

The Philco UHF Conversion Kits

Part No. 43-6473 and 43-6474. UHF conversion kit Part No. 43-6473 permits the reception of UHF channels 14 through 83 when installed in the Philco R-F Chassis 91 or 94. This also holds true for kit No. 43-6474 when installed in the Philco R-F Chassis 81 and 84. The kit consists of a UHF tuner, a change-over switch, adapter cables and plugs, a planetary tuner driving assembly, and mounting hardware.

The UHF tuner converts the UHF signals to the intermediate frequencies of the r-f chassis 91 or 94, and converts the UHF signals to the frequency of either channel 2 or 3, and after amplification in the preamplifier, feeds into the VHF tuner antenna terminals.

In either case the incoming UHF signal is coupled to the antenna tank of the converter through a 150-ohm matching section. The antenna tank is coupled to the mixer tank by means of the mutual coupling of L2 and L3 and the stray capacitance (C5). The antenna tank and mixer tank select the desired channel signal and feed this signal to the crystal mixer circuit. The local-oscillator signal is generated by a 6AF4 tube, V1. The oscillator signal is coupled to the crystal mixer circuit by the 300-ohm transmission line and the mutual coupling of L7 to L5 and L8 to L6.

Mixing of the r-f signal and oscillator signal in the mixer circuit produces a 45.75-mc. video carrier intermediate frequency in R-F Chassis 91 and 94, which is coupled to J500 on the VHF tuner. In UHF operation the local oscillator of the VHF tuner is inoperative, and the r-f amplifier and mixer circuits of the VHF tuner operate as i-f amplifiers.

must be received on the unused channel. If no station operates on either Channel 2 or 3 either channel may be used for reception of the UHF station.

Conversion Kit Part No. 43-6473 for R-F Chassis 91 and 94. The change-over switch supplied with the kit is installed on the back of the VHF tuner, and is operated by the actuator on the VHF tuner shaft. When the Channel Selector of the VHF tuner is turned to the UHF position, the switch is thrown to its UHF position. In the UHF position of the switch a 150,000-ohm resistor is placed in series with the VHF mixer plate, thus dropping the voltage applied to this tube. This permits the mixer circuit to operate as an i-f amplifier. The change-over switch also turns off the VHF pilot light and turns on the UHF pilot light. When the receiver is connected for singleantenna operation, the switch also connects the antenna to the UHF tuner input. When the Channel Selector of the VHF tuner is turned to any channel from 2 through 13, the above procedure is reversed and a 150,000-ohm resistor is placed in series with the UHF local-oscillator plate circuit, thus

uhf converters

Mixing of the r-f signal and oscillator signal in the mixer circuit in R-F Chassis 81 and 84 produces an output signal at frequency of either Channel 2 or Channel 3. This signal is amplified by the 6BQ7 tube and its associated wide-band amplifier, and is then fed to the antenna input of the VHF tuner. If a station operates on either Channel 2 or Channel 3 in the area where the receiver is to be used, the UHF station dropping the voltage applied to the circuit and putting the UHF oscillator out of operation.

The adapter plugs shown in the schematic diagram are not used in factory-installed units, and the cables are wired directly into the chassis at the required points. The adapter plugs are used in field-installed units. The octal adapter fits into the audio output tube socket, with the tube inserted into the socket of the adapter. This adapter supplies B plus, B minus, and filament power connections for the UHF converter. The singleconductor disconnect assembly is connected in series with the B plus supply for the VHF mixer circuit. The twin-lead disconnect assembly is used to connect the VHF tuner antenna input to the change-over switch.

The UHF tuner is tuned by means of a 3-gang tuning condenser, which is driven through a specially designed planetary drive. The planetary drive is constructed so that fine tuning and coarse tuning can be accomplished with one control knob. The tuning shaft is coupled to the driving shaft through three balls which form a planetary drive for fine tuning. After rotating 180 degrees with the tuning shaft, a pin engages the driving shaft, and the two shafts are direct-coupled, for coarse tuning. To re-engage the planetary drive for fine tuning, it is only necessary to reverse the direction of rotation. The dial pointer is connected to the tuning gang through a cord drive, and indicates the channel number to which the tuner is tuned.

