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Turntable System

SL-B2

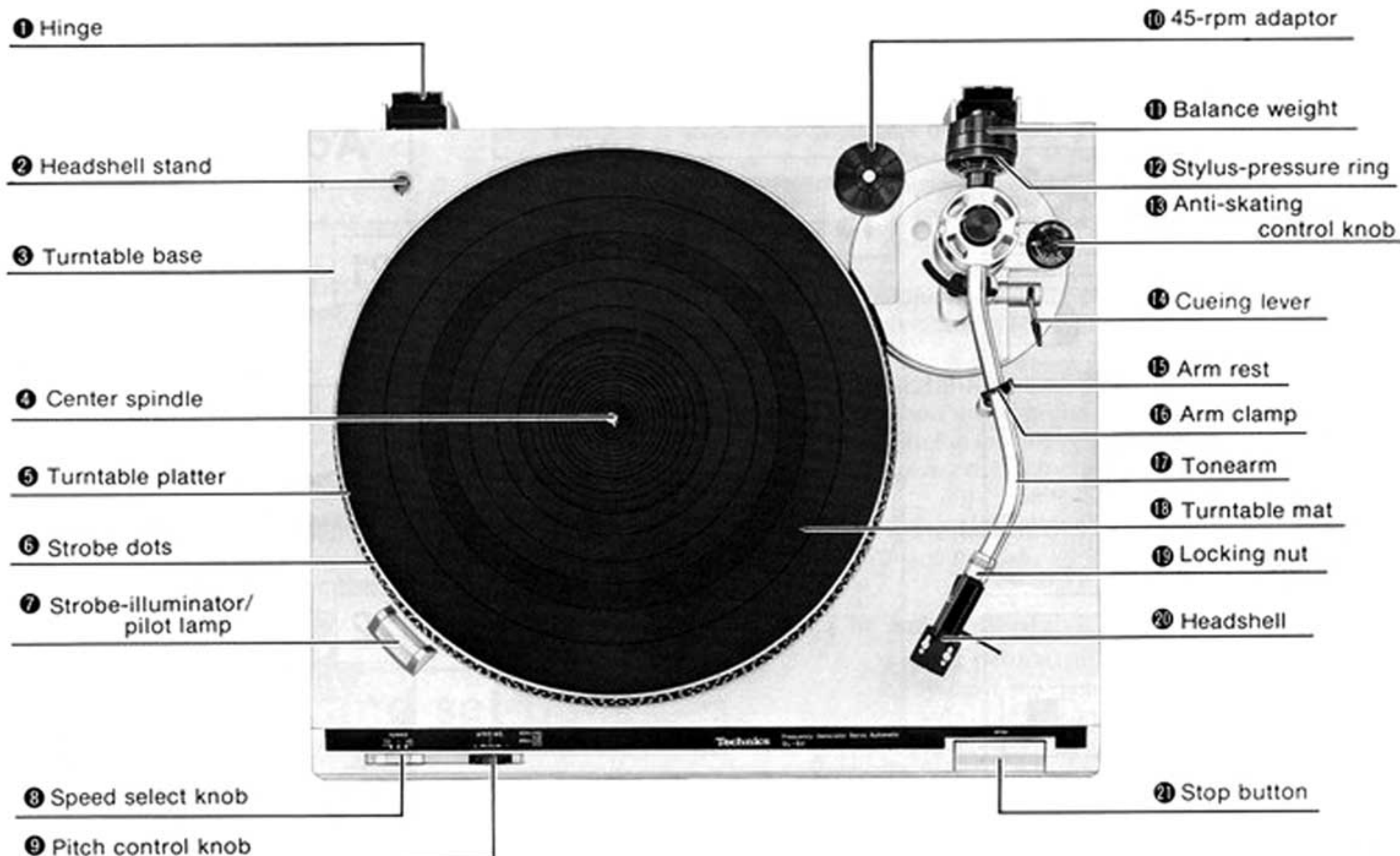
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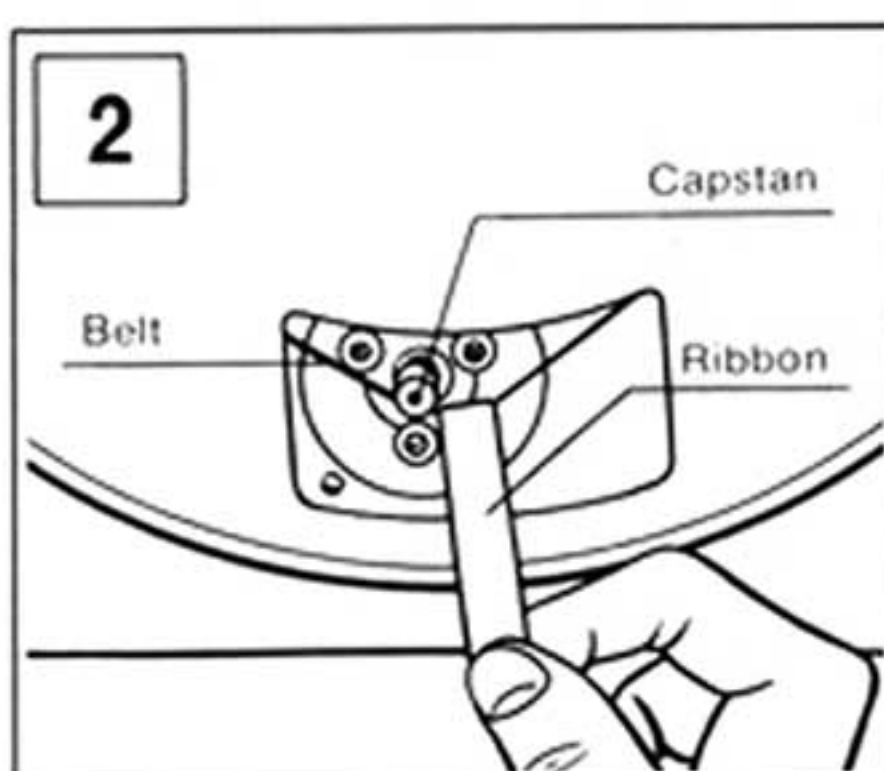
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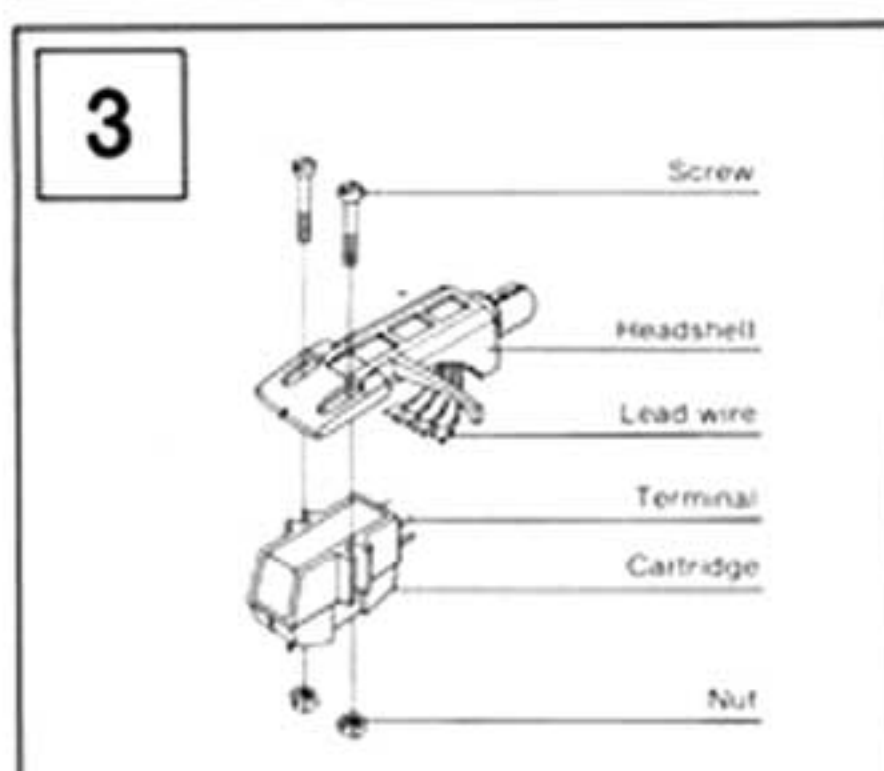


