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INTRODUCTION

HIS book has been compiled in an attempt to give the radio Service Man as complete and concise a compendium of practical data and instruction concerning radio installation, maintenance and repair as could be selected from the hosts of material already written on the subject. It is evident that a book of this type, to be entirely complete, would cover virtually all phases of radio and include complete diagrams and specifications of every radio set that has ever been built -- an enormous undertaking which would give the book a stupendous size. While such a volume would be of value for reference, it would be too clumsy to be handled by the busy radio Service Man who wants practical information, suggestions, and data in few words at his finger tips, with diagrams and specifications of the more popular types of sets in active service that daily require his attention. Therefore, only the salient features of radio servicing are given, and information on the servicing of battery sets, which are daily becoming obsolete, is covered more in general than in detail. In all instances where possible, specifications are given in connection with the diagrams, which were obtained through the kind assistance of the various manufacturers. More up-to-date information on later sets can be supplied from time to time as the material becomes available, for which purpose the loose-leaf form of this book has been adopted. In connection with RADIO-CRAFT Magazine (which supplies the latest important news on the subject in proper page size to fit in this book) the book can be kept alive and up-to-date and be of inestimable value to the active Service Man.

No attempt is made to delve into the theory of radio, since this is not within the scope of a book of this type. There are many technical books covering the theory and practice of radio, from which the would-be Service Man can get a good elementary grounding on the subject. Therefore, it is here assumed that the reader has an adequate technical knowledge of the subject, although technicalities are avoided as much as possible and simple language is used throughout, covering mainly the practical rather than the theoretical aspect of the subject. For, after all, the Service Man is practical. He must go out in the field, diagnose the troubles in radio sets from the symptoms, and in a few minutes; time correct the defects. A man of theoretical knowledge only is at sea when up against a set, apparently in perfect order, but which does not work; and all his theory is of no avail without some background of practice. All the books in the world cannot give as much knowledge in this line of work as can be obtained by installing, servicing, and repairing a hundred sets of different types. Highly-trained engineers have been known to labor for hours on a set that would not work, only to find out later that the antenna was disconnected; a condition which would be instantly noticed by a less-technical but practically-trained Service Man. He who can give the quickest and best service will have the greatest number of satisfied customers and will build up the greatest reputation and monetary income. He who bluffs his way through and makes only temporary repairs in hopes of obtaining future work on the same sets, will soon find that his best customers have left him. A thorough knowledge of the work, backed by a few months' practice, together with a data book of this type containing information one cannot reliably carry in his head, should be the foundation of a successful servicing business, provided it is conducted in an honest manner. We hope that the readers will find this book as valuable as we are trying to make it.

Aside from his theoretical and practical knowledge of radio, the Service Man, like a practicing doctor, should be somewhat of a psychologist. Not that his psychology will have any effect upon the subject on which he is working, as in the case of the doctor, but he will come in contact with all kinds of people, the vast army of radio set owners, some of whom will look upon him with suspicion and presume that they are being swindled, no matter how fairly he treats them. He will be called upon to explain in detail everything connected with the work, and must not only repair the set, but give the highly-

opinionated set owner a still higher opinion of his knowledge of radio. Of course, such cases should be handled tactfully, but just how is beyond the scope of this book, which makes no attempt to teach psychology. This can be learned better out in the field than from books. "Trouble-Shooting" in radio has many interesting and peculiar aspects.

The first section of this book is devoted to pointing out the weak spots in all kinds of radio sets and showing where trouble is likely to occur, how it can be located, isolated and repaired. Of course, the first and greatest symptom of a faulty radio set manifests itself in the loud speaker, which does not speak very pleasantly, or refuses to talk at all. This symptom is noticed by the set owner, who immediately telephones for the Service Man. From the owner's report of the set's behavior, the experienced Service Man can usually point his finger to the cause, since there is a cause for every effect. From this, he can select the necessary tools for making repairs, if any are required, and also any tubes, batteries, etc., which may be needed, and the job is shortly completed. The inexperienced Service Man, however, not being so keen at diagnosing from the meagre symptoms, must necessarily carry all his tools, testing apparatus, and spare parts, and make a longer job of it at greater expense to the owner. By making the tests systematically, the beginner can effect repairs quicker and soon acquire that apparently psychic insight into radio sets that the expert enjoys. The more proficient he becomes, the fewer tools he requires and the fewer tests he has to make. Therefore. we have endeavored to present, in a concise manner, a description of the various testing devices and tools that are indispensable to the beginner, as well as of great aid to the expert, and show how they are used in diagnosing set troubles. While many writings on trouble shooting trace cause to effect, we have attempted to trace effect to cause, which is the necessary procedure of the Service Man out on the job. As a concrete example, it is a simple matter to tell someone through the medium of a book that an open audio-transformer winding will stop the set from functioning, but it is an entirely different matter to trace the cause of a defective set back to the open transformer winding, when there are many other reasons why a set might stop functioning.

We believe that the vast collection of diagrams, forming the main bulk of the book, will be of help to all radio Service Men, and consequently we have made it as complete as possible without including diagrams known to be of little value. In modern manufactured radio receivers of somewhat inaccessible nature, an authentic diagram is almost indispensable in making tests, such as voltage and current readings and resistance measurements, for the difference in internal connections of various receivers is not apparent from the outside, and without the diagram mistakes are likely to be made.

We shall be pleased to receive suggestions and criticisms from those who are out in the field, and at the same time we wish to extend our thanks for the many suggestions submitted to RADIO-CRAFT by so many practical Service Men, which have been of great aid in preparing this book, and also to the manufacturers who have generously submitted data and diagrams concerning their products.

THE EDITORS



Sometimes the Service Man's money comes easy

CHAPTER I

SERVICE EQUIPMENT

SPEED and accuracy in set installation and servicing depend upon the skill of the Service Man and the tools and testing equipment at his command; the greater the skill, the less equipment required, and vice versa. Practice will strike for each his own balance between skill and equipment, and he can be judged accordingly. Good testing equipment will instil confidence into the customer and help largely to alleviate dissatisfaction. The nature of the work and type of set also dictates to some extent the equipment required. If a car is used, one can naturally carry a well-nigh complete set of tools and testing apparatus, but without the car, only the most necessary paraphernalia should be carried, the rest remaining at the shop for work too complex to be done at the customer's home. The list below gives the tools, supplies and instruments that every Service Man should have available:

(2) Tools:

One pair diagonal pliers

- pair long-nose pliers
- ⁸ pair side-cutting wire nippers or pliers
- " jackknife
- ³⁰ socket-wrench set
- " pair test prods
- " combination neutralizing and aligning tool
- " automatic blow torch
- " soldering iron
- " can flux
- " short, heavy screwdriver
- " long thin screwdriver
- " roll friction tape
- " hand drill with assorted drills
- " reamer
- " coarse file
- " sheet emery cloth
- " fine file
- flashlight
- " large piece of cloth



This illustration shows the radio Service Man's ideal tool and testing equipment. Note the convenience of the carrying case. Photo courtesy The Grenpark Co.



Fig. 1. - The Supreme Diagnometer is one of the most completely equipped testing apparatus available to the Service Man.

(3) <u>Wiscellaneous Parts</u>: Assorted grid suppressors; center-tapped filament resistors; by-pass and filter condensers; variable high resistors; grid leaks; replacement A.F. transformer; phonograph pick-up adapter; rheostats; hook-up wire; a roll of bell wire; milenite tacks; insulated staples; replacement sockets; tube shield; trimming condensers; neutralizing condensers; tube adapters; R.F. choke; R.F. transformer; open and closed circuit jacks; filament switches; S.P.D.T. switches; phone plug; binding posts; soldering lugs; lock washers; assorted screws; aerial insulators; lead-in screweyes, hooks and insulators; lead anchors; filament ballasts; pilot lights; ground clamps; lead-in strips; lightning arrester; phone cord; 6 or 7-wire battery cable; battery clips, large and small; small knobs; cone apexes; complete set of various tubes; dummy neutralizing tubes; 45-volt "B" batteries; "C" battery.

(4) Instruments: One radio set analyzer, one hydrometer, one speaker unit, one headset or single receiver, one audio-modulated R.F. oscillator, one resonance indicator.

(5) The Radio Set Analyzer. This is one instrument that every Service Man should have, as it will permit the complete analysis of any type of radio set. There are several set analyzers or testers on the market, among which we find the Jewell, Hickok and Weston, and the Supreme Radio Diagnometer. Complete instructions on the operation and use of these instruments are furnished by the manufacturers and therefore we will describe their use here briefly.

(6) Each of these analyzers is in the form of a portable carrying case, as illustrated in Fig. 1, with a small compartment for carrying tools and miscellaneous parts for making minor repairs. They are more or less complete, having measuring instruments with multiple scales whereby, through switching arrangements, a rapid diagnosis of a radio set can be made. The analyzer can be used for measuring plate current of each individual tube, plate voltage, grid voltage, filament voltage, screen-grid voltage, power supply voltage, approximate resistance values, approximate capacity values, continuity tests.

(7) These measurements can be made with the tube in or out of the circuit. For example, by removing a particular tube from the set and placing it in the socket of the analyzer, and placing the plug connection of the analyzer in the empty socket of the set, measurements of actual operation conditions can be made while the set is in operation. Such a test on each tube of the set will soon reveal any defect.

(8) The Supreme Diagnometer. In addition to the above, this instrument contains a modulated radio-frequency oscillator for use in balancing R.F. amplifier circuits and also a resonance indicator. In effect, it is virtually a complete portable radio laboratory. This instrument was fully described in the February, 1930, issue of RADIO-CRAFT.

(9) Charts. Charts are furnished by the makers of the various instruments on which complete readings can be recorded and analyzed as a whole, after which corrective measures can be made if necessary. A copy of the chart should be left with the customer and the original filed for future

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Fig. 2 - Typical Service Man's Chart.

reference. Fig. 2 shows a typical chart, giving readings taken on an Amrad Model 81 Receiver with a Jewell No. 199 analyzer.

(10) Continuity Tests. One of the most common tests is the continuity test, for determining the condition of circuits or instruments. This test is usually made with a 42volt "C" battery connected in series with one of the voltmeters of the analyzer, with long flexible leads for connecting to the instrument or circuit under test. If the circuit is open, the meter reading will be zero; if closed, the reading will be full scale, or partially full, depending upon the resistance of the circuit - the scale reading giving a measure of the resistance of the circuit. Thus open circuits or short circuits can be easily located and values of resistances measured. This test will instantly show you if a by-pass condenser is shorted, or a resistance or coil is open. With the aid of the wiring diagram of the set being analyzed, trouble can quickly be located and the defective part repaired or replaced. We will have occasion to refer to continuity tests quite often in subsequent chapters. Fig. 3 shows a simple circuit for a continuity test.

(11) Capacity Tests. Large condensers having capacities from 0.1 mf. up are measured by connecting them in series with the 110-volt 60-cycle line and measuring the current. The current flow through the condenser is proportional to its capacity. Charts giving the capacity values for different current readings are usually furnished with the analyzers. This test is very useful for testing "B" eliminator, filter and by-pass condensers.

(12) Modulated Oscillator. A modulated oscillator (which is simply a miniature radio transmitting station) is useful in balancing or neutralizing sets. While a strong local broadcast station may serve the purpose of balancing, when no oscillator is available, the oscillator is more reliable and should be part of every Service Man's equipment. A simple modulated oscillator can be constructed by following the diagram. Fig. 4. This is a Hartley oscillator, which is self-modulated by the grid condenser and grid leak;

Meter-Jewell 0-3 voltmeter D-C. Type 54. Battery-3 Volt C Battery. **3V. BATTERY**

the condenser building up a charge and discharging through the leak at audio frequency. The parts can be mounted in a suitable case with the coil so placed that it can be closely coupled to the first grid circuit coil of the set being adjusted.

Fig. 3 - Circuit for Continuity Test.

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(13) Resonance Indicator. While the fineness of tuning and balancing can be fairly well determined by ear, a more accurate method is to employ a resonance indicator. Such a device is indicated diagrammatically in Fig. 5. It consists of a low-range D.C. milliammeter for measuring the rectified output of the radio set. The output of the set is rectified by means of a type '99 tube with the grid and plate tied together, as shown. A variable resistor is shunted across the input to protect the meter from excessive currents, likely to be encountered when testing receivers that do not employ a dynamic speaker. The input should be equipped with a two-conductor telephone cord with clips for connecting to the set output.

(14) Dummy Tubes. Balancing a set requires the use of a dummy tube or balancing tube, which should be of the same type as those used in the set, in good condition and perfectly normal, except that one of the filament prongs is cut off and the internal filament wire resoldered to the shortened prong. This allows the tube to be inserted into the set without lighting its filament. An assortment of dummics for all types of tubes should be part of the Service Man's equipment, the most common being types 'OlA, '26, and '27. It is important that the elements inside are not jarred out of their normal



Fig. 4 - Socket-Powered Audio-Modulated Oscillator.

position, or the internal capacity of the tube will change and its usefulness in balancing will be impaired. The tubes should be distinctly marked, to avoid mistakes.

(15) Balancing a Set. The receiver to be balanced should be connected up in normal operating condition, and either headphones or a resonance indicator used; either of which can be connected to the set output at the speaker or set chassis. The receiver should then be tuned to about 300 meters, or in between interfering stations if they are on the air. The oscillator is now put in operation, and its tuning condenser varied until it is in resonance with the set, as indicated by a reading of the resonance indicator or by sound in the headphones. The oscillator should be placed a distance from the receiver, so that the intensity is about equal to that of normal reception, and the set tunes sharply. The filament rheostat of the resonance indicator should be adjusted, together with changes in the distance between the receiver and the oscillator, so that the meter reads about two-thirds scale deflection. Maximum deflection, while tuning the oscillator, indicates maximum resonance between oscillator and receiver.

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(16) The dummy tube is now placed in the last R.F. stage of the set, near the detector, in place of the tube formerly in that socket, and the neutralizing condensers are adjusted until there is no deflection on the resonance indicator, or no sound in the phones. This operation is then repeated with each R.F. stage, and when it is completed, the set is balanced. Note that the trimming condensers should be adjusted for maximum response and the neutralizing condensers for minimum response.

(17) It is well to balance the set at three or more points on the tuning dial, to insure a fine degree of balancing. To test the degree of balancing, replace the regular tube in the set and tune to a very low wavelength, then try forcing the set to oscillate by rocking the antenna trimming condenser or the volume control. If the set is well balanced, it will not oscillate.

(18) Condition of Set. The condition of the radio set should always be taken into account when looking for trouble, as many commercial sets have been tampered with by the set owner or by Service Men who have worked on it previously. We cannot always assume that the set is exactly in accordance with the specifications and



Fig. 5 - Resonance Indicator, Fleming Valve Type.

circuit diagram given. Defective parts may have been replaced with others of incorrect values. A visual examination will usually reveal any discrepancies and they should be compared with the diagram and corrected before relying on test measurements. This is another important reason why an accurate history of service calls should be kept.



Testing a Circuit for Continuity. Note the use of the Test Prods. The Set shown is an Atwater Kent Model.

CHAPTER II

GENERAL SERVICE PROCEDURE

W HETHER installing or servicing, it is of utmost importance to please the customer, and all complaints should be attended to immediately. At the first complaint of trouble, inquiry should be made of the customer as to the type of set, the nature of the trouble, the behavior of the set before and after the trouble started, the age of the tubes, batteries and set, the condition and type of aerial used, and any further questions that the answers to these questions might involve. This information, together with the shop records of other service calls if any have been made on the same set, may reveal the cause of the trouble and enable a quick and immediate repair. The importance of this phase of the work cannot be too strongly stressed, since it may save much time and many unnecessary trips.

(2) Type of Set. Tracing trouble is always performed, consciously or unconsciously, by a classifying process, and the most general classification is in the type of set, there being four general types, namely:

> Battery sets, Battery sets with eliminators, D.C. Electric sets, A.C. Electric sets.

(3) Contrary to general opinion, electric sets are usually much simpler to service than battery sets, because they are inherently more compact and consequently of sturdier construction, and less vulnerable to mechanical injury. Battery sets, on the other hand, because of corrosion of battery connections, discharged "A" batteries, old "B" batteries, and frequent alterations and replacing of batteries by the inexperienced owner, are a source of many service calls. However, the battery type of set will first



Fig. 6 - Typical 5-Tube Tuned R.F. Battery Receiver.

be described, in a general way, and we will take for our example a standard 5-tube tuned R.F. set. The circuit of Fig. 6 is typical of this type of set. Let us assume that the owner of this set claims that it will not work, and that is all the information that we have; we will proceed systematically to trace the source of the trouble.

(4) General Survey. The experienced man can often tell, by the nature of the sounds emanating from the speaker, the cause of the trouble and make repairs immediately; but we will assume that there is no sound in the speaker. The first thing to do is make a general survey of the layout, and look for simple things first. Things so simple that they are overlooked have caused much trouble and unnecessary labor on the



Fig. 7 - Trouble Chart for Battery Type Sets.

more complex parts of the set. For example, in one case a man worked nearly an hour on a set that failed to receive any stations, only to find later than an "S.O.S." call was on the air. Sometimes a tube loose in a socket, or in a dirty corroded socket, will cause trouble. The most common simple fault encountered is a disconnected or loose wire in some part of the battery, aerial, or speaker circuits, which may produce a dead, noisy, or weak set.

(5) Main Sources of Trouble. Further classification reveals that there are seven main sources where trouble may exist in the battery set. These are represented graphically in the chart of Fig. 7. Listing them in order of their importance, they are:

(a) "A" battery or circuit,
(b) "B" battery or circuit,
(c) Tubes,
(d) Speaker or circuit.
(e) Electrical system,
(f) Mechanical system,
(g) Aerial system.

Further classification of each of these seven sources are indicated in the illustration, but the first procedure is to localize the trouble in one, or possibly more, of these main branches, after which it may be traced down to one or more of the subbranches. This is usually done by a process of elimination.

(6) "A" Battery or Circuit. A glance at the tubes will show whether they light up brightly, or not, after the set is turned on. If they light brightly, the "A" battery connections should be examined to see that they are not reversed, for a reversed "A" battery will produce a very weak set. If the connections are correct, and the tubes light, we can eliminate branch (a) of our chart. If the tubes fail to light or are very

dim, we must examine this branch and test the "A" battery with a hydrometer or quickly short the "A" battery and note if a powerful spark is produced. If the battery tests fully charged, examine the battery clips, which may be corroded; also the filament switch, rheostats, and ballast resistors (if any are in the circuit.) If the battery is discharged, examine the battery charger. See that it is not reversed and that it is charging properly and well connected to the lighting line. Note the amount of electrolyte and add distilled water if necessary. If the charger is in good condition, examine the "A" battery circuit for shorts, or failure to turn completely "off" by the filament switch or rheestats. The age and care of the battery will also give some indication of its condition. If beyond salvation, replace it. If branch (a) is found in good condition, examine branch (b).

(7) The "B" Battery or Circuit. A quick check of the "B" battery is to disconnect the high-voltage lead and listen for a loud click in the speaker when it is re-connected with the set turned on. A strong click indicates a good "B" battery, and vice versa - assuming the speaker is in good condition. The age of the "B" battery will indicate if it needs replacing or not, but if it is fairly new, measure the voltage with the set turned on. If the voltage is low, examine the set before installing a new set of batteries, for a shorted by-pass condenser in the set has ruined many a new set of "B" batteries.

Usually the battery nearest the negative or filament side of the circuit runs down first, because of the greater drain placed on it by the detector tube. Temporary operation can sometimes be obtained by exchanging it with the last one. A large bypass condenser, about 2 mf, connected across the "B" battery, also helps.

With the "B" batteries in good condition and all the connections examined and tested to make sure that the voltage is applied to the tubes, we can pass on to branch (c).

(8) Tubes. Tubes often cause trouble, but the trouble is easy to rectify. If they are burned out from old age or damaged by mechanical jar, they must be replaced with new ones. Otherwise, the circuit should be examined before inserting new tubes, as the fault may be in the connections. The sockets should be cleaned by forcing the tubes in and out. Sometimes the tubes light normally but the filaments have lost their ability to emit sufficient electrons, or are "deactivated." A couple of good spare tubes should be used for comparing them by trying them in one socket after another, as it is seldom that all tubes in a set become weak at the same time, and the one or more weak tubes can be found. Of course, a set analyzer will instantly indicate the condition of a tube; if the plate current is low with the proper plate, grid, and filament voltages applied, the tube should be discarded, or reactivated, if possible, in a tube reactivator. Study Chapter IV for further information on tube analysis and tests.

(9) Speaker or Circuit. Disconnecting and connecting the "B" battery lead (as described in connection with the "B" battery or circuit) should give a click in the speaker if the speaker is in good condition. Otherwise, disconnect the speaker and test it for continuity, or quickly touch its terminals across a portion of the "B" battery and listen for a click. If the speaker is found impaired in any way, test it in accordance with the directions given in Chapter V. Otherwise, eliminate this branch of the system and examine the next one. Tapping the detector tube with the finger should give a clear ringing sound in the speaker, if the audio amplifier and speaker are in good condition. Comparing the speaker with one known to be good will also reveal its condition.

(10) The Electrical System'. The electrical system of the set comprises the radiofrequency amplifier, the detector, and the audio-frequency amplifier; the most common source of trouble being an open winding in one of the audio-frequency transformers (usually caused by soldering flux employed in their manufa ture, which eats away the

fine wire) a burnt-out resistor, or a short-circuited by-pass condenser. The lastnamed may ruin the "B" batteries, as mentioned before under the "B" battery heading. Continuity tests across all the transformer windings, chokes and condensers, will instantly reveal any trouble from these sources. Defective parts should be replaced with new ones. A headset connected in the plate circuit of the detector, will show that the radio-frequency amplifier and detector are in good condition if stations are heard, and thereby localize the trouble in the audio amplifier.

If stations are not heard in the phones, and tapping the detector tube produces a ringing sound, in the speaker, the trouble will probably be found in the radiofrequency amplifier or aerial system. Continuity tests should then be made on the R.F. transformers for opens, and the tuning condensers examined and cleaned if necessary. If trouble is found in this branch, a detailed analysis can be made in accordance with the instructions given in Chapters VI and VII.

(11) The Mechanical System. This part of the set receives all the mechanical wear and sometimes gets out of order. The trouble being of a mechanical nature, rather than an electrical one, is easily corrected. Under this heading we have the tuning condensers, dials, volume control, rheostats, filament switch, loud-speaker cord, and any other part that undergoes mechanical wear. A visual examination will usually reveal trouble

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Fig.8 - Filament Circuits of a 110V. D.C. Set.

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the aerial is down or not, without making elaborate tests. Having eliminated the other branches of the system, and traced the trouble to the input or aerial and ground connections, we can make a detailed analysis of this branch by following the instructions given in Chapter VI under aerials.

(12) Battery Sets with Eliminators. The same general procedure for testing battery sets employing "A" or "B" battery eliminators, or both, should be followed as just described in connection with battery sets. In fact, the same chart of Fig. 7 may be used. If trouble is located in branch (a) comprising the "A" battery or circuit, testing methods described in Chapter III should be followed. Likewise, if trouble is located in branch (b), covering the "B" battery system, instructions on "B" battery eliminators should be studied. Since this information is fully covered in separate chapters, we will not go into it in detail here.

(13) D.C. Electric Receivers. These receivers differ from the battery type mainly in the manner by which the plate and filament supply voltages are obtained, and consequently the same testing procedure can be followed as with the battery type. In these receivers, the filaments are connected in series and supplied directly from the D.C. lighting line through a suitable resistor. Since the maximum voltage obtained from the line is from 115 to 125 volts, a number of output tubes connected in push-pull or parallel are usually employed in the amplifier to get sufficient undistorted output.

(14) Filament Wiring. As an illustrative example, Fig. 8 shows the filament wiring of the Stromberg-Carlson "No. 638" Art Consol receiver for D.C. operation. In this receiver the first, second, and third R.F. amplifier tubes, the detector and first audio amplifier tubes, are of the 'OLA type and connected in series with the pilot light and resistance; the whole being connected to the line through a filter system. The output stage consists of four type '71, tubes with filaments connected in parallel and connected across the line through a 90 ohm resistor, as shown.

(15) Testing Filament Wiring. In testing the filament circuit of the D.C. receiver, it is obvious that if one of the series filament tubes of the "CLA type in the diagram, Fig. 8, burns out, the circuit will be open and the others will go out; replacing the burnt-out tube will cause all the others to light. It is well to test the line voltage at the filament terminals to make sure that the series resistors, choke and pilot lamp are in good condition. Voltages at the set sockets can be measured with a set analyzer, but only while the set is in operating condition with all tubes lit. If the tube is burnt-out, from excessive line voltage, the "Hi-Lo" switch, shown in the diagram, should be opened, thus placing an additional 10-ohns in series with the set with consequent voltage reduction.

(16) Power Tube Filaments. The four '71A power tube filaments in this set are connected in parallel and, since they are all fed through one series resistor, if one of these tubes burns out or is removed from the socket, the voltage across the others will rise to a dangerous value and burn out all the others unless the set is immediately turned off. Therefore, it is very important to turn the set off before removing any of these tubes; furthermore, do not turn the



Fig.9 - Plate Circuits of a 110V. D.C. Set.

set on again until good tubes have been placed back in the empty sockets. Chapter III gives further information of value in this connection.

(17) Plate Supply. Fig. 9 shows a schematic diagram of the plate circuits of this set. Note that all tubes are fed by the maximum line voltage (neglecting the slight voltage reduction caused by the filter choke.) A simple voltage test at the socket will indicate whether there is failure in the plate supply. If so, continuity tests across the choke, series resistor and switch, with the line-plug out, will probably locate the cause. A shorted filter condenser may sause a fuse to blow. The condensers should be tested and replaced if necessary before replacing the fuse. Further information may be found in Chapter III under D.C. "B" eliminators.

(18) A.C. Electric Sets. These sets differ from those previously described mainly in the type of tubes employed and the method of heating their filaments. The filaments in these sets are heated by means of a step-down transformer connected to the A.C. line, and it is consequently a simple matter to trace failure of any part of the filament circuits. Two methods are employed; in one; the filaments are heated by the alternating current and the grid returns find their way back to the electrical center of the filament, by means of a center-tapped resistor placed across the filament, or



by a center tap on the filament transformer winding. If the tap is not at the exact electrical center, hum will be introduced. The type '26 A.C. tube is used in this manner for both radio- and audio-frequency amplifiers. The various power tubes for the output stages in the radio amplifier are also connected in this way.

In the other method, a heating element is used to heat a cathode which is not in electrical contact with the heater, but is brought by the heater to a sufficient temperature to cause electrons to be emitted from it; the cathode serves as a filament and is considered as such in the various circuit diagrams. This type of tube, the '27, is used for the detector in virtually all A.C. sets, and in many cases also used for the radio- and audio-frequency amplifiers. The reader is referred to the special Chapter IV on tubes for more detailed information.

(19) Plate Supply. The plate supply of A.C. sets is obtained by the same basic method as in battery sets employing "B" eliminators; the main difference being that, in the A.C. set, the "eliminator" is usually an integral part of the set and cannot as easily be isolated, removed and repaired.

(20) A.C. Power Supply. A typical example of the power supply system for an A.C. set is illustrated in the schematic diagram of Fig. 10, which shows the power supply of the Stromberg-Carlson "Nos. 635 and 636" receivers. If the initial tests reveal a failure in the power supply, as indicated by absence of plate voltage, the trouble may be caused by a defective rectifier tube, burnt-out filter choke, punctured filter condensers, or open voltage divider. This latter device, indicated as a group of resistances at the extreme lower right of the diagram (Fig. 10) may cause excessive plate voltage on some of the tubes, should the lower or negative end of it be open. This is a frequent occurrence and, if the resistance values and current carrying capacities of the voltage divider are known (as indicated on the diagram of the specific set) a new resistor of the same value should be inserted. Further reference to power supply equipment will be found in Chapter III.

(21) 25- and 60-Cycle Sets. It is well to check the frequency of the power supply, especially when making installations, and make sure that the set is designed to operate on the frequency available. While 60-cycle supply is the most common, in some localities (especially near Buffalo, N.Y., and in many parts of Canada) 25-cycle and sometimes 40-cycle current is in general use. It is ruinous to attempt to operate a 60-cycle set on a 25- or 40-cycle line, but a 25- or 40-cycle set may be safely operated on a 60-cycle line. The 25-cycle set may be operated on a 40-cycle line, but not vice versa.

CHAPTER III

POWER-SUPPLY SYSTEMS

N the course of time the service man will encounter a wide variety of socketpower-supply systems - both filament "A" supply, plate "B" supply and "C" supply units - as indicated by the various diagrams in this book. While the circuits differ widely, and the apparatus employed and combinations also differ, trouble shooting in each system is essentially the same, and can be boiled down to a few simple tests of the various parts. Sets employing batteries for the "A", "B" and "C" supply were sufficiently covered in the second chapter of this book, and will not be included in this chapter; only power-supply systems in connection with the house-lighting line, both A.C. and D.C., will be included. These may be divided into :



Fig. 12 - (left) Charging a 6-volt battery from a 110V. D.C. line using a variable resistance.

Fig. 13 - (center) Charging a 6-volt battery using a lamp bank resistance. Fig. 14 - (right) Testing the polarity of the D.C. line with salt water.

The first group will include battery chargers as well as eliminators, both A.C. and D.C. types, for use with battery sets. The second group will include power packs and power supply systems for A.C. electric sets. Both groups will be subdivided as we proceed with the discussion. A voltage measurement on any of these devices will reveal an abnormal condition. Current output measurement will show whether the fault is in



the set or in the power-supply device. In this chapter we will assume the defect, if any, to be in the power-supply device.

Fig. 15 - (left) Tungar charger. Fig. 16 - (center) Vibrating reed charger. Fig. 18 - (right) Dry disc charger.





Fig. 21 - (center) Diagram of electrolytic and dry-disc charger. 3 Fig. 20 - (right) Diagram of half-wave vibrating reed charger.

(2) 110V. D.C. Battery Chargers. This type of charger consists merely of a resistance in series with the battery under charge; the wole being connected to the 110-volt D.C. line. See Figs. 12 and 13. Tracing trouble, therefore, consists merely of checking the continuity of the circuit and its polarity. Trickle chargers usually have an ammeter which indicates the polarity and amount of charge. Trouble is usually found in the connections to the battery, which become corroded in time, and introduce resistance into the circuit. In some sets, automatic relays are employed to disconnect the charger from the line when the set is turned on. Through wear and sparking, the contacts in the relays fail to close and the charger circuit remains open. In lieu of a polarized meter, the line polarity can be determined by dipping the two terminals in water containing a few grains of salt; violent bubbling will take place around the negative wire. See Fig. 14.

(3) 110V. A.C. Battery Chargers. These chargers may be of the tungar-tube type, the vibrating-reed type, the electrolytic rectifier type or the dry-disc rectifier type; the latter two being used mainly for trickle chargers. The illustrations of Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 18 show these types of chargers. Figs. 19, 20 and 21 show the connections, respectively, In addition to the causes of troubles mentioned in connection with D.C. battery chargers, we have a likely source of trouble in the rectifying device. In the tungar type, the filament may burn out, or a defective tube may be encountered. The life of this type of tube is uncertain, even though its filament may be intact. This is true also of dry-disc rectifiers and vibrating rectifiers, which in time require new contact points. Failure in charging may also be due to an open transformer winding, or a dirty or loose tube socket. Some chargers have connections for charging storage "B" batteries, with consequent troubles from corroded connections to the battery.

(4) 110V. D.C. "A" Eliminators. These consist merely of a network of resistors designed to give the required voltage drop, together with a choke coil and condensers for filtering purposes, as indicated in Fig. 22. In some cases the tubes are wired in series, as was illustrated in Fig. 8. In this case, the current drain from the line is much less than when lighting the tubes in parallel. In the latter case (Fig. 22) an output voltage of 6-volts is usually desired; but the voltage remains at this value only when the set is turned on and all tubes lit; because the least change





in current drain charges the resultant voltage drop, causing the output terminal voltage to fluctuate widely, and endanger the tubes. For this reason, no tubes should be removed from the set without first turning off the switch, and the switch should not be turned on again until all good tubes are in the set. However, the variable resistors give a wide range of voltage control, and should be carefully adjusted. Simple continuity tests will indicate the condition of this device. If a fuse blows, because of a short in the eliminator, test the filter condensers for continuity before connecting the outfit in service again.

