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Audio Origami Digital Stylus Scales

PRICE: £20 WEBSITE: audioorigami.co.uk

DETAILS

PRODUCT

Audio Origami
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ORIGIN

China

TYPE

Stylus balance

FEATURES

Accuracy of 0.01g
up to 5g; calibration
weight and case
included; non-
magnetic stainless
steel stylus platform

DISTRIBUTOR

Audio Origami

OF ALL THE adjustments required of a turntable, one of the most critical is the stylus force. Unfortunately, many people simply rely on the 'playing weight' settings on the tonearm, but these are notoriously inaccurate. In addition, they require that the arm is perfectly level, which is done by eye and by sliding the counterbalance weight along the stub, before the zero point of the playing weight is set.

Weigh to go

A far better method is to use a stylus gauge to set the stylus force. These days we have electronic stylus gauges, which are far more accurate and easier to use than mechanical balances. This modestly priced digital gauge can measure to within 0.01g and can weigh up to 5g – more than enough for any modern cartridge.

Using the device is simple. Place the gauge on the turntable, wait until 0.00g is displayed and then lower the

stylus onto the weighing platform. When the display has stabilised, the weight is read from the display. A 5g calibration weight is also supplied to re-calibrate the scales if required, but I find it to be spot on after checking. The stylus platform is made from stainless steel and the gauge seems to be unaffected by the powerful magnets of my moving-coil cartridge, which I have found to be problematic when used with other digital scales.



Audio Origami's scales are suitable for all types of cartridges, are very easy to use and more accurate than a conventional balance. Which all adds up to make it a winning accessory for any vinyl collector ●

VERDICT

An excellent digital stylus balance that is extremely accurate and easy to use

