

Clearaudio Cartridge Tags

Nothing brings a record player to a more resounding and frustrating halt than a broken cartridge tag. Not only is it fiddly to fix, you need a spare tag to do it, as nothing else is suitable – which is where these Clearaudio tags come in. Using the company's four-sided collet design they clamp all sizes of cartridge pins without fuss or bother. They're also about half the length of the originals, making them easier to handle and lighter, as well as reducing



the amount of metal involved. The solder bucket is also a sensible size and correctly colour coded heatshrink is supplied.

When replacing tags, whether

they've failed due to wear and tear or (if it's a Rega tonearm) cracked along their folds, it's worth swapping them all in order to keep things symmetrical. In fact, if you've got a Rega I'd swap them now, to avoid problems in the future.

Cartridge tags are an essential spare for any vinyl user's toolbox, and these are the best I've found. RG

Price: £15

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