(5) 110V. A.C. "A" Eliminators. Such a device is naturally more complex than the D.C. type, since it comprises a power transformer, a rectifier, a filter system and, in some cases, a storage battery. The last arrangement cannot be considered a real battery eliminator, but is merely a combined storage battery and trickle charger. Fig. 23 shows the diagram of the Philco Socket Power "A", which is representative of this type in which no filter system is employed, the storage battery serving for this purpose. In the other types, no battery is used. Fig. 24 shows the diagram of the Balkite "A" Socket Power Unit, which is typical of this. Both of these employ electrolytio rectifiers. We shall describe each in detail.

(6) "A" Power Units With Battery. Troubles in this unit are similar to those occurring in regular batteries and chargers. In these, a comparatively smaller battery is used (about 40-ampere-hour), and it is continually being charged while the set is in operation. Hum may be produced if the battery is operated near or in a discharged condition; in which case the condition of the battery and rectifier should be examined. If the rectifier electrolytic has evaporated, more should be added. Loose binding posts and connecting cables are also a source of trouble. The control resistor also may become loose, dirty, or worn, and require cleaning or replacing. Electrolytic or dry-disc rectifiers are usually employed in these units. These need replacing in time, depending upon the length of time they have been in service.

(7) "A" Power Units Without Battery. As shown in Fig. 24, these units comprise a step-down transformer, control resistance, rectifier, choke coil and filter condenser. Since the output voltage is low (about 6 volts) and the current high, the condenser may be designed for low voltage, but it should have an enormous capacity to produce any appreciable filtering effect. The output voltage in these units may vary because of a defective rectifier or leaky filter condenser. The resistance-control allows for adjustment over wide limits, however, and a slight readjustment is usually sufficient.

(8) Series-Filament "A" Supply. If type '99 tubes are used and connected in series, a current of 60 milliamperes is sufficient to light them, and this may be obtained from the "B" supply. If '01A tubes are used in series, a current of $\frac{1}{4}$ ampere is

required, which is too great to be taken from the usual "B" supply, so a separate rectifier is necessary. These systems are not in general use (except for 110V D.C. systems) and need not be described in detail. Trouble shooting resolves itself merely into testing the rectifier and continuity of the circuits, remembering that "C" voltages are obtained by returning the grid-circuit leads to different points of the filament circuit; each point, of course, being at a different potential.



Fig. 25 - "B" Power Supply using halfwave filament type rectifier.

(9) "B" Battery Eliminators. We shall limit this discussion to "B" battery eliminators operating from the A.C. line, as the D.C. type were covered sufficiently in Chapter II. So far we have talked about rectifiers, but made no distinction between half-wave and full-wave ones. In the former, every other half-cycle of the alternating current wave is used, resulting in a D.C. output with a 60-cycle pulsation, which is smoothed out by the filter. In the latter (which is in effect two half-wave rectifiers operating alternately or "out of phase") each half-cycle is used; every other one being in effect reversed, giving a 120-cycle pulsation in the D.C. output. The 120cycle pulsation is easier to filter than the 60-cycle pulsation and a smaller filter system may be used; however, the sound reproducer is more sensitive to the 120-cycle tone than to the 60-cycle one, and the amount of hum produced is about the same in each case. Filament-type, gas-type, and dry-disc type rectifiers are most generally used.

(10) Filament-Type Rectifiers. Figs. 25 and 26 show typical circuits of half-wave and full-wave filament rectifiers, the latter consisting of two half-wave rectifiers so connected as to obtain full-wave rectification. The type '81 tube is a typical halfwave rectifier. Fig. 27 shows a full-wave rectifier circuit employing a full-wave rectifier, such as the type-'80 tube. A comparison of these three circuits will give a fundamental idea of the basic principles involved, as they are all fundamentally the same and subject to the same defects. Like defects or troubles produce like symptoms in all.

(11) Gas Rectifiers. These are more generally used for commercial "B" eliminators. The Raytheon "B" and "BH" tubes are typical examples. Fig. 28 shows circuits of the



Fig. 26 - "B" Power Supply using two Half-Wave Filament Type Rectifiers for Full-Wave Rectification.

Fig. 27 - (right) Full-Wave Rectifier Circuit for "B" Supply using Filament Type of Tube.

Majestic "B" eliminators employing a full-wave gas-type rectifier. Analysing these, we find them composed of input transformer, buffer condensers, rectifier, filter condensers and chokes, and voltage-control resistors. A condenser, connected between one side of the 110-volt line and ground, is also indicated. The two buffer condensers, connected across each half of the transformer secondary, have a capacity of



Fig. 28 - Diagram of Majestic "B" Eliminators.

o.1-mf each. They are used to absorb or prevent any high-frequency parasitic oscillations across the rectifier tube and are used only with gas-type rectifiers.

(12) Dry-Disc Rectifiers. These can be obtained to plug into the regular socket of the commercial "B" eliminator, without any changes in the internal wiring. Therefore, special circuits will not be given showing their use.

(13) "B" Eliminator Troubles. The most common cause of trouble in a "B" eliminator that fails to work is a shorted filter condenser. Therefore the first thing to do is to turn off the current, open the case, and test each condenser for shorts. The shorted condenser can be clipped out of the circuit and the eliminator put back in service again for temporary use, with only a possible slight increase in hum. It is important, however, to replace the condenser with a new one as soon as possible. The next source of trouble is usually found in the control resistors. If the detector voltage is high, the resistor connecting the detector tap to the negative side of the circuit is open. By measuring the output voltages with a high-resistance voltmeter, s defective resistor can easily be located. Continuity tests will indicate the condition of the choke coils and transformer windings. Slow starting, irregular operation or low voltage output, indicates a defective rectifier tube. The Raytheon should



fier tube. The Raytheon should give about 4000 hours service, after which the voltage output will gradually drop off. By readjustment of the resistors, the voltage can be brought back and the tube used a considerable length of time before discarding it. "Hum" indicates a shorted filter coil or buffer condenser.

(14) Motorboating. Motorboating is a common occurrence when using "B" eliminators,

and is important enough to be considered separately. It produces a "put-put-put" sound in the speaker, similar to that of a small gas engine, from which it gets its title. It is in reality a low-frequency oscillation caused by the combined circuits of the eliminator and set. A different type of eliminator may prevent it, or the use of a separate 45-wolt battery for the detector, connected between the negative side of the eliminator and the detector terminal of the set; in which case the "Detector" terminal of the eliminator is not used. Sometimes it may be stopped by reversing one of the transformer windings in the audio-frequency amplifier. In resistance-coupled amplifiers, it is best to remove the first



Fig. 30 - Balkite AB Power Unit 6-180 Form A.

stage and insert in its stead an audic transformer. Sometimes a large by-pass condenser added to the eliminator output (especially the detector output) will prevent it.

(15) Combined "A" and "B" Eliminators. A combined "A" and "B" eliminator is merely the combination of the subjects we have just discussed, and a detailed analysis need not be given. Circuit diagrams, Figs. 29 and 30, showing the Philco and Balkite "AB" socket-power units, are given, however; the illustrations being self-explanatory.

(16) Power Packs. Power packs are made in many forms to suit different set conditions, but they are all fundamentally the same and have the same inherent characteristics. The power pack is a combination of parts designed to furnish the set with plate, grid, and filament voltages for A.C. tubes and is built in a unit separate from the set. It is thus distinguished from electric sets in which the power-supply system is an integral part of the set. We might appropriately call them heavy-duty "B" eliminators. In addition to furnishing plate, grid and filament voltages for A.C. tubes, some power packs also contain a stage of audio-frequency amplification - the output stage - of





Fig. 32 - Atwater Kent Model 43 Set and Power Unit.

type '71, '10, '45 or '50, singly or in push-pull. A power pack of this type may be connected to the output from the first audio stage of any broadcast receiver and deliver a high-quality output of sufficient power to operate a dynamic speaker. Since servicing of power packs is identical with servicing power-supply systems in A.C. sets, we will describe this phase of the subject collectively at the end of this chapter. Fig. 31 shows the connections of the Amertran "ABC Hi-Power Box." Note that two audio stages are included, allowing the pack to be connected to the detector output of the receiver. A half-wave, type '81 rectifier tube is used. Note the connection between the two filter chokes to obtain the high-voltage plate supply for the two type '10 push-pull tubes.

(17) "Glow" Tube. It seems fitting to briefly describe the type '74 glow tube employed in many power packs to maintain a constant voltage output of 90 volts for the tubes of the set requiring this voltage. This tube will remedy much trouble from unstable A.C. supply. It is connected between the "B" negative and intermediate (90-volt) terminals, usually in series with a ballast resistor to maintain a constant current flow of 60 milliamperes through it. Characteristics of this tube are given in the tube chart, elsewhere in this book.

(18) Power Supply Systems. There are slight differences in the methods of obtaining plate and grid-blas voltages in the sets whose diagrams are included in this book. These differences, or rather methods, should be understood when making measurements, especially voltmeter readings, in order to be sure that the desired voltage supply leads will be found. Fundamentally, these power-supply systems are the same as those employed in "B" eliminators and power packs described previously. However, we shall point out a few of the variations in them, as designed by different set manufacturers.

(19) Plate-Supply Power. The main differences in plate supply appear in the voltage divider, or resistance network system. For example, Fig. 32 shows the diagram of the Atwater Kent "Model 43" set and power unit. Note that separate resistors (R1, R2 and R3) are used to obtain plate voltages for the first audio, detector, and R.F.amplifier tubes respectively. The resistances are by-passed by the condensers C1, C2 and C3.

With this arrangement, the only drain on the plate supply system is that due to the current consumption of the tubes. This method has certain advantages; if one resistor burns out it will not greatly affect the others. In this set, the field coil of the dynamic speaker serves as a filter choke; this is clearly indicated in the diagram. Series-resistance voltage dividers are more generally used, as indicated in the various diagrams of "B" eliminators and power packs; Fig. 33 shows the Steinite "Model 40" power pack which is representative of this method. In this case the voltage divider may be considered as one resistance, with taps taken off at the required voltage points. In this case the dynamic speaker's field winding is also used as a filter choke. The arrangement of chokes and condensers in the filter also varies in different sets - another reason why the diagram of the set should be studied before making measurements.

(20) Grid-Bias Voltage. The method of obtaining grid-bias voltage for the various tubes is fundamentally the same in all electric sets. Use is made of the voltage grop caused by the plate current of the tube flowing through a resistance. Knowing the plate current of the particular tube, the resistance can be calculated to give the desired drop. The "C" bias resistor is connected between the tube filament (or the center-tapped resistance connected across the filament, in the case, of the '26 tube or power tubes; or the cathode in heater-type tubes) and the extreme negative end of the power-supply system. This is shown in the simplified diagram of Fig. 34. In the diagram of Fig. 32 the bias voltage for the power tubes is obtained by the drop across the grid resistance Gl: that for the first audio and the R.F. stages is obtained by means of the resistance G2. In the diagram of Fig. 33 the 1190-ohm resistance furnishes the grid bias for the '71A power stage. These bias resistors are sometimes in the power pack and sometimes in the set (or in both) and they should be located before taking grid voltage measurements; although the bias voltage may be obtained by connecting the voltmeter between the grid terminal of the set and the center-tap in the filament circuit of the same tube, or the cathode in heater-type tubes. An

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interesting departure is illustrated in Fig. 35; this simplified circuit shows how the second A.F. bias voltage in the Atwater Kent"Model 66" is obtained from the drop across the speaker's field coil, in the negative side of the filter circuit. It is imperative that the grid-bias resistance is by-passed by a suitable condenser to prevent feed-back, howling and hum.

(21) Filament Voltage. Regardless of the type of tubes used, the filament supply system is very simple; raw alternating current being used on all filaments.

The correct voltage and current outputs are taken from secondary windings on the main power transformer or, in some cases, from a separate filament transformer. Connections are made to the electrical centers of the filament windings by means of center taps on the windings or center-tapped resistors connected across the windings. In many cases, hum is caused by not having the correct center tap; this center-tapped resistor or potentiometer should be carefully adjusted until minimum hum is heard in the loud speaker.

(22) Power-Supply Troubles. Troubles in power-supply systems are not very difficult to locate if we proceed in a systematic manner. Knowing the main sources of troubles and their corresponding symptoms, we can trace back and find the detailed faults probably in less time than it takes to read this paragraph. Therefore a complete detailed analysis is deemed unnecessary and we limit ourselves to generalizations only. Faults in power-supply systems manifest themselves in producing either:

(a) A.C. Hum,(b) Wrong Supply Voltage,

or both; one usually accompanying the other. Many things can happen to the system that will produce the above effects. By testing each part of the apparatus in turn, the fault is soon located.

(23) A.C.Hum It is taken for granted that previous tests on the set show that the trouble exists somewhere in the eliminator. If the hum is slight, it may be caused by poor shielding, or proximity of the power transformer to the set, or induction from some part of the A.C. line into the set. Sometimes reversing the A.C. line plug will reduce hum slightly. A general cause of hum is found in wrong "C" bias voltages, poor adjustment of the center-tapped filament potentiometers, or open or shorted by-pass condensers across these resistors. In the



Fig. 35 - In the Atwater Fent 66 the drop across the speaker field coil gives the grid bias voltage of the 2nd A.F. tube. type '26 tube used for radio and audio amplifiers, an accurate center tap on the filament circuit is important. An open filter condenser or a shorted choke coil will also cause poor filtering with a resultant hum. A poor rectifier tube will produce hum. Mechanical hum may be produced by vibration of the transformer core. Continuity tests on the coils and condensers, and voltmeter readings of the different output voltages, will locate the trouble.

(24) Wrong Supply Voltage. In this case, the line-voltage should be checked, adjusted if necessary by the line ballast resistance or taps on the transformer primary. After this is accurtained, the trouble may be found in an open resistor in the voltage divider. This is a common occurrence. The next most likely place is in the filter condensers; the one connected directly across the rectifier output usually punctures first, as it is under the influence of the hightest voltage. Of course a wrong load on the system will upset the various voltages; since we are assuming that the set is all right, this may be caused by a short circuit. In making voltage readings, it is important to use a high-resistance meter, otherwise the load placed on the system by the current consumed by the meter will upset the system and give erroneous values. A shorted filter coil, or an open coil, will cause too much voltage or give no output at all. Continuity tests will indicate the condition of the various parts. It is always well to compare the rectifier tube with a new one; as these tubes have a limited life. The resistance, condenser, and choke values should be compared with those specified by the manufacturer, to make certain that someone hasn't inserted wrong parts.

(25) Motor Generators. A.C. electric sets are sometimes operated on D.C. lines by means of motor generators or rotary converters, which change the 110-volt direct ourrent to 110-volt, 60-cycle A.C. form. Aside from the additional cost and noise incurred by the use of the machine, the results obtained are superior to those obtained from D.C. sets. The rotary converter type, although very quiet in operation, should be installed in a closet or some distant place where it cannot be heard. These machines are furnished with a filter for eliminating commutator or line noises, the final result being quieter operation than is usually obtained on the normal 110-volt A.C. line. Both input and output sides of the motor generator or converter should be filtered, as shown in the illustration, Fig. 36. Troubles in these machines are those inherent to any motor or generator. Barring abuse, they should last a long time with only an occasional oiling of the bearings.

The brushes also need repair and replacing occasionally. In one instance, a Service Man reported trouble from brushes which were completely worn down to the brush holders - and these caused excessive grooves in the commutator. The commutator had to be removed and turned down on a lathe before the machine could be placed in service again.



MOTOR GENERATOR WITH FILTER FOR RADIO RECEIVERS

Fig. 36 - At the left is shown the "ESCO" motor generator. The illustration at the right is that of the "JANETTE" rotary converter. Note the size of the filters used in connection with these machines. These instruments supply 110 volts A.C. from the 110 volt D.C. line.



Type C-13-F

CHAPTER IV

VACUUM TUBES

The vacuum tube is the heart of the radio set, and one must understand vacuum tubes to understand radio. Since the beginning of radio broadcasting, improvements in sets have followed improvements in tubes. The theoretical analysis of vacuum tubes is beyond the scope of this book, which aims mainly to give the practical side only; one can measure tube voltages and characteristics without a profound understanding of the theory. A deeper insight into vacuum-tube action should be sought, however; but this should be obtained from a book devoted to the subject. Not only is the vacuum tube a source of many set failures, as well as successes, but it offers a means of diagnosing virtually all set troubles. The first procedure of the experienced Service Man is to measure quickly the currents and voltages of the different tubes in the set with a set analyzer and record the values. Any great discrepancy from normal values, as given by the manufacturer of the set, is instantly detected and in almost all cases as easily cured: whether it is caused by the tube or some other part of the set.

(2) Types of Vacuum Tubes. We are giving herewith a chart, Fig. 38, showing the average characteristics of the various types of vacuum tubes used in receiving sets, the ratings given being those recommended by the tube manufacturer. Tubes of different makes may vary slightly from these, but this list is representative of the majority. This chart is very helpful as a guide, but it should not be adhered to too closely, for many set manufacturers operate tubes at voltages differing widely from those specified in this list. For example, the Majestic "Model 90" receiver, employing power detection, operates the type '27 detector on a plate voltage of 270 volts, with a grid bias of 30 volts - values much higher than those given for this type of tube in the chart. In the following paragraphs, only the more popular types of tubes of widely different characteristics will be described in detail, which should sufficiently cover the entire field for all practical purposes.



STEM AND BULB After Sealing



Fig. 39 - Static Characteristic curves of 3-element vacuum tube. Fig. 40 (right) The type 'OlA vacuum tube.

(3) Basic Principles. The basic principles of vacuum-tube action should be understood, at least in an elementary way, in order to facilitate set diagnosis. For example, in the three-element tube comprising filament, grid and plate, an understanding of the interdependence of one on the other should be known while taking measurements. Although the plate current will give much information regarding the set's condition, we must not forget that the plate current in a normal tube depends upon the plate voltage, the grid voltage and the filament current - the latter in turn depending upon the filament voltage. The graph of Fig. 39 shows the dependence of plate current on grid voltage, using a fixed plate voltages of $22\frac{1}{2}$, 45 and 90 volts. With different

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Fig. 38 - The characteristics given in this chart may be considered typical of all makes of receiving tubes. Characteristics of the types of tubes used in the majority of radio sets are given. Average characteristics of additional tubes not included in this chart will be found on page 37. These tubes made their appearance after publication of the above chart. Characteristics of special tubes such as the pentode shown on page 35, are not given in this chart.

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fixed plate voltages, different curves result, as shown. For undistorted reception in audio amplifiers the tube can be operated only on the straight portion of the curve, which portion is longer with higher plate voltages, thereby affording greater undistorted output. The grid voltage should be held normally at a definite average value indicated by the center of the straight portion of the curve. This allows the plate current to swing equally above and below this point, and cover the entire straight portion. Since the curve is different with different plate voltages, the normal grid voltage or bias will likewise be different; the higher the plate voltage, the greater the negative grid bias voltage required. In other words, within practical limits, a tube may be operated at any plate voltage, provided the corresponding proper grid voltage is employed. For example, the correct grid bias voltages for use with the plate voltages shown in Fig. 39 are indicated at the bottom of the graph; they are, approximately, plus 1, minus $\frac{1}{4}$, and minus $2\frac{1}{4}$, for the $22\frac{1}{2}$. 45 and 90 volt curves, respectively.

(4) Battery-Operated Tubes. The type 'OlA tube is widely used in battery and D.C. electric sets and may be considered in this elementary discussion as typical of all three-element battery operated tubes, the difference being mainly in the ratings. This tube is used for detector, radio, and audio-frequency amplifiers. From our chart we find that this particular tube operates from a 6-volt storage battery and has a terminal voltage of 5; one volt being lost in the filament-control rheostat and connecting leads. At this voltage the filament current is 0.25-ampere. Plate voltages of 45, 90 or 135 may be employed depending upon the circuit in which it is used; corresponding grid-bias voltages are given in the chart. Fig. 40 shows the internal construction of this type of tube. Defects are usually traced to the filament which, through age or abuse becomes impotent and loses its power to emit electrons. Such a defect is accompanied by general weakness of the set and lack of sensitivity. It has almost human qualities. Very low plate current, with proper applied voltages, is another symptom of low electronic emission. It is best to replace such tubes with new ones. In any event, it is advisable to check the filament voltage, especially in D.C. electric sets, as this is one value which should remain normal and constant. Excessive filament voltage will shorten the life of the tube; less than normal filament voltage will give the tube longer life, as a general rule; but for over-all efficiency the rated filament voltages should be adhered to.

(5) Battery-Operated Power Tubes. The types '12A and '71A tubes are commonly used in the output stages of battery sets, and differ mainly from the 'OlA type in that they allow a much greater undistorted output; the same general information given in regard to the 'OlA tube may be applied to them.

(6) A.C. Tubes. The type '26 tube is extensively employed in A.C. sets for both radio- and audio-frequency amplifiers; it is not suited for detection purposes, on account of the excessive A.C. hum produced. This tube is similar to the 'OlA type, except that its filament is designed for a much lower voltage and higher current; namely, 1.5 volts and 1.05 amperes. The reason for this is to give the filament sufficient mass to hold the heat longer and not rise and fall in temperature with the rise and fall in each half-cycle of alternating current; thereby reducing hum. It has a four-prong base and connections similar to those of the 'OlA type. In an amplifier stage employing this tube, the grid return leads connect to a center-tapped resistor connected across the filament. If excessive hum is produced in the set, these resistors should be examined and adjusted for minimum hum. This tube is not suited for the output stage on account of its limited output; for this purpose, the type '71, '10, '45, or '50 power tubes are employed, connected singly, in parallel or push-pull, with filaments lit by A.C. and having center-tapped resistors for the grid returns. Sometimes center-tapped resistances are eliminated by connecting the grid returns to a center tap on the secondary winding of the filament transformer.

(7) The A.C.Heater Tube. The type '27 A.C. heater tube is used as a detector in



Fig. 41 - Vacuum tubes most generally used in modern receivers.

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all A.C. electric sets; and also as radio-frequency and first-stage audio-frequency amplifiers in many sets. The filament of this tube draws 1.75 amperes at 2.5 volts; it consists of a fine tungsten wire threaded through two holes in a porcelain-like tube. Around this tube is an oxide-coated metal cylinder, the cathode, which emits electrons when heated to redness. Its heat is obtained by its proximity to the whitehot tungsten filament. Since the cathode is electrically insulated from the A.C.filament, no A.C. hum is introduced into the radio circuits. It takes an appreciable time for the heater filament to heat the cathode to redness, from 15 to 45 seconds elapse before the set gets into action. Some of the early makes of these tubes are known as "blinkers;" a poor weld at the heater causes the circuit to open after the heater becomes hot, and close again after it cools down, making the reception rise and fall in volume. In the circuits in which heater type tubes are used, the tungsten filament is maintained at a positive potential with respect to the cathode, thereby preventing any emission of electrons from the A.C. filament into the cathode with a consequent introduction of hum. These tubes employ a five-prong or "UY" base; having two prongs for the filament or heater, one for the cathode, one for the grid and one for the plate.

(8) Screen-Grid Tubes. In addition to the regular filament, grid, and plate elements of the ordinary tube, the screen-grid tube employs a fourth element, which is a metallic network interposed between the grid and plate, and used mainly as an electrostatic shield for shielding the plate from the grid and preventing electrostatic feed-back. This allows much greater amplification in radio-frequency amplifiers without oscillation. Neutralization is therefore unnecessary. A positive potential of from 70 to 90 volts is applied to the screen. Although this type of tube is used mainly in radiofrequency amplifiers, it may be employed as a detector or a resistance- or impedancecoupled audio amplifier; or as a "space-charge" tube in an audio amplifier. In this case the inner grid is connected to a positive potential of about 222 volts, to neutralize the space charge within the tube. The screen is employed as the controlgrid. In radio-frequency amplifiers, the value of the positive voltage applied to the screen, determines the amplification, and this effect is made use of as a volume control. The screen-grid tube is made in the heater type, the type 124, in which a standard 5-prong base is used and the control grid is connected to a terminal at the top of the tube, as illustrated in Fig. 41. The type '22 is also a screen-grid tube, but is not the heater type.

(9) Gas Rectifier Tubes. The gas-rectifier tube is largely employed in "B" eliminators, of which the Raytheon type "BH", illustrated in Fig. 42, is a typical example. These rectifiers depend upon ionization of gas for their action and take advantage of the difference in size of their electrodes for "unilateral" (one-way) conductivity. In the one illustrated, the two small electrodes connect to the 350-wolt output termin-

als of a transformer secondary having a center tap. A direct-current output of 125 milliamperes may be drawn from the hat-shaped electrode and the center tap. Failure in these rectifiers is usually due to age or internal breakdown, in which case sparking can be observed. Chapter III gives further information in connection with this tube, as used in a "B" eliminator.

(10) The Pentode. A new tube to make its appearance on the market is known as the five-element pentode. While not in general use, it is fast becoming popular, and a brief description may not be amiss. It is somewhat similar to the four-element screengrid tube described above, but with the addition of a "space-charge" grid surrounding the cathode; the connection to this extra grid being brought out to a terminal on the side of the tube base. The remaining terminals are similar to those of the '24 type screen-grid tube. A very high amplification factor is claimed, one stage being sufficient in the audio amplifier. An amplification factor as high as 750 may be obtained with a plate voltage of 250, screen-grid voltage of 135 (positive) and space-charger-grid voltage of 20 (positive). The heater filament is similar to that of the '24 type. An illustration of this tube is also shown in Fig. 42.

(11) Filament Rectifier Tubes. The half-wave '81 and full-wave '80 rectifiers are largely employed in A.C. receivers, and in some cases to supplying field current for dynamic speaker. Characteristics of these tubes are given in the chart. Failure is usually due to internal breakdown, manifesting itself in the form of a blue glow within the tube. When this takes place, the tube may be operated successfully at a lower voltage, but it is usually best to replace it. Circuit connections are shown in Chapter III as well as in many of the diagrams of this book.

(12) Vacuum-Tube Tests. Vacuum-tube tests on any radio set should be conducted systematically. Suppose we arrange our tests in the following order:



(a) Plate-current tests,
(b) Plate-voltage tests,
(c) Grid-voltage tests,

(d) Filament-vcltage tests.

A knowledge of these four functions will give a fairly complete indication of the condition of the tubes and associated circuits.

(13) Plate-Current Tests. The milliampere reading of the plate current of each tube in the set tells us a very complete story, but we cannot rely on it





Fig. 42 - The Pentode, Raytheon Type "BH," and the types '80 and '81 rectifiers are shown in this illustration.
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too much, since the plate current of different tubes in the different sets varies widely and the figures given in the tube chart cannot be rigidly adhered to. Only where the readings deviate very far from those given should we look for real trouble. It is best to follow the ratings given by the set manufacturer, wherever possible. Causes of excessive plate current and of insufficient plate current are given below, which causes should be further checked to find the guilty ones, after which they can be corrected. (14) Excessive Plate Current may be due to : (a) Excessive plate voltage, (b) Insufficient or incorrect grid voltage, (c) Excessive filament voltage, (d) Defective tubes, (e) Leaky condenser, or poor insulation of circuit. (15) Insufficient Plate Current may be due to : (a) Insufficient plate voltage, (b) Excessive negative grid bias, (c) Low filament voltage, (d) Defective tube. (16) Plate Voltage Tests. If the foregoing measurements indicate that the trouble lies in excessive or insufficient plate voltage, the causes of an erratic plate voltage may be traced to the following: (17) Excessive plate voltage may be due to: (a) Open in the negative end of voltage divider in the power-supply system, (b) Excessive negative grid bias, (c) Low filament voltage, (d) Defective tube. (18) Insufficient plate voltage may be due to: (a) Failure in power-supply system, (b) Low negative or even a positive grid bias, (c) Excessive filament voltage, (d) Defective tube. (19) Grid-Voltage tests. Should the erratic plate voltage or plate current readings be traced to high, low or reversed grid bias, we may look for the following defects: (a) Shorted by-pass condenser across "C" battery or grid-bias resistor, (b) Open "C" battery or grid-bias resistor, (c) Leakage in insulation or blocking condenser between grid and plate-supply circuit, (d) Open transformer winding in grid circuit, (e) Defective tube socket. (20) Filament-Voltage Tests. If our erratic plate current and voltage readings are traced to wrong filament-supply voltage, we have but to trace the filament-supply circuit and find the cause. In battery sets the filament voltage may be too low, because of poor connections or a weak battery. If an "A" eliminator is used, its adjustment should be checked. In A.C. electric sets, the filament transformer may be

overloaded by a partial short across the filament circuit. The line-voltage should be checked also.

(21) Defective Tube. A defective tube may cause erratic readings due to a deactivated filament, loss of vacuum (causing the tube to emit a blue glow); or a short circuit between the elements within the tube. In this latter case, the grid may touch the plate or filament, thereby upsetting its bias potential and killing the normal tube action. Some tubes have a very detrimental microphonic effect producing a loud howl in the speaker; the detector tube is the worst offender. It should be replaced or exchanged with one of the other tubes.

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Plate Resistance

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170 Milliwatt 6 Mmf **RCA 230**

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RCA Radiotron 232 is particularly recommended for use as a radio frequency amplifier in circuits de-signed especially for it. Its characteristics are : 2.0 Volts Filament Voltage

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Fig. 43 - Average characteristics of three types of 2-volt tubes are given in this illustration.



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(22) Tube Reactivation. When a tube has lost its electron-emitting ability and passes a very small plate cutrent, it can often be restored by reactivation. This is true of thoriated filaments such as are in nearly all tubes now in use. The coating of thorjum on the surface gradually gives out and the tube loses its sensitivity. By reactivating the thorium inside of the filament is brought to the surface, thus permitting the tube to function normally again. One simple method to restore tubes that are only slightly weak is to burn them for $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours with the plate supply disconnected. This "boils" out the thorium from the inside of the filament and provides a new layer on the surface. Tubes that are very weak can often be restored by "flashing" the filaments from 10 to 20 seconds at a filament voltage of approximately three times the normal filament voltage. After this process, the filament must be burned for about 30 minutes at a filament voltage about 25% above normal. The plate supply should be disconnected while this is being done. While reactivation is not always possible, and there is also danger of burning out the tube filament, the process may come in handy to the Service Man in cases of emergency or for temporary set operation to please a dissatisfied customer. Of course, reactivation of heater type A.C. tubes is impractical. especially "flash" method. Holding a tube over a gas flame will sometimes reactivate it

CHAPTER V

THE LOUD SPEAKER

HE loud speaker or sound reproducer forms a very important part of every radio set; for, with a poor reproducer, good results cannot be expected, no matter how good the set may be. Since the reproducer is partly mechanical and it is in continuous use during reception, it is subject to wear and disintegration due to the excessive continuous vibration. Furthermore, it receives the greatest electrical strains of any part of the set, being connected to the extreme output and subjected to the total amplified output of the set. The importance of good speaker operation, as regards satisfied customers, cannot be too strongly urged.

(2) Speaker Tests. The nature of the sound coming from the speaker usually tells exactly the condition of the speaker; but we are not endowed with ears subtle enough to completely diagnose the trouble by sound alone. Only by much experience can we approach this skill. A dead, weak, noisy, or distorted set may be the effect of trouble either in the set or in the speaker system; and it can easily be localized in either by connecting a speaker known to be in good condition to the set output terminals in place of the questionable speaker, and comparing the two. We will assume, in the following paragraphs of this section, that the set output is of excellent quality and that trouble lurks in the speaker or its associated circuits. There are a variety of speakers in operation, each with its own group of inherent weaknesses, if we may use this term, where trouble may brew. We will describe them in the order of the following classification:

(a) Electrodynamic cone speakers,

- (b) Magnetic cone speakers.
- (c) Horn-type speakers.
- (d) Electrostatic speakers.



Fig. 44 - Front and rear views of the Stromberg Carlson P-18870 dynamic speakers

(3) Electrodynamic cone speakers. Nearly all the more recent sets employ this form of reproducer. A typical example is shown in Fig. 44. The diagrammatic illustration, Fig. 45, shows that it is composed of a powerful electromagnet and a moving coil or "voice coil," which is attached to the apex of a cone and arranged for free movement within the magnetic gap of the electromagnet. In addition to these, the speaker system comprises the source of direct-current supply for energizing the electromagnetic field coil, and the output choke, filter or transformer adapting the voice

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coil to the set output. Trouble may arise in any of these places, but we will first consider the main elements of the speaker shown in the illustration of Fig. 45.

