacuum motor of your Okki Nokki has a built-in temperature sensor. If the internal temperature of the machine becomes too high, the machine will shut off automatically. In this case, please switch the machine completely off and wait at least 30 minutes before you start using the Okki Nokki again!

Useful hints for cleaning records

1. Turn the suction arm away from you if not in use.
2. Always try and use the correct amount of liquid, experience will teach you!:
 - If you are not covering the surface of the record evenly – too little.
 - If there is liquid spilling all over the top plate of the cleaner – too much.
3. Remove any spilled liquid immediately. Always use recommended cleaning fluids. Do not use excessive alcohol in mixes – a ratio of 1 part alcohol to 4 parts purified water is quite sufficient. Do not use foaming type cleaning fluids.

Emptying the cleaning liquid reservoir

After having cleaned not more than forty (40) records, the waste liquid has to be drained from the reservoir. Cleaning more than seven records without draining the reservoir may cause damage to the machine and will nullify your warranty!! Remove the red cap from the draining hose and place the hose in a bottle, or some other receptacle. Lift the front of the machine about 15 centimetres. And hold the machine in this position till there is no liquid flowing from the drainage hose. Always replace the red cap on the drainage hose and make sure it is secured and closed. **Failure to do so will nullify your warranty!!**



Photo 6: draining the cleaning liquid

NB. Sometimes when you check the drain down tube, there will be little or no fluid. This may be because you are using an alcohol based mix, which is prone to evaporation due to heat generated inside the machine. However this is no excuse for not checking the drain down tube every forty (40) LPs and it must be done. Warranty Warning!

Useful hints and recommendations

1. If liquids drain from the machine spontaneously, it means that you were late with the draining. If this happens, you should drain the fluid as described above.
2. Never use more than two (2) revolutions to suck the record dry. Vacuuming for longer periods has the opposite result, generating static electricity and may damage your valuable records. Never vacuum a dry record!
3. Always switch off the suction motor first before stopping the turntable.
4. Give the velvet strips on the suction arm a regular check for dirt, any wear or tear and/or damage. These velvet strips will last about 200 cleaning operations; they should be replaced on a regular basis. Sets of strips are available from your local dealer.
5. After cleaning operations, the cleaning brush should be rinsed with warm water.
6. You will notice that some of your records, such as those that have been played “wet” or are badly contaminated, will benefit if cleaned several times.
7. NEVER use a cleaning agent containing more than max 5 % alcohol.
8. NEVER use an alcohol based fluid on 78-rpm shellac records or acetates.
9. Avoid any naked flames or smoking when using cleaning fluids containing alcohol, in order to prevent explosions or fire.
10. The cleaning arm supplied is only suitable for 12 inch records; Special arms for 7 and 10 inch records are available.
11. The Okki Nokki Record cleaning machine is supplied in custom made, approved packaging. We highly recommend you to keep the original packing in case of any future shipping.
12. The following accessories are available for your cleaning machine: Record-cleaning fluid, 7 and 10 inch vacuum tubes, replacement velvet strips for the vacuum tube and brush.

Maintenance

The turntable should be cleaned regularly with a household vacuum cleaner. Wipe all other surfaces clean with a damp cloth. Keep the velvet strips on the suction arm clean and replace on a regular basis.

From now on, your records will sound Okki Nokki!

Conditions of warranty

You have a two-year warranty on your Okki Nokki record cleaner. Always keep your original invoice / receipt of purchase; this determines your warranty period.

The warranty on the machine will be void if you fail to operate this machine in a responsible manner as advised in this manual!!

Should the machine fail to operate, please contact your dealer or distributor. Under no circumstances must you open the machine and attempt repairs or alter the machine in any way.

No repairs may be carried out by an unauthorized service agent

No responsibility is accepted for damage to records if the machine is used in an incorrect or improper way.

Please contact your dealer for any questions, complaints or comments.