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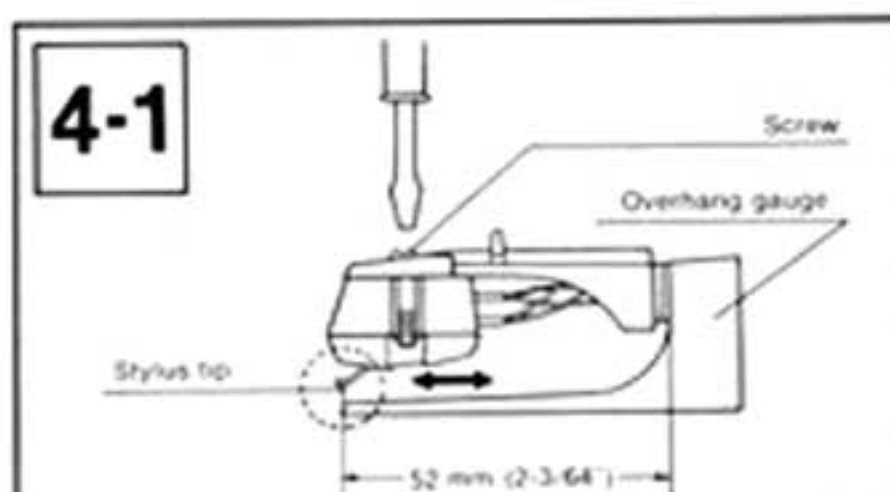
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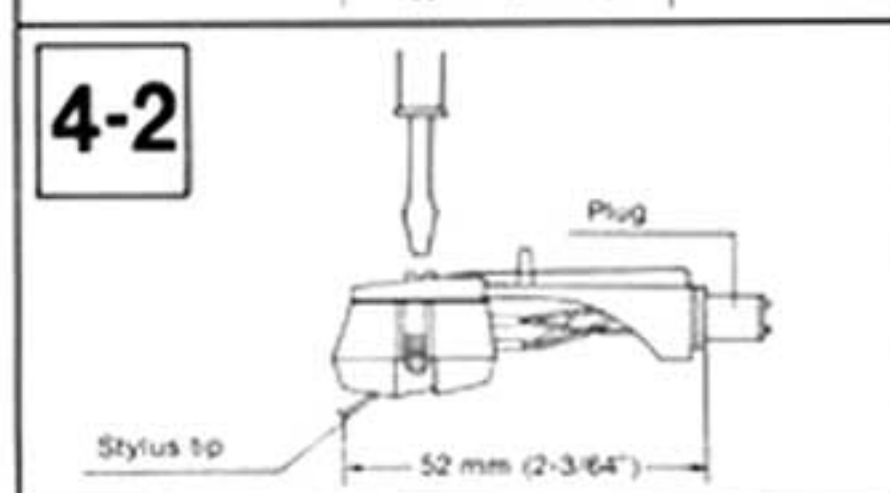
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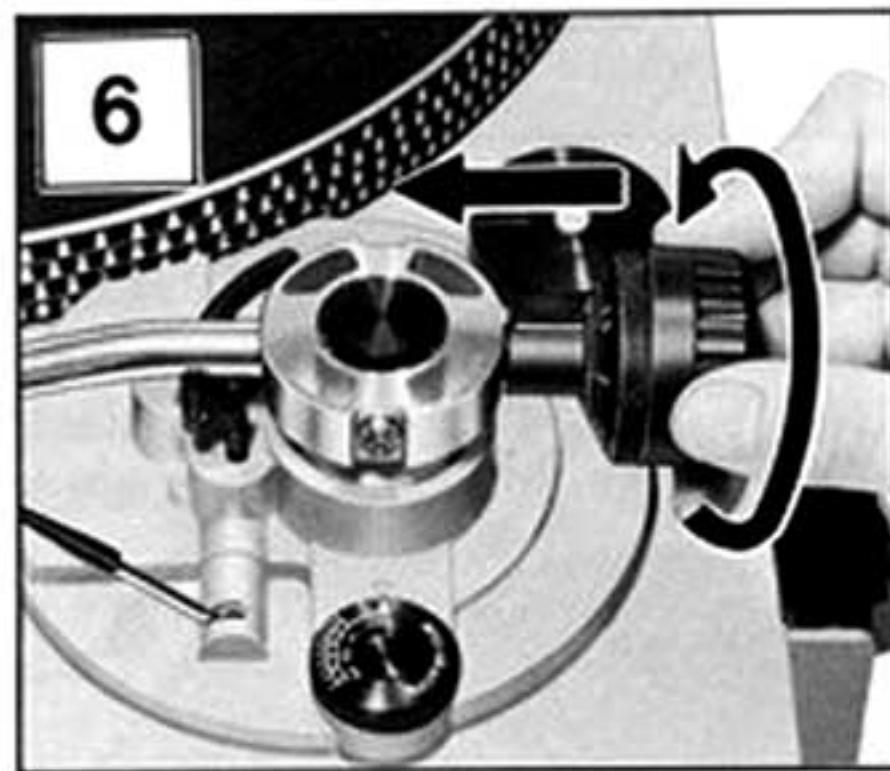
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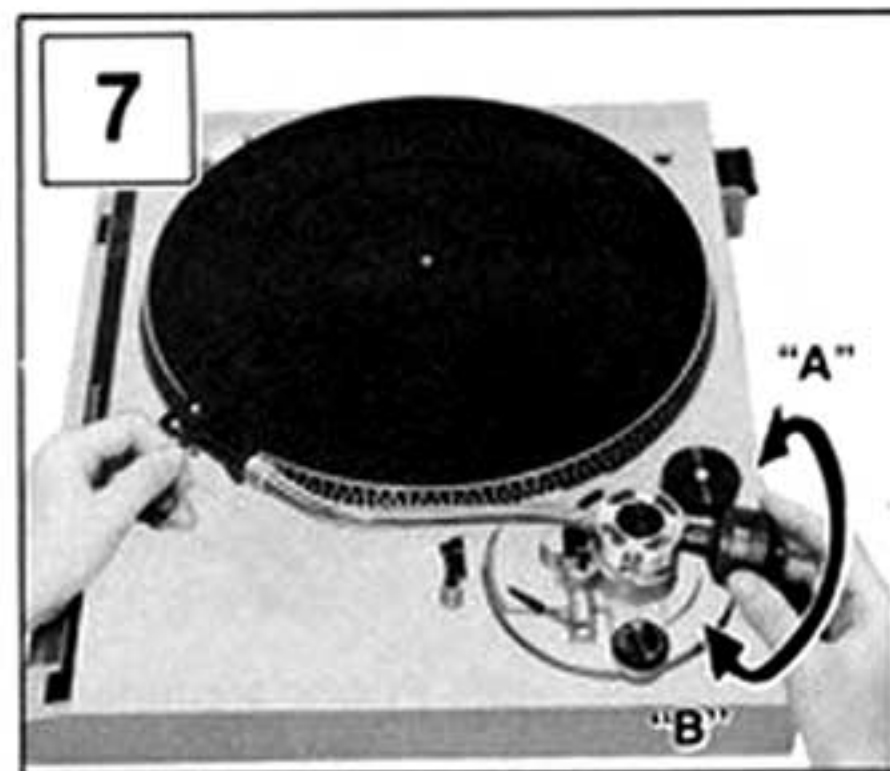
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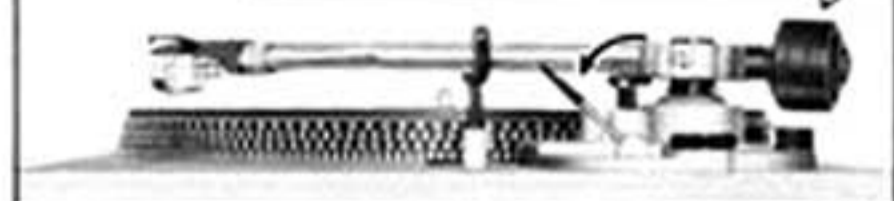
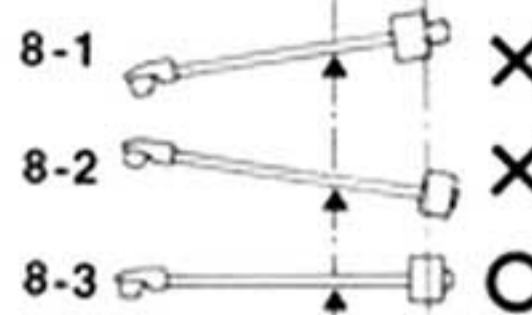