(4) The Field Coil. Very weak, raspy, reproduction with almost complete absence of bass notes indicates failure of the field supply. It is best to remove the speaker from the cabinet before making tests; after which a clean knife blade or other iron tool, held near the center magnetic pole of the voice coil, should be strongly attracted when the field current is turned on. If no magnetism exists there is an open somewhere in the line, and a continuity test across the field winding should be made, after disconnecting it from the set. In many sets, the field coil serves as a filter choke in the power supply, in which case it is merely plugged into a jack in the rear of the set



Fig. 45 - Dynamic speaker diagram.

chassis. In such installations, the field coil has a resistance of several thousand ohms, which should be indicated by the continuity tester. The voltage supply to the coil should be measured at the field-coil jack, with the speaker in circuit and the set turned on, to make sure that there is no failure from that source. In some speakers, supplied with low-voltage direct-current obtained from the A.C. line by the use of dry rectifiers, a low-resistance field winding is employed, and this should be noted when making continuity tests in the field.

(5) The Voice Coil. The voice coils of different makes of dynamic speakers vary widely in number of turns and, consequently, in resistance. The resistances are too low to be accurately indicated on a continuity tester, making it difficult to detect a shorted turn. Often a loss of bass in the reproduction is caused by a shorted portion of the voice coil, due to rubbing on the iron field. This is best determined by removing the cone and coil and examining it. While an open circuit will kill reception. sometimes a high-resistance connection to the voice-coil terminals will cause much trouble. In one particular instance, a customer was well pleased with the radio reception, but the results from the phonograph pickup were not much to brag about, and the customer threatened to return the set after several attempts to rectify the trouble failed. It was later found, however, that this particular speaker employed a singleturn voice coil of heavy copper ribbon connected to a similar copper strip forming the secondary of the output transformer. The coil was obviously of very low ohmic resistance, and it was found that the resistance of one of the connections to the coil. although low, was appreciable when compared with the coil's resistance. This connection was thoroughly cleaned with steel wool and soldered. This not only brought the quality of the phonograph reproduction up to normal, but also improved the radio reception. and the customer was well pleased. The radio reception previously had been sufficiently powerful to give fairly good quality.

(6) The Magnetic Gap. This part of the speaker is more important than it appears, as it has a very bad habit of picking up bits of iron filings and holding them in the path of the moving coil, causing a raspy sound. In bad cases it will be necessary to disconnect the field, dismantle the speaker and wipe the gap with a piece of clean cloth. Sometimes bits of iron may be removed with a sharp-pointed iron tool; the magnetized iron particles will cling to the iron tool and are easily removed.

(7) Cone. The paper or composition cone sometimes becomes damaged by ill treatment, and sometimes it is shattered or broken near the apex by excessive volume. In either case, it is best to replace it with a new one. It is important to center the cone accurately so that the coil does not touch the iron field and cause chattering. Loose parts on any part of the speaker or cabinet in which it is mounted are likely to cause rattling or extraneous vibration, and should be corrected.

(8) Field Supply. Field current for dynamics, in addition to the method previously described, in which the field coil forms part of the filter system of the set, is sometimes contained separately by rectified alternating-current or from the llO-volt D.C. line in D.C. installations, or from a storage battery. It is obvious that the rectifier-A.C. method is likely to cause the most trouble. In some cases the current is rectified by means of a vacuum tube such as the '80, giving a comparatively high voltage, and sometimes by means of dry-disc rectifiers, giving a low voltage. These two methods are shown in Figs. 46 and 47. Of the two methods, the vacuum-tube type of rectifier usually causes the least trouble. Sometimes the field is connected across the voltage divider of the set's power supply, as in the Atwater Kent "Model 55" set, as shown in Fig. 48. A filter is required in either case to reduce A.C. hum. Fig. 49 shows a typical speaker installation.

(9) Vacuum-Tube Rectifier. Failure in field supply on speakers using this type of rectifier may be due to a poor rectifier tube, a punctured filter condenser, an open transformer winding or line connection. Continuity tests will soon locate the trouble. As shown in the illustration, Fig. 46, a 2-mfd. condenser is sufficient for filtering purposes.

(10) Dry Rectifiers. A dynamic speaker with a 6-volt field connected to the rectified output of a trickle charger forms the basis of this type of A.C. dynamic speaker, except that the whole is assembled as one unit. The schematic diagram, Fig. 47, shows the usual connections. Fig. 50 shows the Radiola 41 A.C. speaker. Failure of field current is usually caused by the dry-disc rectifiers reaching the end of their useful life, especially if A.C. voltage is found across the secondary of the step-down transformer. Should this be the case, the rectifiers must be replaced. Excessive hum, caused by the pulsating direct current delivered to the field, may be reduced by connecting a low-voltage high-capacity condenser across the field. A condenser of 1000 to 2500 mf. rating is usually employed for this purpose. Short circuits often occur in this type of condenser, making it another source of trouble for the service man.

(11) Hum. Hum in dynamic speakers is sometimes reduced by means of a short-circuited ring around the center pole, which produces a bucking effect on any magnetic changes in the field and holds the flux steady. (see Fig. 44). In some speakers, part of the pulsating field current is fed into the voice-coil circuit through a variable resistance in order to balance out any hum. In these speakers the hum is under control and



Figs. 46 and 47, showing filament rectifier field current supply and dry-disc rectifier field supply. Illustrations courtesy of Stromberg Carlson.



Fig. 48 - The Atwater Kent Early-Type Model 55 Set.

the control resistor should be carefully adjusted. A stationary bucking coil on the center field pole, connected in series with the voice coil and shunted by a variable resistance, is also employed in some speakers, as in Fig. 47.

(12) Speech-Input Transformer. This transformer may be part of the set or part of the speaker, but in any case its purpose is to match the output impedance of the power tube or tubes to the impedance of the voice coil of the speaker. The secondary of this transformer connects directly to the voice coil, as shown in Fig. 47 and its primary to the set output; sometimes through an output choke and by-pass condenser. In push-pull amplifiers, the primary may have a center connection to the high-voltage plate supply, the two ends connecting to the tube plates. An open speech-transformer wind-ing will cause failure in the speaker. The connections to the transformer should be removed and continuity tests made on all the windings. Also, test between the windings and core to see that they are not grounded.

(13) Audic Filters. Some sets employ a combination of chokes and condensers to filter the audio output by making a definite predetermined frequency cut-off and an improved quality of reproduction. Fig. 51 shows the type of filter used in the Federal "Model K" receiver. It is obvious that an open choke or shorted condenser will interrupt reception, and the components of the filter should be tested separately.



Fig. 49 - Rear view of #846 Stromberg Carlson Receiver.

(15) Troubles in Magnetio Speakers. Weak, tinny sounds may be caused by a damaged or crushed cone near the apex. The cone paper can be strengthened with collodion, which should be allowed to soak in and dry, but it is better to replace the cone. Loud chattering sounds are the result of the armature striking the pole tips, and the unit then requires adjustment. See Figs. 53, 54 and 55. Raspy sounds may be due to iron filings or dirt in the narrow magnetic gaps; these may be removed with pieces of stiff paper forced between the armature and pole tips. Rattling sounds denote looseness in some part of the driving system; either a loose drive pin or a loose cone attachment. Lack of volume may be due to a weak magnet, or poor insulation in the connecting cord, or open coil winding.

(16) Types of Magnetic Speakers. The illustrations, Figs. 56 and 57, show two magnetic units of different

(14) Magnetic Cone Speakers. The testing of magnetic cone speakers is similar to that of dynamic speakers, the main difference being that the magnetic instruments employ permanent mag-THREADED nets and have no field supply, making FOR BACK the localizing of trouble easier. Since these speakers employ a highimpedance coil wound in a small space with many turns of fine wire, open coils are a frequent occurrence. A continuity test at the coil terminals will revcal the condition of the coil. It is best to disconnect the flexible connecting cord, as this may be shorted from dampness or open circuited. The cord should then be tested separately. Speech-input transformers are sometimes employed with these speakers, but usually there are an output choke and condenser, arranged to prevent the D.C. component of the plate current from flowing through the speaker unit winding and destroying it or unbalancing the unit or weakening the permanent magnet. Tests on this apparatus are described in connection with dynamic speakers. Fig. 52 shows the coils, armature and driving mechanism of the R.C.A. Model 100 A speaker.



Fig. 50 - Dynamic Speaker used in the Radiola 41 A.C.

types; the latter called the Inductor Dynamic, in action and sound resembles the dynamic speaker. The armature and cone are free to move a comparatively great distance without hitting the pole tips.



Fig. 51 - An Audio Filter for improved quality.

the Peerless Kylectron employs one. They consist essentially of a condenser, one plate of which is free to vibrate under

the influence of electrostatic attraction and repulsion. A high positive biasing

potential is employed across them, being taken from the power supply of the set or from a separate rectifier tube. Since

only the current leakage need be supplied. by the biasing potential, little current is used; thereby eliminating any trouble from hum. The main trouble may arise due to excessive vibration, together with the

high voltage accompanying it, causing a

short circuit, or intermittent sparking across plate. This either kills reception

(19) Microphonic Hum. When a microphonic detector tube is in the set, a hum or ringing sound will be produced in the

speaker whenever the tube is jarred. It is

or produces annoying rattling sounds.

(17) Horn-Type Speakers. These speakers exist with both

dynamic and magnetic units, the former being used largely in talking-picture houses in which a large exponential horn is employed. The latter type was used extensively in radio reception a few years ago but is fast becoming obsolete. Diagnosing trouble in these speakers is similar to that just described and need not be repeated here.

(18) Electrostatic Speakers. These speakers are not in general use as yet, although



Fig. 52 - Speaker- driving mechanism.



Fig. 53-Correct



Fig. 54-Incorrect

evident, therefore, that if the sound from the speaker causes the set and microphonic tube to vibrate, a continuous hum will be produced, which will reinforce itself as soon as it sets up its own vibrations in the speaker. The result will be a continuous howl. It is entirely an acoustical effect. Holding the detector



Fig. 55-Incorrect

tube tightly in most cases will prevent it. A "howl arrester" placed over the detector tube also may be used. In bad cases, it may be necessary to change the location of the speaker, or insulate it from the cabinet with felt. Resonance within the cabinet may set up an excessive vibration, which will reinforce this effect and mar the tonal quality. Moving the cabinet away from the wall, or cutting openings in the cabinet, or padding it with felt, may remedy the trouble.



Fig. 56, at the left, shows the Wright-DeCoster Hy-Flux magnetic cone speaker. Note the audio filter mounted near the unit for improved tone quality.

Fig.57, at the right, shows a cross-sectional view of the Farrand Inductor Dynamic speaker. In this unit the armature is attracted in between the pole tips, thus allowing a large movement without chattering.

CHAPTER VI

THE ANTENNA SYSTEM

The antenna system comprises the aerial and lead-in, with its lightning arrester, and the ground connection. While a good sensitive modern receiver will operate after a fashion on any kind of a haphazard aerial system if the location is fair, remember that a well-constructed antenna system is imperative for permanent set operation and satisfied customers.

(2) Types of Aerials. The busy Service Man will encounter various types of aerials, but the general form comprises a single stranded wire, bare or enameled, about 100 feet long, suspended between insulators from 20 to 50 feet above ground or higher when installed on the roof of a tall building. Attached to this is the lead-in connecting it to the set, with an attachment to a lightning arrester which is connected to ground. There are special types of aerials, such as lamp-socket aerials, indoor



Fig. 60 - Typical Aerial Installations.

aerials, underground aerials, multiple aerials and loop aerials, but these will be discussed subsequently under their proper headings. Trouble shooting in the various types is basically the same procedure. We will concern ourselves mainly with the general type of single-wire aerial first mentioned.

(3) Aerial Installation. The subject of aerials comes more under set installation than servicing; but, in either case, care should be taken to see that the aerial is well constructed to insure permanent operation. See the illustrations of Fig. 60. It should be erected as far from other aerials or wires as possible, strung as nearly at right angles as possible to other wires, and placed neither under or over highvoltage lines, which is not only dangerous in case of breakage of a wire but is likely to produce a 60-cycle hum in the set. With a good soldered connection between the lead-in and the aerial (scraping each strand of the aerial wire separately if it is enamelled) little trouble should be experienced with it from thereafter. Many installers don't take the trouble to solder the lead-in connection to the aerial, and in time corrosion takes place, causing an imperfect connection which is swayed by the wind and produces "static" in the set. In cases when it is temporarily impossible to form a good soldered connection, the joint should be tightly bound with tape to protect it from the weather.

(4) Aerial Location. The location of the aerial depends largely upon environment, and one phase of environment usually overlooked and likely to cause trouble is that of the so-called "dead spots," more noticeable in the vicinity of large steel buildings than elsewhere. In such installations, when the set fails to function properly and stations are very weak, changing the direction of the aerial (say 90 degrees or at right angles to its former position) will rectify the trouble. Sometimes it will be necessary to shift the aerial considerably, and if possible support its free end on some near-by building. Sometimes better results are obtained by eliminating the aerial entirely and making connection to the steel window framework of the building instead. Troubles of this nature are encountered mainly in large cities.

The inverted "L" type of aerial, as this type is called, is slightly directional, and will receive better from a direction nearest the lead-in. This effect may be taken advantage of, especially when long aerials are used, either to improve reception from a certain direction, or to reduce reception from certain near-by powerful interfering stations.

(5) Aerial Tests. A reliable aerial test can be made by disconnecting the aerial from the set and connecting, in place of it, a wire 30 or 40 feet long strung along the room or outside of the window. A comparison of the two will usually indicate if the regular aerial is defective. This test is not always possible, but the efficiency of an aerial can usually be detected by simply disconnecting it from the set. If the set is noisy when it is known that there is no excessive natural static, and the noise ceases with the aerial disconnected, the trouble will probably be found in a loose connection in the aerial or in a near-by aerial in inductive relation with it. Possibly some wire has fallen in contact with the aerial and is rubbing against it; the aerial system should be thoroughly examined. A continuity test between aerial and ground terminals will indicate whether the aerial is grounded or not. A grounded aerial will sometimes work, especially if the ground is at the further end of the wire; in which case it may act as a large closed-loop antenna. If no defects can be observed in the aerial, yet it appears to be noisy, examine the lightning arrester.

(6) Lightning Arrester. The lightning arrester, Fig. 61, may be grounded or partially grounded, by internal defects, and cause a noisy set or kill reception entirely. Try disconnecting the arrester. If the trouble ceases, replace the arrester with a new one.

(7) Length of Aerial. The selectivity of many sets depends largely upon the aerial length, and in many cases where complaints of poor selectivity are received it will be found necessary to shorten the aerial and thereby reduce its fundamental period of electrical vibration to a point below the broadcast band. This shortening also reduces the input to the set and gives the effect of greater selectivity. Usually the same results can be obtained by connecting a condenser of about .00025 mf. in series with the aerial.

Some unstable sets may oscillate furiously with a short aerial and cease to oscillate on a long one, by reason of the greater radiation resistance of the long one, which absorbes more energy from the set. Aerial resistance likewise causes broadness of tuning and poor selectivity. Bare copper wire, which has been exposed to the weather and is corroded, has a greater high-frequency resistance than enamelled wire.



Fig. 61 - Lightning Arrester



The "absorption" type of wavetrap; to eliminate powerful local interference it may be necessary to increase, to 15 or 18, the number of turns in coil 1. Fig. 62





The "rejector" wavetrap is extremely effective in reducing signal interference; but it also causes a reduction in the strength of desired signals.

Fig. 63

Broadness of tuning on a near-by local station may be reduced by the use of a wavetrap, tuned to the interfering station, and connected as shown in the illustrations Figs. 62 and 63.

(8) Lead-In Strip. The lead-in from the aerial is usually connected outside the window to a lead-in strip. This is a flexible-copper, insulated strip with spring-olip connections on each end. The window is jammed down against this strip, forming a convenient entry to the inside where connection is made to the set. The connections to the strip should be soldered or thoroughly taped to prevent corrosion. See Figs. 64 and 65. If the set loses sensitivity during rainy weather, this strip should be examined, as well as other outside aerial or lead-in supports, such as the lightning arrester and aerial insulators. Leakage through wet insulation may cause a grounded aerial, especially if the wet lead-in-strip enters through a steel window casement. This is a frequent trouble in many set installations.

(9) Aerial Length. The length of the aerial to be installed depends largely upon the location. As a general rule, the shorter the aerial employed, if it gets the desired stations, the better the results obtained from the set. Many sets have two or more aerial connections, for short aerial, medium aerial, or long aerial. A 30-foot wire may be considered a short aerial; a 60-foot one a medium aerial, and a 100- to 200-foot one a long aerial. In congested districts, a short aerial is recommended.

(10) Counterpoise. Where it is impossible to obtain a good ground connection, a counterpoise may be used. This consists of a wire similar to the aerial and suspended beneath the aerial or in its vicinity, and insulated from the ground. It proves very effective in many installations. In some cases it reduces hum.

(11) The Ground Connection. In many installations the ground connection is made to the radiator pipe. This is usually the most convenient, and often serves very well. But an additional connection to a cold-water pipe is recommended, especially when the installation is made in one of the upper floors of an apartment house or hotel containing noisy elevators and ice machines. This will not only improve signal strength but reduce interference from noisy motors as well; for these motors are also grounded and the long path to earth from both radio and motor ground connections causes induction between the two. It is important that the pipe be thoroughly cleaned with a file before attaching the ground clamp.

(12) Testing The Ground Connection. A continuity test between the ground wire and a metal pipe in the building will indicate the condition of the ground connection. In some D.C. installations, an insulating condenser is placed in the ground lead, and care should be taken to make the test from the ground side of the condenser to the pipe, otherwise a short circuit is likely to occur, as in Fig. 66. If set noises cease after



A common form of lead-in installation, which is very good until the exposed connections corrode.

Fig. 64- left; Fig. 65- center; Fig. 66- right.



If the insulated lead-in wire is brought inside and a good connection made, it will last.



Direct-current house supplies are a source of much grief in these days of alternating-current standards. Particularly when the tyro starts experimenting is there apt to be trouble-even the simple one of polarity.

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disconnecting the ground wire, examine the ground connection thoroughly, or run an extra temporary ground wire to some other pipe in the building.

(13) Lamp-Socket Aerial. In some congested districts permission for the erection of an outdoor aerial cannot be obtained and some alternative method must be employed. The electric-light lines are sometimes used, by means of a lamp-socket aerial plug. This contains isolating condensers to prevent the lighting current from entering the set. Good results are sometimes obtained, but sometimes noises are introduced, which are difficult to filter out without reducing the signal intensity. It is dangerous to employ this aerial on some electric sets, as a dangerous short circuit is likely to occur.

(14) Indoor Aerials. A wire strung around the room behind the picture molding, or in some other concealed place, serves as an efficient aerial in many locations, but in steel buildings poor results may be expected. It may be used in combination with a lamp-socket aerial.

(15) Underground Aerials. In outlying districts, where space permits, underground aerials may be employed for the reduction of various kinds of interference. While no exact data as to the efficiency of this type of aerial can be given at this time, we have received many satisfactory reports from various experimenters.

(16) Multiple Aerials. The tangled maze of unsightly copper wires, strung in all directions on the roofs of some apartment houses, should inspire all Service Men to recommend some form of multiple aerial to the owner of the building. The illustration, Fig. 67, shows how neat this arrangement can be made(Amy, Aceves and King, Inc.) One well-erected aerial feeds all sets in the building through special coupling devices, thereby simplifying set installation and insuring satisfactory set operation with virtually no trouble from this source. A defective coupling unit will seldom occur, and in this case, it can easily be replaced.

(17) Centralized Radio System. This apparatus, made by R.C.A., will be found in many hotels and apartment buildings. Fig. 68 shows the circuit diagram. It couples a single aerial to as many as 80 receiving sets, without mutual interference, and comprises an RFC unit shown at the left in Figs. 68 and 69, which is mounted on the roof or near the aerial. This unit feeds as many as 8 RFX units (shown at the right of the above illustrations) by means of a twisted three-wire radio-frequency transmission line. Each RFX unit will feed up to 10 radio sets. The amplification gained in these units compensates for any transmission losses.

In other systems one aerial feeds one master radio set usually located in the basement of the building. This set feeds audio power to the various room outlets. Each room, therefore, has only a loud speaker and volume control, with a switch that will select any one of about four stations.

(18) Loop Aerials. The superheterodyne receiver is the most common type that employs a loop aerial. Lack of sensitivity in the set may be traced to poor location in the room; in



Fig. 67 - One aerial supplies many sets.

a steel building, moving the set a few feet sometimes makes considerable difference. If it is located near a steel column, the directional effect of the loop is usually impaired, the loop receiving its energy directly from the column by induction effect.

In home-made receivers employing an external loop one sometimes finds a neat-looking flexible telephone cord connecting the loop to the set. The electrostatic capacity of



Fig. 68 - Diagram of the R.C.A. centralized radio system.

this cord is so great that it is virtually impossible to tune the loop and tuning appears broad. To remedy, connect the loop to the set with two short separate wires.

Often the simplest things cause the most trouble, and one should first make sure that the aerial and ground are connected to the set before making elaborate tests on the latter.



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Fig. 69 - at the left is shown the "RFC," or first unit of the system which supplies plate current also for the coupling units.

- at the right is shown the "RFX" or outlet unit which feeds the individual receivers. The "RFT" unit shown in the diagram of Fig. 68, appears only in the last "RFX" on the line.

CHAPTER VII

RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIERS

ROM the viewpoint of the set owner, the radio-frequency amplifier may be considered as consisting of the tuning dial and the volume control and he will detect the least fault in either. The Service Man, however, must know the insides of the particular set in order to localize the trouble and make repairs. The various commercial set diagrams in this book display the almost unlimited forms in which the above two constituents may exist. Each manufacturer, testing the methods of the others, changes or adds to them in attempted improvements, and a new breed of sets finds its way into the homes of the lay public. Otherwise all sets would be alike. Basically they are alike, but vary in details. These details are important, however, and to point out some of the more salient ones, we shall classify the different types of sets and, in turn, the different elements of which the radio-frequency amplifiers in them are composed. We can first classify sets into those -

(a) without screen-grid tubes,(b) with screen-grid tubes,

and make a further classification of those using -

- (c) conventional tuned circuits,
- (d) band selector circuits.

In addition we have superheterodyne circuits. The different methods of volume control, both manually-operated and automatic, will also be included in this chapter.

(2) Conventional Tuned Circuits. In the ordinary tuned-R.F. amplifier illustrated in Fig. 6 of Chapter 11, three tuned circuits are employed; the first couples the aerial circuit to the first tube, the second couples the first and second tubes, and the third couples the second tube to the detector. When all three circuits are in resonance, amplification takes place; this means that the three tuning condensers must be accurately adjusted. In modern sets the three condensers are all mounted on one shaft and tuned collectively. For maximum efficiency, the circuits and condensers must be identical; otherwise one circuit will be out of resonance and the over-all amplification will be reduced. Slight mechanical variations in manufactured condensers do exist, however, so "trimmer" condensers (or aligning condensers, as they are sometimes called) are connected in parallel with the main tuning condensers, as illustrated in the diagram mentioned above. These condensers are of small size and small capacity. They are adjusted for resonance at two or three points on the dial and left in the best average position. This adjustment can be done by ear through tuning in stations and adjusting the trimmer condensers for maximum volume; but the method described in Chapter I, Paragraph 15, for balancing, in which a resonance indicator is employed, is more accurate.

(3) Neutralizing. It is evident that, in a radio-frequency amplifier, the output circuits contain radio-frequency currents identical with those in the input circuits, but of a much greater value; therefore, if the slightest degree of coupling exists between the output and input circuits, the amplifier will be thrown into violent oscillation, resulting in decreased amplification and whistling, squealing, and howling everytime a station is tuned in. To reduce this disastrous coupling, the coils and condensers are enclosed in metal shield-cans. But even then coupling exists within the tube itself in the form of electrostatic coupling between the grid, which is part of the input circuit, and the plate, which is part of the output circuit. Various circuit arrangements have been devised to "neutralize" this capacity coupling within the tube. All these circuits depend upon some form of "Wheatstone bridge" arrangement, whereby an equal amount of capacitative coupling of opposite sign is



Fig. 70 - Hammarlund "Hi-Q 30"A.C. Receiver.

introduced between the input and output circuits, thus nullifying the effect of the tube-capacity coupling. These various arrangements will not be described in detail here, as the diagrams of the various sets show them. The Service Man is interested only in the neutralizing condenser employed to obtain this balancing effect and how it should be adjusted. These condensers are clearly indicated in the diagram of Fig.6, and the method of adjusting them is described in Chapter I, Paragraph 15. Without instruments, a fair degree of adjustment can be obtained by tuning in a station, insert ing a dummy tube in one socket after the other, and adjusting the neutralizing condenser in each case for minimum or zero sound; at the same time adjusting the trimmer condensers for maximum sound. When correctly adjusted, it should be impossible to make the set oscillate at any point on the dial, with any volume-control adjustment.

(4) The Screen-Grid Tube. Having just described the cause and cure of oscillation in the ordinary tuned R.F. circuits employing three-electrode tubes, it seems fitting at this place to point out the effect which the advent of the four-electrode or screengrid tube has had on circuit design. The use of metal shields to prevent coupling between the output and input circuits has been described; in screen-grid circuits, the shielding is extended until it exists within the tube itself, in the form of a metal network, entirely encompassing the plate, which is called the screen-grid. This fourth electrode is grounded but maintained at a proper positive-bias voltage, so that it does not interfere with normal tube action. It is evident, therefore, that the input and output circuits are entirely shielded, and feed-back coupling cannot exist. The circuit will not oscillate, and neutralizing is not necessary. In practice, the entire tube or the most vulnerable part of it, is enclosed in a metal shield. A very high degree of amplification is obtained, but the characteristics of the tube are different. It has a much higher impedance, requiring special design of the R.F. transformers. These tubes are made in the ordinary battery type ('22) and A.C. heater type ('24.) See Fig. 41 in Chapter IV.

(5) Band-Selector Circuits. Band-selector circuits are becoming more and more popular, especially since the advent of the screen-grid tube with which they are mainly used.

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Fig. 7L - The 10,000-ohm resistance is the volume control.

Fig. 72 - Two resistances control the volume simultaneously in this set.

The band selector, or band-pass filter as it is also called, consists essentially of two or more tuned circuits loosely coupled together. This gives a flat-topped resonance curve which, by proper design, can be made to have a flat top 10-kilocycles wide, thereby accepting the entire program, sidebands and all, giving a high degree of selectivity without distortion. The band-selector circuits may be found ahead of the R.F. amplifier, at the input side; they may be part of the amplifier circuit, or may be placed between the amplifier and the detector. Various combinations are possible. In many sets, as in the Sparton "Model 49," (a diagram of which will be found in the back of this book) the band selector will be found between the aerial and the R. F. amplifier, and an untuned or aperiodic R.F. amplifier is employed. That is, the R.F. transformers are of special design to cover the entire broadcast band without tuning. Incidentally, three-electrode tubes are employed in this set. In the Hammarlund "Hi-Q 30 A.C." receiver, a diagram of which is reproduced in Fig. 70, band-selector tuning is employed between the aerial and the amplifier, as well as tuned stages in the amplifier, giving six tuned circuits in all. The six tuning condensers, illustrated in the upper left side of the diagram, are controlled simultaneously by one dial. The six trimmer condensers are also shown. Note the R.F. chokes in the plate-supply leads of the screen-grid tubes; these leads, as well as the grid return leads and screen-grids, are by-passed to the filament through large condensers.

(6) Grid-Bias Volume Control. Various methods of controlling the volume in different circuits are employed. In the old tuned-R.F. sets, it was customary to control the volume by changing the bias voltage on the grids of the tubes. This was effected by the use of a potentiometer connected across the filament circuit; the variable tap connecting to the grid return leads. Thus a bias voltage from zero (at the negative side of the filament) to plus 6 volts (at the positive side) could be obtained. This positive bias on the grids caused excessive plate current, resulting in short-lived tubes and batteries. Also, tuning was broadened because of the R.F. circuit drain from the tuned circuits.

(7) Filament-Current Volume Control. Another simple method of controlling volume was by means of the filament rheostats of the R.F. amplifiar tubes. While this is effective, it is not very satisfactory.

(8) Plate-Current Volume Control. A high variable resistor in the R.F. plate leads is commonly employed to control the volume, by controlling the plate current. These resistors are, of course, by-passed by large condensers. This method lengthens the tube and battery life and is quite satisfactory; it is used in the Sparton No. 49 above mentioned.

(9) Absorption Methods of Volume Control. Variable resistors are sometimes inserted in the R.F. circuits to control volume. Grid-suppressor resistors, connected in series with the grids, are also used to prevent oscillation in unstable sets; about 800 ohms is sufficient. A variable resistor in the input circuit is also common. An example is illustrated in the diagram of Fig. 71, showing the method employed in the Majestic "70" or "70B" sets. Sometimes two variable resistors are employed; Fig. 72 shows how this is done in the Stromberg Carlson No. 638 D.C. receiver. Here two 10,000-ohm resistors, mounted on one shaft, are used; one to control the input to the R.F. amplifier, and the other to control the input to the detector.

(10) Screen-Grid Control. Controlling the positive bias voltage on screen-grid tubes makes a very efficient volume control in sets employing these tubes. This is the method employed in the Hammarlund receiver shown in Fig. 70. It is indicated at V.

(11) Automatic Volume Control. Modern sets are so sensitive, and capable of giving such great volume, that it is annoying to tune for a weak station and suddenly have a powerful local rear in. To avoid this, some sets employ automatic volume controls, which limit the volume automatically. Fig. 73 shows the circuit used in the Stromberg Carlson "No. 846" receiver, which employs a type '27 tube, the grid circuit of which is coupled through a .00025-mf. condenser to the output of the R.F. amplifier. A 2megohm grid leak is used to prevent blocking of the tube and to hold the grid bias at the proper value. The plate is connected to ground through two 100,000-ohm resistors; but, since the cathode is at a lower potential than ground, plate current will pass through these resistors. The drop across both of them serves to bias the grid of the first R.F. stage, and the drop across one to bias the second R.F. stage. Thus, when the received R.F. signal reaches a certain intensity, current through the resistors decreases; resulting in less negative bias on the amplifier tubes and reducing the amplification. An equilibrium is soon established, in which the volume is maintained at a constant limited value. It seems needless to add that all resistors are thoroughly by-passed to prevent any radio-frequency feed-back; only the voltage drop across the two 100,000-ohm resistors, resulting from the average signal-intensity value, is instantaneously and automatically fed back to the R.F. amplifier grids, Many other sets use similar controls, such as the Kellogg 523 and 526 shown in the diagram section of this book.

(12) Radio-Frequency Amplifier Trouble. Trouble in R.F. amplifiers resolves itself into:

(a) lack of sensitivity,

(b) broad tuning,

- (c) oscillation,
- (d) noise,
- (e) lack of control.

All of these symptoms may be due to poor tubes or wrong supply voltages; but, since we have described voltage tests and tube tests in chapters III and IV, we will limit this chapter to searching for trouble within the remaining parts of the system.

(13) Lack of Sensitivity. This may be attributed to: poor alignment of the tuning condensers, an open circuit in the input or some part of the system, shorted coils, an open or shorted by-pass condenser. In fact, any default in the circuit may contribute to decrease sensitivity or kill reception entirely. It is probably simpler to test the coils and condensers than to read about all the things that might happen. Even damp weather





is detrimental, as shown in Fig. 74. This shows the results of an actual test. A usual fault in R.F. amplifiers is an open coil winding. The windings should be tested for continuity; a full reading indicates either good coil or a shorted coil. The latter is difficult to detect but, fortunately, is not a common occurrence. A visual examination will usually reveal any damaged condition. Lack of plate voltage at the tube sockets may indicate an open primary winding, or an open choke-coil winding in some sets in which the plate current does not pass through the R.F.T. primary (such as the Stewart Warner "Series 900" receivers.) It may be difficult to solder an open-circuited winding together; the best method is to rewind the coil, making note of the number of turns, size of wire, directions of winding, and external connections. So far as the tuning condensers are concerned, a visual examination is usually sufficient; they should be thoroughly cleaned and the pig-tail connections examined. The method of aligning them for maximum resonance has already been explained in Chapter I.

