

# Okki Nokki

## Record Cleaning Machine

*Owner's Manual*

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Photo 1



Photo 2



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## **IMPORTANT!** **READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY, BEFORE USING THE MACHINE!**

### **Introduction**

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

Photo 1: the Okki Nokki record cleaner in black

Photo 2: the Okki Nokki record cleaner in white

The record cleaner is suitable for 115 Volts or 230 Volts AC. For safety reasons it is advisable to always plug the machine into an earthed wall socket. Do not operate the machine in damp conditions. It is easy to use and has built-in safety devices to avoid damage to the machine from misuse.

### **Unpacking**

After opening the cardboard box and removing the four protective corners, take out the supplied accessories – 2 padded bags and an IEC UK mains lead, after which you should lift the machine with both hands, out of the box. **On no account, try to lift the machine by the turntable!** Keep all the packaging for any subsequent shipping.

### **Accessories**

Accessories supplied with the machine: standard LP suction arm, cleaning brush, cleaning fluid, record clamp and an earthed IEC mains cable. NB. The small bottle of cleaning fluid is a concentrate and requires mixing with a liter of purified water – not battery or steam iron top-up, not tap water but purified water which is available from most chemists. When mixed, the fluid should be kept in a cool, dark place. The small bottle which contained the concentrate can be used to apply the fluid to the record.

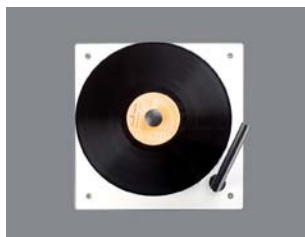
### **Installation**

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 at all times. **Warning!**

### **Aluminum 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). Note that there are 2 small pins or lugs protruding from either side of the tube that sits in the aperture. You will also note, two corresponding cut-outs in the top of the aperture.

Photo 3: position of the suction arm



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## Connecting the machine for operation

### **BEFORE SWITCHING ON AT THE MAINS, BECOME AQUAINTED WITH THE CONTROLS.**

Plug the mains lead into the socket at the rear of the machine, then insert the plug in an earthed wall socket. Locate the two switches at the front of the machine. The top rocker type switch marked "Motor" should be in the center "OFF" position. Switching it to the upper position will make the platter move in a forward / clockwise direction. Repeat this with the switch in the lower position and the platter will now revolve in a reverse / anti-clockwise direction. Some noise from the motor will be heard, this is normal. The second, lower switch governs the vacuum motor. Place 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 in the closed position with the black end cap in place. **Warning! Never operate the machine without the end cap in place. On no account, should you try "continuous drain down" by hanging the tube into a receptacle whilst using the machine. This will instantly void the warranty.**

## 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

Place the record on the turntable and secure in position to with the locking clamp. Do not over tighten. **Note: never force the clamp on, ensure that the clamp engages the threaded spindle correctly. Do not "cross thread!"**

Before applying fluid, it is advisable to remove any obvious foreign substances from the LP surface with a standard record brush but NOT the brush you use for spreading the fluid and scrubbing. Turn on the turntable in a forward motion and carefully apply a few drops of cleaning fluid and spread with the brush. Applying the correct amount of cleaning fluid is an art in itself and needs attention. A good rule is "cover the record – not the cleaning machine." Not too little – not too much.

Photo 4: distributing the cleaning fluid



Make sure that the fluid is evenly distributed over the entire surface, add more fluid if necessary. Once you are happy with the result then you can push down gently and flex the bristles of the brush. You are trying to lift some of the dirt out of the grooves. Try 3 or 4 revolutions in the forward direction and the same in the reverse mode. No need to add more fluid. **Try to prevent the record label from getting wet, wipe off any spilled fluid immediately.**

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Photo 5: position of suction arm during vacuum process



## Vacuum Operation

You are now ready to clean off both dirt and fluid.