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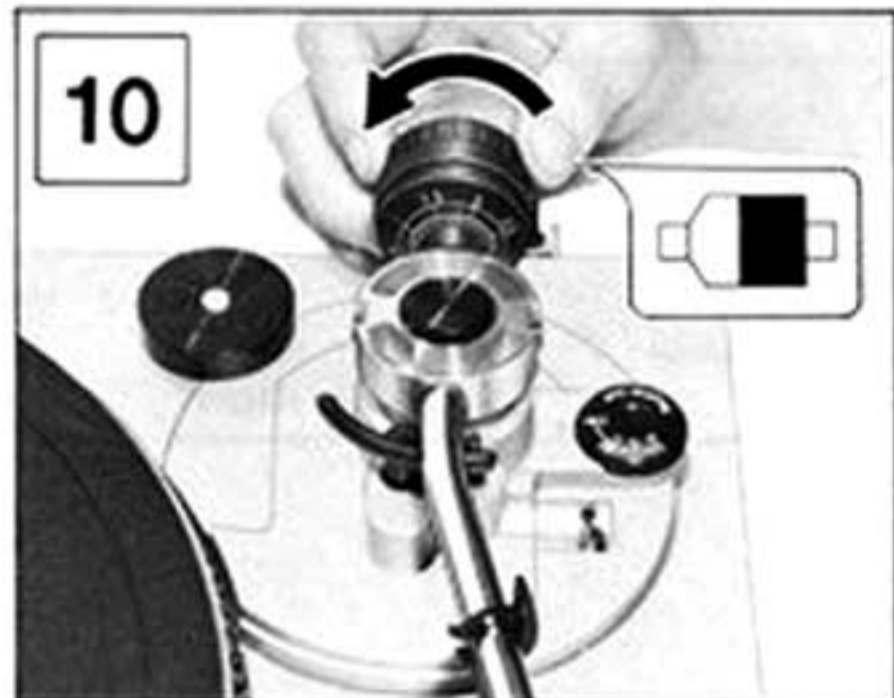
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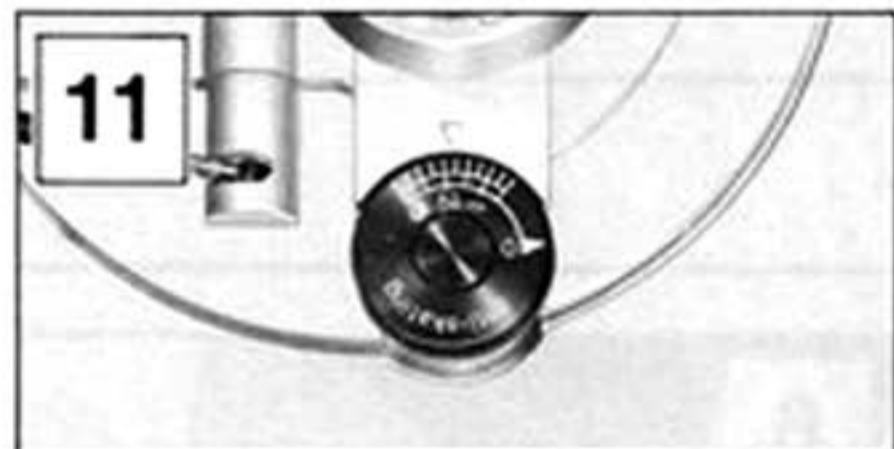
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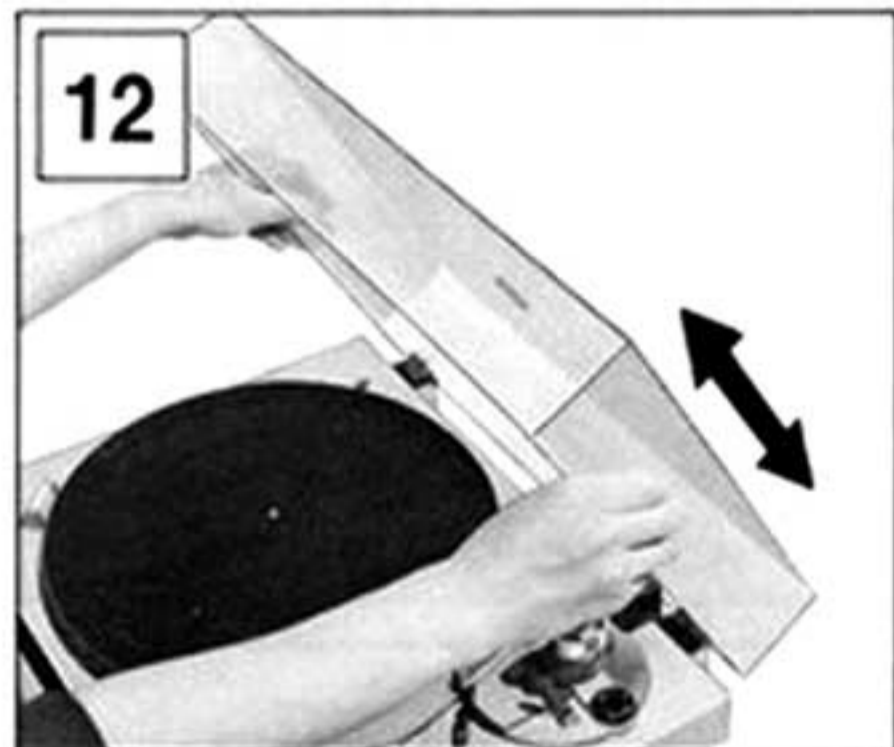
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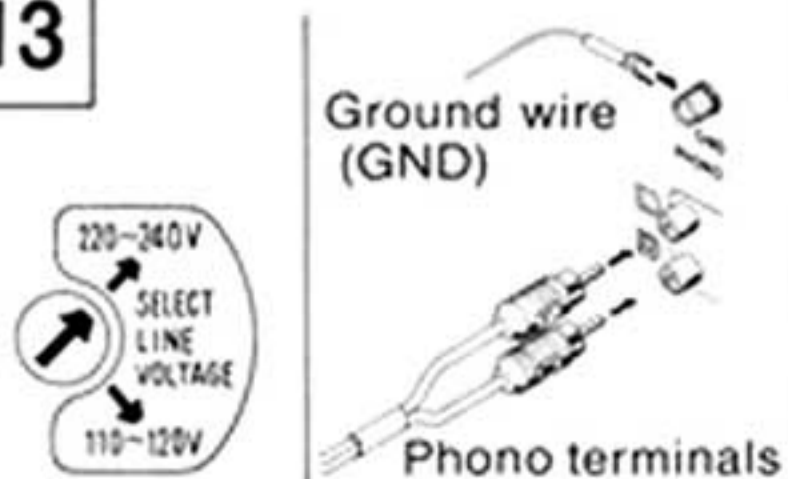
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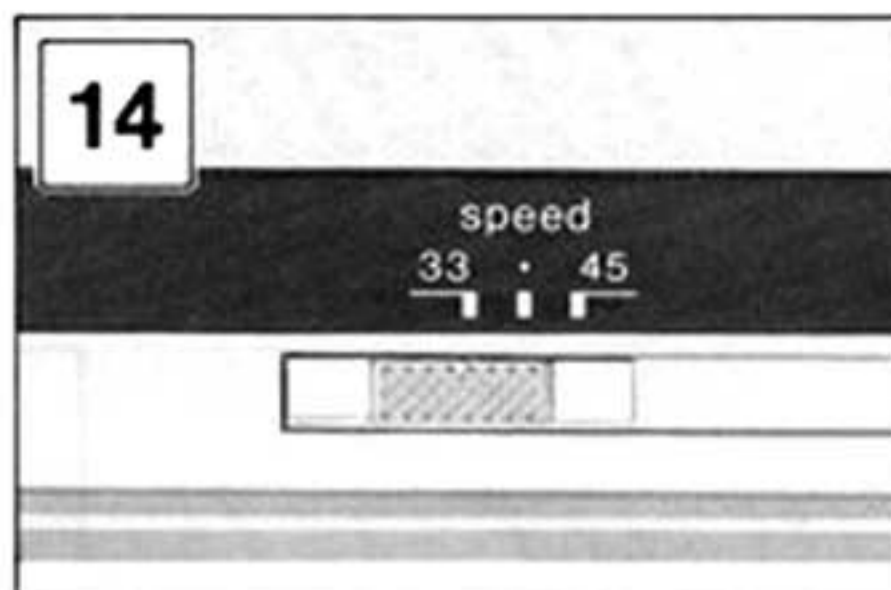


