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RADIQUE GUIDE · QUICK START

Caring for Your Vintage Receiver or Amplifier

If you read nothing else, read this.

1. **Brought it home in the cold? Let it warm up first.** Leave it at room temperature for a few hours before you plug it in, so any condensation inside can dry off.
2. **Give it air.** Put it on an open shelf, ideally the top one, with nothing stacked on top and a few inches of clear space above and behind. Never cover the vents.
3. **Make every connection with the power off and the volume all the way down.** Turn your sources on first and the receiver last. Turn the receiver off first.
4. **Headphones: volume all the way down, then push the plug all the way in.** A plug left part way in can short the headphone jack, and we've seen that knock out a channel. If it won't seat fully with a firm push, stop and contact us. Don't play it half in, and don't force it.
5. **Wire the speakers carefully.** Red to red, black to black, and not one stray strand of copper. Banana plugs or spades make this foolproof.
6. **Respect the impedance.** Most vintage receivers want 8-ohm speakers, especially when you play A and B pairs together. Check the label on the back before you add a second pair.
7. **No sound? Check the buttons before you worry.** A pressed-in Tape Monitor button, a speaker selector set to the wrong pair, or missing Pre Out/Main In jumpers cause most "it's dead" calls we get.
8. **Turntables into PHONO, everything else into AUX, CD, TUNER or TAPE.** Never plug a CD player or streamer into the phono input.
9. **Expect a click and a few seconds of silence at switch-on.** That's the protection relay doing its job.
10. **Turn it down at the first sign of harshness.** An amplifier pushed into clipping is the most common way we see vintage speakers damaged.
11. **Use your receiver's controls regularly.** A switch or knob that sits unused is the one that gets scratchy. If one crackles, call us; please don't spray anything into it.
12. **Protect its power.** Use a good surge-protecting power bar, switch off when the lights dim, and unplug during thunderstorms. Never run a subwoofer, power amp or TV from the outlets on the back of the receiver.
13. **Know your coverage.** Your receiver from us (as-is units excepted) carries our 90-day Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty and our Perpetual Trade-Back Program. If it's over $500, you can add an Extended Warranty, but only within those first 90 days.

The full guide: set-up, speakers, sources, radio, troubleshooting and the questions we hear most

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Questions, odd noises, or want a hand setting it up? Email **sales@radique.com**. We'd much rather hear from you early.