



Victrola VTA-370B(PC)A Turntable Needle/Stylus Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

In 2020, for the first time in decades, vinyl records outsold CDs. Ten years ago, it would be unusual to see a turntable sitting on the shelf at a Walmart or Target, but it is now commonplace. More and more people are using and enjoying turntables and the medium it provides.

Turntables, however, are not a perfect machine. They're based on physical media, which tends to be unreliable. Due to this and its new popularity, more people need guides on repairing and maintaining turntables.

One of the best things you can do for a turntable is to replace the needle. This guide will walk through the steps on replacing the needle, also known as the stylus, on a Victrola turntable. Victrola is a well-known brand servicing many high-end turntable models and budget-friendly record players found in popular retail chains. In this guide, we use a Victrola VTA-370B(PC)A for the photos, but this guide can apply this guide to most, if not all, Victrola-brand turntables.

TOOLS:

[Metal Spudger](#) (1)
[Microfiber Cleaning Cloths](#) (1)


PARTS:

[Victrola Stylus Replacement](#) (1)

Step 1 — Needle/Stylus



- Insert a prying tool into the stylus casing, right above the red casing.

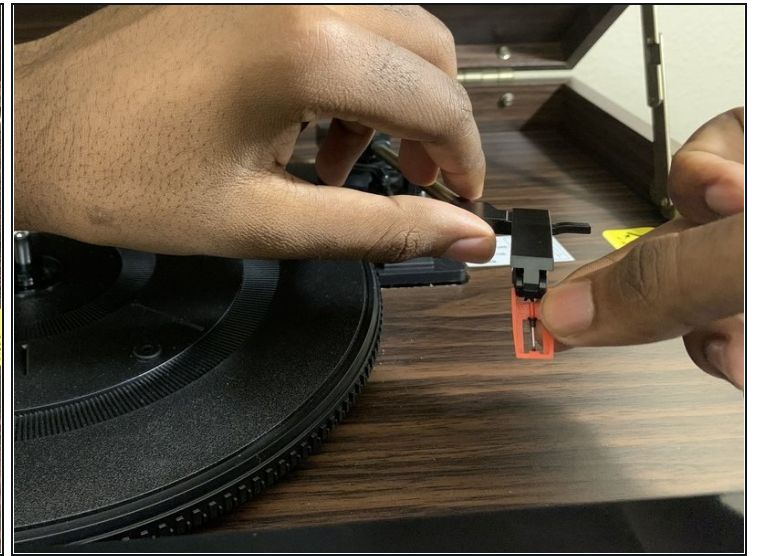
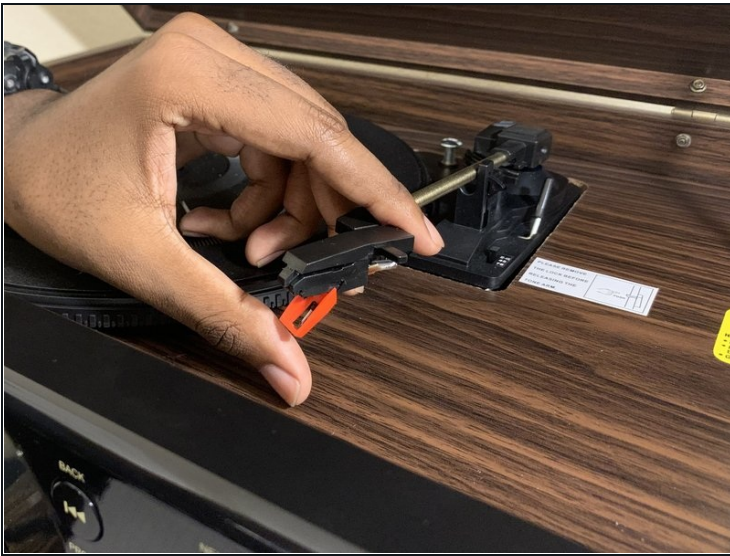
 **Potential for device damage:** Be delicate; if too much force is applied, the tone arm or stylus can break.

Step 2



- Push the casing down with the prying tool, releasing it so it can be removed.

Step 3



- Connect the new casing, applying it at an angle up and towards the back of the head of the tone arm.

Step 4



- Move the new casing up and into place where it will lock.
- ① You should hear a click sound when securing the casing.

Step 5



- Using a dry [microfiber cloth](#), wipe off a vinyl record.

Step 6



- Listen to how the turntable sounds when turned on. Listen for warbles, crackles, pops, and other non-desirable noise.
- ① If these distortions are heard, the new stylus may not be installed correctly and should be reinstalled.

If the vinyl sounds clear and plays smoothly, the needle has been successfully installed and ready for use.