



VinylVerve Grading Policy

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At VinylVerve, we are committed to offering secondhand vinyl records, DVDs, and CDs of the highest quality. To ensure consistency and transparency, we adhere to the Goldmine Grading Standard. Below is our detailed grading policy for each type of media we sell.

Vinyl Records Grading

Mint (M)

The record is in brand new condition with no surface marks or deterioration in sound quality. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster are in perfect condition.

- Absolutely perfect in every way.
- Played only once or twice or still sealed.



Near Mint (NM or M-)

The record shows no obvious signs of wear. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster are in perfect condition.

- A nearly perfect record.
- Has been played but shows virtually no signs of wear.
- The vinyl will play perfectly, with no imperfections during playback.

Very Good Plus (VG+)

The record may have some very light surface marks or very minor scratches, but it should play without any noise or skips. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster might show slight wear.

- Shows some signs of wear and may have slight scuffs or very light scratches that do not affect the listening experience.
- Slight warps that do not affect the sound are acceptable.



Very Good (VG)

The record may have some surface marks or scratches, but it should play without any significant noise or skips. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster might show wear.

- Noticeable groove wear and light scratches.
- Surface noise will be evident upon playing but will not overpower the music.

Good Plus (G+) / Good (G)

The record may have noticeable surface marks or scratches, but it should still play without any major issues. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster might show significant wear.

- Can be played without skipping but will have significant surface noise, scratches, and visible groove wear.
- A cover or sleeve may have seam splits, especially at the bottom or on the spine. Tape, writing, or other defects may be present.



Fair (F) / Poor (P)

The record will have significant surface marks or scratches, and it may affect the sound quality. The cover and any extra items such as the lyric sheet, booklet or poster might show heavy wear.

- The record is cracked, badly warped, and won't play through without skipping or repeating.
- The cover will be badly damaged, water damaged, or significantly defaced.



DVD's and CD's Grading

Mint (M)

The disc is in brand new condition with no surface marks or deterioration in sound quality. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster are in perfect condition.

- Absolutely perfect in every way.
- No scuffs or scratches, and it plays perfectly.
- Played only once or twice or still sealed.

Near Mint (NM or M-)

The disc shows no obvious signs of wear. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster are in perfect condition.

- A nearly perfect disc.
- It has been handled and played carefully.

Very Good Plus (VG+)

The disc may have some very light surface marks or very minor scratches, but it should play without any issues. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster might show slight wear.

- Some signs of use, with a few light scratches or scuffs that do not affect playback.
- The disc will play with minimal issues.



Very Good (VG)

The disc may have some surface marks or scratches, but it should play without any significant issues. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster might show wear.

- Surface scuffs and minor scratches will be present.
- Case and booklet will have more noticeable wear, including possible minor tears or creases.

Good Plus (G+) / Good (G)

The disc may have noticeable surface marks or scratches, but it should still play without any major issues. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster might show significant wear.

- More significant scratches and scuffs that may affect playback.
- Case and booklet will show significant wear, with possible seam splits, creases, or significant writing.

Fair (F) / Poor (P)

The disc will have significant surface marks or scratches, and it may affect the playback. The case and any extra items such as the booklet or poster might show heavy wear.

- The disc may be heavily scratched and likely unplayable.



- Case will be severely damaged or defaced, and the booklet may be missing or heavily damaged.

General Notes

Visual and Audio Grading: We primarily grade visually, but when in doubt, we always grade down to be sure. Most of the time, we will also grade by listening to the item to ensure accuracy.

Sleeves and Covers: The condition of the sleeve or cover is graded separately using the same standards as the media itself.

Additional Materials: Any original inserts, posters, or booklets are considered in the overall grading.

Accurate and honest grading

At VinylVerve, we strive to provide accurate and honest grading for all items so that our customers are fully informed about the condition of their purchases. Although unlikely, we may make a mistake in grading. If you believe there has been an error, please contact us within five days of receiving your item, preferably with an audio sample of the oversight. We will do our best to come to a mutually acceptable solution.

Contact Us

For any inquiries regarding our Grading Policy or any other matter, please contact us at service@vinylverve.com.



Translated Text

This Grading Policy has been drawn up in the Dutch language. If there are any errors or ambiguities, we would appreciate hearing from you. In case of discrepancies between the Dutch text version of this Grading Policy and any translation, the Dutch version shall prevail.