

Taktstock

Taktlink REV-STYLUS 01 stylus cleaner



LOCATED IN TOKYO, Taktstock produces the stylus cleaning kit that comes included with Vertere's Ruby One (HFC 537) as it eliminates the risk of damage to the ruby and diamond bond on the cart. Vertere is clearly impressed, as it has now started selling the kit on its website.

The REV-STYLUS 01 is made from three types of water-based cleaning ingredients that do not contain any volatile solvents such as alcohol. During a two-year development period, Taktstock tried 83 different formulations and determined the golden mixing ratio to give the best sound quality coupled with a great cleaning ability. The fluid comes in a convenient dropper bottle and contains 10ml of cleaning liquid, which should be enough for between 100 to 140 uses.

Also included is a wooden cleaning block that has a continuous cell

urethane sheet with a rough surface. The unevenness of the surface catches the stylus tip, cleaning the needle as you slowly slide it underneath the stylus. To clean a stylus, one or two drops of fluid are applied to the block and the moistened area is gently applied to the stylus tip. The block is then slowly slid across the stylus. This must be done in a straight movement from the back of the cartridge to the front so no sideways force is applied. This movement needs to be repeated about two or three times for best results.

Clean bandit

Although the cleaner works extremely well with the Vertere Ruby One, I next try it with another make of cartridge that has been successfully cleaned over the years using a different well-known make of liquid stylus cleaner. First of all, I clean the cart



with the other cleaner and listen to *Splanky* from a 2025 remastered Count Basie LP. I then clean the cartridge again with the REV-STYLUS 01 and listen to the same track a second time. Surprisingly, the music sounds more real and refined – it is as though a veil has been removed from in front of the performance. In summary, this cleaning kit is certainly the best I have ever come across. **NR**

DETAILS

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vertereacoustics.com

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