

# Grading

- M-** Just this side of mint. Few things in this world are perfect, so we don't use M. In fact, we very seldom use M-
- E+** A choice copy with no wear whatsoever.
- E** Excellent. Virtually no trace of groove wear with only minimal traces of use and handling.
- E-** An above average record with a slight degree of groove wear, but not enough to seriously detract from its audio quality.

- V+** Obviously well played, but still enjoyable. Noticeable graying in the grooves.
- V** Very well worn, but listenable. Expect the surface noise to be significant. There may be some stressed grooves.
- V-** Wiped out. Played with the right equipment, however, you may still derive a certain degree of pleasure from a record in this condition.
- P** Possibly unplayable.

**Note that grading is visual!** Double pluses and minuses are used when needed to more accurately describe a record's condition (i.e., E-- falls between E- and V++). If the two sides differ, the lower grade is used. If they differ markedly, a combination grade such as V+/E-- may be employed. Please note that visible graininess will always be described on any record grading E or better, even if the record in question might be expected to exhibit such surfaces (Victor Scrolls, HMVs and Deccas, for instance). Graininess will also be described on lower grade records when the condition is more pronounced. Brown wax cylinders are graded audibly (unlike any other records in this catalog). Each cylinder is assigned a numerical value between 1 and 9, with 1 being totally inaudible and 9 being as new.

\* Any lot number in this catalog preceded by an asterisk may be seen in the **Auction Highlights** section on our website, [www.78rpm.com](http://www.78rpm.com)

## Abbreviation Key

acc	accordion	DO	dance orchestra	It	Italian	OB	original box	rep	repair	Swe	Swedish
ann	announced (by)	dwrp	dish warp	jbr	jukebox lbl ring	OBA	original box album	rev	reverse	Swi	Swiss
Arg	Argentine	eb	edge bump	Jp	Japanese	OBL	orig box and lid	rpt	repeat	sws	swishes
Aus	Australian	ec	edge chip	lam	lamination crack	ocp	off-center pressing	rs	rough start	tb	trombone
bbl	bubble	ef	edge flake	lbl	label	ocr	orig cast recording	rst	rusty staples	ttl	title
beg	beginning	esep	edge separation	lc	lamination crack	ODS	orig dealer sleeve	Rus	Russian	tok	tracks ok
bjo	banjo	ewrp	edge warp	lg	large	OGA	orig gatefold album	SA	South African	tol	tape on label
bl	blue	emb	embossed	lat	lateral	OMS	orig mailing sleeve	sax	saxophone	tpt	trumpet
blk	black	el	etched label	ll	lacquered label	oop	out of print	Sca	Scandinavian	tr	tear
blstr	blister	Eng	English	lss	label states	OPS	orig picture sleeve	scf	scuff	uke	ukelele
br	brown	enl	enlarged	lt	light	org	orange, organ	scr	scratch	Ur	Uruguayan
Brz	Brazilian	es	edge split	maj	major	ORS	orig record slip	sd	side	v	very
bw	blue wax	fs	from (album) set	mar	maroon	OS	orig sleeve	sdp	solvent drop	vcl	vocal
Can	Canadian	fdd	faded	MB	minimum bid	ostr	orig soundtrack rec	sel	selection	vert	vertical
cbi	cardboard imprints	fmg	foreign matter in gvs	mbw	moulded brown wax	o/w	otherwise	sep	separated/separation	vfw	very few
cc	corner crease	Fr	French	MC	master of ceremonies	pat	patent	sev	severe	vla	viola
Ch	Chilean	Ger	German	Mex	Mexican	pnt	paint	sf	spindle flake	vlc	'cello
Chi	Chinese	gld	gold	min	minor	pb	picture on back/ paperback book	sh	spindle hole	vln	violin
cla	clarinet	gr	grainy	med	medium	pc	plaster chip	shd	½" Standard hole drilled	vnl	vinyl/plastic
cnd	conducted (by)	grn	green	mk	mark	pg	playing grooves	sil	silver	whi	whistling
cnr	corner	gtr	guitar	mld	mold	pic	piccolo	siw	signed in the wax	wt	white
cnt	cornet	gv	groove	mnt	may not track	pno	piano	skp	skip	woc	writing on cover
cond	condition	hb	hardback book	mol	marker on label	pl	picture on label	sit	slight	wol	writing on label
cr	crack	hc	hairline crack	msg	missing	pom	pressed from orig mx	sm	small	wrp	warp
cs	center start	hdmg	heat damage	mvt	movement	pot	potential	sn	serial number	wdmg	water damage
cvr	cover	hm	half moon	mx	matrix	ppr	paper	sol	sticker on label	wmks	water marks
Cz	Czech	hmks	heat marks	NA	no album	pt	pit	Sp	Spanish	wnt	will not track
Dan	Danish	hv	heavy	nap	not affecting play	pr	pressure	spon	sponsor(ed)	wpg	wax pencil in gvs
def	defaced	Ind	Indian	nat	natural	pur	purple	spt	spot	wss	wax states
dep	depression	ill	illustrated	nd	needle drop	pr	pressure	ss	single-sided	wx	wax
dir	directed (by)	int	internal	NG	no guest	pmks	pressure mks	sscr	spiral scratch	yel	yellow
dj	disc jockey/dust jacket	isd	inherent	nr	needle run	PW	post WW-II	ssh	small spindle hole		
ds	dull surface		stamper defect	ntg	not to grooves	ras	rough area swishes	st	stain		
dsclr	discolored	islv	inner sleeve	ntpg	not to playing gv	re	rounded edge	str	stressed		
dmg	damage	lr	Irish	OA	original album	recs	records				

## Label Abbreviations

Be sure to check out the **Label Galleries** on our website for pictures of some of the following varieties.