(14) Broad Tuning. Lack of sensitivity and broad tuning usually go hand in hand. The troubles just described in the preceding paragraph apply here also. Unless some previous Service Man has left a soldering iron or screwdriver inside of one of the shield cans, we may find the cause of broad tuning in the aerial system, to which a separate chapter has been devoted; or in an incorrect "C" voltage on the tubes, or in some defect in the circuit or volume control. The usual complaint from this trouble is



Fig. 74 - The effect of damp weather on R.F. amplifiers.

found to be due to the closeness to some broadcast station; the fault is not in the set then, and the Service Man is not expected to improve the set far beyond its original abilities. Extreme sensitivity, like a powerful telescope, has the effect of bringing the stations nearer, and also results in complaints of broad tuning. In these cases a shorter aerial is recommended or a wavetrap may be required, as described in Chapter VI. Damp weather causes broad tuning in many sets, due to moisture impregnating the insulation of the coils. If complaints spring up during the damp season, it is well to bear this in mind. See Fig. 74.

(15) Oscillation. Either the shielding is poor, the connecting leads are lying in the wrong positions, or the set is not neutralized. In some sets a defective volume control may cause oscillation. This trouble manifests itself by penetrating squealing, howling and whistling

sounds while tuning in a station. There is feed-back coupling somewhere in the set to cause oscillation. Perhaps the antenna lead is too near the detector output region. Check the tubes, tube shields and supply voltages.

(16) Noise. Noise is invariably caused by loose connections, either within the circuit or near to it; as in the case of loose shield-can joints that reflect noises into the circuit, due to their absorbing of energy from it. Loose socket contacts are a common occurrence; also, loose soldered connections to the coils and loose pigtail connections to the condensers. Rubbing contacts on the condensers are also noisy. Condenser plates which touch cause noise, as well as fine metal burrs on the plates, or dirt between them. The volume control is a frequent source of noise; it should be cleaned with alcohol and oiled with Nujol. (This applies to filament rheostats also.) Sometimes a soft lead pencil rubbed on the resistance wire will give sufficient lubrication, due to the graphite, without interfering with the contact.

(17) Lack of Control. Lack of control of the set indicates a defective volume control. In virtually all cases the volume control is a variable resistor of some sort, and it is apt to be worn out from mechanical usage rather than electrically destroyed. Knowing its approximate resistance from the circuit diagram, it may be intelligently tested with a continuity tester, and preferably replaced rather than repaired, if defective. If the set has an automatic volume control, the tube may be at fault and should be tested. By-pass condensers may be shorted, or resistors open; with a continuity tester, almost all faults can be found. Hum may be introduced into the R.F. amplifier, due to electrostatic induction from some nearby high-voltage A.C. line.

(18) Superheterodyne Receivers. A whole volume could be written on the servicing of superheterodynes; but we only have space for the high spots, and let the reader's imagination dip into the valleys wherever it is indicated that he should do this. Owing to the comparative complexity of the superheterodyne, many things can happen to interrupt its service; but, if we segregate it into its main components and test each separately, we may find that the servicing of one superheterodyne is like servicing two ordinary sets. In the superheterodyne we have:

- (a) oscillator,
- (b) radio-frequency amplifier (in some sets),
- (c) first detector,
- (d) intermediate-frequency amplifier,
- (e) second detector,
- (f) audio-frequency amplifier.

Parts e and f are considered in chapters VIII and IX. Various superheterodyne circuits appear in the diagram section of this book. No matter how complicated the set, if we test one thing at a time we can't help but find the fault if it exists. With all parts of the proper values and properly connected, the set will work, because it did work before the trouble started. Knowing the circuit diagram and the values of the parts, it won't take long to make the tests and make repairs or substitute new parts.

(19) Servicing Supers. Since there are a variety of superheterodyne circuits in use the greatest variety being the home-built ones assembled from "kits" - it is virtually impossible to list all the causes and cures of troubles that may occur in them. Of the commercial supers, the Radiola is probably the most numerous, and a detailed analysis of the "Radiola 25" Superheterodyne appears in the Radio Data Service Sheet in the diagram section of this book.

CHAPTER VIII

DETECTORS

HE detector plays a very important part in every radio receiver - it is the pivot on which the radio-frequency amplifier and the audio-frequency amplifier hinge. Linking the two amplifiers, it could well be described in connection with either, but, since it plays such an important part in radio reception, we will devote a separate chapter to it.

(2) Function of Detector. The function of the detector in the ordinary broadcast receiver is to convert the form of the energy delivered to it by the radio-frequency amplifier to a form suitable for amplification by the audio-frequency amplifier and for sound reproduction by the loud speaker. In other words, in the input or gridcircuit side of the detector we have modulated radio-frequency currents and in the output or plate side, audio-frequency currents. Both forms of current may exist in both input and output circuits, in which case trouble results in some sets, while in others, employing regeneration, this phenomenon is utilized to advantage. In the superheterodyne receiver, two detectors are used, but their basic action is the same. One links the radio with the intermediate-frequency amplifier and the other links the intermediate with the audio-frequency amplifier. In the first case, the highest frequency is wiped out, leaving the intermediate frequency; in the second case the intermediate frequency is wiped out, leaving the audio frequency. Since the detector converts the radio energy into audio energy, it should do this work without distorting the audiofrequency wave shape or discriminating between high and low audio frequencies; it should effect this conversion without great loss of energy, and should introduce no extraneous noises in the set.



Fig. 77 - (left) Grid Leak and Condenser Method of Detection. Fig. 78 - Power Detection using a "C" Battery.

(3) Simple Detector Circuit. A simple detector circuit employing a three-element tube (such as the 'OIA) is shown in Fig. 77. In this circuit, the modulated R.F. current is impressed on the grid of the tube through a grid condenser. The rectifying action of the grid and filament portions of the tube will allow the positive half cycles to pass through to the filament or return side of the input circuit; but the negative halves will be trapped and will accumulate on the grid. The intensity of this accumulation varies in accordance with the intensity of the input, which, we know, varies at audio frequencies; resulting in a similar audio plate-current variation. The grid leak resistance of several megohms allows the accumulating negative charge to leak off slowly. This holds the mean grid potential at a constant value and prevents an excessive accumulation which would block the tube action. It is evident, therefore, that the values of the grid condenser, grid leak and the plate voltage are important factors in determining detector efficiency.

(4) Grid-Bias Detector. This method is called "plate detection" and makes use of the "bend" in the lower portion of the "characteristic curve" of the tube for its effect.



Fig. 79 - The 127 type tube detector using a condenser and leak.

as grid-leak detection, but the audio quality output is considered better. It is important that a very accurate adjustment of the grid-bias voltage and plate voltage be maintained. The grid-bias resistance or "C" battery must be by-passed by a condenser of at least 0.5-mf. capacity.

(5) The A.C.Detector. Both the detector methods just described were used in battery sets, but the same methods are used with the heater-type tubes in A.C. sets. Fig. 79 shows the grid condenser-and-leak method used with the type !27 tube, and Fig. 80 the grid-bias method, or plate detection. A "C" battery is seldom used in an A.C. set, as grid voltages are easily obtained from drops across resistors through which the plate current flows. Note the by-pass condenser across the bias resistor in Fig. 80.

(6) Power Detection. The sensitivity of a detector to weak signals depends upon the values of the plate voltage, the grid condenser and the leak, or grid-bias, voltage. Usually 22g to 45 volts is sufficient for the plate. A detector designed for weak signals would be unsatisfactory for operation where comparatively large amounts of radiofrequency energy is encountered - as in some of the modern high-powered sets. In these, power detection is used. The basic action is the same, as shown in the schematic circuit of the power detector used in the Stromberg-Carlson "No. 846" receiver illustrated in Fig. 81. The main difference is that a plate voltage of 250 volts is employed with a grid-bias voltage of about 28 volts. Where these detectors are used it is seldom

that more than one stage of audio-frequency amplification is required; the detector feeds directly into the pushpull power stage, resulting in very quiet operation with excellent quality. The values of the parts are given in the illustration.

(7) Regenerative Detectors. Regenerative detectors are seldom used in modern multitube radio sets, and we will not describe them in detail. It is sufficient to state that the circuits are similar to those given, except that



only to produce A.F. curr-

ent variations in the plate circuit. As a rule, this

method is not as sensitive



Fig. 81 - Linear Power Detector.

Fig. 83 - A resistor and condenser eliminates audio regeneration.

part of the audio-frequency energy existing in the plate circuit is transferred back to the grid circuit by means of a "tickler" coil connected directly in the plate lead. This reinforces the grid current and builds up the signal strength.

(8) Microphonic Howl. Microphonic howl is one common source of trouble in detectors, especially those employing battery-type tubes. The heater-type A.C. tubes give practically no trouble from this source. In extreme cases, it is necessary to exchange the tube in order to eliminate the howl, or use a cushioned socket or "howl arrestor." See Fig. 82. Since the detector is connected to the input side of the audio-frequency

amplifier, it is extremely susceptible to audio vibrations or current variations, which explains the excessive tendency to microphonic howl in this particular tube. The grid-bias or plate-detection type is less susceptible; as far as audiofrequency currents are concerned, the grid may be considered as connected directly to the filament or cathode, thereby preventing the detector from acting as an audio-frequency amplifier, which it is when a grid condenser and leak are used.

(9) Audio-Frequency Oscillation. This is partially due to the audio-frequency amplifier, but may be eliminated in many cases by correcting the detector. Audio oscillation manifests itself usually in a high-pitched squeal, caused by feed-back coupling in the "B" battery or supply circuit, from the output of the audio amplifier to the detector input. A 2-mf. by-pass condenser connected-between the detector "B plus" lead and the filament will usually prevent it. An audio choke or high variable resistor connected between the power-supply lead and the condenser also helps and proves very beneficial in many cases. See Fig. 83.



Fig. 82 - Howl Arrestor.

Changing from grid condenser - leak detection to grid-bias detection also helps in extreme cases.

(10) Sensitivity. Lack of sensitivity in the detector is usually due to a poor tube, or to wrong plate or filament voltages. An open grid leak or condenser is a contributing cause.

(11) Noise. In addition to microphonic howl, noise is caused by a poor or loose grid-leak resistor or dirty socket connections.

(12) Hum. Hum is usually caused by induction from near-by A.C. circuits, due to poor shielding or lack of proper by-pass condensers in the grid and plate circuits.

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(13) Overloading. In modern powerful sets using power detection, the detector is sometimes overloaded, causing distortion or "dead spots" on the tuning dial. The latter produces the effect of double resonance. The station may be slowly tuned in, approaching a maximum of volume as the set approaches resonance, until the detector is overloaded, causing a decrease in volume with the set tuned to resonance. Tuning beyond resonance removes the overload from the detector and the volume increases again. One may be deceived by this and think that the tuning system is out of order, when in fact the detector is at fault. In this case, the plate voltage should be adjusted to suit the particular location of the set, depending upon its proximity to broadcast stations and the particular stations that the customer desires. The grid leak or "C" bias voltage should be correspondingly changed.

(14) Filter Circuits. The radio-frequency energy that passes through the detector would cause havoo in the audio-frequency amplifier if it were not filtered; noisy, choked, distorting sounds would result. Usually a single .0005-mf. by-pass condenser, connected between the plate and filament of the detector, or across the primary of the first stage audio transformer (or the plate resistor in a resistance coupled amplifier) will suffice. A better filter is illustrated in the circuit of Fig. 81. Here two condensers of .0005-mf. each and a 10-mh. choke, connected as shown, are used. A filter of this kind could with advantage be easily added to a set having the above trouble. It will not interfere with the normal audio quality.



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Fig. 84 - Diagram of the Silver-Marshall 720 A.C. screen grid receiver is shown above. This set employs a screen grid power detector, S4, with a 60,000 ohm grid bias resistor, a "B" voltage of 170 volts, and a plate resistor of 300,000 ohms; the first audio stage being resistance coupled. The curves at the left show the comparison of the screen grid power detector with the type '27 tube detector circuit. Excellent audio quality at high volume is reported by users of this set.

CHAPTER IX

AUDIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIERS

INCE the audio-frequency amplifier determines the tone quality of the set, other things being normal, it is important that this part of the set be kept in the utmost of condition and that the tubes, transformers or other coupling devices and parts, as well as the supply voltages, be maintained in accordance with the specifications supplied by the manufacturer of the set. Good tone quality pleases the set owner. Poor tone quality pains him and breeds trouble for the Service Man - or may we call it pleasure, if he enjoys his work?

Types of Audio Amplifiers. Audio amplifiers vary in the forms of interstage (2) coupling and the types of tubes employed. There are many varieties in the thousands of sets in everyday use. The most common employs transformer coupling between stages. Others employ impedance coupling. Then there are the troublesome resistance-coupled ones, quite popular a few years ago and now not so common, yet again coming to the foreground in the form of direct-coupled amplifiers; to wit, the Loftin-White amplifier. With these three main groups, and from one to three stages in each amplifier, together with a wide variety of tubes, it is evident that many combinations can be produced, and such is the case. Yet trouble shooting is comparatively easy if we centralize our efforts on the coupling devices, tubes, connections and the supply voltages; the latter are assumed to be correct since we have already attended to them in Chapter III; and tubes we have tested and corrected in Chapter IV, leaving our present work limited to the coupling device and connections. Therefore, with the connections and coupling device correct, the amplifier will work. Of course, improvements may be made in the general tone quality and volume of many sets by changing the form of the audio amplifier, but the Service Man is not usually called upon to do this work.



(3) Transformer-Coupled Amplifier. A twostage transformer coupled amplifier is most generally used and, in many cases, the second stage is of the push-pull type (illustrated in Fig. 86. as compared with the ordinary type of Fig. 85.) Push-pull arrangement. gives greater output which is demanded by electrodynamic speakers. Parallel tubes connected in the last stage give greater output than a single tube, but two tubes in parallel are not equal to two in push-pull. In almost all cases, an output transformer or output choke coil-and-condenser is employed as shown, to couple the amplifier to the speaker; matching their electrical character istics and eliminating the D.C. plate current from



Fig. 88 - Thordarson '50 push-pull amplifier. A single and two push-pull stages are employed. The power supply is at the top. Note the output transformer in the lower left.

the speaker windings. In sets not employing power tubes, the speaker may be connected directly in the plate circuit without the use of an output coupling device, but in all push-pull amplifiers the coupling device is necessary, because of the circuit arrangement, unless the speaker winding has a center tap (which few have) or two speakers are used. Further reference to speaker coupling devices will be found in Chapter V. Some modern sets employ only one stage of audio amplification; the output from the power detector feeding directly into the push-pull audio power stage. See Chapter VIII. Tone quality with a minimum of hum is thereby obtained, at the expense of sensitivity, which must be compensated for in the radio-frequency amplifier.

(4) Transformer Tests. Lack of plate voltage at the tube socket indicates an open transformer primary winding, or a plate circuit open somewhere in the connections. Lack of grid-bias voltage indicates an open transformer secondary winding, or a grid circuit open somewhere in the connections. A continuity test on the transformer windings will reveal their condition. If the meter of the continuity tester reads full, the winding is short circuited; if the reading is zero, the winding is open or burnt out. The latter is a common occurrence in transformer primaries, which carry the plate current. If only a partial reading is obtained, the winding is intact. These windings have a rather high resistance which is indicated by the partial reading of the continuity meter. When a damaged transformer is located in a set, it should be replaced with one of the same type. Tests should also be made between the primary and secondary windings and between the windings and the core; in these tests the readings should be zero. A full reading indicates a short, and the transformer should be replaced. After the transformer has been disconnected from the set, the wiring in the set should be tested as the short may be in the external wiring to the transformer. Noise in transformers is common, and is due to a poor or loose connection within the instrument. To test, connect a 42-volt "C" battery, in series with a headset, to the winding under test and listen for noise. No sound except the initial click will be heard if the

transformer is in good condition.

(5) Special Circuits. Some transformers employ a core of special alloy which is more susceptible to magnetic influences than iron. When continually subjected to the magnetizing effect of the plate current of the tube, the core loses its qualities and the resultant tone quality of the set is impaired; bass notes are lacking. When other faults cannot be found in the amplifier, it is well to replace the transformers. Special circuits have been developed to prevent this trouble. In the circuit of Fig.31 (shown on page 26), methods known as "series plate feed" and "parallel plate feed" are employed. The former is shown in the connections of the first-stage transformer. A series resistor, Rl, by-passed by the l-mf. condenser, limits the plate current to a safe value. The parallel plate feed method is represented in the second or push-pull stage connections; here the D.C. plate current passes through a choke coil, the audiofrequency component of the current passing through the l-mf. coupling condenser to the primary of the input transformer. Note the 50,000-ohm resistors R2 in the grid return circuit of the input push-pull transformer. These are to suppress any cross-current "parasitie" oscillations that might develop in the push-pull tube circuit and introduce distortion and noise.

(6) Resistance-Coupled Amplifiers. Ordinary resistance coupling does not give as much amplification per stage as can be obtained from transformer-coupled amplifiers, consequently when it was first introduced, three stages were used. With present receivers, having more efficient radio-frequency amplifiers, more than two stages are seldom employed, with a consequent reduction in sources of troubles. Usually a combination of transformer and resistance coupling is encountered, as in the Atwater Kent "Model 55" and "55C" receivers; here the first stage is resistance coupled and the second stage push-pull transformer coupled. Fig. 48, page 41, shows the first (resistance) stage in this set. The detector and first audio tubes are indicated, together with the "C"bias resistors and detector-plate filter system. The coupling unit comprises a plate resistor, a blocking condenser and a grid-leak resistor. The audio-frequency current passing through the plate resistor causes voltage variations across it, which are applied to the grid of the following tube by means of the condenser. The purpose of the blocking condenser is to prevent the positive potential of the plate circuit from direct contact with the following grid, which would place a positive bias on it and kill the tube action. Resistor and condenser values vary, in accordance with the requirements of the tubes used.

(7) Troubles in Resistance-Coupled Amplifiers. Many things can happen to a resistancecoupled amplifier to throw it out of kilter; the most common faults are wrong plate voltages and wrong resistance values. Some resistors change with age. Power supply leads to the plate circuits should be thoroughly by-passed, to prevent motorboating, as indicated by the "detector filter condenser" of Fig. 48. A leaky blocking condenser is disastrous, resulting in excessive plate current in the following tube. On the other hand, an open or disconnected blocking condenser will prevent the transfer of voltage variations (signals) from one tube to the next, but will not effect voltage and current readings at the tube sockets. Since the condensers are seldom over 0.1-mf. in capacity, a continuity test or crude capacity measurement will not reveal the open. A quick check is to connect another condenser in parallel with the questionable one and note the results. Aside from checking the resistors and all condensers in the circuit, as well as the supply voltages, there is little to do in the resistancecoupled amplifier. It is well to remember that special "High-Mu" tubes (such as the type '40) have been developed especially for resistance- and impedance-coupled amplifiers and should not be used in transformer-coupled stages. Therefore, check all tubes.

(8) Impedance-Coupled Amplifiers. The circuit arrangements of these are identical to those of resistance-coupled amplifiers, choke coils being used instead of resistors. This makes possible the use of lower plate voltages, as we do not have the excessive voltage drop inevitable with resistors. Combinations of chokes and resistors are also



Fig. 89 - The Electrad-Loftin White direct-coupled amplifier. Fig. 90 - (right) Shows the wiring on the bottom of the instrument.

possible, such as a plate resistor and grid-leak choke, or vice-versa. In either case, a coupling or blocking condenser is required. Tapped chokes or impedances are sometimes used, giving the device an auto-transformer action. Testing impedance-coupled amplifiers will not be considered separately, as it involves only testing the coils and condensers in a manner similar to that described in connection with transformers.

(9) Direct-Coupled Amplifiers. The elimination of the coupling or blocking condenser in a resistance-coupled amplifier gives us what is called a direct-coupled amplifier, but certain precautions must be taken before this can be effected. Some means must be employed to maintain the grid-bias voltages at the proper values. This has been well accomplished in a practical manner in the Loftin-White amplifier, the circuit of which is given in Fig. 91.

This circuit was designed specifically for use as a phone amplifier, the phonograph pick-up being connected directly to the input terminals. However, with the

addition of a suitable coupling device many interesting combinations of this system with various R.F. tuners can be obtained. A simple receiver can be constructed by coupling the input terminals to an antenna and ground through a conventional tuning coil and condenser. In the diagram of Fig. 91, P is a 200 ohm potentiometer; Rl a tapped divider resistance; R5, 25000 ohm metallic resistor; R3, 50,000 ohm metallic resistor; R6, 100,000 ohm metallic resistor; RC, 500,000 ohm resistor; the tubes used are a type '80 rectifier, a 145 amplifier, and a 124 screen grid tube for the first stage. The resistances and connections are such that the correct bias voltages are obtained only when using the correct tubes.



Fig.91 - Diagram of direct-coupled amplifier.

(10) General Audio Troubles.

Oscillation, resulting in a high-pitched squeal, is

prevalent in many poor audio amplifiers, especially transformer-coupled ones. Sometimes placing the fingers across the secondary terminals of the first- or second-stage transformer will eliminate this, showing that a high resistor of from 10,000 to 50,000 ohms will do the same thing. This reduces volume, however, and should not be resorted to unless absolutely necessary. A condenser of about .0005-mf. capacity will also be a relief; but this method is likely to absorb high notes and produce distortion and a muffled tone. By-passing the plate-supply power leads or "B" batteries will also help. A condenser across the first primary, or an equivalent filter system in the detector plate circuit, is essential. For resistance-coupled amplifiers, a supply of resistors should be on hand, so that these can be interchanged.

(11) Audio Amplifier Comparisons. Transformer-coupled amplifiers have limited frequency characteristics; that is, they do not respond equally to all musical frequencies, especially at the extreme high and low ends of the scale, where they are less efficient than in the middle. Also, the magnetic qualities of the core distort the wave shape, introducing foreign frequencies into the tone. But modern transformers are good enough for all ordinary requirements, and are very reliable and practical. Resistance-coupled amplifiers have possibilities of giving extremely wide undistorted frequency-characteristics, resulting in better quality; but, generally speaking, they are less reliable and practical than transformer-coupled amplifiers. Impedance coupling may be placed somewhere between the two in merit. Therefore, in sets employing two or more resistance stages, it is sometimes advisable to substitute a transformer of modern make for one of the resistance stages. This will give more constant, reliable, dependable, practical, operation; with ultimate satisfaction on the part of the set owner. In making the change, it is usually necessary to change to the proper tube, and plate voltage, for transformer operation.



Fig. 92. - A typical resistance-capacity coupled amplifier is shown above. In amplifiers of this type absolute constant operating conditions are necessary. Changes in voltages or resistance values impair the quality and destroy the amplification factor. At the right are shown resistors of small size and high capacity suitable for circuits of this type. The illustrations are full size. The upper one has a rating of two watts and the lower one $\frac{1}{2}$ watt. They are furnished in various resistance values. Illustrations courtesy International Resistance Co. As regards constancy in voltage control, Amperites, (automatic voltage controls) are indicated in the filament circuits of the various tubes.



The illustration at the lower left shows a full size amperite. As the current which passes through it increases, the resistance wire in it becomes heated and its resistance increases -- thus tending to reduce the current or hold it at a constant value. Devices of this kind are also furnished to maintain a constant input voltage for electric sets.

CHAPTER X

EXTRANEOUS NOISES AND THEIR ORIGIN

OMMONLY known as "interference," we may classify everything that comes under the above heading as sounds coming from the speaker that interfere with the program we desire to hear. This covers a broad field. However, we can group these pests into those originating outside the receiver, and those originating within the receiver. When the customer says, "My set is noisy; come and fix it," only the experienced Service Man knows the full significance of that simple sentence. His first procedure is to turn on the set and listen to the noise; if his ears have been trained by long experience, he knows exactly where to find the origin of the noise. Knowing the source, however, does not solve the problem. The difficulty lies in eliminating the noise; and this difficulty has prevented the sale of many electric sets.

(2) External sounds. Suppose we let this cover all sounds originating from electrical disturbances external to the set. We can tell whether the set or lighting line is noisy by disconnecting the aerial; if everything is quiet, we know that the interference comes through the aerial. If the aerial is examined and tested and found to be in good shape, we know that the interference is received in the form of radio waves originating at some external place. We can classify this form of interference into:

- (a) Interference caused by broadcast stations,
- (b) Interference from some oscillating receiving set,
- (c) "Man made" static,
- (d) Natural static.

Of the four types, "d" is probably the most annoying from the Service Man's viewpoint.

(3) Interference from Broadcast Stations. This form of interference in one case manifests itself in actual reception of the program of the interfering station, in which case the trouble is in the receiving set. It tunes too broadly and should be corrected, as described in Chapters VI and VII. In the other case, this interference manifests itself in a continuous squeal, due to the heterodyne effect of the interfering waves. Sometimes the squeal, is "scrambled" by the audio program, giving rise to a very peculiar mess of squealing sounds; in this case the trouble is caused by the transmitting station, which is not using its allocated wave. This is more noticeable among the low wave length stations. Since the Service Man's field of action is limited to the receiving set, he can't correct troubles in the broadcast stations and the set

owner will have to be content with what he gets until other corrective measures are taken.

(4) Interference from Oscillating Receiving Sets. A regenerative set in the state of oscillation will radiate waves, just like a broadcast station, though not so powerful. These waves heterodyne with those of the broadcast station being tuned in, setting up whistling and squealing sounds which run up beyond and down below the audible musical scale, creating disturbance in all other sets within a half-mile radius. One has a desire to



Fig. 96 - The Flechtheim condensers are ideal for filtering line noises.



Fig. - 98. These line-noise eliminators connect between the set and the power supply Illustrations courtesy of The Insuline Corporation.



clip the offender's aerial, if it can be located. Fortunately, this form of interference is not as common as it used to be, as few modern sets oscillate.

(5) "Man-Made" Static. This form of interference can usually be distinguished from natural static, in that it has a more orderly arrangment of disordered, cacophonous, annoying, noises. To tabulate the various forms of man-made static seems unnecessary. Just keep

in mind that every electrical device, from the simple electric light up to electric railways and down to door bells - in fact, the whole gamut of electrical appliances gives birth to disturbances that affect the sensitive receiving set. These disturbances travel over three routes, and we can explain all of them by describing the origin of the simple click heard in a radio set when a light is turned off.

- (a) We have the low-frequency surge, or impulse, due to interrupting the current when the light is turned off. This upsets the equilibrium of the line voltage, giving rise to an impulse that finds its way into all sets connected to the line.
- (b) There is the radio-frequency wave, generated by virtue of the electrostatic capacity and inductance of the line in the immediate vicinity of the circuit interruption where sparking occurs. This exists, though the sparking is ever so slight. This wave travels over the line in the form of "wired wireless"; finding its way into the input or radiofrequency amplifier side of all sets connected to the line.
- (c) The radio-frequency wave, generated as described above, radiates from the light-circuit wires, as waves radiate from a broadcast aerial. These waves find their way into all sets in the vicinity, whether connected or disconnected from the line.

It is evident that any electrical device that interrupts the current causes interference, In addition, we have devices, such as arc lights and mercury-arc battery chargers, that give what we may call "continuous interruption" and produce very annoying noises. The nature of the noise may indicate the source. Low sputtering sounds like



Fig. 93 - A common source of "static."



Fig. 94 - To completely filter line noises both audio and radio-frequency filters should be used.



a rush order of bacon and eggs, indicate 60-cycle sparking, which may be due to a loose street lamp, or leakage in wet power lines, or loose transformer cutouts. See Fig. 93. Continuous clicking or buzzing may be due to ringing door bells or electric vibrators, or a radio station sending out code signals. Continuous semi-musical noises, that rise and fall in pitch, are caused by commutator-type motors that speed up and slow down, as in a trolley car. Short-wave sets seem to enjoy picking up the spark-plug noises from motor cars. "Super-Hets" have this habit also, as those who have operated them in motor boats know.

(6) Eliminating Man-Made Static. Various methods have been devised to eliminate manmade static; all use some form of filter system. For example, we can connect radiofrequency chokes in the line circuit supplying our set. As the name implies, these will choke out the radio-frequency currents existing in the line in the form of "wiredwireless." Then we can connect condensers across the line or between each side of the line and ground, to absorb radio-frequency currents. In addition, we must connect large iron-core chokes and large condensers in a similar fashion to the line to filter out all audio- or low-frequency impulses or surges. A complete filter of this type is illustrated in Fig. 94. Fig. 95 shows various types of filters. If the origin of the noise is definitely located, a filter should be connected there also, as indicated by the various illustrations of Fig. 97. This will block all three routes over which interference travels. Just a single 1-mf. condenser will help a lot.

A good grade of condenser should be used - one that will stand the terminal voltages of the machines being filtered. Fig. 96 shows two types, mainly employed in "B" supply systems, but suitable for filter systems also. Note that the larger one shown has a 2-mf. 5000 V. D.C. rating. The smaller one, measuring 1 1/8" square by 2" high, has a capacity of 1-mf. and will stand a working voltage of 1000 D.C. The unusually small size of this instrument explains why it is favored by many Service Men.

Various filter devices now on the market are available to the Service Man and will facilitate his work in this line. The "Filtervolt" line noise eliminators, two forms of which are shown in Fig. 98, can quickly be applied to any set.

(7) Locating Disturbances. A noisy street light, or other outside interference, may be located by the use of a simple portable regenerative set and a loop aerial. A good way is to ride around in a car with the set until the disturbance is found. The loop is directional, and will point to the direction of the disturbance. This is clearly illustrated in Fig. 99. The neighbors may think that you are looking for a lost radio program, but you will find that the search will be well worth the trouble.

(8) Natural Static. Natural static cannot as yet be eliminated or effectively reduced in any way, but the Service Man should recognize it, not to waste time trying to find trouble elsewhere when static exists. The most common source of static is the lightning discharge, and since there are some two hundred lightning discharges per minute taking place within the receiving area of a sensitive radio set, and more in the tropical regions, we hear a continuous grinding roar when we adjust our set to extreme sensitivity while tuning in a distant station. This is called "the noise level". If we could eliminate it, our receiving range would encircle the globe. Static, or "atmospherics," as it is also called, is more prevalent in the summer months, especially during local thunderstorms.

(9) Noises Originating Within the Set. The most likely sources of noise within the set are loose or poor connections in the circuit; such noise sounds for all the world like static. In addition, there are noises from microphonic tubes, weak batteries, oscillating circuits and mechanical vibration caused by the speaker or loose parts adjoining it or within its acoustical range. In the latter case there are instances when a picture on the opposite side of the room was set into vibration and chattered against the wall. Perhaps the best way to diagnose troubles from the resultant sound would be to list all the various sounds and give all the possible sources of trouble that could produce such sounds. The futility of doing this completely makes one hesitate to start. In the first place, we cannot spell all the various discordant sounds with the 26 letters available, and even if we could we couldn't pronounce them. In the second place, after investigating all the reasons given, the practical Service Man may find that the real trouble is due to a drop of solder spilled into the set by some previous Service Man - a condition that we could not possibly predict in advance. If one understands the function of each part in the set, as well as the electrical coordination of the whole ensemble, he can make a complete test of the set in the time it takes to read a printed diagnosis. Therefore, we will limit the following to the most outstanding symptoms.

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Fig. 99 - above. Showing how a loop aerial is employed to locate the source of man made static. The greatest response is heard when the loop points in the direction of the interference, as shown in the upper illustration. The illustrations at the right show common sources of trouble, and how they were subdued by means of

condenser type of filter circuits. Sign flashers, as shown above, always produce noises. Worn out or old commutator type motors, are also noisy. SPRACUE SPRACUE CONDENSER

Fig. 100 - above. This illustration shows an electrolytic condenser. Its small size and large capacity make it ideal for all kinds of filters.

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(10)	Dead set, no sound at all. No tube noise when jarring set, or back- ground static hiss.		Probably due to a broken circuit or poor tubes. Examine the aerial circuit, battery or power connections and loud speaker.
(11)	Low volume.		If the volume gradually decreases when the set is turned on, examine the batteries and tubes. If the volume is unsteady, test the line-voltage. Examine the aerial for swaying and "leaks" in wet weather.
(12)	Poor selectivity.		Note the set's location with respect to local stations. Try shorter aerial, wavetrap or reb <mark>al</mark> ance set in the shop.
(13)	Poor tone quality.		Check supply voltages. Look for trouble in the speaker, or wrong "C" - bias voltages on the tubes. Examine grid leak on detector.
(14)	Sharp cracking sounds.	•	Probably static, or outside line interference. If followed by set going dead, look for loose connection. Examine all soldered joints.
(15)	Squeals and howls.	-	If not very loud, probably due to neighboring set. If very loud and varying in pitch while tuning, due to oscillations in set. Test by-pass condensers and adjust trimming and neutralizing condensers. Examine by-pass condensers on audio transformers.
(16)	Gradually increasing . ringing sounds.	-	Due to microphonic tube - probably in detector socket. Try new tube or howl arrester.
(17)	Intermittent squeaks, like sound of wagon wheel or cold, squeaky snow.	-	In battery set, look for run-down storage battery or corroded connections.
(18)	A.C. Hum.	-	Cn A.C. sets, try reversing line plug. Try connecting one side of line to set chassis through a 2- to 4-mf. condenser. Examine rectifier supplying dynamic field current. Examine filter system and A.C. wiring or leads
(19)	Fading.	÷	near set. Test "C" bias resistors and voltage divider. On D.C. sets, lock for open grid circuit. This may be due to a natural atmospheric condition or poor aerial installation, or nearness to some other receiving set. Check line voltage for variations.
(20)	Rattling sounds.	-	Probably mechanical vibrations. Tighten all parts near speaker and cabinet. Examine speaker and re-center voice coil if necessary.