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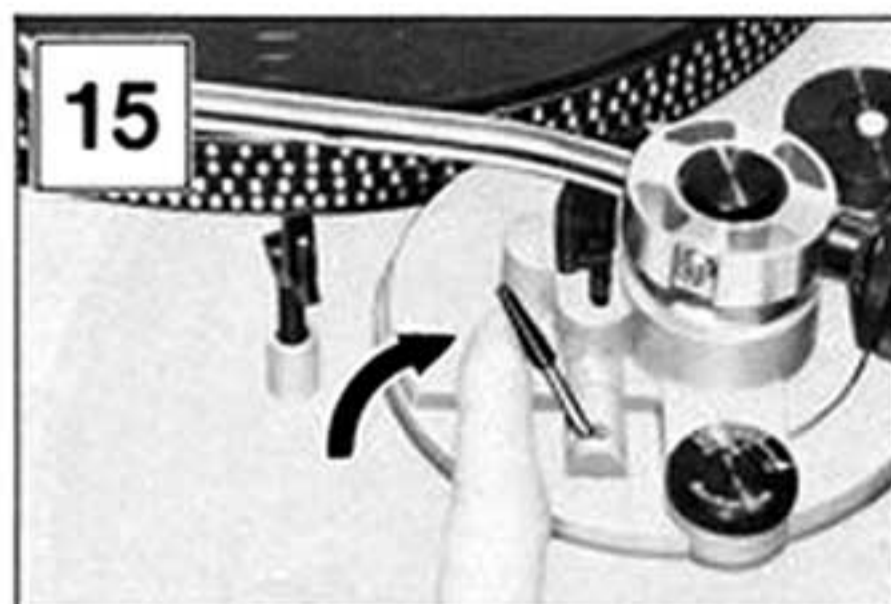


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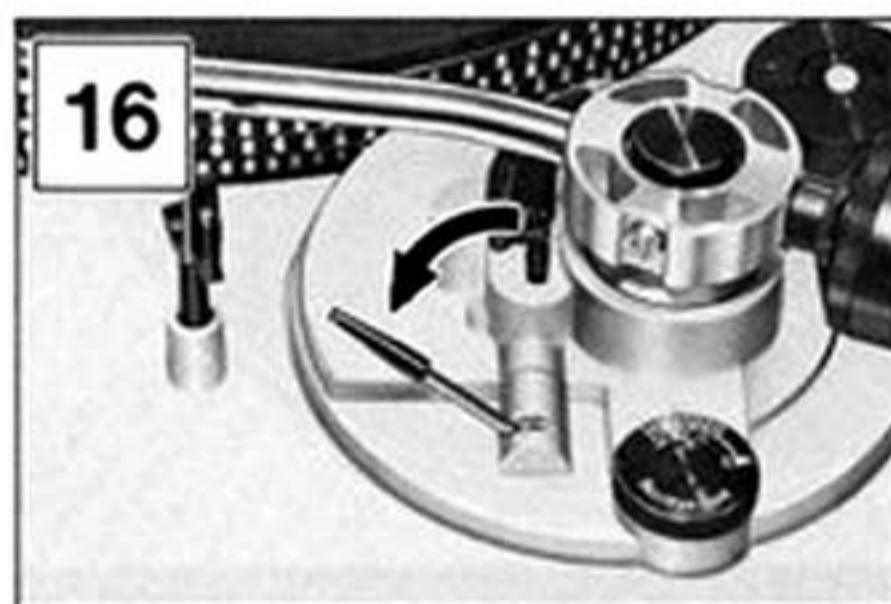
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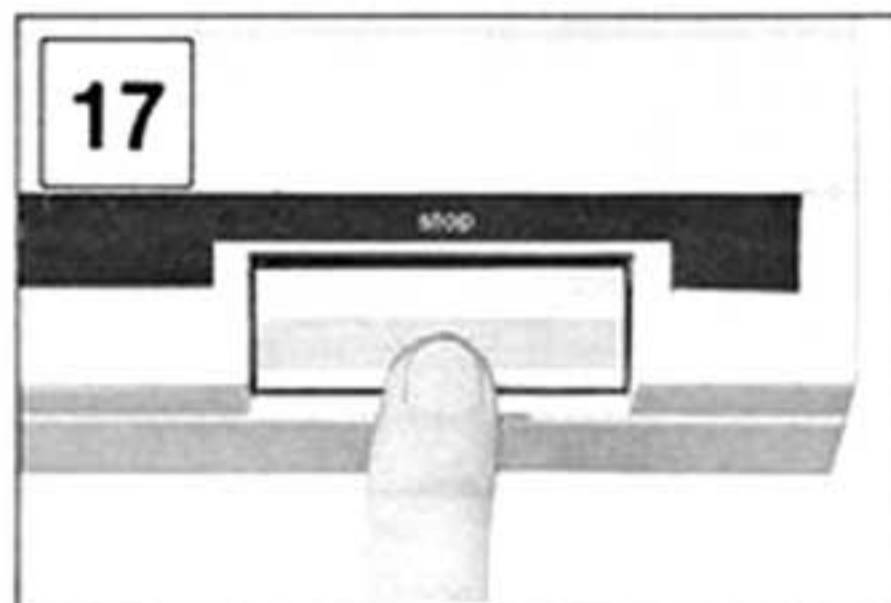
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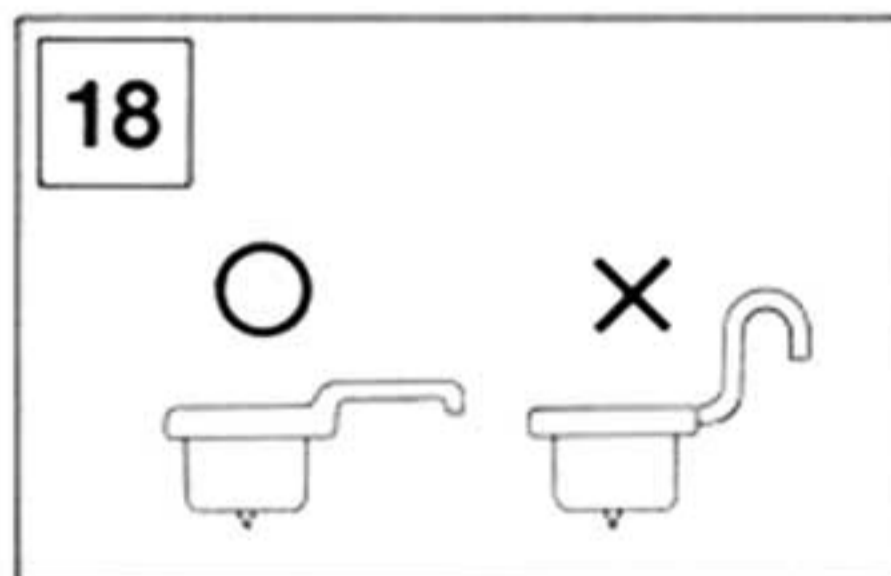


