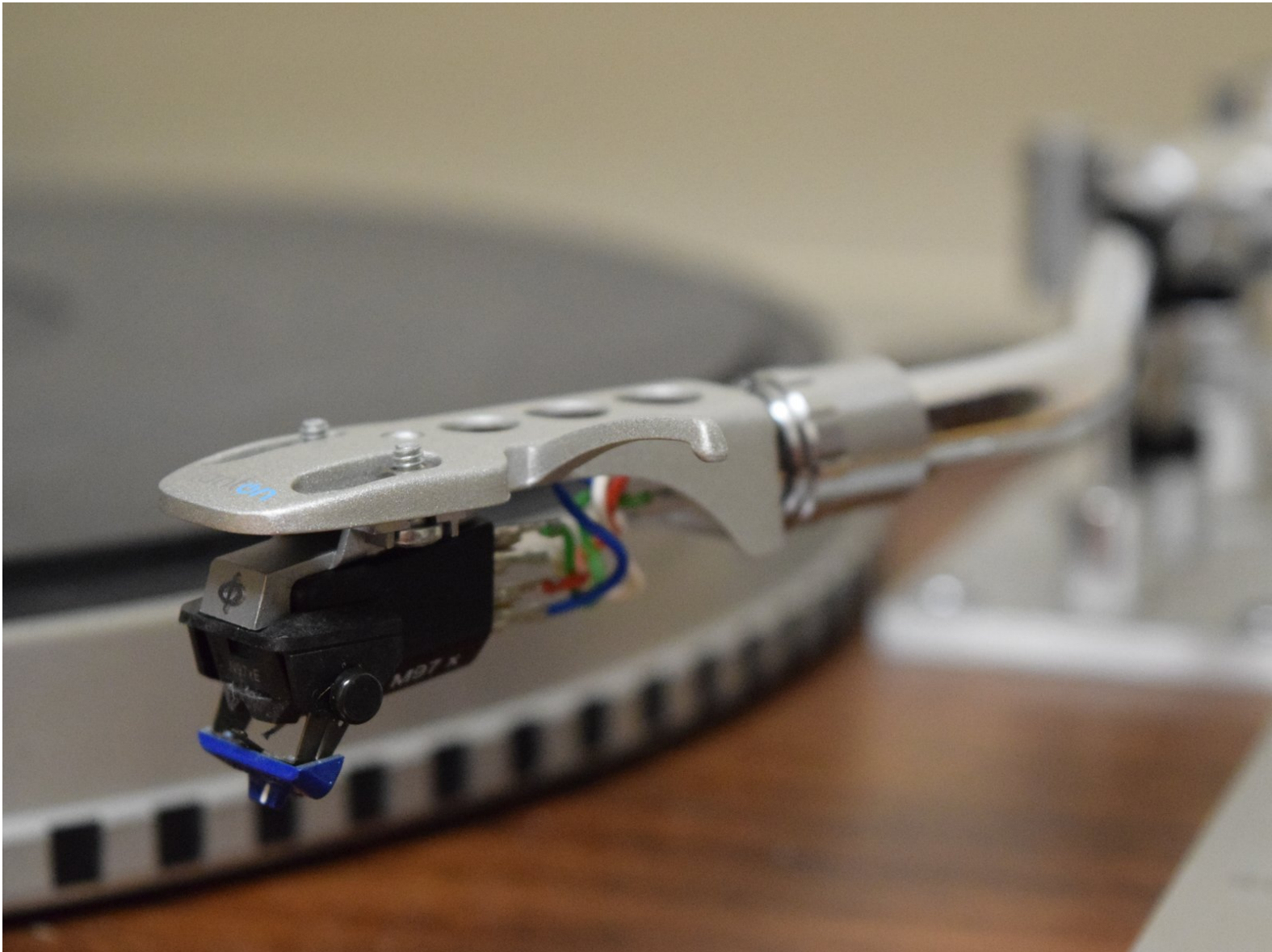




How to Replace a Turntable Cartridge, Stylus, and Headshell

Learn how to replace your turntable's headshell, cartridge, and stylus.

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INTRODUCTION

High quality turntables are only as good as the stylus and cartridge actually playing the records. Learn how to replace these components as they wear out over time.



