

Grading & Abbreviations

Grading

All our records are visually graded. We do our best to grade our records as conservative as possible.

- 10** Mint record, unplayed, absolutely perfect. Consequently, it is almost impossible to find a record in this condition. We do not use this grade.
- 9** As new, no wear. A choice copy, slight signs of use.
- 8** Excellent record, bright copy, slight marks.
- 7** Very good record, some rubs or marks, no evident defects, clean copy.
- 6** Above average copy, moderate wear, well cared record, still a shiny copy.
- 5** Average copy, noticeable wear, very decent record.
- 4** Evident surface wear, still listenable.
- 3** Will play without skipping, heavy groove wear, noisy record.
- 2** Playable but seriously worn, evident defects.
- 1** Unplayable record. It might be cracked or similar. Other than for extremely rare items, we do not list these records.

Abbreviations

AF	Affecting	"	Inch
CK	Crack	OBLS	On blank side
CS	Center start	OBS	On both sides
G	Groove	OW	Otherwise
GG	Grey grooves	POT	Potential
G&T	Gramophone and Typewriter	RC	Rim chip
GCR	Gramophone Concert Record	RD	Rim damaged
GMR	Gramophone Monarch Record	REP	Repaired
HC	Hairline crack	RF	Rim flake
HD	Heat defect	RS	Rough start
IB	Internal bump	S	Stamper
IPC	Internal pressure crack	SCR	Scratch
IPM	Internal pressure mark	SCS	Scuffed surface
LAM	Lamination	SH	Short
LC	Lamination crack	SHD	Spindle hole defect
LD	Label damaged	SHF	Spindle hole flake
LG	Light	SM	Superficial marks
LR	Large	SOL	Sticker on label

ML	Missing label
MS	Mold spots
NA	Not available
NC	Needle cut
ND	Needle dig
NOL	Needle run on label
NR	Needle run
NTRS	Not touching recorded surface
NW	Needs washing
O1S	On 1st side
O2S	On 2nd side
OB	Open blister

SS	Some spots
ST	Start
SWOL	Some wear on label
TCK	Tick
TOL	tear on label
ULC	Under label crack
WLS	Will lightly sound
WNS	Will not sound
WOL	Writing on label
WRP	Warp
WS	will sound
WT	Will tick

SOL These stickers may be from a previous owner, tax stamp with composer's name, etc. Usually, they are easily removable with water