SUPATRAC Blackbird Farpoint



Checklist

- 1. Level Turntable
- 2. Set Downforce
- 3. Level Arm (VTA)
- 4. Set Pivot Contact
- 5. Clear Wires
- 6. Attach Magnet
- 7. Set Pivot Height
- 8. Set Azimuth
- 9. Set Bias

5. Clear wires

- check that the arm wires can move freely and are not tangled or snagged
- tease them clear of any contact using an allen key
- make sure they apply no force or torque on the arm

6. Attach Magnet

- apply magnet to pivot bolt head
- select magnet size to taste
- 3mm diameter magnet is normally adequate

1. Level Turntable

2. Set Downforce

- place balance on bare platter
- lower stylus onto dimples to find balance weight
- hold tone-arm in your left hand while adjusting with your right
- squeeze counterweight towards pivot to increase downforce and away to decrease it
- centre counterweight on arm axis
 by pinching thrust box and
 counterweight from sides

3. Level Arm

- put arm in play position
- view arm from side to see level
- loose pillar lock bolt
- raise or lower pillar using vertical arm level bolt at 0.8mm per revolution as required
- do not overtighten pillar lock bolt

4. Set Pivot Contact.

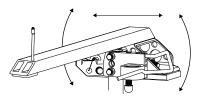
- remove magnet from pivot bolt
- place arm in play position on stationary record
- gently tap back of thrust box to check for pivot contact
- look across thrust surface to check hoists form vertical plane
- adjust hoist knob extension if necessary by loosing hoist knob lock nut
- take care to resettle clove hitch with each quarter turn of knob

7. Set Pivot Height

- lift headshell high
- insert a 8 x 60mm straight-edged piece of paper between hoists and thrust surface
- push paper down onto points where hoists meet thrust box
- put arm in play position
- adjust hoists so that pivot is at or just below straight paper edge

8. Set Azimuth

- observe cartridge from its axis while playing middle of side
- push arm at bearing towards
 higher side, tensioning hoist
 while rolling in see-saw motion



- repeat until there is no lean
- if lean returns, nudge weight towards higher side by pinching between thumb and fingers

9. Set Bias

- shorten bias pulley by pulling loose end until it slips
- gently cue arm to the edge of the label to extend pulley
- aim for slow motion towards centre on intro and outro flats
- lengthen pulley to make intro and outro bias more equal
- screw bias rotor bolt in or out for less or more anti-skate
- if cantilever develops a default offset, oppose it to compensate