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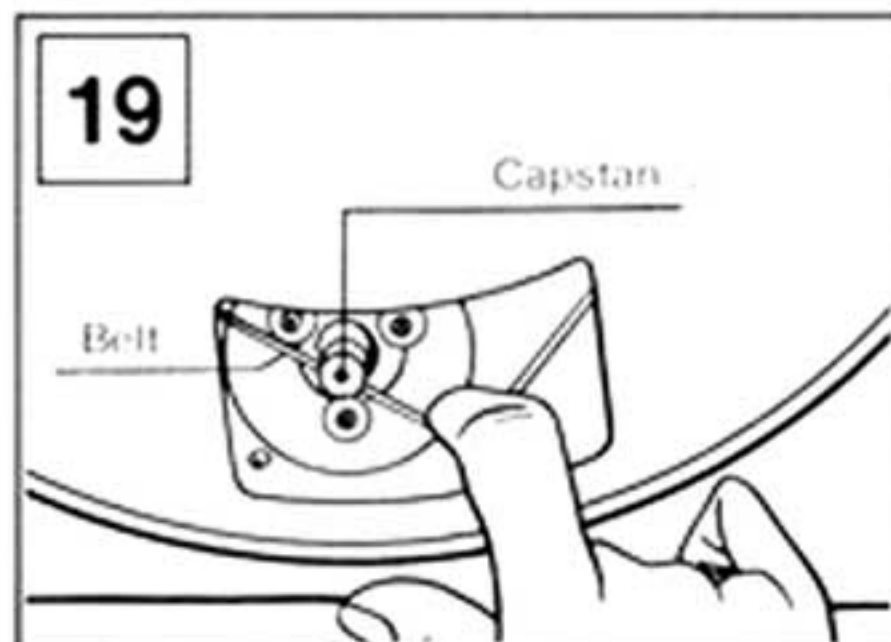


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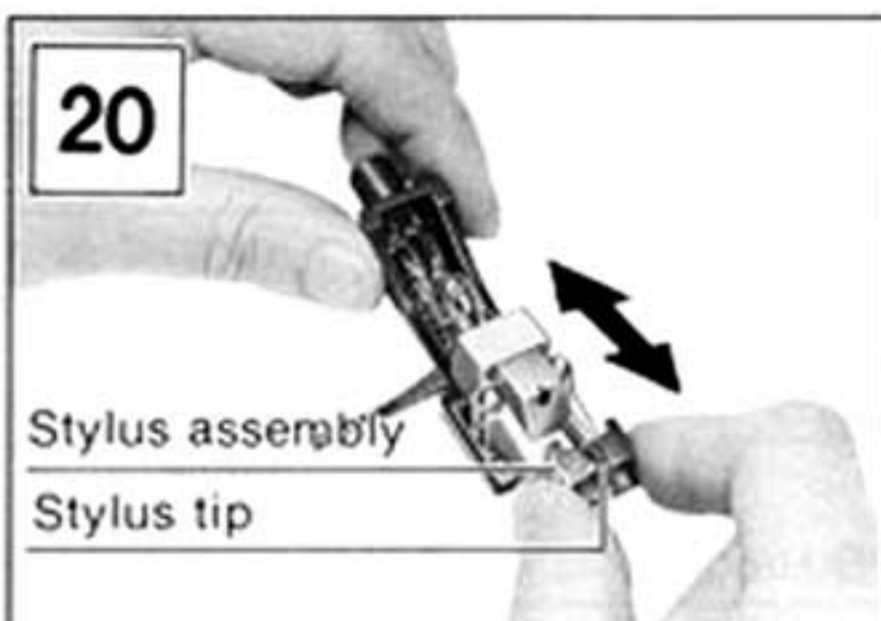
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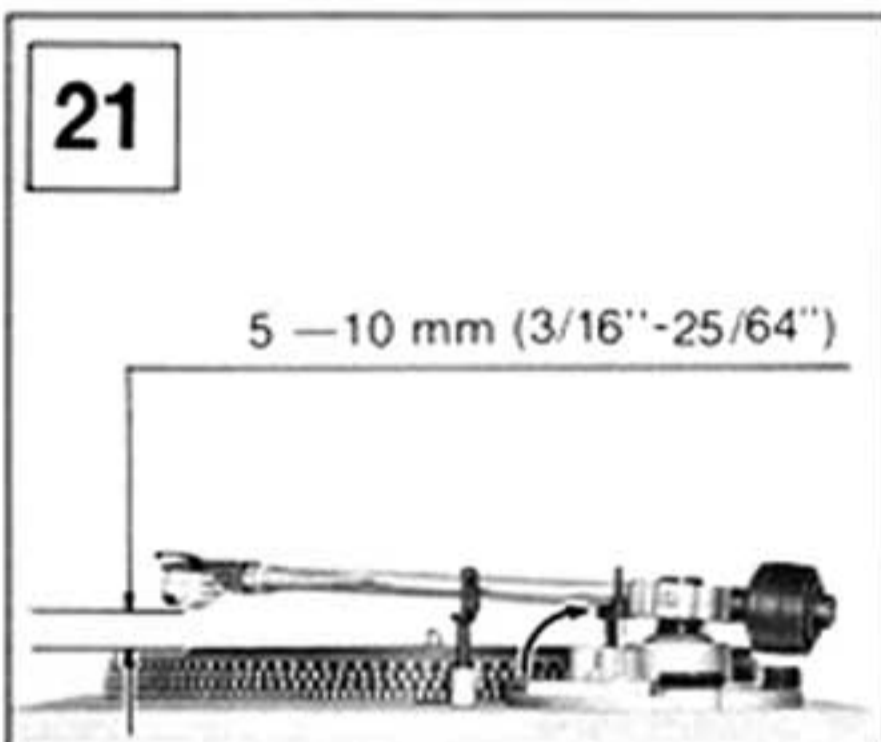