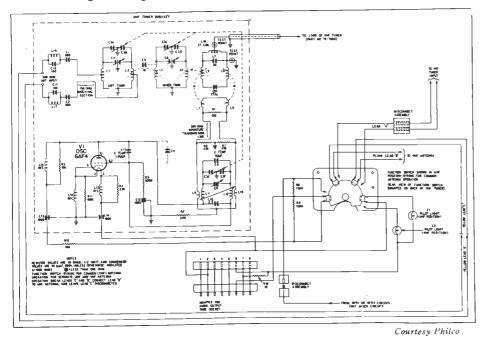
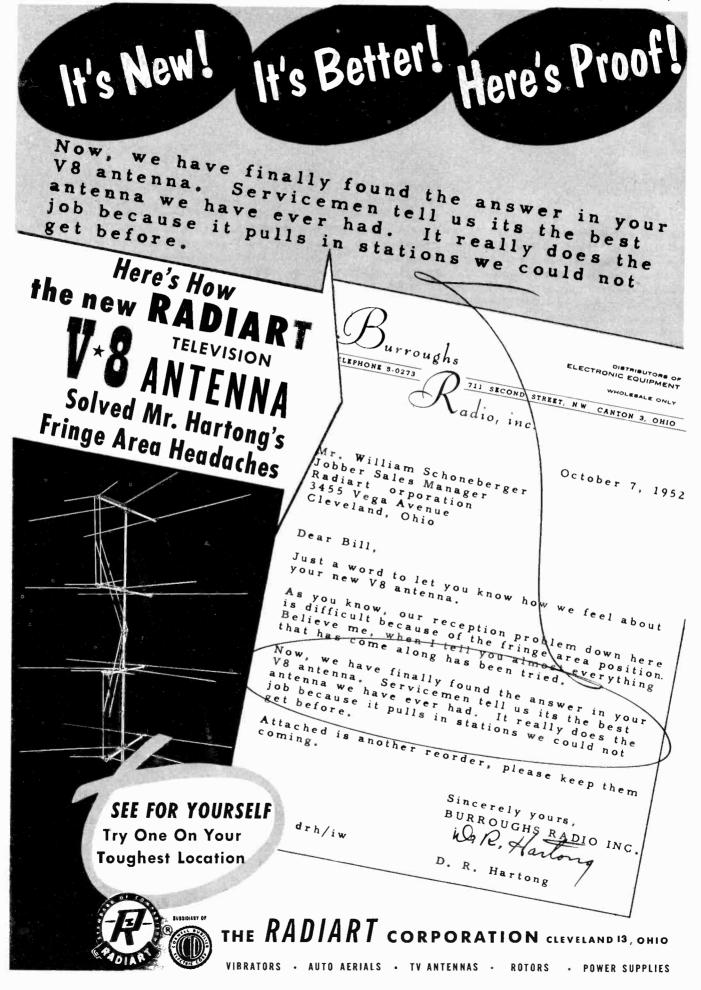


Fig. 1. Schematic Diagram, Philco UHF Tuner for R-F Chassis 91 and 94.



Right Near the School*

by John D. Burke

Everything about the house seemed right. Especially the price.

To bargain a little was the natural thing, even without hope of gaining more than a concession here or there-perhaps just that new deep freezer thrown in. How short that discussion was-no tussle at all! Martha went crazy over the freezer-and did not seem to mind Mrs. Corwin's evident sorrow over giving it up.

Corwin made a showing of bravadopromised his wife an even better one. What a pretender!

How else could that additional \$500 off the purchase price be explained-even without being asked . . .

They really must be anxious to sell! Short of cash-perhaps. Simple enough!

As a buyer of anything at all, Sturgeon had always prided himself on being a careful man. "Never been swindled yet!" he always told his children, urging like behavior on their part.

Of course, this time the bargain was so evident he paid his deposit on the spot. No use looking any further; this was it.

Beautiful house, lovely garden, good street, near the stores, far from noise-good neighbors.

Matter of fact, it was the neighbors who first came under suspicion. Sturgeon remembered a case where a man bought a house like this, and woke up one morning to the crash of a window pane. It happens often enough-bought next to a "Dennis the Menace."

The title closing was put off a week while Sturgeon prowled the streets nearby-corralled every chance acquaintance; cross-examined the children; bought copy after copy of the same paper – asking, and asking . . .

No one knew of any menace to his peace on Ludlow Street.

No windows showed recent replacement.

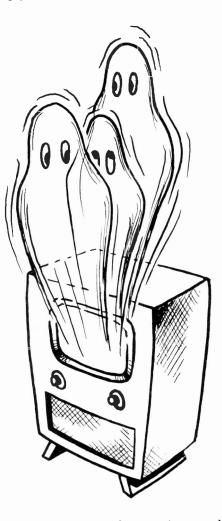
There was no sign of hysteria-not even a little weentsie bit. No signs of compulsion to move.

Queer fellow, that Corwin, thought Sturgeon. Seems a sporting type-kind that likes to watch the fights. Yet, whenever I mention my favorite wrestlers, or fighters, he manages to change the subject. Oh well, must have plenty on his mind. Forced to sell . . .

But why? What kind of double-talk did he give . . . ? Why do Mrs. Corwin and their kids sort of fade out whenever we ask their plans?

Sturgeon fully expected an argument when the second title closing delay was proposed. Corwin did mumble a bit-but then agreed.

Surely there is something wrong—thought an even more cautious Mr. Sturgeon. For he *knew* now that the house was worth an easy two thousand more than he was about to pay!



An appraiser had said so. Another agreed. Not Corwin's appraisers—no, his own. Friends of his for years. Said he was making an excellent buy.

Right near the school, too.

Again Sturgeon prowled. On the pretext that he wanted to figure out what furniture they would need to buy for the playroom, he prowled the basement.

Looking for rats-and other things. Nothing. -Looking for moles, tree blight, the sevenyear-itch (who knows what!)-he prowled the garden.

The closets-the attic-looking for ghosts? (Little he knew!)

The week passed, and the title changed hands.

Afterwards they had a little party-the sellers and the sold clinked glasses and wished each other well. In the best of spirits, Sturgeon exulted-even expressed his condolences to Corwin for his bad luck in having to sell . . .

One thing marred the party for Sturgeon. It seems that Corwin's television had still not come back from that TV shop. He had so wanted to see Mauler Joe . . . Such service!

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The answer came suddenly-all too plainly. There was no quarrelling with life. No doubt about it. This house had ghosts! They flitted about-they sang-they danced -they played ball.