(21) Fuses "blow" when turning on set.

(27) Clicking.

(28) Heavy violent,

(29) Steady humming.

buzzing, usually short.

Examine filter condensers on A.C. input and in power supply. Test rectifiers supplying dynamic field current.

- (22) In describing sounds indicating radio interference, we cannot improve on those given in "Filterette," a booklet published by the Tobe Deutschmann Corporation.
- (23) Whirring, crackling, buzzing, humming, droning, whining.
 Indicate interference caused by electric motor; sometimes, when the motor starts and stops, the sound will start low and rise in pitch until the motor reaches full speed; when the whine will remain at a steady pitch, usually rather high. Especially true of commutator motors.
- (24) Rattles, Buzzes, Machine-gun fire. - Sounds of this sort generally indicate interference caused by telephone dialing, buzzers, or door bells. It is not generally steady, but stops and starts.
- (25) Violent heavy buzzing or rushing sound. - Sounds of this sort generally indicate interference caused by high-frequency apparatus. Such noises will usually be heard over a large area, a whole town, even; and often are so loud that they drown out the radio program completely.
- (26) Crackling, sputtering, <u>snapping, short buzzes</u> or scraping. - Sounds of this sort generally indicate interference which is being caused by one or more loose connections in the set, or electrical wiring in the vicinity. Sometimes the sounds are especially noticeable when the room is jarred or shaken by footsteps, street cars or traffic.
 - Sounds of this sort generally indicate interference which is being caused by some sort of make-and-break connection, such as a thermostat; especially if it comes at fairly steady intervals.
 - Sounds of this sort generally indicate radio interference which is being caused by arcing of a spark across a gap. This may occur as a short noise or a steady one.

Sounds of this sort generally indicate interference which is being caused by improperly filtered alternating current. Such humming is often a fault of your set or eliminator. Look for dynamic speakers improperly filtered; faulty construction of set or eliminator; filter condensers blown or shorted; ground on set poor; improper wiring; poor tubes; wiring parallel with power line.

CHAPTER XI

RADIO-PHONOGRAPH COMBINATIONS, SHORT-WAVE SETS, AUTOMOTIVE INSTALLATIONS.

RADIO-Phonograph Combinations. Many radio sets have phonograph combinations, and the Service Man is often called to make repairs on them. These phonograph combinations employ some kind of electromagnetic pickup device, consisting of parts similar to those in a magnetic speaker unit, except that the armature has an attachment for a phonograph needle. This rides in the groove of the record, causing the armature to vibrate, thereby inducing corresponding electrical vibrations in a coil surrounding the armature. The armature, of course, is mounted between the poles of a small permanent magnet. All that remains to do is to amplify these currents induced in the armature coil; various methods are employed. Part or all of the audio-frequency amplifier of the radio set is used to amplify these currents, the sound being reproduced by the regular loud speaker. The phonograph attachment is usually connected to the set by a plug connection; a switch on the set connects either radio or phonograph to the amplifier.

(2) Phono-Pickup Circuits. Connections of the phono-pickup circuits are included in the regular diagrams in the back of this book on the sets employing phonograph combinations. But a few words describing some of the circuits may not be amiss here. Fig. 102 shows a typical method as employed in the Stromberg Carlson "No. 654" A.C. receiver. In this set the phonograph motor is operated by the A.C. line and drives the turntable at a rate of 78 revolutions per minute; the output of the magnetic pickup is connected to a potentiometer volume control which, in turn, connects to the input transformer as shown. The secondary of the input transformer is led by means of a plug connection to the set, to the grid and filament of the detector tube, thus employing the detector as a stage of audio-frequency amplification. Arrangement for obtaining the proper "C" bias on the detector is included. In many other sets, the pickup connects to the primary winding of the first audio-frequency transformer, as shown in the diagrams of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender sets.

(3) Phonograph Motors. Special electric motors are employed for driving the turntable. In the Sonora sets a slow-speed series-wound commutator type is used; the motor armature revolves at the same speed as the turntable. A centrifugal-ball governor and brake disc maintain constant speed. It is operated by the 110V. 60-cycle line. Noises which the motor might produce in the radio set are filtered out as shown in the diagram of Fig. 103. Other types of motors run at high speed and have gear-reducing devices.




TYPE 2M MOTOR

(4) Automatic Stops. Arrangements are provided to automatically stop the phonograph motors at the end of the record, by an arm projecting underneath the motor board carried by the pickup arm. This arm opens the motor circuit, at the same time applying a brake, so that the motor stops within 8 to 10 revolutions.

(5) Troubles in Radio Phonograph Combinations. One of the simplest tests of a "dead" radio is to try the phonograph combination. If this works, it shows that the audiofrequency amplifier and speaker are in good condition, and that the trouble is in the radio-frequency amplifier or aerial system. So far as electrical trouble is concerned, in the pickup device, this can easily be tested by a continuity test, as well as all the associated parts. Mechanically, the pickup should be examined and the armature adjusted and cleaned if necessary. Loose parts and dirt will cause rattles. If it is "dead," examine the plug connections to the set. Test the volume control for opens and noise, and clean if necessary. Use new steel needles only for each rendition, or Tungstone needles.

(6) Motor Troubles. The speed should be measured and adjusted by timing with a watch. The turntable should turn 39 times in 30 seconds. In case of a stalled motor, test all the electrical circuits for continuity, and also remove the turntable and try turning the shaft with the fingers to see if it binds; this test is applicable to slow speed motors that run at the same speed as the turntable. Low torque may be due to a shorted portion of some of the motor windings, or binding in the mechanical system. Examine the governor. Shorted windings also cause a loud A.C. hum and commutator sparking. Open windings also cause excessive commutator sparking. Clean the commutator with fine carborundum paper. Fluctuations in speed are probably due to the governor, or to an open or loose connection, which should be corrected. Oil all parts indicated, with a good grade of sewing-machine oil. In cases of real difficulty, it is best to take the complete phonograph equipment to the shop for a thorough overhauling, taking care to follow the explicit instructions given by the manufacturer of the apparatus.



Fig. 101 - At the left is shown the magnetic and electric circuits of the Audak "tuned" phonograph pick-up. The right illustration shows the pick-up being tested for magnetic balance by tapping the needle with the finger. It can be balanced centrally by means of the thumb screw adjustment. An unbalanced condition means distorted reproduction.

SHORT-WAVE RECEIVERS.

The same general methods of testing broadcast receivers apply to short-wave receivers. There are outstanding differences in design, however, which we will briefly point out. In the first place, the short-wave receiver employs plug-in coils, so that the entire range may be covered; secondly, regeneration is used, the station usually being tuned in by the heterodyne whistle, after which the set is left on the verge of oscillating, for phone reception. Regeneration is controlled by a rotating tickler coil, a variable condenser, or a variable high resistor. A typical short-wave circuit of wide popularity is that of the Pilot "Super Wasp," illustrated in Fig. 104. This is an A.C. receiver, which required special design, as will be pointed out later. The battery-type short-wave set is more common and of simpler design. The Service Man cannot account for or explain all the vagaries of short-wave reception, but he can test the set and see that it is in working order, and trust to the elements whether Holland, Australia, or the next-door neighbor is tuned in.

(2) Troubles in Short-Wave Sets. In addition to many



Fig. 104 - The Pilot A.C. Super Wasp.

(3) A.C.Hum. In the short-wave A.C. set shown in Fig. 104, hum was successfully eliminated by special methods. Two classes of hum were encountered; one existed with the tuning dials at any position; the other seemed to be "tuned in," like a radio station. The former was found to be due to the tube construction; the A.C. magnetic field about the filament reacted on the electron flow and hence the plate current, causing it to vibrate in unison. A special Pilot type '27 tube was subsequently developed, in which the heater filament doubled back on itself, like a hairpin, thus neutralizing its own magnetic field and eliminating this source of hum. The second type of hum was very prominent in regions between 14 and 50 meters and was found to be caused by parasitic oscillations existing in the heater-cathode combination and center-tapped resistor across the filament of the detector. These were modulated by the 60-cycle filament current, producing the hum. A .006-mf. condenser, connected across one side of this resistor, as shown, wiped them out and eliminated the hum. Other forms of troubles are similar to those in broadcast sets and need not be repeated again.

In addition to many of the troubles encountered in broadcast sets, the shortwave set has troubles all its own. Perhaps the most common complaint is due to fading of the signals; this, however, is due to external agencies beyond the control of the Service Man. The reflection and refraction of waves by the Heaviside layer some 60 to 200 miles above the earth (depending upon the time of day) influences short waves of different frequencies differently. The waves "skip" around the earth and are apt to be heard at any place on the globe. Foreign stations roar in at certain times and locals fade away. All we can suggest is the use of three or four aerials of different lengths and locations. and switching arrangements whereby any one, or any combination, can quickly be connected for operation.

SERVICING AUTOMOTIVE RADIO

The popularity of this type of radio set makes a few words describing it necessary. While the set proper is similar to that of hundreds of other broadcast sets, certain precautions had to be taken in the design of it, to make it adaptable to the car. For example, the size of aerial and "counterpoise" (ground) is limited. The aerial must be small enough to be contained within the car; the ground is a counterpoise consisting



The "Transitone" installation: 1, acrial; 2, reproducer; 3, car floor; 5, output filter; 7, aerial lead; 9, interference filter condensers; 12, "ground"; 13, distributor; 14 ignition coil; 15, generator. See illustrations below.

Fig. 105 - A typical auto installation.

system; the set is installed under the instrument panel, the tubes being inverted. Flexible control shafts extend from the set to the control dials on the instrument board. The aerial consists of wire netting in the top of the car. The regular 6-volt car storage battery supplies the filaments, and the "B" batteries installed under the front seat supply the plate current. In limousines the magnetic reproducer is mounted above the windshield, and in open cars, below the instrument panel. The layout of the "Bosch" equipment is illustrated in Fig. 106. But the Service Man is more interested in the electrical problems

than the mechanical layout.

(3) Interference Problems. A 25,000-ohm resistor is placed in series with each spark-plug lead to suppress high-frequency oscillations. See Fig. 107. A similar resistor is placed in the hightension lead between the coil and the distributor. These have negligible effect on the action of the ignition system. In all types of ignition coils a certain amount of "kickback" voltage is impressed on the primary winding by the high-tension side. This finds

Fig. 107 - Resistors on spark plugs to reduce noise.

of the metal framework of the car. With this small pick-up system, an extremely sensitive set is required. And a sensitive set of this nature is difficult to operate properly within a few feet of a noisy, sparky, high-tension, ignition system. Add to this the excessive mechanical vibrations acting on the tubes and connections and loosening them, and we have a vague idea of the troubles that had to be overcome to make automotive radio successful.

(2) Auto Installations. The various illustrations show typical examples of car installations. Fig.105 shows the general layout of the "Transitone"

its way back to the storage battery and thence to the receiver, and is therefore filtered out by means of a 1-mf. condenser connected between the battery terminal of the coil and ground. If the ignition coil is mounted on the instrument board, it is necessary to shield the high-tension, and the leads going to the breaker points, at the point where they pass through the engine partition. Remember, in some cars the positive terminal of the storage battery is grounded, and in others, the negative side is grounded.

(4) Type of Circuit. In the Transitone Model TR106 set," a schematic diagram of which is shown in Fig. 108, three stages of tuned R.F. amplification are employed, using type 'OlA tubes, with grid-suppressor resistances to stabilize the circuit. Two tuning-control dials are used. A "soft" (type 100) detector tube is employed, and a two-stage audio-frequency amplifier; the last or output tube being a type '12A. Trouble shoot-



The schematic circuit of the receiver illustrated above. The switch is S, the R.F. rheostat is a panel control for volume. The grid suppressors, R1-2-3, are 500, 3,000 and 100 ohms, respectively.

Fig. 108 - Diagram of the set shown in Fig. 106. in accordance with the instructions outlined else-

ing in the set, therefore, can be in accordance with the instructions outlined elsewhere in this book.

(5) Fig. 109 shows the schematic circuit of the "NR109" set developed by the Automobile Radio Corp. The receiver and detector is in one unit (NR107) and the audio amplifier in another unit (NR108). A single-control dial is used, and the volumecontrol knob is mounted on the center of the dial. The output tube is a type '71A. This set is used on all Chrysler cars which are radio equipped at the factory.





"Model NR. 107" tuning unit, left; "Model NR. 108" amplifier above. Either R7 or R8, or both, may be used. Observe resistancecapacity filters in grid and plate leads. Part values are not given.

Fig. 109 - This is a later type of circuit used in the auto installation. The circuit is neutralized and is thereby made more sensitive.



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Above. Battery model of the "Mohawk" One-Dial receiver. If the original switching system for cutting V6 into the circuit is to be retained, special connections must be employed, as described in the text. At right: Modifications in later models: this standard arrange-ment of the output stage provides for the use of a power tube at V6.

There are two principal variations in the battery-model Mohawk receiver. The first cir-cuit, shown above does not make provisions for a power tube at V6; six type '01.\ tubes are required. A 5-wire cable is used. An odd An odd arrangement of the A.F. output circuit, to select two or three stages of A.F., by means of tip-jacks and a plug, necessitates placing the addijacks and a plug, necessitates placing the addi-tional battery required for power-tube operation on the plate side of the A.F. output, at the point marked X2 (otherwise, this supplementary po-tential would be added to the plate supply of V5). The corresponding "C" potential is added at X1.

In later models, provisions were made for a power tube; and the usual connections are shown at the right of the main diagram. The color code of the (7-wire) cable is then as follows: Green, "A—"; red, "A+"; white (connected to red), "B—"; slate, "B+" $22\frac{1}{2}$ or 45 volts; blue, "B+" $67\frac{1}{2}$ or 90 volts; pink, "B+" 90, 135 or 180 volts; black, "C—" ' $4\frac{1}{2}$ volts; brown, "C—" $4\frac{1}{2}$, 9, $22\frac{1}{2}$ or 45 volts; yellow (conpower tube; and the usual connections are shown at the right of the main diagram. The color

"C-" 41/2, 9, 221/2 or 45 volts; yellow (con-nected to green), "C+".

The available constants for this receiver are as follows: L1, L2, L3, shielded R.F. trans-formers; volume control R1 is a 500,000-ohm variable resistor which turns off the set by operating switch SW when R1 is turned to extreme left; R2, 2 megs.; R3, 1½ amp. fila-ment ballast; R4, 1-ohm resistor; C4, .00025-mf.; C5, .002-mf.; C6, 0.5-mf. In some sets, R3 is a 10-ohm rheostat.

In later production a selectivity control was accorporated. This was in effect a single-pole, incorporated. single-throw switch arranged to select either all, or half, the primary of L1.

The circuit of this receiver will oscillate; but is controlled by R1. Trimming plates are provided on the condenser gang.

The tube layout shown is the same for A.C. and battery models.



Layout of parts in receivers of the All-American "Mohawk" line.

The A.C. model requires four '26s for V1,

The A.C. model requires four '26s for V1, V2, V4, V5; a '27 for V3; and a '71A for V6. The constants of the A.C. model are as fol-lows: C4, .00025.mf.; C5, .002.mf.; C6, C7, C8, C15, 0.5.mf.; C9, .003.mf.; C10, C11, 1.0. mf.; C12, 6.mf.; C13, 3.mf.; C14, 2.mf.; R1, 650 ohms; R2, 850 ohms; R3, 2 to 3 megs.; R4, R7, R8, 20 ohms; R5, R9, 1,000 to 1,200 ohms; R6, 0.5-ohm; R10, 2,000 ohms. The heater of V3 is held at 45 volts positive. If this positive tao opencircuits there will be

If this positive tap open-circuits, there will be a noticeable increase in hum.

Resistor R6 varies the heater current to V1 ad V2. It has a value from 0.5- to 0.75-ohm. and V2. Lack of volume control may be due to a short' in this unit; while a ground will result in hum. Transformers T1, T2, T3 have a ratio of to 1; T4, 1 to 1.

Uncontrollable circuit oscillation will result if R1 or R2 becomes shorted, and may be the result if R1 and R2 are interchanged. If the

set cannot be made to oscillate on medium to set cannot be made to oscillate on medium to high wavelengths, try changing the R.F. tubes; though this may be due to C15 being open. A particularly high noise level may be an indica-tion of C9 being open. The "Mohawk" receivers carry further desig-nating names, such as "Navajo," "Iroquois," "Cortes," "Hiawatha," "Seminole." Some of these are table models a therm one."

these are table models, others consoles with or without speakers. One of the early models was designed to use Kellogg tubes, with their side connections for the heater leads.

The voltage divider of the neater leads. The voltage divider of the current-supply unit used in the electric model calls for these re-sistor values: R11 ("B—" to "B+" 45) 6,500 ohms; R12 ("B+"45 to "B+"110) 6,000 ohms; R13 ("B+"110 to "B+"220) 1,600 ohms.

Attention is called to the fact that, although some of the circuit sheets which have been is-sued do not show a ground, there is a return circuit to ground for the power unit, as shown in the diagram at the bottom of this page

In the diagram at the bottom of this page. The color-code of the Jones cable used in this receiver to couple the receiver to the power pack is as follows: Pink (2), $1\frac{1}{2}$ volt filament supply for R.F. tubes V1 and V2 (the output of secondary S3); yellow (2), 1½-volt filament supply for A.F. tubes VI and V2 (the output of secondary S5); black (2), 5-volt filament winding for power tube V6 (the output of secondary S6); purple and gray leads, the 2½-volt supply leads (from secondary S4) for the filament of detector tube V4; green, "B+" 45 volts; white, "B+" 110 to 150 volts; red, "B+" 220 to 250 volts; brown, the "B-" lead, is to be grounded.

Most receivers require a good ground con-nection; but this is particularly true of the "Mohawks," if hum is to be held at a minimum level.







Radio Service Data Sheet

BOSCH "CRUISER," "ROYAL CRUISER," AND "IMPERIAL CRUISER" MODEL 35 BATTERY SETS

An unusual method of obtaining neutralization is observed in these popular "Cruisers." Windings (A) in coils L2 and L3 are in the negative filament leads of V1 and V2, for this purpose, and function in conjunction with condensers C7 and C8. Resistor R1 is a master control to maintain

Resistor R1 is a master control to maintain the filament potential at five volts. Volume is further controlled through R2 (marked "Amplifier") which, at its position of highest resistance, operates switch SW1. Selectivity is governed by SW2 (marked "Clarifier") and C10. A nine-wire cable connects the current supply to the set. As this model of the Bosch receiver is not

As this model of the Bosch receiver is not provided with an output transformer, or choke coil and condenser, trouble may be experienced from de-polarized magnets in magnetic-type reproducers, if the leads of the reproducer have been accidentally reversed.

The location of the main rheostat, R1, is indicated in the top and bottom views of this receiver. The slot in the top of the control will be parallel with the front of the set for the five-volt setting.

Four '01A tubes and a '12A or '71A tube are recommended for this set.



Top view of parts layout of Bosch "Cruiscrs." The coupling devices for C2, C3 are clearly shown.

Nearest to the panel is the knob that controls C2 and C3, the settings of which are indicated on the upper or "Main Tuning Scale." The other knob controls the antenna for tuning condenser C1, with its position indicated on the lower or "Antenna Tuning Scale." The reading on the lower scale depends, in part, on the length of the antenna.

This receiver is balanced like a regular neutrodyne receiver, a "dummy" or open-filament tube (or similar expedient) being used in place of the regular tube; first, in place of V2, and then as a substitute for V1. Adjustments of C7 and C8 are made for minimum signal. Condenser C9 resonates the detector circuit for maximum signal.



Schematic circuit of "Type BAN (Edition 3) Nobattry" eliminator.

If either of the above adjustments cannot be made, check the R.F. circuit for faults. Remove the shields from C1, C2 and C3, and note whether, at the zero setting of the dial, all the condenser rotors align perfectly straight at the tapered ends of the stators. Adjustment of the stators is accomplished through the bolts which join two end plates (if it is desired to change the spacing between interleaved rotor and stator plates); and the proper spacing here, for minimum setting, is easily obtained by adjustment of the screws on the condenser-shaft couplings.

If the condenser shafts lose their alignment, the condensers may be loosened and reset to the correct positions. Condenser C2 may be shifted for proper alignment after removing the coil assemblies.

With all condensers set at maximum capacity, the dial should indicate 100. If this reading is not obtained, compensation may be secured by adjustment of two stop screws provided for this purpose.

A six ohm rheostat may be used as replacement for R1; R2 has a resistance of about 30 ohms; R3 is the usual 2-meg. leak; C1, C2, C3 are the tuning condensers; C4 is .00025 mf.; C5, C6, 1.0 mf. each; C7, C8, C9, 100 mmf., maximum (approx.); C10 125 mmf. (approx.); C11 .006 mf. The "Type BAN" (Edition 3) "Nobattry" eliminator is usually used with this model of the "Cruiser" line. (Other models of the "Cruiser" embodying somewhat the same general features but varying in details are the "Model 96DC, 110 volts"; "Model 156," (for direct current); "Models 66, 76, 76L" (battery-operated); "Models 66AC. 96, 116, 136" (for A.C. operation).

Constants for the above "Nobattry" unit are as follows: C12, C13 0.1-mf.; C14, 3 mf.; C15, 2 mf.; C16, C17, 2 mf.; R4, 4,000 ohms (or a variable 5,000 ohms. V6 is a gaseous rectifier; SW3 the power switch. The principal choke unit in the filter system is a "double" choke. Although the circuit diagram does not indicate that there is a mechanical connection between C2, C3, and antenna condenser C1, there is a slip coupling which permits C1 to turn readily when the other two tuning condensers



Underside appearance of "Model 35" receivers. Units R1, C7, C8, C9, shown here, adjust from above.

are adjusted or to be operated independently of these two. More complete control of the dial reading designated "Antenna Tuning Scale" will be secured by making C10 one of the compact adjustable units now available. Then, by varying C10 and SW2, it will be possible to obtain nearly identical readings on both scales for any average antenna conditions.

If it is found that circuit oscillation cannot be stopped, test windings A for reversed connections; checking L3 first and L2 last.













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The schematic circuit of the Bosch Motor Car Radio receiver, made by the American Bosch Magneto Corp.; is includes four tuned-input, battery-operated, '24-type screen grid tubes, as R.F. and detector stages, and a single audio output tube, operating the built-on magnetic speaker.











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Schematic Circuit of the Amrad Type 7191 Power Unit designed for the Model 7100 receiver The Model 7100 receiver is designed to operate without an outside aerial, the radio frequency pick-up of the light line being sufficient in most localities to bring in the signals of distant stations. Units M and M1 are Mershon electrolytic condensers.

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AMRAD MODEL 81 ("BEL CANTO" SERIES) RECEIVER

The tubes required for this receiver are as follows: V1, V2, V3, '24s; V4, V5, '27s; V6, V7, '45s; V8, '80; V9, 2.5-volt bulb. R1 is the volume control and varies the volt-

age applied to the screen-grids of V1, V2, V3. Further constants for this receiver may be obtained from the following list. C1, C2, C3, C4 constitute the four-gang tuning condenser; C5 has a capacity of .00025-mf. C6, C7, C9, C11, C12, are contained in "by-pass block condenser No. 8113" (which may have either lug or wire terminals, connected as shown in the accompanying illustrations), and the values are: C6, C7, C12, 1.0 mf., C9, C11, 0.5-mf. C8 has a capacity of 1.0 mf.; C10, .002-mf.; C13, 0.25-mf. The four units of the electrolytic condenser have the following ratings (the four terminals are the positive leads and the copper case is the common, grounded, negative side of the circuit): M1, 18 mf., M2, 8 mf., M3, 18 mf., M4, 8 mf.

The resistors have the following values: R1, 50,000 ohms; R2, 21,000 ohms; R3, 1.5 megs.;



One type of filter-block terminals.

R4, 12,500 ohms; R5, 100,000 ohms; R6, 2,250 ohms; R7, 20 ohms; R8, 200,000 ohms; R9, 5,000 ohms; R10, 60 ohms; R11, 31 ohms; R12, 860 ohms; R13, 1,500 ohms. The resistor cartridges are colored as follows: R2, green; R4, black; R5, yellow; R6, orange; R9, brown; R13, purple.

The Model 81 chassis is fused at three amperes. The "antenna compensating control" is the 10-plate variable condenser marked C1A;



A view looking down on the "81" chassis.

while the remaining trimming condensers are adjustable, through the shield can, with a screwdriver. Binding posts at the rear of the chassis permit selection of the correct tap on the antenna input inductance L1, for the required degree of selectivity and sensitivity. When the tube is renewed at V4, it will probably be necessary to readjust the setting of R8. If circuit oscillation should appear in the receiver, it may usually be traced to a defective '24 tube, which should be replaced. The cord which operates the tuning dial is

The cord which operates the tuning dial is kept in tension by an adjustment which compensates for stretching; this is regulated hy putting a screwdriver through a hole cut in the edge of the dial drum.

edge of the dial drum. Each of the R.F. transformer primaries (L1, as well as P in L2, L3 and L4) consists of a winding of about 200 turns on a bobbin at the grid end of the secondary; it has a direct-current resistance of about 80 ohms. Ch1 has a resistance of about 100 ohms.

resistance of about 100 ohms. The D.C. resistance values of T1, between ground and the three higher-potential ends, are as follows: to phono tap, 20 ohms; to detector tap, 2,000 ohms; to grid lead, 12,000 ohms. The primary of T2 has a D.C. resistance of 1,690 ohms; the secondary has an over-all resistance value of 10,600 ohms, divided into 4,800 and 5,800 ohms for the grid circuits of $\sqrt{6}$ and $\sqrt{7}$. Transformer T3 has a primary D.C. resistance of 190 ohms on one side of the tap, and 220 ohms in the other; the secondary has a D.C. resistance of 0.8-ohm (approx.) to match the voice coil of an RCA "Type 106" dynamic reproducer. The field coil of this instrument has a D.C. resistance of 7000 ohms. As most Service Men know, the voice coil is easily centered by first loosening the center machine screw that clamps the cone-spider to the iron core. (The voice-coil leads of the "106" are marked "B" and the field-coil leads are lettered "C.").

tered "C."). Correct operating conditions for the "Model 81" Amrad are as follows: V1, V2 and V3, plate voltage 180, control-grid bias 1.5, plate current 4 ma.; V4, plate voltage 30 (with tube out of socket, 140 volts), grid bias 0.0, plate current 1.5 ma.; V5, plate voltage 160, plate



Another form of condenser connections.

current 4.1 ma., grid bias 10.5; V6, plate voltage 250, plate current 28 ma., grid voltage 50, filament voltage 2.25; V7, same; V8, plate output 110 ma., filament voltage 4.65. (All the other tubes have a filament voltage of 2.25; at the socket with the tube out, 2:32.) These values were obtained with the set adjusted for a 120-volt line supply, and the volume control full "on." The "C" bias figure of 10.5 volts for V5 will not be obtained unless the hum control R7 is turned to the ground side.





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ATWATER KENT MODELS 30, 33, 35, 48 AND 49 Unon0

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These receivers are six-tube sets of the singledial, battery-operated type. They are often re-ferred to by their factory catalog numbers, to wit: Model 30, No. 8000; Model 35, No. 8100; Model 48, No. 9840; Model 33, No. 8930; Model 49, No. 9860.

The models 33 and 49 have a tuned input (four tuned circuits); the models 30, 35 and 48 have an untuned input (three tuned circuits). Models 48 and Models 49 are code numbers Models 45 and Models 49 are code numbers showing that a gold-finished panel is used. Models 33 and 49 are so wired that R5 limits the current to V5 and V6 only while V4 is controlled by the additional variable resistor R in the first stage of these two circuits Rx. has the same value as equivalent resistors R1 and R2. C is the regular tuning condenser, in shunt to which is the circuit-balancing variable condenser Ca.

The purpose of the untuned antenna input of the 30, 35 and 48, shown in the larger dia-gram, is to eliminate the detuning effects of aerials of different constants.

If it becomes necessary to change a variablecondenser bank, make certain that the pulleys turn easily on the shafts; if they do not be-cause of a damaged condenser shaft, replace the entire condenser group.

Each belt must be arranged with the eyelets, which clamp the two ends together, at the bottom of the belt loop. Each belt has two small holes; one to fit over a pin on the dial-condenser pulley and the other to fit over the pin on the pulley which is controlled by that belt.

Loosen screws in the outer condensers and move them toward the dial-condenser, so that the belts will fit easily over the pulleys. In moving condensers, hold them by the heavy frame of the stator plates, as this avoids strain on the different parts of the condenser assembly.

To arrange the belts on the 30, 35 and 48, first put on the belt which fits over the inner of the two pins on the dial-condenser pulley, and over the pulley of the third (right) con-denser. Then, put on the belt that fits over the *outer* of the two pins on the dial-condenser pulley, and over the pulley of the first (left) condenser.

A bit different procedure must be followed in arranging the belts on the 33 and 49. Put on that fits over the inner of the two the belt pins on the dial-condenser pulley, and over the third pulley, as the first step. Then, put on the belt that fits over the *inner* of the two pins on dial-condenser pulley (this will bring it on top of the first belt) and continue on over the pulley of the fourth right condenser. The last step is to put on the belt that fits over the outer one of the two pins on the dial condenser pulley and over the pulley of the first or left

After the belts are in position the next step is to adjust the belt tension. See that the three

screws holding the dial-condenser to chassis are tight, and that the three screws in each of the other variable condensers are slightly loosened. Note that the holes through which these latter screws pass are slotted, allowing the condenser to be moved horizontally a fraction of an inch toward or away from the dial condenser. pins projecting from the front of the condenser fit into two horizontal slots and serve to keep the condenser properly aligned. It is important to see that the pins of the condenser are not jammed outside but are in the slots. The frame of the metal-frame variable condensers will be found to partly cover a hole (on the side of the condenser nearest to the dial-condenser) that is provided in the front of the chassis and at the edge of each condenser for the purpose of tightening the belts. By inserting the blade of a screwdriver in this hole and twisting the blade, the condenser may be moved away from the dial-condenser; this motion tightens one belt A little dexterity is required when the correct belt tension has been obtained; for the next step is to keep the condenser in the correct position while, with the right hand, a second screwdriver is used to tighten the three screws that pull the condenser to the chassis. Screws must be pulled up tight as soon as the tension is such that the variable condensers all move at the same instant, forward or backward, when the dial is adjusted, without any slack in the belts.

Following are a few details that relate specifically to the 30, 35 and 48. Adjust right-hand helt first; insert the blade of a screwdriver the chassis hole at the left-hand edge of the third condenser and twist the blade, slowly. This will force the third condenser toward the right and increase the tension on the belt. When it seems to be at about the right tension, as judged by pressing the belt, tighten the three screws with a second screwdriver.

Special notes in connection with the 33 and 49 are as follows: the dial-condenser and third condenser belt should be adjusted first. Follow ing this is the adjustment of the belt passing over the pulleys of the dial-condenser and fourth condenser. (Tension is tested by press-ing down the belt between the third and fourth pulleys.) The left-hand belt is the last to adjust.

As it is necessary, in making certain replacements, to know the general classification of the R.F. inductance group of each model as regards its serial number, these data are included here-with. The identifying washer is found under the nut on the second R.F. transformer mounting; the colors of the washers are as follows: Model 30, 635,001 to 644,351, black; above 644,351, red. Model 35, below 900,000, no washer; 900,001 to 955,700, yellow or amber; above 955,701, gray. Model 33, Unit No. 9220: antenna coil has five leads (one red), L1 has one

green lead. L2 has one yellow lead, and L3 has one blue lead.

