



# AVIDHIFI



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### NAIM SLIDE

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#### Warranty

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## **PREFACE**

Please take time to read this Instruction Manual before attempting to install this product. It will save you time and ensure that your pick up arm is installed correctly, allowing the Naim pick up arm to perform with the cartridge of your choice to its full potential on our turntable.

### **<TAKE CARE AND READ THIS MANUAL>**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Naim ARO pick up arm was originally designed to fit the Linn LP12 turntable using a Linn cartridge. Over the years owners have used alternative cartridges or used the arm on different turntables. Due to the arms design limitations, when using alternative cartridges, the correct overhang requirement is not achieved. This results in tracking distortion, leading to poor sound quality and damage to your records.

As a result of a close relationship between the two companies, the Naim Slide was designed to allow owners of Avid turntables to use the ARO pick up arm and make accurate adjustments during installation, so any cartridge combination can be successfully used with the correct overhang.

After a long relationship between Naim and Linn spanning many decades, Naim now uses AVID as it reference vinyl source, typically with a Dynavector cartridge....correctly installed.

## **PACKAGING**

This product comes with dedicated packaging, which we recommend you keep.

## **PARTS CHECKLIST**

The packing has been designed to eliminate parts being missed, however if something is found to be amiss please contact your dealer.

Instruction Manual	1	M3 Nut	4	Spacer	2
1.5mm Allen Wrench	1	M3 Washer	4	Naim Slide Assembly	1
2.0mm Allen Wrench	1	M3 x 20 Socket Bolt	4	Additional height cue	1
2.5mm Allen Wrench	1	M3 x 16 Socket Bolt	2		
Alignment Protractor	1	M2 x 5 Socket Bolt	4		

## **SERVICING**

There is no servicing required for this product.

## **CLEANING**

To maintain the visual appearance, occasionally dust the surfaces with a normal duster - no need for any sprays or polishes.

Fingerprints, greasy marks or similar smudges can be removed with a damp cloth with mild soapy water or isopropyl alcohol cleaner.

Never use cleaners containing abrasives, as this will damage the surface.

# SET UP INSTRUCTIONS

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Layout the contents and check you have all listed parts.  
(Additional height cue housing is not shown)

Remove the cable clamp from the Naim arm cable.  
This is not required and only impedes the suspension.

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Attach the arm cable to the underside of the Naim Slide assembly,  
using the 4 x M2 bolts supplied.

**DO NOT USE THE SELF-TAPPING SCREWS SUPPLIED WITH THE ARM.**

Before fitting check the natural orientation of the plug from the arm  
wand and fit the arm cable socket accordingly.

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Holding the assembly, making sure the sliding bars do not fall out,  
remove the lower nut and remove the plastic transit fixing.

Note that the fixing holes on each sliding bar are of centre.  
These fixing holes should be closest to the inside edge.

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Making sure the sliding bars are in place, replace the plastics transit  
bolt with the Naim mounting collar.

Note the position of the bias-fixing bolt.

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Now fit the retaining nut but do not over tighten.  
It may be necessary to rotate the mounting collar later.

**DO NOT USE THE NAIM NUT SUPPLIED**

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Remove the bias hanger-retaining bolt.

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Fit the bias hanger carefully with the same bolt, facing forward,  
initially parallel to the siding bar and the base of the bias hanger  
parallel the to sliding carriage.

Insert the pillar/bearing assembly into the fitted collar.

**Use the locking screw on the side of the arm collar to grip the pillar  
very lightly. The Allen key provided should be used with caution so as  
to apply minimum force or the pillar will be damaged.**

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Fit the whole assembly to the subchassis using the M3 x 20 bolts, M3 washers and M3 nuts supplied. Do not tighten down and keep loose. Fit the arm wand making sure the arm connecting cable is not caught. Fit into the receiving socket and check movement is not restricted. If it is you may need to reposition the sockets orientation.

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Adjust the arm holder to the correct height using the locking screw. Now remove the wand the fit your cartridge. Set the tracking weight using the counterweight and suitable scales. With the bearing, platter, record and clamp fitted check the VTA of the arm. If required remove the wand and adjust the height of the pillar/bearing.

**NEVER OVER TIGHTEN THE LOCKING SCREW OF THE PILLAR WILL DAMAGE**

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You now need to check the lift lower height is correct. Most cartridges will work with the cue mechanism fitted, however to increase the height add one or two spacers supplied. To do this, simply remove the two retaining bolts and place the washers underneath, refitting as in the two pictures below.

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You may find some cartridges that are very high, such as Dynavector that spacers will not be enough. An additional higher cue casing is included which can be fitted to give you the correct height. The cue mechanism will need transferring from one to the other and you should either consult your dealer or contact us if you have difficulty with this.

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Refit the cue mechanism with the longer bolts supplied. Replace the arm and make any final adjustments altering the height of the arm cue bar as required. Refit the arm wand and make sure the tracking weight is still correct.

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Using the protractor supplied adjust the overhang. The protractor has been specifically designed for the Naim ARO. It should make it easy to obtain the correct alignment by placing the stylus on the centre mark and then 'sliding' the base back and forth until the cartridge is correctly aligned. Notice that the edge of the head shell can be used for alignment.

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Sliding the arm back and forth is simply done by moving the carriage. Once this is completed, tighten the fixing bolts down and make final check of the VTA, making any adjustments as required. It is advisable to remove the wand when refitting the subchassis to the main chassis suspension. Refit the wand and adjust the suspension as required.

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**DRESSING THE ARM LEAD** Is just as important as setting the suspension. Incorrectly done or if the lead is too stiff the suspension will be prevented from working. Leads should be looped in a circle under the arm and attached behind the rear suspension housing. Check movement of suspension is working correctly. Depending on your set up it may be possible to leave the lead unattached so long as it does not affect the suspension.

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- During the warranty period, AVID will repair, or replace any defects in material or workmanship, without charge for parts or labour.
- Should product need to be returned a written description of the defect and a photocopy of the original purchase receipt must accompany it. Receipts must show the date of purchase, name and address of purchaser and authorized dealer and the price paid.
- Returned product must be packed in the original packing and returned to AVID or original dealer by the customer at his/her expense. AVID will pay return freight of its choice.
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- AVID shall not be held liable for incidental or consequential damages of any kind arising from the sale or use of its products.
- The warranty applies to ex-demonstration product, using the date of manufacture as purchase date.
- Where the product is sold under a consumer transaction (as defined by the Sale of Goods Act 1979) the statutory rights of the purchaser are not affected by this warranty.
- Products are sold on the basis of specifications applicable at the time of sale. AVID shall have no obligation to modify or to update products once sold.

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- Where product has been either supplied directly or there is no current distributor, AVID accepts responsibility for the warranty period.
- Returned product must be packed in the original packing and returned to AVID by the customer at his/her expense. AVID will pay return freight of its choice.
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