

# 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.

# Abbreviation Key

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

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# 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.	LMS	Liberty Music Shop	<b>Brunswick pressings:</b>	<b>Victor pressings:</b>	<b>Canadian Victor pressings</b>	
Atl	Atlantic	Lon	London	BrW	Wing	CaVilB1	Improved Berliner (scroll)
Bb	Bluebird	Mad	Madison	BrF	Filigree	CaVilB2	Improved Berliner
BbBf	(buff lbl)	Me	Melotone	BrS	Silver print		(arched mf'd by)
Ba	Banner	Merc	Mercury	BrLB	Lightning Bolt	CaVilB3	Improved Berliner
Bwy	Broadway	MW	Montgomery Ward	<b>Edison pressings:</b>			(straight mf'd by)
BS	Black Swan	NF	Nation's Forum	EdNT	Needle Type 78	CaViBCG	Berliner Concert Grand
Ca	Cameo	Od	Odeon	EdDE	Diamond Disc (engraved)	CaViGR	Gram-O-Phone Record
Cap	Capitol	ODC	Opera Disc Company	EdDP	Diamond Disc (paper)	CaViCR1	Concert Record
Cet	Cetra	Or	Oriole	<b>Columbia pressings:</b>			(at top)
CetSor	Cetra Soria	Ox	Oxford	CoE	Embossed (Climax)	CaViCR2	Concert Record
Chg	Challenge	M&I	MacGregor & Ingram	CoGR	Gold Ring (Climax)		(across middle)
Ch	Champion	M&S	MacGregor & Sollie	CoBR	Broken Ring (Climax)	CaViDr	Deluxe Record
Cl	Clarion	Pm	Paramount	CoSR	Silver Ring	<b>Gramophone Co. pressings:</b>	
Com	Commodore	Pa	Parlophone	CoNR	No Ring	G&T	Gramophone
Cq	Conqueror	PaMC	(multicolor)	CoGO	Grand Opera		& Typewriter Co.
Cr	Crown	Pat	Pathé	CoC	Conditions	PD	Pre-Dog (Recording
De	Decca	PatA	Pathé Actuelle	CoGP	Grand Prize		Angel logo)
DeSB	(sunburst)	PatArt	Pathé Art	CoMN	Magic Notes	Gram	Gramophone
Do	Domino	Pe	Perfect	CoGB	Gold Band	GCR	Gram Concert Record
Em	Emerson	Poly	Polydor	CoF	Flag	GMR	Gram Monarch Record
Fav	Favorite	PolyMC	(multicolor)	CoV	Viva-Tonal		(G, C, M & R may also appear
Fe	Federal	Pu	Puritan	CoV2	COLUMBIA (all caps)		in other combinations)
Fono	Fonotopia	Re	Regal	CoM	Microphone	Am	Amour
Ge	Gennett	Ro	Romeo	CoSy	Banner	DscG	Disco Gram
GeNE	(New Electrobeam)	Rx	Radiex	CoFl	Fleur-de-Lis	DsqG	Disque (Pour) Gram
GG	Grey Gull	Sil	Silvertone	CoS	Statue	DG	Deutsche Gram
GS	Gold Star	Spec	Specialty	<b>OKeh pressings:</b>			(Gesellschaft)
Ha	Harmony	Spt	Supertone	OkI	Indian	Elec	Electrola
Her	Herwin	Tele	Telefunken	OkTT	Truetone Lozenge	Gmla	Gramola
Hom	Homocord	Ult	Ultraphone	OkE	Large Electric Lozenge	HMV	His Master's Voice
HOW	Hit-of-the-Week	Vr	Variety	OkEs	Small Electric Lozenge	SG	Schallplatte Gram
HS	Hawthorne & Sheble	VT	VelvetTone	OkP	Purple lbl	KSG	Künstler Schal Gram
Imp	Imperial					VDP	La Voce del Padrone
IRC	International Rec. Co.					VDM	La Voix de son Maitre
Jub	Jubilee					VDA	La Voz de su Amo
LC	Leeds & Catlin						
Lin	Lincoln						