Sometimes they came singly-again they multiplied. And if that were not enough, sometimes they reversed themselves, as if seen on a photograph negative.

The worst of all were the fights. The fighters came in pairs-facing other pairs. And tank team fights were staged by eight men in this house!

Where Sturgeon had poked about for things in the dark—in the basement, under ground, in closets, cobwebby places—these men probed in the air. A finger—extendable, retractable, poking, turning—probed the air overhead. Higher—lower, here—there.

Now plans, specifications, consultationsexperts, amateurs, amateurs who knew more than the experts-all the kids joined in.

Three alternatives:

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Erect—at considerable expense—an elaborate back screen fence on one side of the roof. (*No guarantee* that this would completely end the ghosts.)

Then the most obvious solution came to Sturgeon's mind. He whispered it to himself, and while saying it, knew that the words had been spoken before, "Sell the house and move away!"

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UHF Test Equipment

The entrance of UHF television presents a challenge to the test equipment manufacturers who cater to the servicing industry. It is a well known fact that the higher the frequency of operation, the higher the price of test equipment. It makes sense, since the problems of design are much more complex.

This is where the rub is. The UHF part of a television receiver is small in comparison to the rest of the unit. It includes one or two tubes and, dollarwise, represents a relatively small portion of the complete receiver price. Servicing the UHF tuner or converter calls for a suitable signal source. Measurement of the operating voltages is taken care of by the voltage measuring devices which are bound in every service shop. The types of troubles which may be encountered in UIIF tuners and converters are not too numerous since the device contains relatively few components. In saying this we are not belittling the ingenuity required on the part of the receiver design engineer to give birth to a good, stable unit.

But regardless of what may be involved in the UHF portion of a TV receiver, how much can the average service shop afford to spend for the equipment he must buy to service this portion? Frankly speaking, it can't be too much. UHF equipment is expensive, but too much expense is not warranted when one considers the nature of the application, that is, in the TV service shop.

No one can deny that a sweep generator is a convenient tool, but is a UHF sweep generator necessary as a signal source if it makes the cost high? The average service shop already possesses a VHF sweep generator. Isn't it possible to work with carrier frequencies which are not swept to check the few UHF channels which may be in operation in a certain area by using several spot frequencies? The device must be continuously variable so as to cover the entire band, and that is all. Two such signal sources, one for the carrier signal and the other for the marker, are all that are needed.

We realize that even this much can be expensive, but test equipment manufacturers possess the know-how to come up with something for less than \$400 or \$500. After all, UHF tuners designed for VHF-TV receiver use can be a source of ideas.

We have heard some rumors about an inexpensive UHF signal source for service technicians. More power to the designers. It is true that the best device is the cheapest in the long run, but there are times when the best may be too rich for the blood, and this seems to be the case with a UHF signal generator for the TV servicing field. Who'll be the first to lick this problem? We wonder.

Why Not More Standardization?

Every test equipment manufacturer knows that a better understanding of testing devices by the servicing industry will result in greater sales. Such understanding is hindered by the lack of standardization of nomenclature assigned to portions of test equipment which perform similar functions. We commented about this in our scope encyclopedia several years ago, but the practice is still rampant. We never entertained the idea that our comment would bring immediate action, but we did feel that the expressions of approval which we received from different test equipment manufacturers might bear some fruit in the long run.

Every attempt to describe the functioning of test equipment in general terms is hindered by the necessity of using a variety of identifications. And it makes it more difficult for the owner of a unit to apply what he reads to what he sees. Using similar nomenclature for similarly functioning controls may remove the individuality from different units, but it certainly will not lessen the unit's salability or its operating capabilities. After all, the individuality is found in brand names and capabilities, not in what the control is called. Hence it would be of great benefit to all concerned if the test equipment group would get together and do something about nomenclature.

Preventive Maintenance

Some time ago we spoke about PM (Preventive Maintenance) in the TV service shop. Recently we spoke with a large scale TV operator who declared that he instituted the practice. He noted that since he started Preventive Maintenance there had been a definite decline in the frequency of test equipment failure in his shop. The bigger the investment in test equipment the more vital is such a program, and the greater the ultimate savings. And, on the other hand, the guy who doesn't have too much to put out for test equipment replacement needs preventive maintenance even more.



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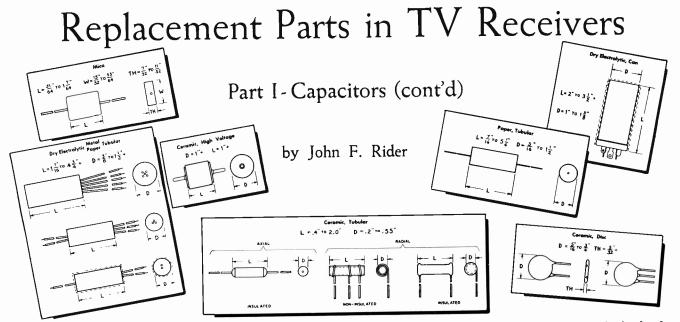




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Moving down the scale of capacitance values for mica capacitors raises the series resonant frequency. Values from 500 $\mu\mu$ f down to about 10 $\mu\mu$ f result in self-resonant frequencies from about 25 mc up to as high as 280 mc. Depending on capacitance and connecting lead length self-resonance may occur at frequencies high up in the hundreds of megacycles range.