To reduce inter-stage coupling to a minimum, the three R.F. inductances L1, L2 and L3 in the 30, 35 and 48 are so arranged that the axis of each is at right angles to that of the others, (The R.F. choke Ch is only about 1/4-in. long and has a negligible field); however, the 33 and 49 incorporate four tuned circuits and, to reduce interstage coupling, the coil de-sign was entirely changed to "binocular" or "astatic" (non-inductive) windings. If, after carefully balancing the variable condensers, it is found that the variable condensers cannot be kept in tuning alignment throughout the tuning range, it is probable that one or more of the R.F. inductances is out of balance; it is then advisable to replace the entire set with a new unit.

The A.F. output of any of these sets may be fed to a Weston "Model 424" thermocouple galvanometer, through an additional, or third, stage of A.F. amplification, to determine alignment of variable condensers when the A.F. modulated output of an R.F. oscillator is picked up by the set. The oscillator should be coupled to the set to a degree which results, in an approximate reading of 50 on the galvanometer, at about 50 on the tuning dial (as each stage brought into resonance the meter reading will rise, and the oscillator coupling should be re-duced to compensate for this.) First, resonate duced to compensate for this.) First, resonate all the circuits for maximum deflection at about 40 on the dial; repeat performance at 80; then drop to 20 on the dial. After the condensers been locked in position, the meter readings at 20 and 80 should not drop more than 30% below the reading at 40; a lower reading shows either a defective condenser gang or defective R.F. inductance bank. Inspection of both should then enable a decision to be made.

These sets are wired for a power tube in the last A.F. socket except for early types of the 30. To change the wiring of these, determine 30. To change the wiring of these, determine by continuity test the grid return lead of T2 which connects to the blue lead in the cable. Break this grid return lead, and attach a length of wire sufficient to reach the "C" battery. Then, connect the positive lead of the speaker (black and red, for Atwater Kent models) to the highest "B+" instead of the connction post on the set.

The A.F. transformers have the following color code for the leads: green to plate; yellow to "B" plus; black to grid; blue to "A—" or "C—". TI has a ratio of 4:1; T2, $2\frac{3}{2}$:1. T1 has a ratio of 4:1; T2, 21/2:1.

Approximate values for the parts used in these radio sets are as follows: C4, 0.5 mf.; C5, 0.90025 mf.; C6, 006 mf.; R1, R2, R3, R, 800 ohms; R4, 20 ohms; R5, 4 ohms; R6, 30 ohms, center-tapped; Rx, 20 ohms. In the earlier diagrams "A+" is connected to "B-"; in later models, "A--" to "B--"

This is purely external, however.



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The diagram of the power unit in Models 40, 42, 44 and 52 is similar to that shown above with the following exceptions: A regulating resistance is connected in series with the primary circuit in Models 42, 44 and 52. A filter condenser is connected between F1 and ground. The junction point of the bias resistance is connected to the lower instead of the upper ground eyelet. The color scheme is different and is shown in Fig. 77-



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF POWER UNIT IN MODELS 40,42,44,AND 52. SOME EARLY UNITS OF THIS TYPE HAVE COLOR SCHEME SIMILAR TO UNIT IN MODEL 38 SET. NOTE THAT COLORS AS NOW STANDARDIZED CORRESPOND WITH THE COLORS OF SET-CABLE LEADS.



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The Model 55 receiver is a 6-tube (and rectifier) A.C. outfit representing a distinct departure in de-ing from previous models. The screen-grid R.F. tubes, furnish a high degree for the uses of the R.F. circuits are shielded, the selec-tive and sensitivity are excellent. The resistance coupled audio stage assures that signals are passed into the push-pull audio output stage with minimum distortion where they are further greatly amplified vantages of this type receiver may be mentioned the far mounted in separate metal containers, simplifying replacement. (2) An illuminated dial graduated in Notage on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this voltage on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this working on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this working on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this working on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this off age on the "screen grid" in the R.F. tubes, this working the source operation for the customer, (3) The volume control operates by regulating the working the source operation than previous designs which had the detore dynamic speaker which can be used with man parts are of new, more rugged and ef-ficient design. (6) The use of heater type tubes in the method of connecting the speaker field coil re-dractically no hum. As in the other Arwater Kent for existing the fourter is propared. It is necessary to remove the shields. Also note that a lead from the sec-ondary of each R.F. transformer is de-fective, the entire group must be replaced. Likewise if one variable condenser is defective, all three con-tensor must be replaced. It is necessary to remove the shields. Also note that a lead from the sec-ondary of each R.F. transformer to the bottom sta-tor aid the base of the shield and must not be shields. Also note that a lead from the sec-ondary of each R.F. transformer to the bottom sta-source and should be used if the astrial is 50s the shields. Also note that a lead from the sec-ondary of each R.F. transformer to the bottom sta-targe antenna. Two anten

VOLTAGE REQUIREMENTS

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-F to $+F$ contacts on V1, V2, V3 and V	'4 2.4 (a)
-F to +F contacts on V5 and V6	2.4 (a)
Filament contacts on V7	4.9 (a)
Plate	
Cathode to plate, V1 (m)	175 (b)
Ditto, V2 (m)	175 (c)
Ditto, V3	105 (d)
Dirro V4	70 (c)
Filament to plate, V5 and V6	235 (f)
Control Grid	
Cathode to control grid V1 (m)	3 (0)
Dirto V2 (m)	3 (6)
Dirto V3	12 6
Dirro Vá	22 5 6
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Fliament to grid, V5 and V6,	42 (K)
Screen Grid	
Cathode to screen grid, V1 and V2 (m)	85 (1)

Cathode to screen grid, V1 and V2 (m) Additional Test Information Use high resistance D.C. voltmeter (about 0.50-250)

Additional Text Information Use high resistance D.C. voltmeter (about 0.50-250) to measure plate and grid voltages; and an A.C. voltmeter to measure filament potentials. Tests made with set in operation, all tubes and speaker plugged in sockets. Tests made in order listed. Low plate or grid voltages may indicate a partially shorted bypass or filter condenser; V3 plate voltage will be low, and V3 grid voltage high, if either of the double "phone" condensers are shorted (m) denotes volume control set at maximum. NO READING indicates: (a) open filter choke, open primary of 2nd R.F.T.; (d) open high voltage winding, open speaker magnet coil, open filter thoke, open primary of 2nd R.F.T.; (d) open V3 filter resistor (black) R6, coupling resistor (black) R1, R.F. choke CH, or V3 bias resistor (blue) R7; (e) open V4 filter re-sistor (gray) R9, primary of TR1, or V4 bias re-sistor R8 (inounted under maroon and yellow, bias resistors R10 and R11; (f) open TR2 primary; (g) open secondary of 1st R.F.T.; (h) open v5.V6 bias resistor (vellow) R11. or open secondary of TR1 (if bias resistor (blue) R2; (k) open R3, or open bleeder resistor (pumple) R4. Make all voltage tests first to get a general idea of the trouble, then disconnect the set and test the suspected parts for opens, shorts and grounds. A condenser, not shown in schematic, by-passes the screen-grids.

cast metal caps or contacts, which have a compara-tively low melting temperature. Accordingly it is necessary in replacing these units to exercise con-siderable care when soldering in order not to melt the entire cap. The soldering iron should be held in place only long enough to insure a good electrical connection between the cap and the lug to which it is to be fastened. A few experiences in soldering these new tubular resistors will quickly show the

correct method required for good results every time. Whenever a tubular resistor of this type is re-placed, the soldered connections should be tested for mesistor away from the contact lugs. For con-tinuity testing, all of the socker contacts may be er-posed by inverting the set and removing the plate. Separate parts may be tested for continuity with a volumetr and battery in the usual way. If there is any doubt as to whether a part is shorted grounded, or open, it is advisable to remove all connecting leads to that part and test it separately. When synchronizing the condensers, connect the oscillator pick-up lead to the Short-Antenna bind-"distance" position. Adjust the volume control to give about half scale reading on the output meter, and then leave the control in this average position. Owing to the design of the R.F. amplifying cir-cuit in Model 55, it is necessary to use a top shick-ing plate when synchronizing the variable condensers, arccessible for adjustment it is necessary to cut or file a toke in the top-shield over the root of No. 1 condenser accessible for adjustment is in snecessary to cut or file tondenser. This hole should be about 11/2 inches from the right-hand side of the chassis, as will be seen. Connections to the various units may be found by use of the color code: First R.F.T., black to the right-hand side of the chassis, as will be seen. Connections to the variable condenser, green to short antenna post, red to long-antenna post; second R.F.T., black to chassis (held under one of coil mounting bolts), blue (with lug) to stator of variable condenser, green to plate of V. 1, red-white transformer assembly -rectifier fill, winding, thin leads with black sleeving; primary winding, thick brown leads; VS and V6 fill, winding—thin leads with black severif, the rade switch blue (withour lug) to dis-tant for each of the rade second server is red, the eads with black sleeving. Push-pull input and output A.F.T. assembly, input pit-black with red tracter and other lead is green scendary cent Whenever a tubular resistor of this type is re-placed, the soldered connections should be tested for





- R.F. Plate By-Pass Condenser .25 MF. C.
- Antenna Condenser .00025 MF. Cs
- Det. Padding Condenser. C.

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- Det. Screen Grid Bias Condenser .25 MF. C₇
- Det. Control Grid Condenser .0001 MF. C:

- Det. Plate Condenser .0005 MF. C,
- 1st Audio Coupling Condenser 0.1 MF. C10
- Volume Control 15,000 Ohms. R.F. Grid Bias Resistance 620 Ohms. R: Det. Control Grid Resistance .5 Megohm. R_a
- R4 R₃

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- Det. Screen Grid Resistance .5 Megohm. 1st Audio Coupling Resistance .1 Megohm.
- 245 Grid Bias Resistance 650 Ohms. R 10
- T₁ Antenna Transformer. T₂ R.F. Inter stage Trans
- R.F. Inter stage Transformer.
- Input Audio Transformer. T₃
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- Hi-I.o S.P.D.T. Toggle Switch. S.P.S.T. Toggle Switch. BI

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This receiver includes three stages of tuned radio-frequency amplification, neutralized in the "Counterphase" manner. To test this part of the connerphase manner. To test this part of the circuit, a continuity tester is used to check the connections which include, (in the circuit VI, tor example), L2N, C5, and a few turns at the grid end of L1S. The "micro-mikes" or neutra-lizing condensers C5, C6 and C7 are located at the widt of the respective the architet The right of the respective tube sockets. The procedure of balancing a receiver using the Counterphase neutralizing method will be described. Usually it is convenient to use a vacuum tube with one of the filament prongs shortened so that the filament cir-Mament prongs shortened so that the filament cir-cuit is open when the grid, plate and one side of the filament are making contact. Now, tune in a loud signal, adjusting all tuning controls very carefully for exact resonance. Replace V3 with the special tube. (Always start with the R.F. stage next to the detector). Retune all controls until maximum volume is obtained. The "micro-mikes" are now adjusted. The best tool for this purpose is a piece of bakelite rod which has been shared are now adjusted. The best tool for this purpose is a piece of bakelite rod which has been shaped to a screw-driver edge. The correct position for the "micro-mike" of any stage is *between* the point where the signal disappears and that where it is again heard. Now, replace the dummy tube by V3, returne set earefully, and proceed to the next stage; working toward the aerial. "Micro-mikes" C5, C6 and C7 are located underneath the chassis, directly beneath the holes in the aluminum plates directly beneath the holes in the aluminum plates-or shields. Condensers C1A and C8 are circuit balancers; C8 is another "micro-mike" adjusted (for maximum volume) with the insulated screw-driver. C1A is operated from the panel as a "sensitivity" control.



This receiver is designed to operate at a line potential of 115 volts, and the resulting tube vol-tages at this line value are given in a table below. If the line potential is below 100 volts, the power pack will not function properly and hum will result; the plate reading of V1, V2 and V3 will be about 135 volts. The electrical values of the units in this receiver are listed below:

re listed below:

Resistors R2 and R3, 40 ohms; R4, 8 ohms; R5, 770 ohms; R6, 4,000 ohms; R7, 1,700 ohms; R8, 34,100 ohms; R9, 1,125 ohms; R10, 3 meg.; R11,

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1,540 ohms. Condenser C9, 0.25-mf.; C10, 0.25-mf.; 1,540 ohms. Condenser C9, 0.25-m1.; C10, 0.25-m1.; C11, 0.5-mf.; C12, .006-mf.; C13, 0.5-mf.; C14, .00025-mf.; C15, .003-mf.; C16, .01-mf.; C17, .00025-mf.; C18, 1 mf., (400 V.); C19, 2 mf., (400 V.); C20, 2 mf., (400 V.); C21, 1 mf., (160 V.); C22, 1 mf., (400 V.); C23, 1 mf., (400 V.); C24, 1 mf., (400 V.); C25, .00025-mf.

A special design is followed in the construction of AFT1; the primary is tapped, the smaller portion having the correct impedance for the phonograph pick-up.

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Terminals for the reproducer are indicated in the schematic circuit as LS AFT1, AFT2, AFT3 and C16 are housed in



C9, C10 and C11 in one case and C13 in another (C9 and C10 have blue leads and C11 has brown leads, and C13 has a yellow lead), are mounted on AFT shield can, above lugs 9, 10 and 11. The "resistance network" of the "Power Con-verter," as the current supply unit is called, has its return circuit to "B—" completed through the internal resistance of the tubes, instead of through an external resistor. an external resistor.

If a magnetic reproducer or separately-excited-field dynamic is used, "jumper" connects posts A and B in power pack; when a high-resistance-field dynamic reproducer is used its field coil may be energized by connection to posts A and B, "jumper" then shorting CH2 by being connected to rusts A then shorting CH2 by being connected to posts A and C.

The Color Code

Green, V1, V2 and V3 filament supply, 1.5 volts; 3-Green, same as above; 3-Red, Filament supply for V4, V5 and V9; -Red, same as above; Y'ellow, filament of V6 and V7; 5-Yellow, filament of V6 and V7; 6-Yellow, same as above; 7-White, "B+" power; 8-Green, "B+" for V5; 9-Brown, "B+" for V1, V2 and V3; 10-Blue, "B+" for V4 (detector); 11-Yellow, "B-" and chassis ground. Typical Voltage Readings

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lube	Tube		Voltage	s	Plate C	Irrant (Ma)
No.	Type	"A"	"B"	"C"	Normal	(Grid Test)
V1	'26	1.4	150	9	5	12
V2	'26	1.4	150	9	5	12
V3	'26	1.4	150	9	5	12
V4	'27	2.1	60	Ó	2	2
V5	'27	2.1	150	8	ŝ	2
V6	'71A	4.9	150	30	19	0.
V7	'71A	4.9	150	30	18	41

single shield can, the connections being brought to soldering lugs. They are represented in these columns by the numerals one to fourteen in small circles.

The panel switch marked "Tone Control" func-tions by shunting the secondary of AFT1 with C15 and the primary of AFT2 with C16. Normally, there is a shunt capacity of .00025-mf. connected to the secondary of AFT1; it is C14. One side of the secondary of AFT2 is shunted by C17, the



purpose of which is to eliminate oscillation of the purpose of which is to enhance oscillation of the push-pull circuit due to variations in tubes when purchased or during the life of the power tubes. R10 and R11 are tubular resistors connected at the tube sockets.



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The Brunswick Models 14, 21 and 31 employ identically the same R.F. chassis and essentially the same socket power unit. In the Model 31 S.P.U. the pickup jack has been replaced with a radio-record switch, cable and input transformer. The input transformer is necessary in order that the low impedance pickup as used on this model may be matched with the relatively high input impedance existing in the primary of the first audio frequency transformer. Commercially available pickups such as can be purchased for use with Models 14 and 21 are of the high impedance type and therefore do not require the use of this extra input transformer.



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BRUNSWICK MODEL 31 COMBINATION RADIO AND PANATROPE

In this receiver a radio-record switch, Sw2, cable In this receiver a radio-record switch, Sw2, cable and input transformer, T4, are used, in order that the low-impedance of the pick-up may be matched with the relatively high input impedance existing in the primary of T1. Referring to the parts layout sketch, thits TC1, TC2, TC3 and TC4 are trimmer condensers in shunt to the tuning condensers but not shown in the schematic circuit

shunt to the tuning concent the schematic circuit. This receiver is in three sections: The R.F. chassis, the "SPU" (socket power unit) chassis and the dynamic reproducer. Field current for the und by the SPU. Note that opera-tion attempted unless chassis, the "SPU" (socket-power-unit) chassis and the dynamic reproducer. Field current for the latter is supplied by the SPU. Note that opera-tion of the receiver should not be attempted unless either the field coil of a dynamic or a 600-ohm resistor is connected across the terminals for the two "field" leads; this resistor must be capable of carrying 100 ms of carrying 100 ma.

To facilitate service, the R.F. chassis and SPU chassis are bolted to a single mounting board which, in turn, may be removed from the cabinet by removing retaining bolts at the rear of the mounting board.

board. For hum control, two filament shunt resistors, R9, R10, with variable center taps, are provided on the SPU chassis. R9 is adjusted first and then R10. If R10 appears unresponsive, try other '27s at V4 and V5. Abnormal hum may be due to one or more of the following causes: (1) One or more R.F. stages oscillating; (2) low-emission tube, particularly a '45 or the '80; (3) open filter or by-pass condenser; (4) open grid lead in R.F. or audio amplifier; (5) center arms of R9 or R10 not grounded or poorly grounded. Abnormal hum, which appears usually on a strong

Abnormal hum, which appears usually on a strong local or nearby station and cannot be balanced out with R9 or R10, may be due to condition (1), above, and must be remedied before further adjust-ment of R9 or R10. At the factory, these receivers are neutralized for standard tubes can the neutralized are neutralized for standard tubes, and the neutralizare neutralized for standard tubes, and the neutraliz-ing screws then sealed with collodion to maintain adjustment. Before attempting to re-neutralize the receiver, it is advisable to test the tubes or try others; as an abnormal one may be the cause of circuit oscillation.

Additional checks on the possibility of R.F. cir-it oscillators are these indications: Distorted recuit oscillators are these indications: Distorted re-ception of any or all stations-usually on the lower wavelengths; a whistle or squeal preceding the sta-tion being tuned in and not due to a two-station carrier heterodyne; motor-boating on all portions of the broadcast band.

Standard practice in neutralizing this receiver is as follows: Adjust an audio-modulated oscillator for 1400 kc. and couple it to the "long antenna" for 1400 kc. and couple it to the "long antenna-post of the receiver with a five-foot wire, one end of which should be wrapped two or three times about the oscillator coil. Tune in the oscillator signal on the radio to maximum volume, using both the tandem-condenser control and C5.

Then allow the receiver and oscillator to operate Then allow the receiver and oscillator to operate for about a minute (in order that the tubes may become thoroughly warmed up and "stable") and replace the first R.F. tube with a tube of average characteristics which is known not to cause oscillation in a receiver which has previously been



neutralized; this tube must have an open filament circuit. A fault into which some service men fall is to neutralize with one make of tube and then, after neutralizing, insert a different make-the circuit may then oscillate more than before.

Adjust C6 (see parts layout) for minimum signal. The signal intensity will be so great that an entirely silent point cannot be found.

Replace the neutralizing tube with the standard tube, and repeat performance for tubes V2 and V3; in each instance allowing



about a minute for the oscillator and receiver tubes to become stabilized.

If any difficulty is experienced in the neutralizing process, check supply potentials and the by-pass condensers. An open con-

denser may allow sufficient R.F. feed back to the previous stage to make it impossible to find a good signal minimum. Also, a dummy tube that does not have quite the necessary constants may make it

difficult to balance the circuits. The normal line-current drain of this receiver is approximately 115 watts. The average voltages in-dicated at the terminals of the tubes are given in an accompanying table.

Tube	Type	-	Voltage-		Plate Ma.
No.	Tube	"A"	"B"	"C"	"Normal"
V1	'27	2.5	150	12	5.5
V2	'27	2.5	150	12	5.5
V3	'27	2.5	150	12	5.5
V4	'27	2.5	45	0	3.4
V5	'27	2.5	145	9	3.6
V6	' 45	2.4	240	27	30.0
V7	' 45	2.4	240	27	30.0
V8	'80	5.0			

The values of the parts in this receiver are as follows: R1, 25,000 ohms; R2, 800 ohms; R3, 35,000 ohms; R4, 2 megohms; R5, 35,000 ohms; R6, 100,000 ohms; R7, 3,500 ohms; R8, 100,000 ohms; R9, 25 ohms; R10, 25 ohms; R11, 4,000 ohms; R12, 70 ohms. The capacities used are as follows: C9, 00015·mf.; C10, 0.2·mf.; C11, 0.2·mf.; C12, 0.02·mf.; C13, 002·mf.; C14, 1.5·mf.; C15, 1·mf.; C16, 0.25·mf.; C17, 0.5·mf.; C18, 00023·mf.; C19, 1.75·mf.; C20, 1.0·mf. The positions of L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8 and L9 are obvious. Trouble with the Panatrope portion of the re-ceiver may usually be classed as: (1) Magnetic pickup MP out of adjustment; (2) Sw2 out of adjustment; (3) motor speed irregular.

ceiver may usually be classed as: (1) magnetic pickup MP out of adjustment; (2) Sw2 out of adjustment; (3) motor speed irregular. There are four points on the turntable unit which require lubrication: (1) Upper turntable bearing; (2) lower turntable bearing; (3) governor bearing, weight end; (4) governor bearing, worm-gear end. To operate noiselessly and at constant speed it is necessary that the motor be kept in good condition. To remove the motor for oiling, proceed as follows: (1) Remove the record turntable by pulling it up-ward; (2) remove the four motor-securing bolts; (3) detach the motor leads from the cable in the cabinet and lift motor from cabinet. After this, all parts should be cleaned. Then, using a light-grade oil, proceed to lubricate the motor at the points mentioned above. This lubrication process should be followed every six months. A noisy turntable motor may usually be traced

A noisy turntable motor may usually be traced to: (1) Governor shaft bearings loose; (2) lamina-tion loose in one or more of the four coils; (3) coil loose on its core; (4) defective spring in gov-ernor. If the speed is not constant, it may be due to (1) or (4), above. To tighten governor bearing, loosen set screw numb bearing cently toward center to (1) or (4), above. To tighten governor bearing, loosen set screw, push bearing gently toward center of motor and tighten screw. Do not force bearing in too far, or it may bind the governor shaft. (Be sure set screw of opposite bearing is tight.) Lamina-tions may be pressed together by tightening the retaining bolts. If a coil is found loose on its core, force a small wedge of soft wood between coil and core, to prevent the coil from vibrating, and thus stop the noise. A bent or broken governor spring should be replaced.









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			CODE	COLOR	TYPE	CODE	COLOR		IYPE
			Ł-7	BLACK	BCAB	3T-5E2	YELLOW		LEAD
PC	OWER UNIT WIRING		M-8	WHITE	-	3T-6E2	GREEN		
Model 3	31 AC	5002	N-11	BLACK + GOLD TRAC.		3T-3X1	RED		
			0-12	GOLD + BLACK TRAC	- 2 -	5T-4	WHITE		-
CODE	COLOR	TYPE	P-9	BLACK & RED ' TRAC.	-	5T-5	BLACK		
A-7E3	GREEN + YELLOW TRAC.	A' CAB.	Q-10	RED + BLACK TRAC.		5T-3C	BROWN		
B-IX	RED	e .	6E3-5E3	BLUE	JUMP.	F2-1	BLACK		JUMP
C-7E4	MAROON		6EA-SEA	GREEN		F4 -7	BLACK		· •
D-6EA	GREEN		1X2-2X1	RED	şx	2T - 2	BLUE		LEAD
E-6E3	BLUE	u	2X2-3X1	RED	-	J-60	BLACK		
F-7E2	YELLOW	- 1	3X - 3C	RED		K -6C	BLACK		51
G-2R	BLUE + RED TRAC.	•	S-IR	BLUE		2R-4	WHITE.		JUMP
H-7E	DAVIS BROWN	1	R-IR	WHITE	3.	3X2-3R2	RED - WHITE	50-50	
1X1-1C	RED	-	2T-6E	WHITE	LEAD	3R4-6	RED + WHITE	50-50	
1X2-2C	RED + BLUE TRAC.		2T-5E	YELLOW		3G-3	BARE		<u> </u>

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Complete schematic circuit of the Colonial 31 D.C. receiver. The filament wiring is shown in simplified form below.

The Colonial "31 D.C." which has had very wide distribution, incorporates a number of unusual design features. For instance, volume is controlled by varying condenser C4; with the middle plate centered the signal is balanced out. An absorption loop (L1C) improves the tuning characteristic.

The cable color code is as follows: 7, yellow; 1, maroon; 5, black; 2, blue; 6, red; 12, gold with black tracer; 9, black with red tracer; 10 red with black tracer; 3, green; 4, 8 and 11 are not used.

11 are not used. V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5 are '26 tubes; V6, V7, are '71As; while V8 is a 110 V. "minia-ture base" 15-watt lamp. The following parts are contained in the power pack: F, 5-amp. fuses; C19, 2-mf.; AFC2, AFC3, 1½-henry chokes; T2, A.F. push-pull input transformer; T3, A.F. push-pull out-put transformer; AFC4, 18-ohm reproducer field; P11 100 000 ohms; P12 9.1 ohms; R13 20-ohm R11 100,000 ohms; R12 9.1 ohms; R13 20-ohm power rheostat; R14 60 ohms; radio-frequency chokes RFC2 and RFC3; and the tubes V6 and V7.

and V7. Following are the constants for the receiver chassis: RFC1, R.F. choke; C5, C6, C7, C8, C10, .002-mf.; C11, C13, 0.5-mf.; C9, C12, C18, 0.1-mf.; C14, C15, C16, 0.4-mf.; C17, 1 mf.; C19, 2 mf. R1, R4, R6, 2.5 ohms; R2, R7, R10, 100,000 ohms; R3, 200 ohms; R5, 100 ohms; R8, 30-ohm potentiometer; R9, 10,000 ohms. Jack J is the connection in the plate circuit of detector tube V4 for a phono-graph circum. graph pickup.

A variation of 25% from the following aver-A variation of 25% from the following aver-age operating current values is permissible: Grid potential, V1, V2, V3, V4, 3 volts; V5, 2.25 volts; V6, V7, 14 volts. Filament poten-tial, V1, V2, V3, 1.5 volts; V4, V5, 1.4; V6, V7, 4.7 volts. Plate potential, V1, 70 volts; V2, 98 volts; V3, V6, V7, 95 volts; V4, 55 volts; V5, 85 volts. Plate current, V1, 3.5 ma; V2, V3, 7.5 ma.; V4, 0.3·ma.; V5, 4 ma.; V6, V7, 14 ma. C19, C21, C22, C23, C32, C33, C35, 0.1-mf.; C13, C17, C20, 0.25-mf.; C24, C25, .00025-mf.; C26, C34, 1.0 mf.; C31, .05-mf. Resistors: R2, 10,00 ohms (volume control); R3, 35,000 ohms (pink); R4, 65,000 ohms (orange); R7, R8, R9, R12, 750,000 ohms (red); R10, 10,000

200 ohms (black, wire wound); R13, 34.9 ohms ("chimney" type); R14, 1.43 ohms (vitreous); R16, 100,000 ohms (green); R17, 50,000 ohms

(black); R18, R22, 100,000 ohms (green); R17, 50,000 ohms (green); R19, 2,000 ohms (red, wire-wound). The chokes RFC7 and RFC8 are 930 micro-benry; AFC1, AFC2, AFC3, AFC4, 50 henry; AFC5, 11.7 ohms. V8 if the pilot light. Fuses are 3- to 5-amp. rating. The meter readings for the "Model 12 D (."

are 3- to 5-amp. rating. The meter readings for the "Model 32 D.C." are approximately as follows: plate current, V1,



Above: Colonial 31 D.C. voltage distribution. Below: Colonial 32 D.C. sequence.

ohms (blue); R11, 250,000 ohms (white); R15,

50,000 ohms (blac); R11, 250,000 ohms (white); R13, 50,000 ohms (black); R20, 200 ohms. Wire-wound); R21, 75,000 ohms. The following units are mounted in the power pack: condensers C27, 1.0 mf.; C28, C30, 0.5-mf.; C29, 0.1-mf.; resistors R1, 5.7 ohms, (vitreous); R5, 20 ohms (vitreous); R6,

V2, 1.3 ma.; V3, 1.2 ma.; V4, 0.15 ma.; V5, V2, 1.3 ma.; V3, 1.2 ma.; V4, 0.15 ma.; V3, 3 ma.; V6, V7, 16 ma. Plate voltage, V1, V2, 91 volts; V3, 92 volts; V4, 81 volts; V5, 93 volts; V6, V7, 104 volts. Screen-grid potential, V1, V2, 32 volts; V3, 27 volts; V4, 5 volts. Control-grid potential, V1, V2, V3, V4, too low to read; V5, 2.25 volts; V6, V7, 5 volts.



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MODEL 32 A.C. 100001-Issue-J

				0.000005 mfd.	Built into R.F. transformer.
Part No	Value	Valume control	1728—SA	0.1	Green lead
44/3-P	10,000 onms	Volume control	1728—SA	0.1	Red lead
4367—P	35,000	Pink	(1st R.F. com-		Itea Ieau
4364— P	65,000	Órange	partment)		
4361—P	750,000	Red	1728—SA	0.25	Brown lead
4 366—P	35,000	Brown	(1st & 2nd R.F.		
4366—P	35,000	Brown	1728_SA	0.25	Brown load
4366P	35,000	Brown	(3rd R.F. com-		Diown icau
4402—P	400	Yellow wire wound resistor.	partment)		
4403P	200	Black wire wound resistor.	1748—SA	0.1	Yellow lead
4473-P	75,000	Volume control.	1728—SA	0.1	Red lead
4360-P	10.000	Blue	(2nd R.F. com-		
4368—P	250,000	White	1728-SA	0.1	Red lead
4361-P	750.000	Red	(3rd R.F. com-		field found
4365 P	50,000	Black	partment)		
4260 D	400,000	Vallar	1748—SA	0.1	Red lead
4302P	400,000	Tenow	1697-SA	0.00035	Tuning condenser
4364—P	65,000	Urange	4404—P	0.1	0
4361—P	750,000	Red	1748—SA	0.5	Green leads
4401—P	2,000	Red wire wound resistor.	4405-P	0.00025	Green Jours
4477—P	80,000		1404 P	01	
4363—P	100,000	Green	4404-F	0.2	
4335P	1.000	White-mounted on power	4407—P	0.2	
*		transformer	4407—P	0.5	
		transformer	1445—P	8	Mershon condenser
			4400 P	0.1	

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This receiver employs one (first) stage of tuned "push-pull" R.F., a second stage of R.F. amplification (in which circuit oscillation is pre-vented by a "losser" resistor R12 of 750 ohms and the reversed tickler winding, T of L2), a regenerative detector, and the usual two stages of transformer-coupled A.F. amplification.

The tubes used are as follows: V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5, X²99s; V6, ¹12; V7, BH-type gaseous rectifier. (The specified tubes must be used.) The filaments of the amplifier and detector tubes are connected in parallel, and the filament current is obtained from the rectifier V7 and high-voltage winding S1 of the power transformer PT. The manner of obtaining grid bias for these tubes is indicated in the detail circuit.

The constants of the components are as fol-lows: R1, 700 ohms (variable); R2, 49 ohms; R3, 1,500 ohms; R4, 63 ohms; R5, 750 ohms; R6, 76 ohms; R7, 500 ohms; R8, 88 ohms; R9, 375 ohms; R10, 1000 ohms; R11, 500 ohms (center-tapped); R12, 750 ohms; R13, 8,750 ohms; cen-ter-tapped); R12, 750 ohms; R13, 8,750 ohms; R14, 90,000 ohms; R15, 2,400 ohms; R16, 500 ohms (variable). C6-R17 constitute the usual grid-condenser-and leak combination; C1 and C2, .00042-mf. (variable); C3, .00046-mf. (va-riable); C4, .06- to 1.0 mf.; C5, C8 and C9, 1.0 mf.; C7, .003-mf.; C10 and C12, 15 mf.; C11, 5 mf.; C13 and C14, 0.2 mf. A.F. choke Ch1 is rated at 50 henrys; Ch2, 15 h.; Ch3, 100 h. T1 and T2 have a ratio of four-to-one.

Condensers C10, C11 and C12 are contained in a single case and constitute the Mershon elec-trolytic condenser in one corner of the "ABC Supply Unit."

