

Record Cleaning Fluid

Recipe:

900ml de-mineralized water
100ml iso-propanol alcohol (IPA)
10..20 drops rinse-aid (as used in dish washers)

How much	Of what	Pice
900ml	de-mineralized water	1.00EUR
100ml	iso-propanol alcohol (IPA)	0.25 EUR
10 .. 20 drops	rinse-aid (as used in dish washers)	0.01 EUR

This very simple to make fluid is identical in its working to the original cleaning fluid that sells for over 20 EUR per liter. The only problem might be to find IPA, but you can order it by mail from chemical suppliers. I paid 5 EUR for 2 liter (excluding post).

I tested the recipe on hundreds of records. In my opinion it at least as good as the original

Some remarks:

You really need IPA. Normal alcohol or white spirit will not do, since it does not dissolve grease well enough. Other solvents may harm your records.

Without the rinse aid, the fluid will not form a film on the record. When you let the record dry after the cleaning, droplets will form, which take forever to dry and remain visible on the record surface.

The rinse aid will help to form a nice film, but since it does not evaporate completely during drying, it is essential that you use only a minimal amount of it. Start with 10 drops and add a few when droplets form.