The same phenomenon is experienced with ceramic capacitors and paper dielectric tubulars. The former displays resonance at somewhat higher frequencies than the micas, whereas in the case of the paper dielectric tubulars, the frequency is somewhat lower.

These references to self-resonance should not be construed as expressions of comparative merit. They should be viewed as the basis for comments which appear in TV service literature stating the importance of maintaining capacitance values, lead lengths and lead dress when making replacements in front-end and i-f systems. The number of times that a TV receiver engineer makes use of series resonance phenomena for bypassing is not known because it is not indicated or labeled on a receiver or parts list. But since it is an effective method, the likelihood of it being used is high, and it is to the best interests of the service technician to pay more than just casual attention to these details when effecting a capacitor replacement. Adhering to this approach will neither complicate servicing nor make the procurement of replacement parts more difficult. Virtually every capacitor which may be used in this fashion is available from parts jobbers.

Two other items are of interest in connection with self-resonance effects in capacitors. Again they relate to high frequency circuits. It has been established that certain ratios of inherent L and C in a capacitor and its lead lengths can be used for filtering or bypassing purposes. This time, however, to accomplish varying degrees of filtering over a band of frequencies each side of the self-resonant frequency. The frequency bandwidth over which the filtering is effective is determined by the L/C constant. The higher the ratio between L and C, the less the bypassing effect (or filtering) each side of the resonant frequency.

The final item of interest concerning self-resonance is when the prescene of the action can be undesirable. Capacitors, especially micas and ceramics, are used in different ways in high-frequency circuits. Some of the applications are in circuits through which a band of frequencies are passed. In order to minimize the possibility of undesirable signal absorption effects or shunting due to self-resonance, set manufacturers frequently stipulate the low frequency limit of series resonance when they order their capacitors. As a further safeguard, the lead lengths are kept as short as possible when the capacitor is wired into the receiver.

Capacitors in TV receivers do not bear labels stating the engineering considerations. However, it is easy to take care of them when making replacements by using, as was stated before, the correct value of capacitance, the type and tolerance stipulated, and by duplicating the lead lengths used with the original part that is being replaced. We reiterate once more that doing this does not necessarily mean troublesome procurement, it simply means using the proper part and exercising care when replacing a defective capacitor.

Applications of Capacitors

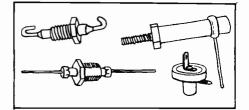
Having discussed an inherent feature of capacitors and ways in which it is used, it is still necessary to describe the general manner in which capacitors of all kinds are employed. Understandably it is impossible in the limited space which we have available to describe each individual application, hence it is necessary to treat the subject broadly by categorizing the uses to which capacitors are put, also the kinds of capacitors used for these functions.

Tuning. The use of a capacitor for tuning purposes includes many uses. It includes resonating a coil (individually, or as a part of a transformer) to a given frequency, or to reject or accept a band of frequencies. Then there is the application with resistors to control the rise of signal voltage relative to time. These are the time constant circuits. Remotely it is a form of tuning in that the system can be made frequency selective to the extent that the circuit allows the build-up of a signal voltage at one or more frequencies to a substantially greater extent than at some other frequencies.

These uses appear in front-ends, video i-f amplifiers, sound i-f amplifiers, multi-vibrator circuits, deflecting systems, sweep systems, phase discriminator systems, tone controls, audio amplifiers, etc.

The kinds of capacitors which are employed in this fashion are mica and ceramic dielectric types in the main, and on occasion, paper and dielectric tubulars. The paper unit is not used for tuning in r-f or higher frequency circuits. Distinctions are to be found in the specific classifications of these general categories of capacitors which are used in this manner. That is to say, all classifications of micas or ceramics are not used in the same circuits of a section of the receiver. Some of the functions required for proper operation of the receiver are not available in all varieties of a single category of capacitor, hence the distinctive type within a general category is chosen. For example, and this is only a capsule review, many tuned circuits require temperature compensation in order to assure frequency stability. This special action can be accomplished by certain kinds of mica and ceramic capacitors — the temperature compensating kind. Generally speaking, the ceramic type unit is used preponderantly in these cases. More will be said about this later.

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Feed-through and button type capacitors.

D-C Blocking. The isolation of a d-c voltage applied to one point from another point which is electrically connected to the first is another application of capacitors. Sometimes this function is performed simultaneously with coupling, or transferring energy from one point to another, but for the sake of clarity we distinguish between the two.

Mica, ceramic and paper dielectric capacitors are used in this way. (The first two at picture and sound carrier frequencies, at the video and sound i-f frequencies, in the majority of sweep circuits and even in the audio amplifiers.) The paper dielectric capacitor on the other hand is used mostly for d-c blocking (and coupling) in the audio amplifier, although even here it has been replaced by the ceramic in many instances.

Coupling. The transferring of energy from one circuit to another where a direct connection cannot be used because of d-c voltages, is accomplished by capacitors in most instances. Of course electromagnetic coupling is a common method where transformers are used, but on occasion the action of the electromagnetic coupling between windings is complemented by capacitive coupling in order to secure the required frequency response.

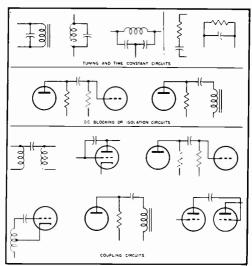
Mica and ceramic capacitors are used throughout the TV receiver as a signal transfer component, although the paper dielectric unit divides the function with ceramics. There was a time when micas were very popular as coupling capacitors in all r-f circuits, and the paper dielectric unit was used in the low frequency systems; today the ceramic is replacing both kinds.