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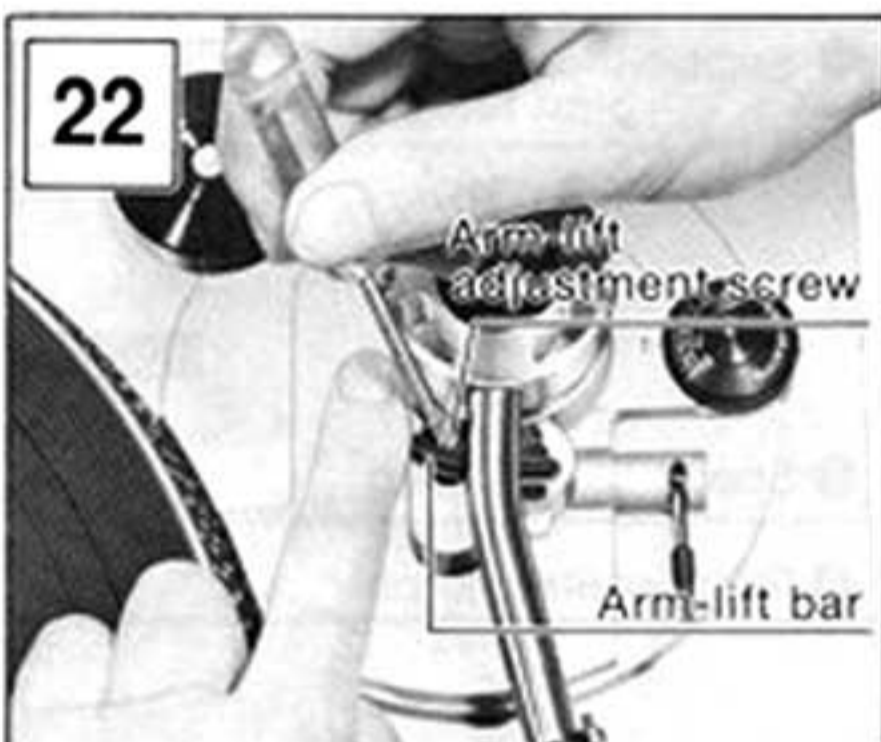


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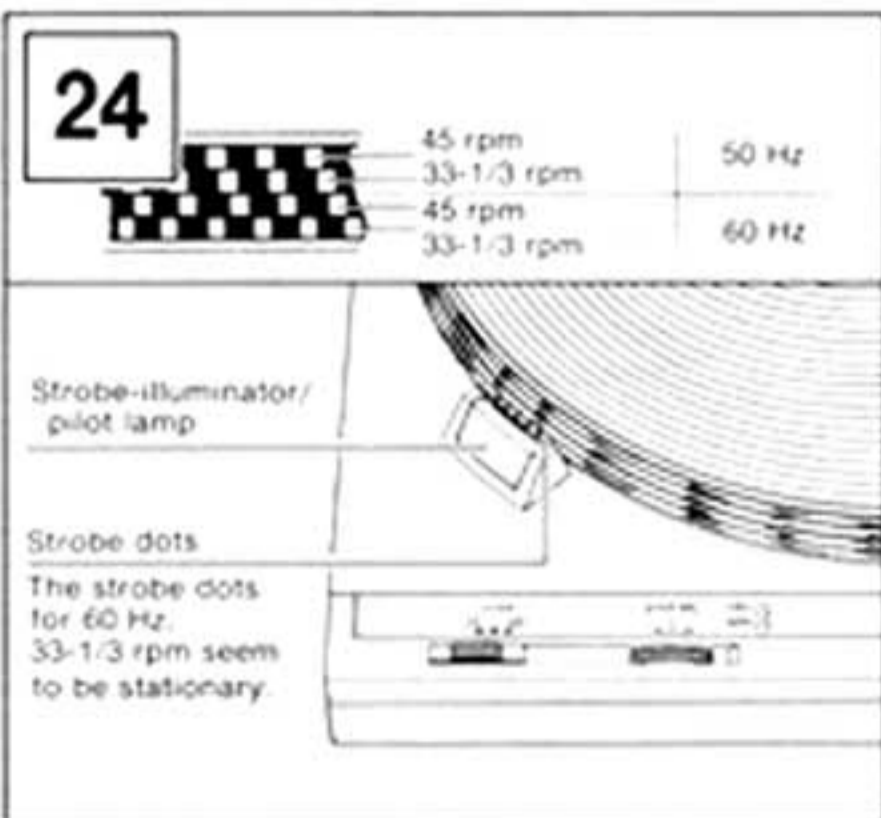
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We want to thank you for selecting the SL-B2.
For optimum performance, we recommend that you read these instructions carefully.

Before use

Caution:

Never connect the AC power plug before assembly has been completed.

Attach the dust cover last, so that assembly and adjustments can be made most conveniently.

Note:

The operating instructions are commonly applicable to units with cartridge and without cartridge, and also to those of different colors.

For the units without cartridge, the cartridge section of the specifications may be neglected.

■ Checklist of parts

Turntable unit	1
Turntable platter	1
Turntable mat	1
Dust cover	1
45-rpm adaptor	1
Balance weight	1
Headshell	1
Overhang gauge (for the unit without cartridge)	1

Assembly and set-up

■ Installation of turntable platter

1. Place the turntable platter on the center spindle.
2. Attach the belt to the capstan using the ribbon as shown in the picture. Then, remove the ribbon.
3. Place the turntable mat on the platter.

Note:

After having placed the turntable mat on the turntable platter, manually rotate the turntable platter clockwise about 10 times.

This will disengage the automatic mechanism from the tonearm gear, which, in rare cases, may have moved out of its normal position during transportation.

■ Installation of cartridge (See Fig. 3.)

(for the unit without cartridge)

When you install a cartridge, refer to the operation instructions of that cartridge.

During installation, attach the stylus protector to guard the stylus tip from damage.

1. Connect the lead wires to the cartridge terminals.
The terminals of most cartridges are color coded. Connect each lead wire to the terminal of the same color.
White (L+)..... Left channel+
Blue (L-)..... Left channel-
Red (R+)..... Right channel+
Green (R-)..... Right channel-
2. Install a cartridge to the headshell, and tighten it with screws provided with the cartridge.

■ Adjustment of overhang

For the unit with overhang gauge (See Fig. 4-1.)

1. Insert the headshell into the gauge.
2. Loosen the mounting screws and move the cartridge forward or backward until the stylus tip lines up with the edge of the gauge.

3. Tighten the mounting screws without moving the cartridge.

Note:

Your cartridge is now adjusted for lowest tracking error and minimum distortion.

This gauge is exclusively designed for this tonearm.

For the unit without overhang gauge. (See Fig. 4-2.)

The overhang of this unit is 15 mm.

Loosen the mounting screws and move the cartridge forward or backward until the distance between the stylus tip and the plug becomes 52 mm (2-3/64") as shown in the picture.

Tighten the mounting screws without moving the cartridge. Adjust horizontal zero balance, stylus pressure and arm-lift height whenever you change the cartridge.

■ Installation of headshell (See Fig. 5.)

Insert the headshell into the front end of the tubular arm, and turn the locking nut clockwise (in the direction shown by the arrow "A"), with the headshell firmly held horizontally.

