



VinylVerve Grading Policy

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At VinylVerve, we take pride in 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)

- Absolutely perfect in every way.
- Never been played or still sealed.

Near Mint (NM or M-)

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

Very Good Plus (VG+)

- 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)

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

Good Plus (G+) / Good (G)

- Can be played without skipping but will have significant surface noise, scratches, and visible groove wear.
- A cover or sleeve will 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 is cracked, badly warped, and won't play through without skipping or repeating.
- The cover will be badly damaged, water damaged, or significantly defaced.

DVDs and CDs Grading

Mint (M)

- Disc is perfect.
- No scuffs or scratches, and it plays perfectly.



- Case, booklet, and any additional materials are in perfect condition.

Near Mint (NM or M-)

- Disc is nearly perfect.
- It has been handled and played carefully.
- Case and booklet are in excellent condition, with only minor signs of wear.

Very Good Plus (VG+)

- Some signs of use, with a few light scratches or scuffs that do not affect playback.
- Case may show minor shelf wear, and booklet may have minor creasing or light wear.

Very Good (VG)

- 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)

- 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 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 or we 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.
- **Cleaning and Inspection:** All items are cleaned and inspected prior to grading and sale to ensure the most accurate grading.

At Vinylverve, we strive to provide accurate and honest grading for all items to ensure our customers are fully informed about the condition of their purchases. However, while unlikely, we can have an oversight in grading and make a mistake. 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. This policy is designed to maintain trust and satisfaction, while also discouraging dishonest attempts to gain profit.