Bypassing. Bypassing is a fluid word. Fundamentally it is the process of keeping signal currents out of undesired paths by providing a separate low impedance path around them. Another viewpoint, which perhaps is even more basic, is that bypassing is a means for minimizing voltage fluctuations at a point in the circuit. Oftentimes this is expressed as keeping a point in a circuit at ground potential by connecting a suitable amount of capacitance between that point and ground (or chassis).

All four main categories of capacitors are used for bypassing. The type is determined by the frequencies involved. Mostly ceramic dielectric capacitors are used for bypassing in signal circuits operating at frequencies higher than the audio range. In audio and lower frequency circuits, paper dielectric and electrolytic capacitors see service. On occasion two capacitors may be connected across the same circuit element, an electrolytic and a ceramic. The former is intended to bypass the low frequencies and the latter serves for the higher frequencies.

The choice of paper dielectric and electrolytic types is based on the impedance of the path being bypassed. The lower its impedance, the higher must be the capacitance of the bypassing capacitor, and this is most readily available in electrolytic types. The operating voltage involved also is a factor; electrolytic capacitors are available at various voltage ratings up to about 450 volts d-c, whereas paper dielectric units are available at much higher voltage ratings.

Filtering. Filtering is another broad function. Common usage has given it a singular meaning; namely, the process of removing the ripple frequencies from the output of rectifier tubes in a power supply, thereby providing a d-c output from the unit. Simultaneous with this action of the capacitor in a power supply is its behavior as a reservoir of electricity thereby affording a steady supply of d-c voltage and current.



Filtering has other interpretations as well. One or more capacitors used in conjunction with either inductors or resistors, as the case may be, accept, reject, attenuate or accentuate one or more frequencies; or allow all frequencies below a limit value to pass through a circuit, or allow all frequencies above a limit value to pass through the circuit. Such are low-pass filters, integrator networks, etc.

As to the kinds of capacitors which are used for filtering purposes, the power supply filter capacitors are mainly of the electrolytic variety at least at working voltages up to 450 volts. At higher voltages, paper dielectric units are used. At very high voltages, such as in the picture-tube, second-anode power supply, ceramic capacitors rated at from 10,000 to 20,000 volts working voltage are employed.

In circuits which are intended to control the passage of bands of frequencies, higher than perhaps 500 cps, mica and ceramic, especially the latter see most service. Paper dielectric capacitors are used in great numbers for this function at audio frequencies.

Summary of Applications. These references to applications are of necessity very brief. Elaborations will appear at different places in this text, as the discussion of the different kinds of capacitors warrants.

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Identification of Capacitors

Air Dielectric

How are capacitors identified? Indentification is by means of the basic types first, then by the subdivisions of these types, and then finally by constants. Some constants are general in application, that is, will be found applied to all capacitors, whereas others are native only to certain specific varieties.

The family of main categories of capacitors and their subdivisions as applied to TV receivers is the following:

Tuning capacitors (variable) Trimmer capacitors (variable) Mica Foil, (fixed, postage stamp) Foil, (variable trimmers) Temperature compensating Foil, button Silver mica (fixed, postage stamp) Silver mica, button Ceramic Tubular (fixed) insulated non-insulated stand-offs temperature compensating feed-through dual Disc (fixed) single dual temperature compensating Plates single multiple Door Knob (thick disc) Trimmers (variable) tubular flat (round) Composition (fixed) Paper Dielectric Tubular Wax impregnated and cardboard case, wax sealed Oil impregnated, cardboard case, wax sealed Oil impregnated and molded case Special impregnation, cardboard tube, molded seal Metal cased (wax impregnated or oil impregnated) Metal cased, hermetically sealed Metalized Paper Electrolytic Tubular (etched foil and plain) cardboard case or metal case

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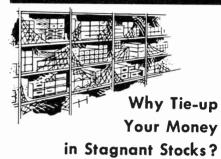




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BTS 1/2 watt	1000 ohms	
BTS 1/2 watt	10,000 ohms	
BTS 1/2 watt	1500 ohms	
BTS 1/2 watt	0.22 meg.	
BTS 1/2 watt	4700 ohms	
BTS 1/2 watt	100 ohms	

POWER WIRE WOUND RESISTORS			
Туре	Value		
1¾A 10 watts	10,000 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	5000 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	1000 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	200 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	100 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	75 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	15,000 ohms		
1¾A 10 watts	2000 ohms		
134A 10 watts	1500 ohms		
13/4A 10 watts	2500 ohms		

REPLACEMENT CONTROLS			
Stock No.	Ohms	Taper	
Q13-133	0.5 meg.	l c	
Q13-137	1.0 meg.	Ċ	
Q11-133	0.5 meg.	Ā	
Q11-137	1.0 meg.	A	
Q13-139	2.0 meg.	c	
Q11-123	50 K	A	
Q13-137X	1.0 meg.	н	
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uhf converters

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Conversion Kit Part No. 43-6473 for R-F Chassis 81-84. The change-over switch supplied with the kit is installed on the back of the VHF tuner, and is operated by the actuator on the VHF tuner shaft. When the Channel Selector of the VHF tuner is turned to either Channel 2 or Channel 3 (see adjustment of the actuator below), the switch is thrown into the UHF position. In the UHF position of the switch the antenna input of the VHF tuner is switched to the output of the UHF tuner and, if a single antenna is used, the antenna is switched to the input of the UHF tuner. In this position the VHF pilot light is turned off and the UHF pilot light is turned on. When the Channel Selector is set to a channel other than the one on which the switch is thrown by the actuator, the switch returns to the VHF position. In this position the antenna is connected to the VHF tuner input, the VHF pilot light is turned on, and a 150,000-ohm resistor is connected in series with the B plus supply for the UHF oscillator. The resistor lowers the plate voltage of the UHF oscillator and puts the oscillator out of operation.

