

# Vinyl Flat

Thank you for purchasing the Groovy Pouch, a self-contained heat source for your Vinyl Flat Record Flattener.

Before you use your pouch, assemble your Vinyl Flat (sold separately) with the warped record. Always use the pouch in a supervised setting.

1. Carefully pull apart the front and side edges of the pouch outer shell to completely unfold it lengthwise (similar to opening a book).
2. Place your Vinyl Flat, assembled with the warped record, printed side up on the right half of the inside liner, as shown below.



Now, fold over the left half of the pouch and gently press the side and right edges of the pouch shell to seal the Vinyl Flat inside the pouch as shown above.

3. Plug the controller power cord into a convenient 110 v wall outlet.
4. Next, slide the controller switch forward. An orange indicator glows to indicate the heating element is heating. The time it takes to flatten a record depends on the pouch temperature, the type of warp, record weight and chemical composition of the record, so heating times will always vary from record to record. For LPs, ALWAYS start with a **ONE HOUR heating cycle**. For 7" 45s, ALWAYS start with a **30-minute heating cycle**. To avoid damage from overheating, these are conservative estimates so the actual time it may take to flatten a record might be longer than 1 hour.
5. When the heating cycle time is over, slide the controller switch to **Off** and wait until the Vinyl Flat is cool to the touch (about 45 minutes) before removing the Vinyl Flat from the pouch. Then, check the record:
  - If the warp is completely unaffected by the initial heating cycle (this is common), repeat the heating procedure but increase the heating cycle by **15 minutes** (e.g., you initially tried 1 hour in the pouch now try 1 hour and 15 minutes).
  - If the warp is slightly reduced, only increase the follow-up heating cycle by a maximum of **5 minutes** (e.g., after 1 hour in the pouch, now try 65 minutes in the pouch). This 5 minutes of additional heat is critical when you notice a change in the warp – do not exceed it or you risk damaging the record grooves.

Always make sure that the controller is **Off** when you are finished using it. Note that the internal pouch heating element is smaller than the Vinyl Flat, by design, as the Vinyl Flat plates rapidly conduct heat and apply it to the record. However, in the case of stubborn edge warps, we recommend positioning the edge warp along the middle fold of the pouch to ensure maximum contact with both sides of the heating element.



# Read This First!

## Important Safety Instructions



**IMPORTANT!** The lightning flash with arrowhead, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user of the presence of un-insulated “dangerous voltage” within a product’s enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute the risk of electric shock to persons.



**IMPORTANT!** The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user of the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions.



**Do Not Use Near Water.** Do not use your Groovy Pouch near water, such as a bathtub, sink, swimming pool or wet basement. To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture. To avoid dripping and splashing, no objects filled with liquids, such as vases or drinks, should be placed on or near your Groovy Pouch.



**Stable Placement.** Do not place the Groovy Pouch on an unstable cart, stand, bracket or table. The Groovy Pouch may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult and damage to the product.

**Ventilation.** The Groovy Pouch fabric provides ventilation to ensure reliable operation and to prevent it from over-heating. The top fabric must not be blocked or covered. Do not allow a soft surface such as carpet, bedding or a sofa to block the fabric. The Groovy Pouch should not be placed on a porous surface or built-in installations such as a bookcase, drawer or rack unless proper ventilation is provided.

**Heat.** The Groovy Pouch should be placed away from radiators, stoves, heat vents or other heat sources.



**110 VAC USE ONLY.** The heating element can only be used with 110 VAC outlets. Operation with 220-240 VAC is strictly prohibited and voids your warranty. Install the Groovy Pouch where no one can step on or trip on the power cord. Never yank to disconnect the cord from an outlet. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces. Do not pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not allow the cord to hang over the edge of a table or counter.



**Do Not Overload Outlets.** Don’t overload your wall outlets or power strip. This can result in the risk of fire or electric shock.

**Damage Requiring Service.** Unplug your Groovy Pouch and refer servicing to Vinyl Flat LLC when the following conditions occur:

- When the heating pad power cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
- If liquid is spilled into the Groovy Pouch
- If the Groovy Pouch has been exposed to rain or water.
- If the Groovy Pouch does not work normally by following the operating instructions.
- If the Groovy Pouch exhibits a distinct change in performance.



**Unplug Before Cleaning.** Unplug the pouch from the wall outlet or other power source before cleaning. Use a dry cloth for cleaning. Do not use liquid solvents or chemical cleaning agents.

**Attachments.** Do not use any adapters or attachments not recommended by Vinyl Flat LLC, as they may cause hazards.

**Servicing.** Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Do not remove the cover(s). Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.



**Replacement Parts.** Do not allow anyone to use replacement parts other than those recommended by Vinyl Flat LLC.

### ONE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Vinyl Flat LLC guarantees all Groovy Pouch™ parts and materials for a period of one (1) year from the date of first retail purchase. The Groovy Pouch is a consumer-grade product for hobbyists and record collectors and has not been designed for continuous operation. Commercial use of this product voids your warranty. Vinyl Flat LLC will replace any defective or malfunctioning part(s) at no charge during the warranty period. You pay shipping charges to return the unit to us and we will pay shipping charges to return the repaired unit to you. Replacement and/or repaired products are warranted for a maximum of one year from the original product purchase date. This warranty DOES NOT COVER normal wear and tear or cosmetic damage. This limited warranty ALSO DOES NOT COVER damages which occurred in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from commercial use, accidents, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, maladjustment, improper maintenance, modification, introduction of sand, dirt, humidity, or liquids, or commercial, business, or rental use of the product, or if serviced by anyone other than Vinyl Flat LLC, or damage that is attributable to acts of God (e.g. fire). Direct, indirect, punitive, compensatory, incidental, special, and consequential damages ARE NOT RECOVERABLE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. Since vinyl records vary greatly in chemical composition, thickness, weight, age, care exercised in storage, and prior environmental exposure Vinyl Flat LLC assumes no responsibility if your record is destroyed, damaged, or otherwise rendered unusable when treated using the Groovy Pouch. Use the Groovy Pouch AT YOUR OWN RISK. Also note that there are NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF. If something goes wrong with your Groovy Pouch, please contact us at: Vinyl Flat LLC, PO Box 1753, Richmond, IN 47374. Email: support@vinylflat.com. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.