TOOLS:

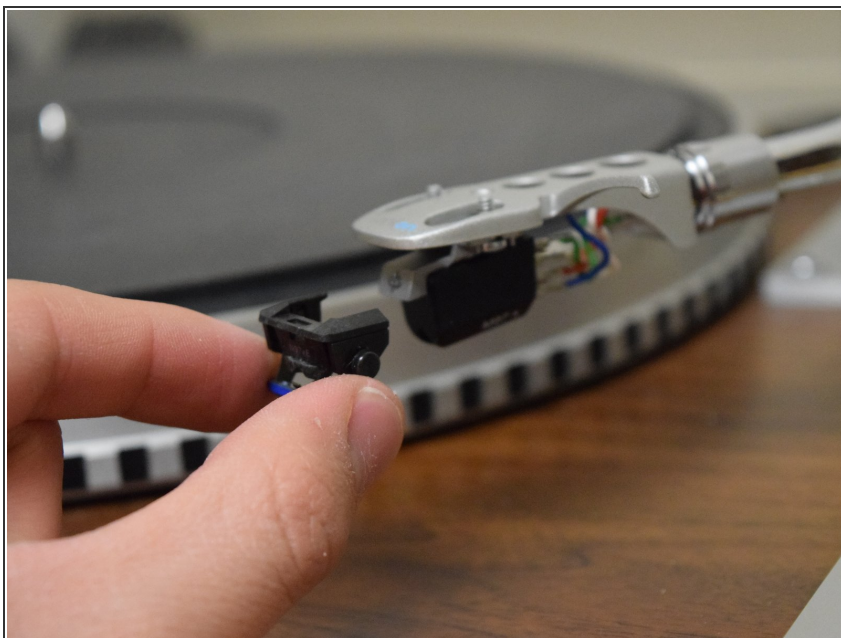
- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Cartridge, Stylus, Headshell



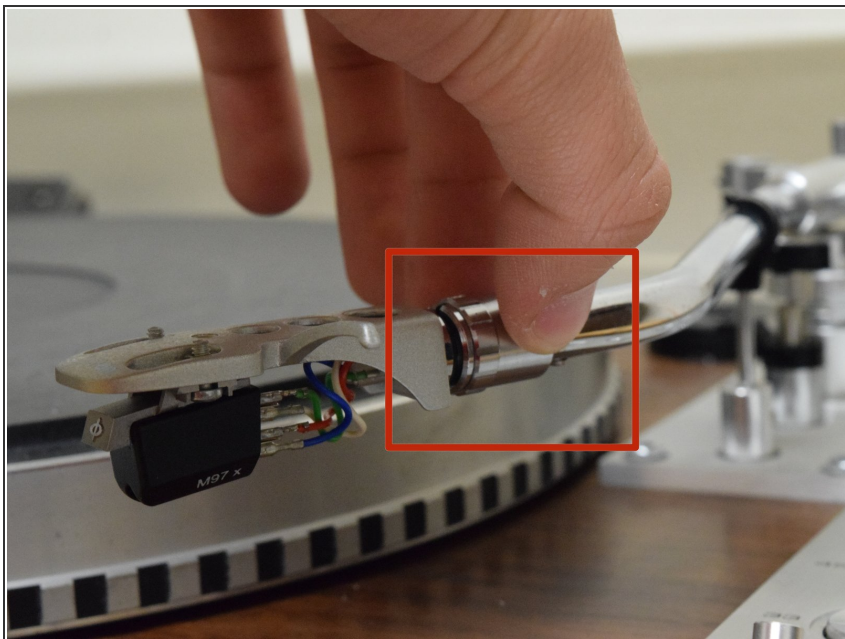
- Identify headshell by opening the turntable dustcover.

Step 2



- Remove stylus from cartridge.
- ⚠ Do not pull aggressively as to break the plastic.

Step 3



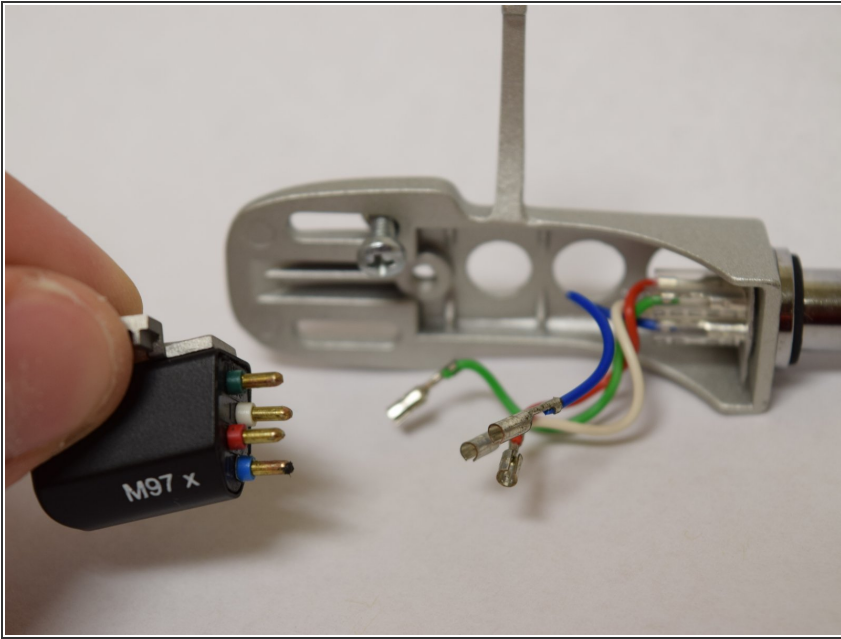
- Turn tonearm nut toward you to release headshell from the tonearm.