The adapter plug fits into the socket of the audio output tube, with the tube inserted into the socket of the adapter. This adapter supplies B plus, B minus, and filament power connections for the UHF converter. The adapter plug and socket is used in field-installed kits only. In factory-installed kits the cable is wired directly into the r-f chassis.

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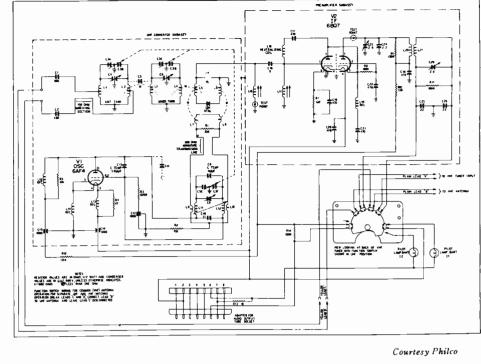


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A 3rd and 4th "School of Thought" on Front-End Tuner Service

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Mr. John F. Rider John F. Rider Publisher, Inc. 480 Canal Street New York 13, New York

Dear Mr. Rider:

I want to commend you on your very fine article on "Front End Tuner Service" which appeared in the September, 1952 issue of SUCCESSFUL SERVICING. The treatment you have given the "two schools of thought" on this important service is indeed thought provoking. However, I want to point out a third school of thought which I believe you will find interesting.

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As has been our custom, we will continue to cover the RF tuner in our detailed service notes for those servicemen who wish to make the repairs themselves.

> Very truly yours, C. M. Rigsbee, Manager Commercial Service Section

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October 23, 1952 Mr. John F. Rider 480 Canal Street New York City 13, New York

Dear Mr. Rider:

It was with great interest that we at Raytheon read in "Curtain Time" your comments regarding tuner repairs. We believe that no specific remarks on tuner repairs in general can be made, but that on a particular type or make, a generalized answer is warranted.

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The tuner can easily be serviced by removing the three (3) hex head nuts holding the bottom cover in place. Removing the bottom cover makes all the tuner components within easy reach and all parts can be serviced. It is suggested that after the bottom cover is removed, the tuner be inspected for burnt parts, solder splashes, and defective solder connections. When working inside the tuner do not move components a great distance as a change in distributed capacity will result and offset the alignment.

A majority of tuner troubles are often open or high resistant ground, coil or solder connections. These can easily be repaired by placing a hot soldering iron at the solder connection.

Since the tuner is small and compact, it is suggested that a long, small diameter tipped soldering iron be used to prevent damage to surrounding components. Do not over-heat trimmer condensers (Continued on page 17)



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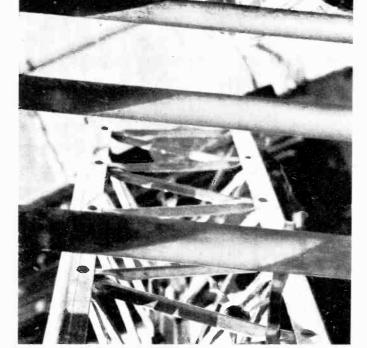
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Checking Electrolytic Capacitors

Experimentation shows that if the series resistance of the output section of the filter capacitor is as much as 6 ohms, the set will oscillate and produce a noticeable hiss. If the resistance is as much as 15 ohms, the receiver will squeal and motor-boat. Sometimes this trouble is not easily traced to the filter capacitors. The usual method for locating the trouble is to have the set playing on a station where the oscillation is present and bridge the filter condensers with another capacitor of the same value. All too often when this is done the shock of bridging the additional capacitor in the filter circuit will cause the oscillation to stop, and it may not reappear when the additional capacitor is removed from the circuit. A good way to avoid this is to use a two or three thousand ohm wire wound potentiometer in series with the test condenser. With the pot set in its maximum resistance position the test capacitor is connected across the suspected filter capacitor. Due to the high resistance of the pot the test capacitor charges slowly and the operation of the receiver is not disturbed. The resistance of the pot is slowly decreased until the test capacitor is connected directly across the suspected filter capacitor. This method has proved of considerable value in pinning down this type of filter trouble. C. J. Overall

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as the insulation will melt. Avoid using excess solder, as solder splashes may result and cause damage to the tuner.

Tube sockets are extremely difficult to replace and therefore, it is not recommended. Broken tube socket pins can be easily replaced by carefully removing the broken pin parts, and inserting a new pin from the top of the socket. Loose tube socket pins may cause intermittent operation when the tube is jarred or moved. This condition can be remedied by carefully bending or squeezing the top of the pin contacts together with a sharp instrument. Rosin on the socket pins may also cause intermittent operation. This can be rectified by filing the tube pins which will leave a slight burr and insure good contact.