An insulating film on the plate of the Mer-shon condenser is built up at the factory; but this gradually breaks down if the receiver is not in use for some time. To build up a film on the plates the receiver is put into operation on the plates the receiver is put into operation with all tubes in their respective sockets. At the start of the re-conditioning process, resistor R16 should be turned to extreme left, and re-sistor R1 set mid-way. Operate the set for ten minutes to half an hour, noting the current reading on the milliammeter MA; the value for correct operation of the set is between 55 and 60 milliamps. As the current increases, R16 should be adjusted to maintain this reading. A greater length of time than fifteen minutes is seldom required before the set begins to play well If C10-C11-C12 is defective, the Mershon unit should be replaced.

As the filament supply of V6 is alternating, there is no polarity for the (white) supply leads. Meter MA is polarized and each of its con-

meetin posts must be connected to the lead wire, from the set, directly below it. The tertiary (third) winding T of L2 is a fixed negative feed-back coil used to prevent oscillation in the circuit of V3, while the wind-

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ACUMINATORS

Approximate position of certain R.F. and A.F. units in the Crosley "AC-7" and "AC-7C" receivers. L3T is a tickler coil ar-

ranged for variable coupling to the primary and secondary inductances of L3. In this set, the filament supply for the battery-type tubes is obtained from the high-voltage out-

put of the power pack.

ing T of L3 is a variable positive feed-back or

Ing 1 of L3 is a variable positive feed-back or regeneration coil; the latter is called the "Cres-cendon" control. C1 and C2 are shunted by the balancing condensers C1A and C2A, which are controlled from the panel and termed the "Acu-minators"; C3A, in shunt to C3, is adjusted from the bottom of the chassis. \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^6 , \mathbb{R}^8 , and \mathbb{R}^10 are bigging assistant

R2, R4, R6, R8 and R10 are biasing resistors. If the A.C. line voltage is low, the fuse should be changed over from the pair of clips at the right (in which position it is shipped) to the left pair (as seen from the control-knob

P1 (C2A)

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CRESCENDON (L3.T)

: T1

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First, however, determine whether the leads to the electrolytic condenser are making good contact.

Special care must be taken to insure that the proper tubes are in the sockets designated for them.

Ch1 and Ch2 are mounted above the electrolytic condenser in the power unit. With the electrolytic condenser at the left and V7 at the right, Ch1 is at the rear and Ch2 is mounted in front of it. The buffer condensers are mounted below V7.

Since the arrangement of the circuit of this receiver is unusual, it is necessary to give care and attention to details when servicing. A wrong value for a replacement unit will change the voltages across the various resistors. The hine-voltage should be determined if Ma seems to read too high.

A '71 tube should not be substituted at V6, or the rectifier will be overloaded. However, this or a larger tube may be used if it is included in a separate power unit; an adapter, or a change in circuit wiring, is then required in order to transfer the output of V5 to the external power tube,

The power unit, contained in a metal case, is designed to supply "A" current only for type '99 tubes—except at V6, which is marked "UX-112"—and only in the manner shown in the diagram. For this reason it must not be con-nected to a set in which the tubes are wired differently, or where the followert differently: or where the filament requirements are different.

If the "A" current drops to 20 to 35 milliamps, despite all adjustments, and consider-



Grid-bias voltages for one type of Crosley receiver are derived from resistors in the "A" circuit, as this illustration shows. The milliammeter Ma is provided to indicate when, through adjustment of R1, the correct current is being supplied to the filaments of the tubes.

end of the power unit.) Condenser C4 completes the R.F. circuit, while at the same time it insulates the D.C. circuits of V1 and V2. If C1, C1A, or C4 short-circuit, the filament of V1 will not light. Hum in the "AC-7" receiver may be due to an open in one side of hum-balancer R11,

or to an open in one or both buffer condensers (C13-C14).

able hum is noticed, try another tube in place of V7.

Ch3 together with C8, is designed to eliminate interference due to line pick-up of outside disturbances.

The shunts across the filaments of V1, V3, V4 and V5 help to by-pass the "B" current, which must go through the filament circuit in completing the "B" current supply circuit.



Schematic circuit of the Crosley "Models AC-7" and "AC-7C" radio receivers. A novel arrangement may be moved in the push-pull R.F. input; L1 (although in two sections mechanically) is equivalent to a center-tapped inductance. In fact, if it were desired to obtain grid bias from a separate battery, it would not be necessary to use other than a center-tapped coil. The circuit of V3 is membralised, while detector V4 is arranged to be regenerative.





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The circuit used in this receiver incorporates the Hazeline neutralization system. Tubes V1 to V5 are '01As; V6 may be either a '12A or '71A, the latter being preferable. To take chassis from ''can,'' remove the three knobs; remove the escutcheon by remove the three knobs; remove the escutcheon by taking out the drive screws; remove two cap screws in front and two in rear, using socket wrench or pliers; raise rear of case until it clears coil shields; then slide the case forward until it clears the shafts of the tuning controls; and lift off. A total an-tenna-and-lead-in length of 50 to 100 feet is recom-mended, except where a shorter length reduces interference. For best results, ground must be connected to only one point, the ground binding post. Con-nection to the "A" battery may result in burning out a resistor; if set is being tested in the service shop, care must be taken that only one ground con-nection is made to the set. Study of the schematic circuit will show why this is necessary. The vol-ume control regulates the filament current of the first three tubes; the "acuminators," or trimming condensers, resonate the secondary circuits of V2, and V3; the variable capacity in shunt with the tuning capacity in the grid circuit of V4 is an "alignference. For best results, ground must be connected and V3; the variable capacity in shunt with the tuning capacity in the grid circuit of V4 is an "align-ing" condenser which is adjusted at the factory and has no panel control. To balance receiver, leave bottom attached, balancing with case on or off. Tune to a strong signal near 210 meters (using head-phones at output) and insulate filament of V3. Insert long-shank No. 4 socket wrench (insulated bandla), through balance condenser holes in chastis Inseit long-shank No. 4 socket within in chassis handle) through balance-condenser hole in chassis handle) through balance congenser unter the set (third from left, as seen from front). Tune set for loudest response and balance for minimum signal Repeat operation with V2, for loudest response and balance for minimum signal with wrench removed. Repeat operation with V2, using second balance condenser from left; following to V1 and balance condenser at extreme left. The "aligning" condenser is directly in front of V4. To adjust, tune to strong local with "acuminators" at about middle setting; remove V3 and tune receiver until maximum signal is heard, adjusting right acu-minator as remuted. Insett socker weench on align ing condenser and adjust for maximum signal, with wrench removed. Replace tube and adjust right acuminator for maximum signal, slightly changing setminator for maximum signal, slightly changing set-ting of station selector if necessary. Acuminator should then be at or slightly above middle position. To replace R.F. transformer, remove case and bot-tom from receiver. With set upside down, remove the two nuts holding copper can to chassis over coil to be replaced, and lift off can. Unsolder R.F.T. leads and remove two nuts holding R.F.T. to chassis. Solder leads to lugs and replace can. If necessary to replace a tuning condenser. remove case solder reads to higs and reprace can. If necessary to replace a uning condenser, remove case as described, also underside chassis nuts hold-ing condenser shield to bottom of chassis, and remove two screws on front panel holding shield in place. Press shield gently back until it clears the top edge of the front panel, raise vertically, and remove. Unsolder leads and loosen screw which remove. Unsolder leads and loosen screw which controls belt tension. Remove belt from condenser pulley and remove pulley. Take out three screws attaching condenser to front panel, and remove condenser. Attach new one to front panel by three screws provided and replace pulley and belt, tighten-ing latter. Solder leads and replace shield. Note

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that it is necessary to remove indicator dial, pulley and both belts if center condenser must be replaced. To remove this indicator dial, or to replace belts, take out three screws attaching indicator dial center pulley and remove dial. Loosen screws which

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	Color Code	
	Black "A-," "B-," "C+:	
	Blue ''B+45'';	
	White "B+90";	
	Red 'B+Power'';	
	Brown "C-41/2";	
	Green "C-Power";	
	Yellow "A+."	

control tension of belts and take off belts. Put new belts in position with drive pins on pulleys through holes in belts. Tighten tensioning screws. To redetector by pass condenser, or grid-leak-and-

(Two test prods and a 10 w. lamp in series with the 110 v. circuit.)

Contact	Correct	Otherwise
Gnd-A	light	Open wire or L1B
Gnd-V1G	11	Open L1A or wiring
Gnd-V2G	1	Open wire or L4
Gad-V3G	18	Open wire or L7
Gnd-V4G	no light	Shorted C5 or R4
Gnd-bk.	light -	Open wire, R1 or R2
Gnd-whi.	no light	Shorted C3
Whi-V1P	light	Open wire or L2
Whi-V2P		Open wire or L5
Whi-V3P	6 7	Open wire or L8
Whi-V5P	46	Open wire or T2 pri.
Blue-V4P	66	Open wire or T1 pri.
Blk-V4F	15	Open wire or R3
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(With Headphone and Battery.)

Connect

Connect: Gnd-V2G; rotate station selector; if click C7 shorted; adjust left acuminator; if click C8 shorted. Gnd-V3G; duplicate above. Clicks show shorted C9 or C10. Gnd-V4G; Clicks show shorted C11 or C12. Green-V6G; no click shows open wire or T2 sec. Brown-V5G; no click shows open wire or T1 sec.

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condenser mounting, unsolder leads, remove sup-porting screws, place new unit in position and re-solder leads. A 3-megohm grid leak is recommended.

This set is not critical to antenna lengths, and will give good results with a short indoor antenna. A total length of from 50 to 100 feet for the antenna and lead-in combined is recommended for average conditions, conditions. If locals cause interference, an aerial of 25 to 50 feet, including lead-in, may give better results. The recommended lengths may be exceeded. of course, in many instances with excellent results. Local conditions must govern the choice of antenna length. A good ground should be used.

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There are four binding posts on the set, two for the reproducer, one for the aerial, one for the ground. Battery connections are made to the cable attached to the set, in accordance with the color code in the preceding column.

The use of '01As throughout is recommended by the manufacturer, with a '71 power tube; though a '12 may be used to economize batteries. A separate C'' battery is recommended for the first audio (brown lead) stage.

(brown lead) stage. Lack of sensitivity, critical operation, motorboat-ing, distorted reception, may often be checked to an open R4 leak. (Most of these effects may be experienced if the leak has too high a resistance; replace it with a leak of two to three megs, resist-ance.) The tube layout of this receiver is as follows; Looking at front of set, first R.F. tube socket is in left corner, front; second R.F., left, rear; third R. F. is next, followed by the detector; first A.F. socket is right rear and second A.F. or power stage is from right socket. Note that a wavelength of about 210 meters is recommended for neutralizing the receiver; but that one of about 300 meters is recommended meters is recommended for neutralizing the receiver; but that one of abour 300 meters is recommended for balancing the aligning condenser. If condensers Cl, C2 and C4 should short-circuit, there is no dan-ger of shorting "B" batteries or burning out tube filaments (as would be the case with sets using neutralizing circuits which obtain the neutralizing neutralizing circuits which obtain the neutralizing potential by tapping to a point on the plate-circuit coil); for the neutralizing potential in this rec-eiver is obtained from the plate circuit inductively by means of coils L3, L6 and L9. The effect of a low-resistance short in C1, C2 or C4 will be broad runing, circuit oscillation and weak reception. If the leads to L3, L6 or L9 are reversed, it will be im-possible to neutralize the receiver; this fault will oc-cur only if the receiver was partly rewired during possible to neutralize the receiver; this fault will oc-cur only if the receiver was partly re-wired during servicing, and is readily localized by following through the neutralizing process. Start from the de-rector tube and work toward the antenna; the stage upon which a "zero point" or silence-point cannot be obtained is the faulty one. Noisy operation during manipulation of R1 indicates poor contact. (Instead of the variation of resistance being smooth, it is being effected in relatively large iumps.) The (Instead of the variation of resistance being smooth, it is being effected in relatively large jumps.) The remedy is to clean the resistor and sliding contact with sandpaper. This must be done carefully, to prevent taking out the spring tension of the slider arm, when the arm will no longer make contact with the wire. A short in condenser CG will cause the set to "go dead," as far as broadcast reception is concerned; in this case, a test from detector plate to filament will show a lower resistance than if the resistance of the primary of T1 were effective, in-stead of shorted out. stead of shorted out.











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In the Edison Receiver, Models R-4, R-5 and C-4, tonstant gain "circuit, wherein two primaries are used in each radio frequency transformer, one resonated below and one above the broadcast fre-privation of the second and the secondaries are provide are identical with each other and their sec-ontaries are uned by identical tuning condenser sections. Referring to the Schematic wiring diagram 1, 1, 12, 13 and 14 are low frequency primaries, resonated to approximately 450 kilocycles by means of the condensers C5, C6, C7 and C8, 15, 16, 17 and 18 are high frequency primaries, not shunted by any condenser; 19, 110, 111 and 112 are secondaries uned by the variable condenser sections C1, C2, G3 and C4, which are shunted by the trimming order are identical with each other and the use of privating condensers, C10, C11 and C12, con-resonated to approximately 450 kilocycles by means of the condensers (5, 16, C1, C11 and C12, con-resonated by the variable condenser, sections C1, C2, G3 and C4, which are shunted by the use of privating condensers, C10, C11 and C12, con-resonated frequency primaries of the first, second of the R.F. amplifying cubel to a coil tightly coupled to the secondary of the diagram are L5, L6 and L7, which are at the same imme the high frequency primaries of the first, second of the first R.F. input circuit to the resonant fre-puency of the second and third R.F. and detectors of the first R.F. input circuit to the infing post marked "Antenna," while antennas of greater than this cap-circuit circuits is maintained by holding the effective and third R.F. transformers. Substantial resonante frequency of the second and third R.F. and detectors inding post. This latter connection places the con-divisition the second ard the antenna-ground capacity is to 500 micromicrofarads. Self-bias of the first R.F. amplifying rube is secured to the volume control prive to be connected to the site and this cap-minding post. This latter connection places the con-divisition

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Circuit connections in the "Special" Fada "Model 265-A" receiver, battery-operated.

The following is the procedure to be followed for neutralizing the Fada "Model 265-A" bat-tery set: the neutralizing condensers C7, C8, C9 are located from left to right in the set. Balance V3, V2, V1, in the same order, using a tube with an open filament. Adjust on a neurolement between 250 and 200 meters T

wavelength between 250 and 300 meters. To matricing in between 250 and 300 meters. To neutralize this receiver it is recommended that a type '01A tube be used in the detector posi-tion, V4; replacing, when balanced, with a type '00A tube.

The compensating condenser C3A is located at the right of the third tuning condenser and

at the right of the third tuning condenser and is adjusted with a long screwdriver. In the Fada, "Model 475-A" receiver, C7 is accessible through the left hole (facing front of set) in terminal board in first can; and the second neutralizing condenser C8 through the

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right hole. Condenser C9 is reached through

the right-hand hole in the second can; and C10, through the right-hand hole in the third can.

Each of these condensers is numbered according to the stage it balances. It is recommended

that headphones be used to obtain a null point

when balancing the receiver. Tune for a strong signal on a wavelength of 250 to 300 meters,

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Note: The FADA model 265-A receiver shown above is used with the RP-65 Unit. The FADA 475-A battery operated loop set shown below is used with the SF 45/75 receivers.

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Detail of the connection strip (on the audio assembly) pro-

vided for the battery-

cable connections in the "Model 475-A."

The color-code of the cable appears in this illustration.

stages is obtained by tuning to a strong local station (using the loop) on a wavelength be-station (using the loop) on a wavelength be-tween 250 and 300 meters. After obtaining the loudest signal at a single point, remove the loop plugs and connect an aerial and ground to the set. Without moving left-hand dial, turn antenna adjuster screw to left or right to point of maximum signal.

point of maximum signal. The following values are used in this set: C1, C2, C3, C4, 00035-mf.; C5, 001-mf.; C6, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, 0.5-mf.; C11, 00015-to .00025-mf.; C17, 1.mf. Resistors R1, R2, R3, R4 are 1,000 ohms; R5, 250,000 ohms; R6, 500,000 ohms; R7, 125,000 ohms; R8, 500,000 ohms; R9, 6 to 20 ohms. Type '01A 500,000 ohms; R9, 6 to 20 ohms. Type '01A tubes are used as V1, V2, V3, V4, V5 (or a type '00A may be used here) and V6; and a '71A for V7. Unit L2 is an untuned R.F. transformer.

When servicing the "475-A" check for open resistors R1, R2, R3 or R4; also for an open output condenser C17. If it is difficult to stop circuit oscillation, determine whether a low-resistance ground is being used; and whether any of the by-pass condensers are open. In both the "265-A" and the "475-A"

Teceivers the filament rheostat and off-on switch are combined in one unit. Both of these sets are two-dial control.

In the "high gain" Fada "475-A," the R.F. chokes RFC1, RFC2, RFC3, RFC4, RFC5 are inserted in the positive "A" leads of the first five tubes to prevent circuit oscillation due to this common lead.

The battery cable for the "475-A" connects to terminal strips on the unit comprising T1, T2 and AFC. These strips are shown in an accompanying illustration.

Note the connections and values of R5, R6, R7. An open R1, R2, R3, or R4 resistor may indicate a short in C7, C8, C9, C10.



when balancing this set, using the loop for

signal pick-up. The input circuit compensator C1A is the thumb screw marked "antenna adjuster" on the terminal board in the first can. Condensers

Wavelength compensation in the various tuned

and C4A are accessible through

C2A, C3A and C4A are accessible holes in their respective shield cans.







The FADA "A-B-C" Power unit shown at the right uses three Elkon. 1500-mf. "dry" condensers in the "A" filter system. If a very bad hum is heard in installations using this power unit, check the "dry" condensers, Cl, C2, C3. The trouble is most conveniently checked by disconnecting one condenser after the other, until the hum suddenly drops. As the hum is less with all of the condensers out of the circuit than with a single defective condenser in circuit, the location of the defective unit is simple.

Type "J" unit for 25 cycle current is similar, except that a 1706X power transformer is used instead of the 1696X transformer as indicated on the type "C" unit for 60 cycles.



"ABC" six-volt tube-supply unit of Fada types "86-V" and "82-W," illustrating an application of the 1500-mf. dry "A" condensers.





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In the Model K receiver the volume control is a 700,000-ohm variable resistor R6, in shunt to the secondary of T6. The plate-supply resistors are mounted in the set chassis, instead of the power unit.

The first consideration is the line-voltage. Having noted its value, plug the 3-amp. fuse F into the pair of clips marked with the nearest corresponding voltage. Continuity tests are made with cable dis-connected from the power unit and all tubes removed from receiver. The terminal blocks of the receiver from the chassis and also the fuse, and plug into the A.C. line. Connect a 0-150 V., A.C. meter be-tween 1 and 7, or between 1 and 16 (note in some units 7, 8 and 9 are the incoming common terminals, in others 16, 17 and 18 are common). The meter should read the A.C. line voltage, or the cord is defective. Next, replace the fuse in the proper clips and, if the meter reads the same between 1 and both sides of the fuse, fuse is good. Short posts 1 and 2 with a piece of wire, and put the type '80 tube in the socket. Immediately take the readings between the following posts on a 0.250 v. high-resistance D.C. voltmeter: 14 to 6, 14 to 15. Both readings should be off scale. (Note 14 is the negative post.) should be off scale. (Note 14 is the negative post.) Using a 0.5 A.C. meter, check the filament voltages. 3 to 12, approx. 3.3 volts A.C.; 4 to 13 off scale. Shut off power by pulling the plug as soon as the readings are taken; because this test subjects the con-densers to very high voltages. If the power unit fails to deliver the rated voltages the entire unit should be exchanged.

when checking the receiver chassis, make sure cable is properly connected; then turn receiver switch "on." Contact to socket terminals is easily obtained as the heads of the spring-holding eyelets are above-panel.

Special note: operating voltage of screen-grid to frame should not rise above 70 volts. A defective screen-grid tube can be easily identified by the fact that its low emission causes the screen-grid potential

that its now emission causes the screen-grid potential to frame to rise above 70 volts. The troubles that are found from the sequence test must be located with the aid of the schematic circuit. Remove the cable from the power unit, and follow through any faulty circuits with the aid of a high-resistance voltmeter (50-volt connection) and a 22½-volt battery in series. Shorts in the plate circuits will show up as readings on the voltmeter when one lead is touched to frame and one to the plate. If opens are indicated by previous voltage readings, the circuit must be traced and each piece checked until fault is located. If VC rotors and stators rub, set will operate on low wavelengths when plates come out of mesh. High hum level usually due to defective '27, V3 or V4. Hum con-trol is located in power unit and between fuse slips. Keep the two cables to ''On-Off'' switch far from V3.

In the K41 type, high hum in isolated cases may be due to loose step-down transformer laminations in dynamic reproducer assembly; tap laminations lightly with hammer to reset them and reduce hum level.

In rare instances, high hum may be occasioned by In fare instances, high originating in the dry recti-high-frequency radiations originating in the dry rectifier in the reproducer power assembly. To check this, disconnect the reproducer leads and attach a

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separate reproducer. If hum is heard through the latter disconnect A.C. leads to the dynamic repro-ducer at the power unit. If hum disappears it may be assumed that the rectifier is defective and should be replaced. Looking at chassis from front, VC3 is at left. Use middle VC as pilot when reganging,



Turn volume control 'Fnll though rarely necessary. though rarely necessary. Jurn volume control Full On" and loosen two locking screws on left-hand VC, reaching through the slot left in the VC shield. Turn eccentric back and forth until weak signal is loudest and tighten. VC1 has panel vernier and need not be touched.

If changing tubes, and all other efforts, does not It enanging tubes, and all other enorts, does not stop circuit oscillation, tune in station near 210 meters and, with a non-metallic screwdriver adjust NC1, NC2 and NC3. NC2 (upper left-hand) ad-justment not critical. Re-check on 360 meters and Under load, rectifier transformer secondary seal.



(dynamic reproducer) should read close to 11 volts; rectifier output should be 5.5 to 6 volts.

Continuity Test

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erminals 1-frame	Correct full	Cause if Open in	Wrong cable	
73F-22 or 19 73P-25 73G-fr. 73K-fr.	full 17.5 0.5 full	Do., T1 Open or Open Gr	pri. or shorted nd. lead	R8 R7

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4F-22 or 19	full	Open in cable
4P-25	full	Do., or T2 pri.
4G-fr.	20	Open in T1 sec.
4K-fr.	full	Open R9
2F-22 or 19	full	Open in cable
2P-25	20	Do., R5, or T6 pri.
2CG-fr.	full	Open in sec. of T5
2SG-25	13	Open R4
2K-fr.	full	Open R3
5F-23 or 20	fuil	Open in cable
5P-21	full	Do., or T3 pri.
5G-fr.	21	Open T2 sec.
'1F-22 or 19	full	Open in cable
'1P-25	20	Do., R2, or T5 pri.
'1G-fr.	full	Open T4
'1K-fr.	full	Open R1
76F-23 or 20	full	Open in cable
76P-21	full	Do. or T3 pri.
76G-frame	21	Open T2 sec.
Any rotor-fr. I/C1 stator-fr. I/C2 stator-fr. I/C3 stator-fr. Ant. post-fr. L.SL.S. I/C4E 23 or 20	full full full no r'd'g. full full	Open fr. lead Open T4 or T4 leads Open T5 sec. or leads Open T6 sec. or leads Shorted C13 Open T3 sec. or leads Open in cable
Any Plate	no r'd'g.	Sh't'd bypass of pl. lead
prong-fr. V1F orV2F-fr. V3F-fr. V4F-fr. V5F or V6F-fr.*	Do. Do. Do. full	Sh't'dbypass or fil. lead Shorted heater lead Shorted fil. lead Open R10 or R11*

Trans	former	1 ests

T1 P1-P2	full full	Open pri Open sec
T2 P1-P2 T2 S1-S2	full full	Open pri Open sec
T3 P1-P2 T3 S1-S2	full full	Open sec

Operating Voltages of Set (Turn volume control to off position.)

(1urn volume control to on position.) V3F-F, 2.5 A.C.; V3P-fr., 65.0 D.C.; V3G-K, below 1 D.C.; V4F-F, 2.5 A.C.; V4P-fr., 135.0 D.C.; V4G-K, 7.5 D.C.; V2F-F, 2.5 A.C.; V2P-fr., 110.0 D.C.; V2CG-K, 1.5 D.C.; V2SG-fr., 60.0 D.C.; V5F and V6F-F, 5.0 A.C.; V5P and V6P-fr., 205.0 D.C.; V5 and V6G-F, 40.0 D.C.; V1F-F, 2.5 A.C.; V1P-fr., 120.0 D.C.; V1G-K, 7.5 D.C.

Values of Parts

Receiver: C1 to C9, inclusive, 0.25-mf.; C10, C12, .0002; C11, .001; C13, .0001; R1, R9, R10, 1,500 ohms; R2, 6,000; R3, 300; R4, 40,000; R5, 6,000; R6, 700,000; R7, 2-meg.; R8, 13,000 ohms; R11, R12, 40 ohms.

Power unit: R, 1,300 ohms; L1, 15-henry, 285-ohm; L2, 60-henry, 1,370-ohm; C16, C17, 1-mf. C18, 2 mf.; C19, 0.1-mf.



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Schematic circuit of the Freshman "QD.16S" screen-grid receiver: correct coupling between L3 and L4 is an important selectivity factor in this set. Values not shown above are: C1, 35 mmf.; C4, C5, 0.25 mf. (1500 v.); C6, 2 mf.; C14, C11, 1 mf. (2000 v.); C7, C8, C12, 1 mf. (1000 v.); C9, C10, 0.25 mf. (500 v.). R1, R2, R3, R4, R5 are 40,000, 25,000, 12,500, and 10,000 ohms, respectively



The Freshman "Model N" and its power pack; the numbering of the terminals shown here may be compared with that in the diagram of the layout at the right. The capacities and ratings of the condensers in the power unit are shown opposite each, respectively, at the left. Note the special 1800-ohm resistor lead shown here.













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The circuit used in this receiver is reflexed. Thus, V2 functions as an amplifier of both radio and audio-frequency currents. With SW1 in position on 1, the audio output of V2 is fed to the reproducer; in position 2, V5 is introduced as a third stage of V_{2} with the stage of Δ.] amplification.

Units R.F. Choke 1 R.F. Choke 2 and R.F.T. 2 are iron-core instruments in radio-

R.F.1. 2 are non-one instances in frequency circuits. A Continuity Test of the receiver should check as indicated below. The reference numbers appear on the "Tube Layout,"

Terminals Plus 90-2	Correct High resis.	Cause if Wrong Open or shorted R.F. Choke 1 or Open lead
Plus 90-6	High resis.	Open or shorted R.F. Choke 2 or open lead
Plus 22 ¹ /2-11	High resis.	Open or shorted pri. of AFT1 or open lead
Plus 90-15	High resis.	(Sw. 1 on 2.) Open or shorted AFT2 or open
Plus 90-19	High resis.	(Reproducer plugged in and SW 1 on 2.) Open or shorted reproducer of lead
Minus "A"-1	Dead short	Open RFT1 sec. or open lead
Minus "A"-5	Dead short	Open RFAT3 or open lead
Plus "A"-C3	Dead short	(SW2 closed.) Open
Minus "A"-16	High resis.	Open or shorted RFT2 sec., AFT1 sec. or open lead.
Minus "A"-20	High resis.	Open or shorted AFT2 sec. or open lead
Aerial-ground	Dead short	Open RFT1 pri. or open lead
Minus "A"-2	Open	Shorted .001 mf. cou- pling cond.
Minus "A"-tap	Dead sho r t	Open pri. part of RFAT3 or open lead
Minus "A"-15	Open	(Sw1 open) Shorted
3 of RFAT4	Dead short	Open pri. part of
Plus "A"-6	Open	(Sw2 closed.) Shorted
Minus "A"-11	Open	Shorted .001-mf. by- pass cond.

"Off logging" may be due to the pointers having Off logging may be due to the pointers having slipped, or to the rotor and stator plates of the tun-ing condenser not being in correct register. The former may be corrected by tuning to a particular station, loosening the pointer lock-nut, setting the

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pointer to approximately the correct point for that station, and tightening the lock-nut. The condenser adjustment may require centering the rotor plates in relation to the stator plates. A lock-nut on the end of the rotor shaft is available for this purpose; it is



loosened, the rotor an dstator plates are centered, and then tightened. If one or two of the plates remain out of alignment, they may be centered by careful bending of the plates. If difficulty is experienced in getting distant stations while locals are on, it will be well to check the length of battery leads. Those which are too long will pick up sufficient energy from the locals to cause these signals to "ride in" on top of distant station programs. The solution is to keep hattery leads as short as possible. battery leads as short as possible.

A peculiarity of this particular receiver is that an antenna length of less than sixty feet will not (conantenna length of less than sixty feet will not (con-trary to usual practice) result in greater ease of tun-ing through local stations; a length of more than 100 feet is also inadvisable. The explanation lies in the "selector coil" of this receiver. With an antenna shorter than sixty feet, sufficient energy is not received from the distant station to allow the antenna snorter than sixty reet, sufficient energy is not received from the distant station to allow the selector to be turned to a point where the local sta-tion is cut out, and at the same time the distant station is brought in. In other words, a strong signal from the distant station as well as from the local allows the user to select either station by pro-per use of teh selector. Selectivity in this receiver depends to a major extent on the setting of the RFT1 primary coil P in relation to S; reduced coupling increases the selectivity but at the same time the sensitivity, within certain limits. However, the service man may install a small variable condenser of the mica-dielectric type, inside the cabinet, and connect it in series with the antenna lead to the RFT1 primary. By adjustment of this unit and of the inductive coupling, a point of optimum selectivity and sensitivity may be obtained. (This receiver was de-

signed for selectivity conditions not as stringent as those of the present day, and it is not as easy now to obtain interference-free reception in congested dis-tricts as formerly.) A suggestion for obtaining additional selectivity is to connect a compact air-dielectric variable condenser from 6 to 11, adjusting it to cause regeneration. It may be

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mounted at a convenient point on the panel. If regeneration on the longer waves is insufficient, it may be necessary to reduce to .001-mf. the capacity of the by-pass condenser, connected from the plate of V4 to "A —." Still stronger regeneration may be obtained by connecting a radio-frequency choke coil between the plate and AFT1 primary lead of V4. A safety measure recommended for these receivers when operating from "B" batteries is the insertion of a fixed condenser of .01-mf. capacity in series with the variable regen-eration condenser mentioned above. A cau-tion regarding this installation is to keep leads as short as possible, and to shield these new leads. The voltage tests of this particular model receiver were obtained with a Weston Student Galvanometer Model 375. With a 416-volt battery supply, a 7,000-ohm series tween the plate and AFT1 primary lead of

Student Galvanometer Model 375. With a 4½-volt battery supply, a 7,000-ohm series resistor is used. (An approximation of this value is secured by the use of the secondary of a "replace-ment" A.F. transformer.) "Sw 1" is the "Speaker Switch."

The Reflex Circuit

The Reflex Circuit An explanation of the paths which the varying R.F. and A.F. currents follow may be an aid ro deterfining the faults which may be encountered in receivers of this type. The R.F. input is amplified by V1; R.F. Choke 1 forces the R.F. signal to pass through RFT2 to V2; here another plate-circuit impedance (AFT2 pri-or the reproducer) keeps back the R.F., which con-tinues to V3, via RFAT3, and then to V4, being again blocked by R.F. choke 2. The A.F. output of V4 is "reflexed" through AFT1 back to V2; and the A.F. output of V2 either actuates the reproducer or is passed on through AFT to V5 (the option being determined by SW1). Consequently, V1 is the first R.F. tube; V2 is second R.F. and first A.F.; V3 is third R.F.; V4 is the detector; and V5 is the second A.F. Other reflex receivers made by Day-Fan are the "COFM II" a subset "OFMAT" Amber "OFMAT".

Other reflex receivers made by Day-Fan are the "OEM-11" 3-tube; "OEM-7" 4-tube; "OEM-7" 4-tube "Super-Selective;" and "OEM-12" 4-tube. A

tube "Super-Selective;" and "OEM-12" 4-tube. A word picture distinguishing one from the other fol-lows. The OEM-21 receiver has two stages of tuned R.F. and two of A.F. amplification. The "OEM-7" receiver has one T.R.F. stage fol-lowed by another T.R.F. stage reflexed for first A.F. The second A. F. is a separate tube. The "Super-Selective" varies from this model only in the looser coupling, through the R.F. transformer; as does the "OEM-12" from the "OEM-11."



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(above) The circuit of the Delco automotive receiver. The variometer tuning arrangement and other novelties are obvious.

(right) Appearance of the Delco chassis, with cables connected. The switch and volume control are seen in the foreground, separately

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GREBE BROADCAST RECEIVER ~ 1923 .