**Vacuumping is done in forward motion only. So make sure that the motor switch is in the top position.**

Swivel the suction arm until it is above the record and is pointing at the spindle (photo 5). The lugs / pins on the vertical section of the suction arm should be right above the notched cutouts of the suction arm holder. Gently push down the arm and locate the pins into the cutouts and at the same time, switch on the vacuum motor. You will soon find that you do this in one smooth operation. The arm will stay down whilst the record revolves. **Two revolutions are normally sufficient and recommended to suck up all the fluid – any more may damage your records.**

Switch off the vacuum and the spring in the arm will lift it off the record. Move the suction arm towards the rear of the record cleaner and switch off the turntable motor. Remember – switch vacuum off first, then turntable. Remove the clamp, turn the record over and now repeat the process on side 2.

## Emptying the cleaning liquid reservoir

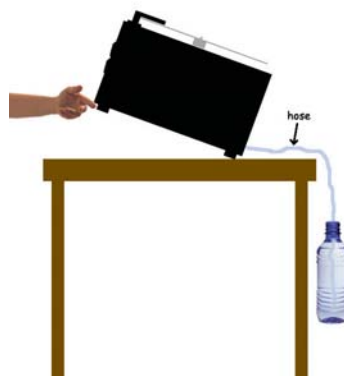
After having cleaned 20 – 30 LPs, the waste liquid has to be drained from the reservoir. **Failure to drain the reservoir on a regular basis, may cause damage to the machine and will nullify your warranty!**

Carefully pull out the drain down tube which is situated at the rear of the cleaner. Do not force it. When you encounter resistance – STOP! The point of resistance is built in.

Remove the black end cap and place the end of the tube into a bottle or similar receptacle. Lift / or prop the front of the machine about 15 centimeters (photo 6). Keep the machine in this position until there is no liquid flowing from the drainage tube. Always replace the black cap on the drainage tube and make sure it is secured and closed. **Failure to do so will nullify your warranty!**

**Note: 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 attempting to drain down the surplus fluid as per the above instructions. and it must be done. Warranty Warning!**

Photo 6: draining the cleaning liquid



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## Safety features

- The fluid reservoir tank has a built-in sensor. 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 of fluid in the tank. Please empty tank as described above.

**Note: 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 be ready for use once the tank is emptied. However, the standard drain down procedure, i.e. after 20-30 LP's is the preferred method.

- The vacuum motor has a built-in temperature sensor. If the internal temperature of the machine becomes too high, it will cause an automatic shut down. In this case, please switch the machine completely off and **wait at least 30 minutes** before using it again

## Useful hints and recommendations

- Keep your RCM clean! Mop up any excess fluid that goes onto the top off the unit.
- Rinse out the cleaning brush in warm water. Avoid any build up of dirt.
- Maintain the velvet strips on the vacuum tube. Regularly check for dirt, wear and damage.
- Make sure there is no build up of debris and after each cleaning session, brush off with your finger or a soft child's toothbrush, is ideal. Change strips after approx. 200 sides – more often if required.
- Really old and dirty records will benefit from being cleaned several times.
- Always replace the inner sleeve, the FIRST time you clean a record.
- We recommend the use of Okki Nokki's specialized cleaning concentrate.
- NEVER use a cleaning fluid that contains more than 25% alcohol.
- NEVER use an alcohol based fluid on 78s, shellac or acetates.
- NO naked flames or smoking when using alcohol based mixes. Danger !!
- Always ventilate when using alcohol based mixes.
- We recommend the use of a separate vacuum tube when cleaning 78s.
- Never take out the vacuum arm tube while the machine is switched on. This can severely damage the machine.
- Always use recommended cleaning fluids. Do not use excessive alcohol mixes. Do not use foaming type cleaning fluids.

## Accessories for your Okki Nokki

7",10" and 12" vacuum tubes, record cleaning fluid, replacement velvet strips, wood brush with velvet strip for pre-cleaning LP's, application brush, dustcover.

## Maintenance

The turntable should be cleaned regularly with a household vacuum cleaner. Wipe the surface clean with a damp cloth.

**From now on, your records will sound Okki Nokki!**

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## Conditions of warranty

You have a one-year warranty on your Okki Nokki RCM. 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.**
- **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.**