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Yours very truly, RAYTHEON TELEVISION & RADIO CORPORATION Frank Loasby Sales Engineering Dept. Replacement Parts in TV Receivers

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single section multiple section Can type (etched foil or plain) twist lug single section multiple section screw-in single section multiple section Plug-in (etched foil and plain) single section multiple section

The branches of the capacitor family tree represent physical differences and electrical differences. We acknowledge that all features are of interest to the servicing industry, but a complete resume is impossible because of space limitations. Of greater concern are those details which relate to uses and replacements, hence pertinent constructional features will be discussed briefly in connection with the electrical characteristics.

The illustrations of the physical shapes of the different varieties of capacitors bear ranges of physical dimensions. No one brand is indicated by these sizes. As far as original equipment is concerned, that is, parts used in receivers, the size selected by the set designer is one which is determined by two factors; supply, and the space available in the receiver. This tends to set a limit on the variety of sizes because the prime producers of these units manufacture items of like capacitance and voltage values in substantially the same physical dimensions, and also because the general dimensions of TV chassis are very much alike. Of course, when housing quarters are crowded, size is an important factor — but never losing sight of the electrical requirements.

Constants of Capacitors

The constants of capacitors are numerous. An appreciation of their meaning by the servicing industry is important to successful operation. Not that service technicians have facilities for the determination of these constants, rather it means a better understanding of the entire replacement problem. Moreover, it gives more meaning to the specifications applicable to capacitors.

This is the second in a series of articles on "Replacement Parts in TV Receivers." Will be continued next month.





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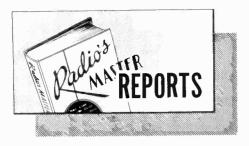
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number of economy V-type antennas, window antennas, and stacked 5 element Yagi antennas. antennas, and stacked 5 element Yagi antennas. RAY i HLON--Introduced receiving tubes 6CL6, miniature version of type 6AG7, a 9-pin minia-ture pentode designed for use as a video amplifier in Tv receivers at \$2.90 list . . 12b27, a 9-pin miniature, high-mu dual triode designed for use as a sync separator in TV receivers at \$2.40 list and 25AV36T, a beam pentode power amplifier designed for use as a horizontal deflection ampli-iner in TV receivers at \$2.90 list. Also introduced 17JP4, TV peture tube employing magnetic focus and deflection and designed to be used with an external ion trap magnet at \$26,00 net. RIDER, JOHN F.--Added No. 142, "High Fidel-ity Simplified" at \$2.50 net.

- ity Simplified at \$2.50 her. SCALA RADIO--Added Model BZ-123, (a com-bination of Models BZ-1, BZ-2, BZ-3, containing a signal tracing probe, a low capacity probe, and a 400:1 voltage divider probe,) at \$27.50 her. Also introduced Model BZ-C, a spare or replace-ment low capacity calibrated coaxial cable for any of the above probes at \$1.00 her.

Discontinued Items

- AMER. TELEVISION & RADIO—Discontinued several standard and heavy duty radio inverters and their series of standard and heavy duty industrial inverters
- HALLICRAFTERS Discontinued Model S-80,
- supersensitive battery radio for remote areas. JOHNSON CO. E. F.—Discontinued four radio frequency chokes, No's. 101-760, 102-750, 102-752, 102-754.
- NATIONAL CO.—Discontinued Model HFS, VHF receiver and the six HFS plug-in coils that tuned the receiver to 6 bands. R.C.A.—Discontinued receiving tubes 6AR5 and
- 6K8G.
- RADIO MERCHANDISE SALES-Discontinued a number of 4 element Yagi antennas and sev-eral double driven 4 and 5 element Yagis.

- RECOTON-Their series of juke box osmium phononeedles has been discontinued.
- TRIO MFG .- Discontinued their controlled pattern antenna system series . . . their two-channel cov-erage Yagi antenna series and a number of models in their double dipole, five element Yagi series.

Price Increases

- AMERICAN PHENOLIC CORP .--- Increased price on No. 21-199 series of transmission line.
- G.E.—Increased price on three 10", two 12", one 14", tour 16", seven 17", three 20", three 21", one 24", and one 27" TV picture tubes.
- one 27, and an animer of items including Model SA-62, all-wave listener receiver to \$299.50 amateur net price and Model S-76, double conversion receiver to \$179.50 amateur teur net price.
- R.C.A.—Price increases on 5W4GT, radio receiving tube to \$1.75 list and No. WS-18A, rack-adapter panel to \$11.50 net.
- RAULAND CORP.—Increased price on two 10" two 12", two 14", seven 16", four 17", two 19" two 20", and two 21" TV picture tubes.
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- one 21, and one 24, 1 v picture tubes. RIDER, JOHN F.—No. 134, "TV and Other Re-ceiving Antennas" increased to \$6.90 net. WESTINGHOUSE—Increased TV picture tubes 16AP4-A to \$46.00 suggested list ... 17GP4 to \$42.00 suggested list and 19AP4-B to \$59.00 suggested list list.

Price Decreases

- AMERICAN ELECTRICAL HEATER—Decreased price on No. 3798, copper tip for very heavy operation soldering iron to \$1.689 net.
- AMERICAN PHENOLIC CORP.—No. 82-843, RF connector decreased to \$5.40 net.
- CREST LABS.—Decreased prices on cathode ray tube rejuvenators Model C, to \$2.40 net and Model D to \$2.79 net.
- JIOREL D to \$2.79 net. JERROLD ELECTRONICS—Decreased price on No. C.61, coaxial c.ble connector to \$.48 net. JONTZ MFG.—Decreased price on 3 items in their Model 200 "super" kwick climb tower series. The 50 foot tower with foundation mountings reduced to \$82.50 net... 10 foot top section to \$18.50 net. and 10 foot mid sections to \$18.600 net. to \$82.50 net . . . 10 foot top section to \$18.50 net and 10 foot mid sections to \$16.00 net.