ARCo	American Record Co.	Imp	Imperial	Ult	Ultraphone	<b>Brunswick pressings:</b>	<b>US Zonophone pressings:</b>		
Atl	Atlantic	IRC	International Rec. Co.	Vr	Variety	BrW	Blank		
Bb	Bluebird	Jub	Jubilee	VT	VelvetTone	BrF	Engraved Universal		
BbBf	(buff lbl)	LC	Leeds & Catlin			BrS	Engraved Shield		
Ba	Banner	Lin	Lincoln	<b>Columbia pressings:</b>		BrLB	Engraved Arch		
Bwy	Broadway	LMS	Liberty Music Shop	CoE	Embossed (Climax)		ZonPU	Paper Universal	
BS	Black Swan	Lon	London	CoGR	Gold Ring (Climax)		ZonPZ	Paper Zon (lyre)	
Ca	Cameo	Mad	Madison	CoBR	Broken Ring (Climax)	ViCo	Consolidated	ZonPP	Paper Patents (phono)
Cap	Capitol	Me	Melotone	CoSR	Silver Ring	ViL	Improved Lease	ZonD	Disco Zonofono
Cet	Cetra	Merc	Mercury	CoNR	No Ring	ViLV	Victor Lease		
CetSor	Cetra Soria	MW	Montgomery Ward	CoGO	Grand Opera	ViLTI	"Ten Inch Record"	<b>Gramophone Co. pressings:</b>	
Chg	Challenge	NF	Nation's Forum	CoC	Conditions	ViLMJ	Eldridge Johnson	G&T	Gramophone
Ch	Champion	Od	Odeon	CoGP	Grand Prize	ViLMV	Victor Talk. Mach.		& Typewriter Co.
Cl	Clarion	ODC	Opera Disc Company	CoMN	Magic Notes	ViED	Early Dog Victor	PD	Pre-Dog (Recording Angel logo)
Com	Commodore	Or	Oriole	CoGB	Gold Band	ViEDM	Early Dog Monarch	Gram	Gramophone
Cq	Conqueror	Ox	Oxford	CoF	Flag	ViTV	Trademark Victor	GCR	Gram Concert Record
Cr	Crown	Pm	Paramount	CoV	Viva-Tonal	ViTM	Trademark Monarch	GMR	Gram Monarch Record
De	Decca	Pa	Parlophone	CoV2	COLUMBIA (all caps)	ViTD	Trademark Deluxe		(G, C, M & R may also appear in other combinations)
DeSB	(sunburst)	PaMC	(multicolor)	CoM	Microphone	ViGP	Grand Prize	Am	Amour
Do	Domino	Pat	Pathé	CoSy	Banner	ViP	Patents	DscG	Disco Gram
Em	Emerson	Pata	Pathé Actuelle	CoFL	Fleur-de-Lis	ViW	Bat Wing	DsqG	Disque (Pour) Gram
Fav	Favorite	PatArt	Pathé Art	CoS	Statue	ViS	Scroll	DG	Deutsche Gram (Gesellschaft)
Fe	Federal	Pe	Perfect	<b>OKeh pressings:</b>		ViSC	Swing Classic	Elec	Electrola
Fono	Fonotipia	Poly	Polydor	OkI	Indian	ViC	Circular	Gmla	Gramola
Ge	Gennett	PolyMC	(multicolor)	OKTT	Truetone Lozenge	ViR	RCA Victor	HMV	His Master's Voice
GeNE	(New Electrobeam)	Pu	Puritan	OkE	Large Electric Lozenge	ViRC	Color Nipper	SG	Schallplatte Gram
GG	Grey Gull	Re	Regal	OkEs	Small Electric Lozenge			KSG	Künstler Schal Gram
GS	Gold Star	Ro	Romeo	OkP	Purple lbl			VDP	La Voce del Padrone
Ha	Harmony	Rx	Radlex					VDM	La Voix de son Maitre
Her	Herwin	Sil	Silvertone	<b>Edison pressings:</b>				VDA	La Voz de su Amo
Hom	Homocord	Spec	Specialty	EdNT	Needle Type 78				
HOW	Hit-of-the-Week	Spt	Supertone	EdDE	Diamond Disc (engraved)				
HS	Hawthorne & Sheble	Tele	Telefunken	EdDP	Diamond Disc (paper)				