

Re: Phono preamp

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After 40 years I decided to upgrade my stereo amplifier. I bought a nice one from Circuit City, not too expensive but full of features for down the line when I get that home theater system, etc.

The bad news is that it doesn't have any input jacks for a turntable, and I am a vinyl freak and MUST have access to my record collection. I plugged the turntable into another audio in jack, but I'm not getting sufficient volume.

I am told I need a "phono preamp." I've just started looking into this, but it appears that one can get such a beast for anywhere from \$50 to \$5000.

Anybody into this kind of thing and care to offer suggestions? I don't want to overspend but I don't want to buy something cheap and then find out it doesn't do what I need it to do.

Margie

You plug your turntable into the phono preamp which basically just boosts the signal, and then you plug the preamp into the aux input or another unused input on your receiver.

Unfortunately, very few receivers or amplifiers come with built-in phono preamps these days.

A \$50 phono preamp will work fine. The more expensive units are for the "golden ear" audiophiles who love to spend huge amounts of money in order to gain often questionable improvements.

I think Radio Shack even has one for less than \$50 that would work fine.

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