Step 4



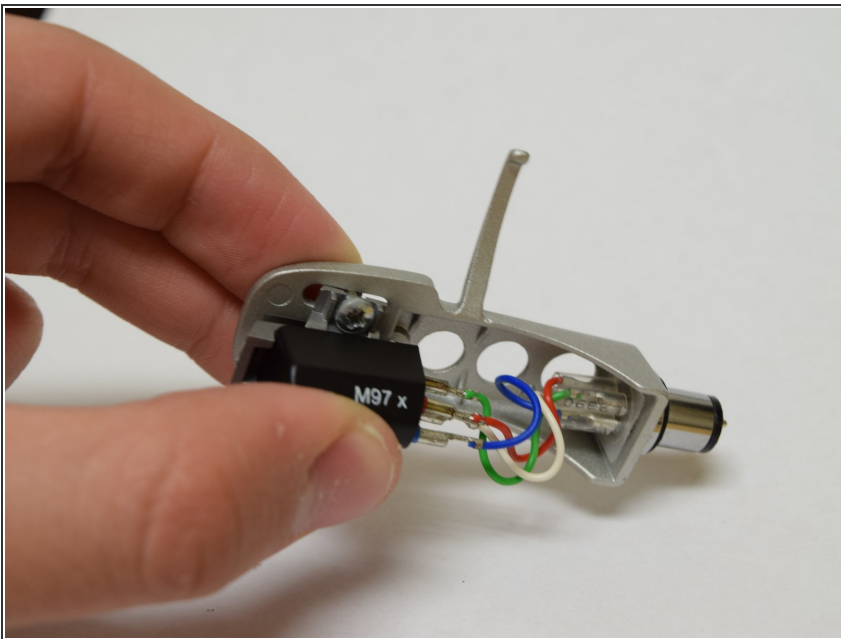
- Remove screws with phillips screwdriver #0 to release the cartridge.
- ⓘ Use standard turntable head screws found at a local audio shop if missing

Step 5



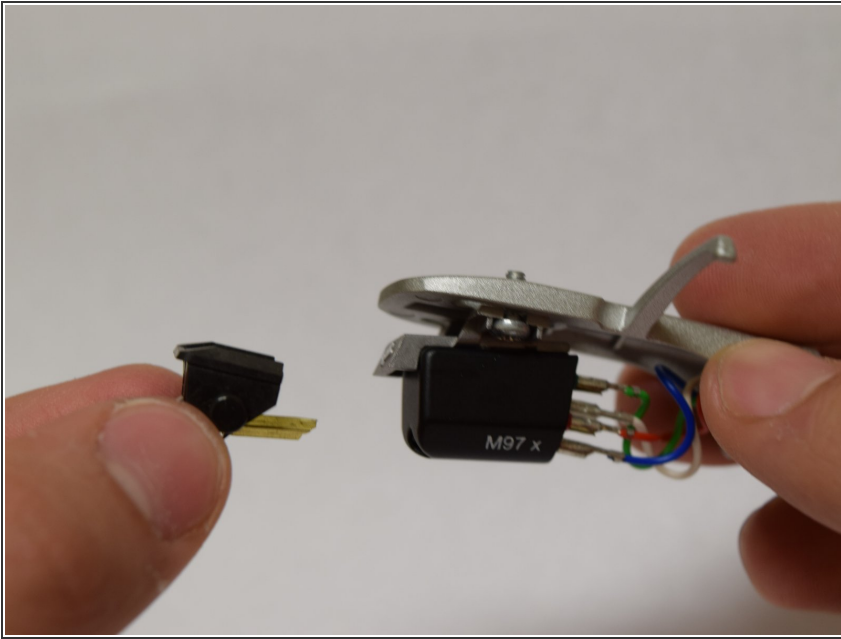
- Unplug wires from pins.

Step 6



- Replace with new cartridge
 - Plug pins in reverse from removal
- ⓘ Pay attention to matching the colors from wire to pin
- Screw cartridge in in the same way it was removed.

Step 7



- Insert new stylus into cartridge before mounting headshell

Step 8



- Screw assembled headshell onto tonearm.

Step 9



- Test new needle and allow for a break-in period.