

Furutech Destat III

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## Choice EXTRAS

# Furutech

## Destat III static charge eliminator

**A RECURRING PROBLEM** for vinyl lovers is that of static charge on a record. This is especially common during periods of dry and warm weather, when the friction with dry air can cause LPs to gain and maintain a static charge, which can reach anywhere from 3-20KV. This static can manifest itself as annoying clicks during the playing of a record. Furthermore, it can attract dust to the surface of the vinyl like a magnet. And the problem is not just limited to LPs – it can also affect optical media, including CDs, SACDs and DVDs, which can lead to distracting noises and a reduction in the overall sound quality.

A solution is at hand in the form of the Destat III from Furutech, which emits a stream of positive and negative ions from the internal ion generator that are blown over the

surface of your LP by the internal fan. The fan also serves to remove dust from the now discharged surface. The Destat III is powered by easy-to-replace AA batteries, and a built-in safety circuit prevents any small electric shocks from the balanced ion flow generator.

### Dust buster

The arrival of my review sample coincides with a dry and warm spell of weather and I am able to detect some static-induced clicks, which are especially noticeable when playing an unmodulated part of a record. I treat the LP with a 15 second burst from the Destat III and then repeat my listening test and am happy to report that the clicks completely disappear after treatment.

Unlike some antistatic devices, this is very easy to operate as its



effectiveness does not rely on having to carefully squeeze a trigger. It also works extremely well with CDs and is even effective at reducing the attraction of cling-film! Overall, a bit pricey, but nonetheless effective. **NR**

### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£299

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