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Antenna Input Impedance UHF-Choice: 300 ohms balanced or 72 ohms unbalanced. VHF-300 ohms balanced.

Tube Complement

Tube Used	Function
CK 710	Crystal Mixer
6BQ7	R-F Oscillator
6CB6	

The UHF Selector has been designed to operate from either of three types of antenna installations. It will operate from the VHF antenna, or from a separate UHF antenna with 300 ohm transmission line or from a separate UHF antenna with 72 ohm co-ax transmission line.

In all cases, the VHF antenna transmission line must be disconnected from the VHF receiver and reconnected to the selector VHF antenna terminals. A short length of 300 ohm line must then be connected between the VHF receiver antenna terminals and the selector terminals marked "Receiver."

Model U70. UHF Selector Model U70 permits the reception of any UHF television station within receiving range when employed with a VHF television receiver. The unit employs three tubes plus rectifier and a crystal mixer.

Television R-F Frequency Range

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All 70 UHF television channels.....470 mc.
to 890 mc.
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I-F Output Frequency Channel 5 or 6

Power Supply Rating.....115 volts, 60 cycles, 40 watts

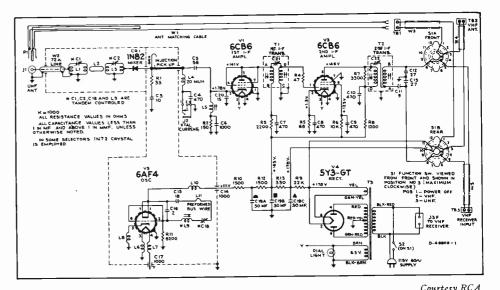


Fig. 4. Schematic of RCA U70 UHF Selector.

"Receiver."

Weight and Dimensions

Net	Shipping	Width	Height	Depth
Weight	Weight	Inches	Inches	Inches
10 lbs.	12 lbs.	111/8	81⁄4	$9\frac{31}{2}$

Antenna Input Impedance

UHF-Choice: 300 ohms balanced or 72 ohms unbalanced. VHF-300 ohms balanced.

Tube Complement

T

'ube Used	Function
6AF4	R-F Oscillator
1N82	Crystal Mixer
6CB6	1st I-F Amplifier
6CB6	2nd I-F Amplifier
5Y3GT	Rectifier

The UHF Selector has been designed to operate from either of three types of antenna installations.

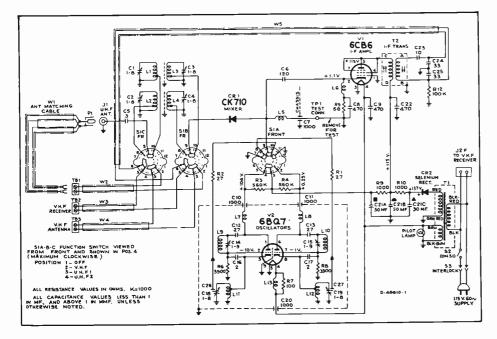


Fig. 3. Schematic of RCA U2 UHF Selector.

Courtesy RCA

In all cases, the VHF antenna transmission line must be disconnected from the VHF receiver and reconnected to the selector VHF antenna terminals. A short length of 300 ohm line must then be connected between the VHF receiver antenna ter-

UTP1 Sarkes Tazian Self-Powered UHF Translator.

minals and the selector terminals marked

Imput Pre-set to any one UHF station -UTP1A (470-710) mc. - UTP1B (700-890) mc. Output into balanced 300 ohms, channel 2 to 6 inclusive.

This translator will provide satisfactory UHF reception in the many areas which will be served by a UHF station. It works in conjunction with a TV Receiver of any type, bringing a new station through one of the unused low channels.

In order to install this translator it is not necessary to get into the TV Receiver at all. It can be conveniently placed on the back of the set and need be connected only to the external antenna terminals of the receiver. As it is self powered it does not place added drain on the receiver power supply.

The receiver itself operates normally as when receiving a low channel. This makes it possible to take advantage of the full gain and performance of the VHF receiver when receiving UHF.

A switch button featured with this translator performs the following functions:

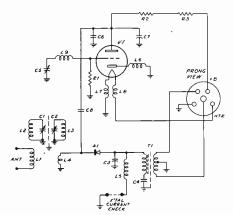
It turns the translator on or off.

It connects the translator output to the TV set or it disconnects it thus leaving the set undisturbed and capable of receiving the 12 VHF channels.

It connects the presently used VHF antenna to the translator in case it is found to be satisfactory for UHF reception.

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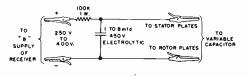
Courtesy Sarkes-Tarzian Fig. 5. Schematic of the Sarkes-Tarzian UHF Translator.

It disconnects the VHF antenna and grounds it to prevent interference and, at the same time, it connects a UHF antenna to the translator, should a UHF antenna be found necessary.

The complete range of frequencies and antenna switching possibilities makes this translator completely universal in application.

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