■ Installation of balance weight (See Fig. 6.)

Place the balance weight on the rear shaft of the tonearm.

■ Adjustments of horizontal zero (0) balance and stylus pressure

1. Remove the stylus protector, if your cartridge has a detachable one. Be careful not to touch your fingers to the stylus tip.
2. Release the arm clamp and lift the tonearm from the arm rest to free it.
3. Turn the entire balance weight clockwise (indicated by the arrow "A") or counterclockwise (indicated by the arrow "B") until the tonearm is approximately balanced horizontally (floats freely). (See Figs. 7 and 8.)

Note:

Fig. 8-1

Excessive forward advancement of the balance weight causes the cartridge side to be lowered.

Fig. 8-2

Excessive backward retreatment of the balance weight causes the cartridge side to be raised.

Fig. 8-3

Upon balancing between the balance weight and cartridge, the tonearm is held horizontal.

During the adjustment of the horizontal zero (0) balance, be careful that the stylus tip of the cartridge does not contact the turntable mat or turntable base.

4. After the tonearm is horizontally zero (0) balanced, temporarily refasten the tonearm with the arm clamp.
5. Hold the balance weight stationary with one hand as shown in the picture, and rotate only the stylus-pressure ring to bring the numeral "0" of the ring into alignment with the center line on the tonearm rear shaft.
The adjustment of the horizontal zero (0) balance is now completed. (See Fig. 9.)
6. After adjusting the horizontal zero (0) balance, turn the balance weight clockwise in the direction of the arrow and align to the correct stylus pressure. (See Fig. 10.)
(Follow the cartridge manufacturer's recommendation.)
As the stylus-pressure ring moves in step with the balance weight, proper stylus pressure can be selected by directly reading the graduated ring.

Note:

Set the stylus pressure to the maximum recommended value for your cartridge in cases where the record has an extremely high recording level, or where the unit is operated in a room at low temperature, or in places in which the unit is subjected to vibrations.

■ **Adjustment of anti-skating control**

Set the anti-skating control knob to the same value as the stylus pressure. (See Fig. 11.)

Note:

When a cartridge with integral dust brush is used, follow the cartridge manufacturer's recommendation for adjusting both stylus pressure and anti-skating force.

■ **Installation of dust cover**

Place the dust cover into position from directly above, holding it at both sides. For detaching the dust cover, be certain first to raise it as illustrated before removal. (See Fig. 12.)

Note:

Opening or closing of the dust cover during play should be avoided. This may not only cause undesired vibrations, but also result in skipping of the stylus.

If you must open the dust cover during play, do so as gently as possible.

Placement

- Place the unit in a stable and horizontal position, where there is little or no vibration.
- Locate the unit as far away from the speakers as possible and isolate the unit from sound radiation from them.
- Do not place the unit where it is exposed to direct sun, dust, moisture or heat.
- Keep it in a well ventilated place.

Connections

■ **Connect the AC power plug**

Connect the AC power plug to an AC wall socket.

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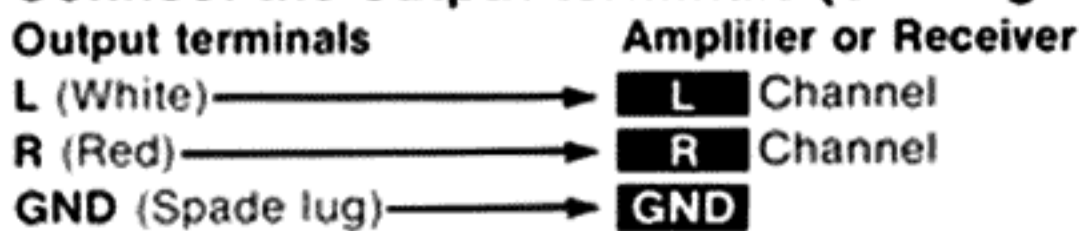
Make sure that the turntable's AC line-voltage selector is matched to your local voltage before connecting the AC power plug.

Never connect to a DC socket.

If the pre-selected voltage is different from your local voltage, turn the AC line-voltage selector with a screwdriver so that it corresponds to your local voltage.

The AC line-voltage selector is located under the turntable platter. (See Fig. 13.)

■ **Connect the output terminals (See Fig. 13.)**



Note:

Be sure to connect the ground terminal firmly to the amplifier or receiver. If this connection is not made or is loose, a power source "HUM" will result.

How to operate

1. Place a record on the turntable mat.
2. Set the speed select knob to the desired record speed. (See Fig. 14.)
3. Remove the stylus protector, if your cartridge has a detachable one.
4. Release the arm clamp.
5. Set the cueing lever to the up position. (See Fig. 15.)
6. Move the tonearm over the desired groove.
The strobe-illuminator/pilot lamp will light up and the turntable platter will start to rotate.
7. Set the cueing lever to the down position. (See Fig. 16.)
The tonearm will descend slowly onto the record and play will begin.
8. When play is finished, the tonearm will automatically return to the arm rest (auto-return), and the turntable platter will stop rotation.
The turntable platter will continue to rotate briefly due to its own inertia.
If the unit is not to be used for some time, set the speed select knob to the neutral "•" position.
Attach the stylus protector, if you have one, to guard the stylus tip from damage.

■ **How to stop play**

Push the stop button. (See Fig. 17.)

The tonearm automatically returns to the arm rest, and the turntable stops rotating.

■ **How to suspend play**

Set the cueing lever to the up position.

The stylus tip of the cartridge will be lifted from the record.

■ **When you play a 45-rpm record with a large center hole**

Place the 45-rpm adaptor on the center spindle. Set the speed select knob to the "45" position.

Notes and maintenance

- Do not grasp or hold the tonearm during operation of the automatic mechanism.
- When using other headshells, make sure that the headshell configuration is compatible. (See Fig. 18.)
When other types of headshells are employed, the handle portion of the headshell may strike against the inner upper surface of the dust cover during automatic motion of the tonearm. In such a case, we recommend that the dust cover be left open during play.
- Before detaching or attaching the headshell, be sure to turn the power of the amplifier or receiver off.
Detaching or attaching of the headshell with the volume control turned up may cause damage to the speakers.
- Dust and dirt should be carefully removed from stylus tip or records.
Dust and dirt on the stylus tip or record may not only result in deterioration of tone quality, but also cause undue wear of the record and the stylus tip itself.
Special stylus tip brushes and record cleaners can be purchased in most electronic supply houses.

- **Wipe the headshell terminals from time to time.**
Dust and dirt at the headshell terminals may result in increased "HUM" noise or intermittent sound. Use soft dry cloth to clean the headshell terminals.

- **Wipe the dust cover and turntable base with a soft, dry cloth.**
Never use any cleaners containing alcohol, benzine or thinner. Use of a chemical dust cloth should also be avoided. Be sure that the dust cover is not exposed to insecticide spray. To remove stubborn finger prints or grease spots, detach the dust cover and disconnect the AC power plug. Use a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild soap and water solution.
Do not wipe the dust cover during play, or the tonearm may be attracted toward the dust cover due to the generation of static electricity.

- **How to remove and install the turntable platter (See Fig. 19.)**
The belt is connected to the capstan and the inner drive rim of the turntable platter.
Before removing the turntable platter, release the belt from the capstan.
When reinstalling the turntable platter, lower it over the turntable shaft and then put the belt onto the capstan.

Note:

Be careful not to let oil or grease contact the belt.
If grease inadvertently contacts the belt, disconnect the AC power cord first and wipe the belt clean with alcohol.

- **Replacement of stylus (See Fig. 20.)**
(for the unit with cartridge)

The unit is furnished with a diamond stylus.
The life of the stylus differs depending on the conditions of use, but it is recommended that you replace the stylus at the first sign of wear. About 500 hours of use is an approximate standard.

The replacement stylus for the unit is the EPS-270SD.

1. Remove the headshell/cartridge from the tubular arm.
Hold the stylus assembly with your fingers and withdraw it slantwise, as shown in the picture.
2. Align the new stylus assembly with the square opening of the cartridge main body, and push it into the opening positively as far as it will go.

Adjustments

- **Adjustment of the arm-lift height (See Figs. 21 and 22.)**

The arm-lift height (distance between the stylus tip and record surface when cueing lever is raised) has been adjusted at the factory before shipping to approximately 10 mm.
If the clearance becomes too narrow or too wide, turn the adjustment screw clockwise or counterclockwise, while pushing the arm lift down.

Clockwise rotation

—distance between the record and stylus tip is decreased.

Counterclockwise rotation

—distance between the record and stylus tip is increased.

Note:

As the adjusting screw has a hexagonal head, be sure to make the adjustment while depressing the arm lift, or the screw will not move freely.

Also be sure that the hexagonal head retracts correctly into the arm lift when the latter is released.

- **Adjustment for automatic return position**
(See Fig. 23.)

(Remove the rubber cap.)

In cases where the tonearm tends to return before the playing has finished

—rotate clockwise.

In cases where the tonearm fails to return after the last groove of the record has been played

—rotate counterclockwise.

- **Speed adjustment (with pitch-control knob)**
(See Fig. 24.)

Strobe dots are set on the rim of the turntable platter according to the power-line frequency and the speed of the records. Make adjustment, referring to the strobe-dot indication.

1. Set the speed select knob to the speed to be adjusted.
2. Release the arm clamp and move the tonearm toward the record.

The strobe-illuminator/pilot lamp will light up and the turntable platter will rotate.

3. While turning the pitch-control knob either to the "+" side or "-" side, adjust so that the strobe dots of the turntable platter look as if they were stationary. This represents the correct speed.

"+" direction

The speed of the turntable platter will increase. Turn the knob in this direction if the strobe dots seem to be "falling back", i.e. seem to be moving counterclockwise. When the dots appear to be stationary, turntable speed is accurate.

"-" direction

The speed of the turntable platter will decrease. Turn the knob in this direction if the dots seem to be "running ahead", i.e. seem to be moving clockwise, until they appear stationary.

Moreover, the speed fine control knob can be used for both 33-1/3 rpm and 45 rpm.

Adjustment is to be made according to the selected speed (33-1/3 or 45 rpm.)

Note:

Strobe dot pattern

The strobe-illuminator/pilot lamp of this unit employs the standard commercial power source. The frequency of such power source, when actually measured, has a fluctuation of about 0.2%.

As such a fluctuation of the power source affects the strobe illuminator, the strobe dot pattern also seems to fluctuate to a certain extent. But the unit is not affected by these fluctuations of the power source, since a DC motor is employed.

In other words, rotation of the platter will be constant, and slight shifts in the movement of the dots simply reflect normal drift in the power-source frequency.

Features

- **Front panel controls provide exceptional convenience**
- **"TNRC"* base material provides an acoustic shield**
*"TNRC".....Technics Non-Resonance Compound
- **Electronic speed switching**
- **Pitch control with illuminated stroboscope**
- **Viscous-damped cueing**
- **Anti-skating control**
- **Hinged, detachable dust cover**
- **Automatic tonearm return**

Specifications

■ General

Power supply:	~110-120/220-240V, 50 or 60 Hz
Power consumption:	3 W
Dimensions: (W×H×D)	43.0 × 13.0 × 37.5 cm (16-59/64" × 5-7/64" × 14-49/64")
Weight:	4.5 kg (9.9 lb.)

■ Turntable section

Type:	Automatic turntable Auto return Auto stop
Drive method:	Belt drive
Motor:	Frequency Generator Servo DC motor
Turntable platter:	Aluminum die-cast, 30.4 cm
Turntable speeds:	33-1/3 rpm and 45 rpm
Pitch control:	6% adjustment range
Wow and flutter:	0.045% WRMS (JIS C5521) ±0.06% peak (IEC 98A Weighted)
Rumble:	-70 dB (IEC 98A Weighted)

■ Tonearm section

Type:	Universal tonearm
Effective length:	230 mm (9-1/16")
Overhang:	15 mm (19/32")
Friction:	Less than 7 mg (lateral, vertical)
Effective mass:	12 g (without cartridge)
Tracking error angle:	Within 2°32' at the outer groove of 30 cm (12") record Within 0°32' at the inner groove of 30 cm (12") record
Offset angle:	22°
Stylus pressure adjustment range:	0—2.5 g
Applicable cartridge weight range:	6—9.5 g 14—17.5 g (including headshell)
Headshell weight:	8 g

■ Cartridge section

Model No.	EPC-270C
Type:	Moving magnet
Frequency response:	20 Hz to 25 kHz 20 Hz to 15 kHz ±2 dB
Output voltage:	3.2 mV at 1 kHz 5 cm/s, zero to peak lateral velocity
Output voltage:	[9 mV at 1 kHz 10 cm/s, zero to peak 45° velocity (DIN 45 500)]
Channel separation:	25 dB at 1 kHz
Channel balance:	Within 2 dB at 1 kHz
Compliance (dynamic):	10 × 10 ⁶ cm/dyne at 100 Hz
Stylus pressure:	1.75 ±0.25 g (17.5 ± 2.5mN)
Load impedance:	47 kΩ to 100 kΩ
Weight:	6.0 g (cartridge only)
Replacement stylus:	EPS-270SD

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Specifications subject to change without notice.

Weight and dimensions shown are approximate.

For longer and safer use of this unit

In order to receive the best service from this unit, and for the safest operation, carefully read the following information.

■ Power source

It is very dangerous to use this unit at a voltage which is different from the rated voltage.

There is danger of combustion if the unit is connected to a power source which is different from the rated voltage.

Be very careful concerning this point.

Direct current cannot be used.

There are some places, such as ships, where direct current is used as the power source. Before connecting the unit, confirm the power source.

■ Connection of power cord

Be sure to never touch the power cord with wet hands because there is danger of electric shock. This is true, of course, of all electric equipment.

Do not pull the power cord.

Never pull the power cord to disconnect it. Always pull the plug only.

■ Location of unit

Choose a place which is not in direct sunlight.

Select a place which will assure good ventilation.

■ Never place heating equipment nearby.

Be sure to keep stoves and other sources of heat away from this unit, because heat radiated by such equipment may cause deformation of plastic parts or damage the cabinet, or, at worst, cause a fire.

■ Especially for families with children

Take care that no small items, such as metal objects, are put inside this unit.

In addition, children should be especially warned not to put anything into the ventilation holes, such as toys or a screwdriver, because these things may cause an electric shock or result in a malfunction of the unit.

■ If water spills on the unit

If water should happen to spill on the unit, from an overturned vase for example, there is danger of fire or electric shock. Disconnect the power plug from the electric outlet immediately, and contact the store from which the unit was purchased.

■ Reconstruction can cause accidents

Absolutely never try to remodel, reconstruct or repair this unit yourself. Do not attempt to touch any internal parts because to do so may result in an electric shock or other accident.

■ Be sure the power is off.

After you have finished using this unit, check once more to be sure that the power is off. If the unit is left with the power on for a long period of time, it may not only be damaged, thus shortening its useful life, but may also lead to a dangerous accident.