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A-C+

+DET.

C-4.5V.

+90V.

C-40V.

+180V.





Schematic circuit of the Majestic "Model 90" receiver chassis Several circuit innovations are to be noted; such as the variance tuning of L1, and the use of four tuned, neutralized R. F. stages. MODEL~90

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The constants are as follows: V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, type '27 tubes; V6, V7, '45s; V8, 3 volt pilot lamp; R1, 75,000 ohms, variable (volume control); R2, adjustable resistor, 500 to 2500 ohms; R3, non-R2, adjustable resistor, SUU to 2500 onnis; K3, non-inductive, center-tapped, 1.6 ohms total; R4, 1800 ohms (blue); R5, 35,000 ohms (green); C6, .004-mf.; C10, .001-mf.; C11, .0001-mf.; C12, C13, C14, C15, 0.5-mf.; C16, 1.0-mf. Ch1, Ch2 and Ch3 are R.F. chokes.

R.F. chokes. Volume is controlled by varying the grid bias of V1, V2, V3. The voltage readings for this set should be as follows: filaments of V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, 2.35; of V6, V7, 2.45; plates of V1, V2, V3, V4, 130; of V5, 270; of V6, V7, 250; grid biases of V1, V2, V3, 8 volts; V4, 9 volts; V5, 30; V6 and V7, 50. The plate current of V1, V2, V3 is 5.5 milliam-peres; V4, 5 ma.; V5, 1 ma.; V6, V7, 32 ma. These readings are exact only when the receiver is tuned to 550 kc, the volume control is set at maximum, and the line potential is 115 volts A.C.

R2 is secured to, and rotated by, the gang con-denser shaft. It varies the grid bias of V1, V2 and V3 from 9 to 32 volts. This serves automatically to maintain even amplification throughout the tuning range. (This equalizer should have a resistance of 500 ohms at 1,500 kc., 1,500 ohms at 1,000 kc., and 2,500 ohms at 1,500 kc.)



MAJESTIC "9P6" CONDENSER PACK FOR MODEL 90 RECEIVER~

WHEN testing the power pack in the Majestic "9P6," for shorts in the condenser bank, a reading will be obtained (in the earlier models) between the second and the fifth taps. This is due to a choke coil,

which is mounted inside the condenser can, and connected between these two taps.

In the later models, this choke has been replaced by a resistor. In case of an open in this choke or resistor, there will be no plate voltage at the detector tap.

The schematic circuit of the earlier Majestic "9P6" power pack, showing the choke between detector and power-amplifier tap.

MODEL 70-B CHASSIS IN 72 RECEIVER ~



Schematic circuit of the Majestic 70-B chassis used in the model 72 receiver. In contrast with most neutrodyne arrangements it is noticed that the neutralizing potential is obtained from the grid circuit; the coil being part of the tuned secondary circuit. The service man must remember this important-point should occasion arise for servicing one of these modern radio sets. Two adjustable 20 ohm "hum balancers" are used in this set.



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1. A "dual-volume control" in place of the single type.

2. An interchange of position of the two audio transformers.

3. An addition of a "dual half microfarad condenser" (P. 813) and two carbon resistors in the "B" circuit of the detector and

An chassis with a green mark on the river of the tube socket strip contain the above changes and in addition have a change in the "combination phonograph switch" circuit. This changed circuit makes use 43,000 and up) of only the audio system of the set for phonograph reproduction. whereas the original circuit included the detector tube

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These two models differ only in the power supply to which they are adapted: their R.F. chasses are identical. The "523" is designed for standard 60 cycle alternating current; the "526" for operation on a lower frequency-25 cycles up-and is recommended for even 50-cycle supply. The receiver proper has three stages of '24-type screen-grid amplification, with 27-type detector and first audio; and employs a 27 type tube in a special circuit as an automatic volume control, described later. The push-pull '45-type power stage and power sup-ply is a separate unit, different in the two models. This unit is accompanied by a dynamic reproducer, built into the console; its field-coil resistance is 2000 ohms.

The complete circuits are shown in schematic diagram below: the values of the parts shown are as follows:

are as follows: Resistors: R1, the manual volume control (operated by lower right-hand knob) 50,000 ohms; R2, R4, R6, each 2 megohms; R3, R5, R7, R15, R18, R19, each 1000 ohms; R8, 10,000 ohms; R9, 2,000 ohms; R10, 100,000 ohms; R11, 50,000 ohms; R12, 500 ohms; R13, 130 ohms; R14, 200 ohms; R16, 1,500 ohms; R17, 3,000 ohms; R21, 30 ohms center-tapped; R22, 750 ohms. Canacities are as follows: C2, R17, 3,000 ohms; R21, 50 ohms chief appen, R22, 750 ohms. Capacities are as follows: C2, C4, C6, each .0005-mf.; C8, .001-mf.; C9, C11, C12, C13, C15, C16, C17, C19, C20, each 0.3-mf.; C10, C14, C18, C23, each 0.5-mf.; each 0.3-mf.; C10, C14, C15, C25, each 0.3-mf.; C21, C22, C25, C27, (high-voltage), C28, each 2.0-mf.; C26 (high-voltage), 5.0-mf.; C24, 0005-mf.; C29, C30, each 0.7-mf.; C31, .025-mf. R20 has a value of 3,300 ohms, with a '45 tube; and the "Strap" illustrated replaces a

tube; and the "Strap' illustrated replaces a resistor used with '50 amplifiers. The plate circuit of V3 is coupled through C24 to the grid circuit of V6, the automatic volume control tube, which automatically gov-erns the amplification of V1 and V2 by changing the grid bias of these tubes; and thus maintains a constant R.F. voltage output. R14, adjusted by the knob at lower left, is the manual control for correct regulation of this tube; at its extreme setting, in a counter-clockwise di-rection, the magnetic pick-up is connected to the A.F. amplifier binding posts, while the de-tector is disconnected by Sw1.

V6 is located in the round shield can and may require replacing. To check the opera-tion of this tube, turn the automatic volume control on full and remove the tube. The volume should remain approximately the same. Now replace the tube and (after it has again be-

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A bottom view of connections at the right of the chassis: showing positions of ter-minals at top and in the center. The figures at the right edge show the positions of the terminals in the circuit; the voltages of the left, the respective readings between them and ground. "B—" or No. 5 ter-minal, is below ground potential. The sequence of tubes in the set is from left to right, with V6 between V4 and V5.

come sufficiently heated) change the v control setting to low volume. If the tube should now be removed, the volume will he restored to approximately the same level as with the volume control turned on full. If the volume increases during the first test, the tube is over-controlling and should be changed. (Such a tube will operate exceptionally well as a de-tector or first audio tube.) If the volume does not increase during the second test, or if the control does not reduce the volume to a whisper, control does not reduce the volume to a whisper, the volume-control tube is under-controlling and should be replaced. Such a tube may be found defective for operation in any other position. R.F. choke Ch1 (located on a single mounting on the lower side of the sub-panel) is catalog No. P55516. Ch2 has a D.C. resistance of about 325 ohms. The primaries of T1 and T2 have resistances of about 800 ohms each.

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T2 have resistances of about 800 ohms each. The voltages shown in the illustration are the operating potentials obtained with a 115-volt supply. Accidental grounding of a high-poten-tial lead, during test, may burn out resistors, damage V9, or blow fuses. The aligning condensers, mounted on the front of each unit of the gang condenser, are

through the four round holes in the front of the upper shield. This operation is to be performed while the set is tuned to a weak signal, of a frequency below 1,300 kc. (230 meters); or, since the volume of a station is continually varying, an A.F.-modulated R.F. oscillator may advantageously be used instead. Start the alignment process with the circuit of V1. The alignment process with the circuit of v1. The maximum capacity of C7 is not the same as for C1, C3 or C5; hence the "apparent" selectivity at high frequencies (low wavelengths, and due to the increased number of dial-scale-divisions per station-carrier position) will not be as great

To change the drum dial lamp, turn the drum

To change the drum dial lamp, turn the drum dial so that the opening is on top. The bulb may then be reached with the fingers. The sensitivity of this set is so great that the antenna binding post will pick up sufficient energy, in certain localities and under certain conditions, to give loud-speaker reproduction of the signal without antenna or ground being connected to the set. If this energy is in the form of interference from radiating electrical equipment or a powerful broadcast station, it equipment or a powerful broadcast station, it may cause disturbance with R1 and R14 ad-justed for maximum volume.

Oscillation or squealing, if not due to a sta-tion heterodyne, is almost certain to be due to а

a defective by pass condenser or faulty tube. Resistors R11, R10, R9, R8, R13, R15, R16, and R17 are placed in this order and un-Allo, and K1/ are placed in this order and un-derneath the sub-panel; the last four are of the vitreous type. R12 and R18 use a double mounting, inside the base. R19 is mounted singly inside the base at the rear.

The rating of a replacement fuse is 3 amps.

The chassis is held by four large machine screws through the bottom of the cabinet. The output transformer T3 is held by four screws and covered by a steel protector, held

by two wood screws. This receiver works best with a good ground connection.

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EVEREADY SERIES 30, SERIES 30-C AND SERIES 40 RECEIVERS

EVEREADY SERVES Arrow the only things that distinguish the "Series 40" circuit from the "Series 30;" the former uses type '45 tubes in push-pull, the latter type (71.A. To supply the power for the '45s. (54) would to deliver 2.5 volts and S1, 250 volts) the No. 2708 unit must replace No. 2460 (PT); a higher-voltage-rating condenser bank, No. 2705, instead of No. 2339 (R8); tube sockets No. 2704 (designating '45 tubes) replace sock-ets No. 2252 for V6 and V7; the output trans-former No. 2463 (T3) used in "Series 30-C" and "Series 40" receivers for Eveready dy-namic reproducers has a ratio of 25-to-1; while this dynamic unit has a field resistance of 5,000 293 A.F. transformer unit, T3, with a ratio of 1-to-1. Jensen D-5 or Newcombe-Hawley 147 reproducers may be used with the No. 293 A.F. transformer unit, T3, with a ratio of 1-to-1. Jensen D-5 or Newcombe-Hawley 147 reproducers may be used with the No. 293 A.F. transformer unit, T3, with a statio of 1-to-1. Jensen D-5 or Newcombe-Hawley 147 reproducers may be used with the No. 293 A.F. transformer unit, T3, with a statio of 1-to-1. Jensen D-5 or Newcombe-Hawley 246 tube variable condensers, L1, which 246 transformer in the "30-C"; the field cur-rent available from the receiver is 4 watts at. The tubes used in the "30," "30-C," and "40," are as follows: V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V3, V5, V2, V5, V7, type '21.A or type '45, as 240. The tubes used in the "and serves as an antenna trimming unit; C2, C3, C4 have a pro-sis operated from the panel and serves as an antenna trimming unit; C2, C3, C4 have a pro-sis operated from the panel and serves as an antenna trimming units, each mounted on one antenna trimming units, eac

Grid leak R1 (red stripe) has a resistance of 2 meg.; hum-balancing potentiometer R2 is 10 ohms; R3, 1,750 ohms; R4 (green stripe) 17,500 ohms; R5, 3,500 ohms; R6, volume-control potentiometer, 600 ohms; R7, 175 ohms; R8, 1,000 ohms; R9 is the usual center-tapped resistor (which may be 15 or 20 ohms). R10, of 2,500 ohms, takes the place of the reproducer's



Under view of the receiver chassis of the Evercady "30," "30C," and "40" receivers; the variometer, mounted on the top of the chassis, is on the same shaft with the tuming condensers.

field coil in models in which the dynamic speaker is not used.) Voltage compensation

compensation in PT is obtained by e "plug" into the hole marked with Voltage compensation in PT is obtained by putting the "plug" into the hole marked with the line-voltage figure which is nearest to the measured value of the power supply. To facilitate shop service, Service Part No. 2715, an extension cable with terminals to fit over the connector strips on the R.F. and A.F.

chasses, is available for the purpose of making external substitution of an R.F. or A.F. chassis; which enables checking by the substitution method, without removing either cabinet chassis.

Volume control R6 varies the positive poten-tial of the cathodes of V1, V2, V3, in relation to ground; inversely, this varies the negative bias on the grids of these tubes, the grid rebias on the grids of these tubes, the grid re-turns of which are grounded. Defects in thus part of the circuit may occur as a short of the movable arm of R6 to ground (chassis); broken wire in winding of R6; short leads

to R6. If, for any reason, the braided-copper drive cable around the tuning drum becomes too loose to grip the drum dial properly, a new (unit No. 2257) or spring should be in. cable

at 15 recommended that, to neutralize the set, a dummy tube be used in conjunction with an oscillator and an indicating meter; and adjustment be made for zero indication, start-ing with C12 (V3). To align the circuite at and met

To align the circuits, the same oscillator and meter are recommended; adjustment being made of C5, C6, C7 (in this order). Align for maximum meter reading of A.F. output. To adjust the variometer, tune the receiver and oscillator to resonance at about 40 on the dial; loosen the two screws holding the varibracket to the gang condenser cradle, ock variometer for maximum signal; ometer and rock

tighten the two screws. Repeat this procedure at 75 and 25 on the dial. If the tuning cir-cuits do not tune as sharply as normal, or signal strength is not at par, make certain before aligning that the condenser plates are not Repeat this procedure out of position. For aligning and neutralizing, an insulated

For aligning and neutralizing, an insulated wrench is required. The R.F. inductances are matched in one group. The voltage drop across the portion in the secondaries is the neutralizing potential. Hum often may be eliminated by changing detector tubes, readjusting R2 for each tube. The voltages normally found in these Ever-eady receivers are as given below: Twbe "A" "B" "A" "B" "C" "K"Ma.1 Ma.2

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VI	2.5	109	2.45	100	6.0	6.0	2.5	6.0	
V2	2.5	109	2:45	100	6.0	6.0	2.5	6.0	
V3	2.5	109	2.45	100	6.0	6.0	- 2.5	6.0	
VA	2.5	109	2.45	50	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.2	
VS	25	109	2.45	100	4.5	4.5	3.0	4.3	
V6	5 2	192	5.10	175	37.5		20.0	24.0	
W7	5.2	192	5 10	175	38.0	_	20.0	24.0	
VR	3.0		5.10	_			44.0	-	
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These tests were made with a line voltage of 119, "plug" in the 115-volt tap, and the volume control turned full on. The second and third columns, "A" and "B," are readings

volume control turned tun on. The second and third columns, "A" and "B," are readings with the tube not yet placed in tester; Ma.1 indicates normal plate current and Ma2, plate current upon grid test. The circuit shown in the diagram is an "R.F.L." (Radio Frequency Laboratories) hook-up; all Eveready receivers in the "30" series are identical as respects the chassis. The response characteristic of a circuit tuned by a variometer is exactly the reverse of one tuned by a condenser; that is, the circuit be-comes more sensitive as it is tuned to the higher wavelengths. The two methods are com-bined in the design of this receiver to obtain even amplification throughout the tuning range. Volume control R6 is a wire-wound unit. Directly below the field terminal jacks on the Table Model is a snap switch (SW3) which is thrown one way for dynamic, and the other for magnetic, speaker operation. The field coil of the reproducer plugs into pin jacks located

is thrown one way for dynamic, and the older for magnetic, speaker operation. The field coil of the reproducer plugs into pin jacks located on the rear face of the power plant; and the voice coil into two pin jacks mounted between the power tubes.

The insulated terminal board, for adjustment to compensate line-voltage conditions, is mounted to compensate line voltage condutors, is mounted on top of the power plant between the power tubes and the rectifier; the removable plug is to be inserted in one of the three holes in the top of this board. The "Model 30" chassis is designed for easy

servicing by separate removal of either the set chassis or the power chassis. When the two units are reconnected, care should be taken to see that the busses are tightly bolted.









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nel number 35 and a frequency of ote and cycles. Lack of sufficient voltage on the R.F. tubes may be due to a grounded hum adjuster R6. The "Loc." connection is convenient for test-ing the general efficiency of the outside an-tenna. 'If signals are not heard with the out-side antenna connected, but good reception is obtained when the "Loc." terminal is con-nected to "Ant.", the outside antenna system should be checked. The efficiency of the ground connection may

should be checked. The efficiency of the ground connection may be checked by removing the ground connection while weak signals are being received. There should be a reduction of the volume if the ground connection is good; no reduction denot-ing a poor ground. (This reduction in volume will not be noticed if the test is made on strong signals.)



Tube layout of the Philco "Model 87."

If the neutralizing condensers (C1, C2, C3) should short-circuit the plate voltage of the R.F. tubes will be increased, in addition to the circuit's "going dead" so far as signal strength is concerned. A grounded neutralizing con-denser will result in very weak signals. If the circuit tunes broadly, after care has been taken to balance the tuning of each stage, one of the R.F. transformers may be at fault. These are readily replaceable and interchange-able; the constants all being standardized.



Under chassis arrangement of the "87." In the open or local position of Vc, the neutralizing condenser C1 becomes a coupler to V2, which is then the first R.F. tube.

A caution is issued by the manufacturer with regard to the tuning-condenser gang. If it has been positively determined that the trouble lies in the alignment of the condenser plates, re-move the entire condenser and return it for adjustment. The screws holding the stator plates of the tuning condenser in place, and those holding the rotor bearings, should never be loosened. The compensating condensers C5, C7 and C10 may be adjusted with a wrench to equalize the tuned circuits. Replacement R.F. transformers of standard values are separately obtainable. If trouble has been localized to the dynamic reproducer, a check with a voltmeter across

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the field coil should show approximately 135

with a line-voltage of 125, the "Model 87" draws 95 watts from the power line, and the correct set voltages are as follows: Three R.F., and the first A.F. stages, fila-ments 1.5 (winding A); plate 90; grid bias 6, R2, R3, R4 are low in resistance and do not

reduce plate voltage perceptibly. Detector heater 2.5 (winding B); plate 30;

grid bias 0. grid blas 0. Second A.F. (and pilot lamp) filaments 2.5 (winding C); plate 245; grid bias 45. Rectifier filament, 5 volts; across secondary

700. The code used in wiring the receiver is:

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 Colors

 A.C. Supply
 Green rubber covered

 A.C. Supply to C21.......Black rubber covered
 Black rubber covered

 M.C. Supply to C21......Black
 Black rubber covered

 Winding A ('26 filaments)
 Black white tracer

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 Black white tracer

 Colors

ments) Winding B ('27 heater)...Yellow, green tracer Winding B ('27 heater)...Yellow, plain Winding C ('45 fila-

Winding C ('45 fila-ments) Winding C ('45 fila-.....Green, yellow tracer

tap Yellow Ch 1 (high-voltage side). White Ch 1 (low-voltage side) Push-Pull plate lead and Field Coil, high .Yellow, rubber covered

..Black, yellow tracer side

Ch 2 (high-voltage side) and Field Coil, low

.....Blue, plain side

Ch 2 (low-voltage side) amplifier plate and

.Yellow, green tracer R7



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Wiring Diagram Electrola Radiola 7-26 Above Serial No.+12000















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RADIOLAS "SUPER VIII" (AR-810), "SEMI-PORTABLE" (AR-812), 24 AND 26

RADIOLAS "SUPER VIII
These four Radiola superheterodynes use the same 6-tube catacomb, the first of this type put on the market by the Radio Corporation of America; differences lie in the mechanical arrangement of the units outside the catacomb, and in the electrical and artistic design.
The "812," to which most of this material specially applies, is an entirely self-contained semiportable table cabinet set with a battery from one A.F. to two. An other switch controls the "A" circuit. There is a master rheostat ("Battery Setting"), R3 in the diagram on this page, and also a vernier rhoostat ("Volume Control") R2; the latter controls I.F. amplifer V3. A fixed loop antama is located in the rear of the cabinet. Phones or speaker may be used.
The "A.R-810" or "Super table loop and a body speaker. The filament circuit is controls the loop.
Radiola 24, is a black-leather-covered portable body cabinet, with a large rotable loop and a built in loud speaker and a rotable loop.
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.006 mf. Arrangement of the tube-socket contact springs is shown at the lower left of the schematic, and the correct connections for the oscillator coils directly above. The numbers on the mounting plate correspond with the circuit connections; if one coil is reversed, the set will be made inoperative.

(AR-OIU), SELVII-FORTA The loop connects to a terminal board on the back of the cabinet. The normal position for "link" is shown in dotted lines; in the second position shown, an external loop may be led to posts 4 and 2, for increased pick-up or more directional reception. A short antenna may be used on post No. 2 or a longer one on No. 1, with either loop in use. A standard "R.F. transformer" designed for .0005-mf. condensers may be used instead of the loop; aerial and ground being connected to the primary, and the secondary leads to posts 4 and 2, with "link" open. This is usually unsatisfactory near strong stations. If the location is particularly shielded, good operation can sometimes be obtained by connecting post No. 1 to ground. Any external connection to this terminal board will change slightly the readings of Selector No. 1. A con-venient method of obtaining just the right degree of signal input to the set is to make a coil of magnet wire, any size, about 30 to 50 turns bunched, with a diameter of about six inches, and connect it between aerial and ground; this loop is brought as close to the back of the cabinet as necessary for good coupling. Absence of signal may be due to open loop

ground; turs not the cabinet as necessary for good coupling. Absence of signal may be due to open loop or broken pigtail on C1. An open loop may be caused by wires twisting loose from the col-lector rings. Dirty or loose rings may cause noisy operation. (In later sets of the Super VIII fexible leads supersede the collector ring con-struction.) A rattling sound in the reproducer may be due to the catacomb springs touching the loop shaft. Wrong jack-switch circuit change may be due to dirty or bent switch springs, or loose knob.

Wrong Jackson ten switch springs, or loose knob. When working properly, distant stations can be heard in either of two positions of C2; local stations may come in at three or four places. A wave trap or relocation of the set may be necessary.

A wave trap or relocation of the set may be necessary. A cause of trouble may be one of the strands of one of the catwhiskers touching either an adjacent terminal lug or grounding to the can. Occasionally an "oscillating catacomb" will be found, and the only remedy is to change the catacomb; for no manner of adjusting will stop the oscillations, which cause whistles to be heard on all station settings. If it is necessary to turn R3 up high, even with new batteries, check the tubes and the "C" battery's polarity. (The "C" is at the rear-inside the loop.) Any tube in sockets V1, V2 or V3 remaining lighted after switch SW1 has been turned to "off" is an indication that the filament is touching the grid. Tube requirements for V2 seem to be more critical than the others, and tubes subnormal in any way will show up markedly in this position. Rearrange tubes with this in mind. Failure of tubes in the Super VIII to light may be due to failure of switch operated by desk-fall to make contact; bend the spring contacts.

Weak or noisy reception, with C1 tuning considerably below C2, may be due to one or more shorted loop turns; inspect loop carefully. Noisy reception may be due to dirty socket springs; clean only with sandpaper and pull up springs. To do this without removing batteries or all tubes necessitates an insulated tool to prevent short circuits. The loop of the Semi-Portable is easily removed for inspection after catacomb, battery cable, by pass condenser, "C," catch, and handle are out.

Using phones or a meter with a 4¹/₂-volt "C" hattery, the following table may be used for making continuity tests on the catacomb of Radiola 24, AR-810 and AR-812, without re-moving it, when the battery cable is dis-connected; and tubes are removed:

From	То	Test
1	V1 grid	Onen
4	V2 plate	Closed
5	V2 grid	Closed
6	V1 plate	Open
6	V1 grid	Closed
6	V3 grid	Closed
6	V5 grid	*Closed
6	V6 grid	*Closed
7	V3 F	Closed
8	V1. V2. V4. V5. V6 F-	Closed
10	V4 plate	Open
10	Catacomb can	Closed
10	All F+	Closed
10	V4 grid	Open
11	V4 plate	Closed
12	Terminal 3	Closed
12	V1 plate	Closed
12	V3 plate	Closed
12	Terminal 14	Closed
13	V5 plate	Closed
15	V6 plate	Closed

* With headphones, a weak click should be heard.

The figures in the left column refer to the precision large on the terminal strip, to which

The figures in the left column refer to the nonnection lugs on the terminal strip, to which the whiskers of the catacomb are connected; catacomb from the rear. Taking from left to right, and looking at the catacomb from the rear. To the catacomb, or No. 16; their connections to context to context to context to the catacomb, nor No. 16; their connections to context to the catacomb of No. 16; their connections to context to the catacomb of the catacomb of the catacomb. To replace C12, a fixed .0001-mf. unit will sually serve. The value of C10 is .006-mf. C11 (rear of cabinet) may be replaced with a 1.0 or 2-mf. unit. The catacomb of Radiola 26 is mounted differently, and the connections thereto are reversed. As a stage-change switch is not used, the built-in loud speaker is at all times connected to the second audio stage, and the phone-tip pin jacks to the first stage.





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RADIOLA 25 SUPERHETERODYNE

This circuit is one of the variations of the "Second-Harmonic" Radiola Superheterodyne in which the first tube is reflexed for the first In which the first tube is reflexed for the first stage of intermediate-frequency amplification. The "sequence" of signals in this circuit is as follows: V1 may be considered as both the first stage of R.F. amplification at the broadcast wavelengths, and the first stage of intermediate frequency amplification at 45 Rc; V2 is the oscillator and first detector; V3 is the second intermediate frequency ampli-Rc.; V2 is the oscillator and first detector; V3 is the second intermediate-frequency am-plifier; V4 is the second detector; V5 is first A.F.; and V6 is second A.F. The desired signals are selected by the loop and C1. Since L1A has a high impedance to the broad-east frequencies, the signal, having passed through C5, is amplified by V1 and the out-put fed to the grid of oscillator V2 through the aperiodic R.F. transformer L3-L4. (The grid circuit of V2 is tuned by L10-C2.) \approx XTo prevent circuit oscillation in V1, neutraliza-tion has been effected through the use of tion has been effected through the use of 1.1B-(.3-C6. C6 is contained inside the catation has been effected through the use of $1.11:(.3\cdotC6)$. C6 is contained inside the cata-comb and adjustment of this unit is made at the factory.) The intermediate-frequency component in the plate circuit of V2 is coup-led by L2 to L1A and then amplified by V1. The amplified output of V1 at this frequency is coupled by L5-L6 to the second LF, ampli-ther V3: and then, after amplification, by L7-L8 to the second detector V4. The A.F. output of this tube is amplified by V5 and

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V6 in the usual manner. The auts that comprise the "catacomb" are contained within a metal can, represented in the diagram as a dotted outline, and sealed with resin.

1.9-1.10 are mounted on a bakelite plate under C2. 1.10 is the upper and 1.9 is the lower coil (see detail at extreme left); while 5 and 4 are the outside leads, connected as shown in the schematic circuit.

shown in the schematic circuit. A continuity test of LIA is completed by touching the brass stator-tube of C6; which is accomplished by gently prodding through the small hole, in the top plate, between the sockets for V1 and V2 ("CT," in the diagram). If one of the two connected phosphor-bronze contact springs in the loop socket breaks, the unused spring (see X in detail at extreme left of diagram) may be used as a replace-ment. These springs drop into the receptacle and lock into position; they are removed by lock into position; they are removed by and pushing a small screwdriver into the holes

in the side of the bakelite receptacle. TE the contact springs on the end of the loop become flattened because of misuse, they may become nationed because of misuse, they may be sprung out again by using a screwdriver placed underneath (this must be done very carefully, else the insulating shell will be split by the excessive pressure). If the loop is so jarred as to lose its up-right position, it may be re-located by loosen-ing the four underneating shell bed the

ing the four machine screws that lock the socket-collar in position, moving it around until the loop is again vertical, and then tightening the screws.

Since both sides of the loop are at a different potential from the "A" battery, a "dead" "C" battery may be an indication that one side of the loop circuit has become grounded; the loop may ground if it is carelessly inserted into the receptacle.

V7 is a protective lamp (No. UV-877). It is a double-filament bulb of the "double-contact" bayonet-base type; either or both filaments light or burn out if a short-circuit because. In some models of the "25" this hamp and its 1.0-mf, by-pass condenser C13 have been eliminated. If a replacement lamp is not available, temporary operation may be

is not available, temporary operation may be obtained by twisting together its three leads 1 (not numbered), 2 and 3, Upon removing from the cabinet the chassis and looking at its rear, there will be seen a bakelite connection strip containing 20 connecting lugs; the loop connects to No. 1 in the extreme left, while No. 29 at the extreme right is not connected to anything. Seven-teen black wires are seen to leave the cata-comb and connect to the lugs shown in the schematic circuit as numbers within circles. By rocking the catacomb on its spring-cradle it will be possible to discern figures, stamped on a bakeiite plate underneath the top of the 'cat.' numbering from 1, at left, to 17 (right) which appear in the diagram as num-bers within squares. These stranded leads may short, in a few instances, between two connecting lugs; or between a lug and the case of the "cat." which is grounded to "A+"; or, they may break. Also at the rear of the "cat." is a connec-tion-panel called a "bus bar" which wires the filaments either in parallel (as shown in the circuit) or in series, when the con-nection-panel is the special one included in the "A.C. package" required for A.C. opera-By rocking the catacomb on its spring-cradle

tion of this set. Unlighted tubes or noisy operation may be due to loose screws holding and connecting this D.C. bus bar to the specially-provided filament connections of the tube sockets.

Looking at the front of the set, the looptuning condenser (1 is at the left; the oscil-lator condenser (2 at the right. Noisy or no reception may be due to the rotor pigtail of C1 or C2 touching the stator. As will be noted from consideration of the

diagram, the output of the detector may be connected to an external power amplifier through tap 19; or this tap may be connected to a phonograph pick-up to utilize the A.F. amplifier alone.

amplifier alone. Looking at the "cat." from the front, and counting from right to left, tubes 1 to 5 are type '99 tubes marked V1 to V5 in the dia-gram; V6 (the left and sixth tube), is a type '20. If a single tube is much below par, it is necessary to overload the remaining tubes to bring reception up to standard, and then the tubes detarisets remaining tubes the tubes deteriorate rapidly; whereas normal life may well be a year and over. The fila-ment potential should never exceed 3.3 volts, and to determine accurately when this voltage has been obtained, a good voltmeter should has been obtained, a good voltmeter should be connected to the two tip jacks provided on the front vertical panel, just above the filament switch, and shown in the schematic diagram as tip jacks 1 and 2. R3 is the left and master control ("Battery Setting") of these filament potentials; while R2 (right, or "Volume Control") still further reduces the voltage applied to V3.

voltage applied to V3. Batteries of the correct size for the com-partments of this set are as follows: C1, Burgess No. 5156BP or Eveready No. 768; C2, Burgess No. 2370 or Eveready No. 771; A3, 6 Burgess No. 6 or Eveready No. 7111 dry cells; B4, 2 45-volt Burgess No. 10308 or Eveready No. 770; B5, 2 22½-volt Burgess No. 2156 (or 2158) or Eveready No. 779. By plugging into the socket of V5 or V6 a dummy tube base, to the grid-prong of which is soldered a lead wire, it is possible to couple through T1 or T2 the output of V4 or V5 to an external power amplifier of any type, such as push-pull '45s. The fixed condensers shown in the schematic

The fixed condensers shown in the schematic circuit are, except for C13. within the "cat." non-replaceable, and have values which are not available here.





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SILVER RADIO MODELS 30 (CHASSIS), 60 LOWBOY, 95 HIGHBOY AND 75 CONCERT GRAND

This chassis utilizes '24 type screen-grid tubes in the first four, stages: an aperiodic antenna coupler feeds V1, which is connected to V2 through the band selector L2-L3-L4. V3 is the third R.F. stage, and V4 a power detector which is followed, however, by a '27-type first audic stage V5. In the push-pull power stage, V6 and V7 are '45s.

The volume control in this receiver is the 10,000-ohm potentiometer P1; while the lowresistance instrument P2 is the hum balancer. P1 is a metal-frame component ("PP No. 4477" —Yaxley "Type 510,000") and must not, under any circumstances, be replaced with one of the earlier bakelite frame type. When inserting a new unit, drop a fiber washer over the shaft bushing; the lock-nut should be removed and a fiber spacing washer used to insulate the potentiometer shaft from the metal chassis. After replacing the front panel, which is fastened by the lock-nuts of the power switch SW1 and the "overtone switch" SW2, a second fiber spacing washer is dropped over the shaft of P1, and its nut tightened. A test for a ground to the chassis should be made before soldering the connecting leads of P1.

While the low-note amplification of this receiver is high, and the normal operating hum faintly discernable, if this becomes excessive try other tubes in the detector and audio sockets. The power tubes should be selected for matched characteristics.

In the earlier models of this receiver, the cathode resistor R8 was connected to the white lead of the condenser bank C13, and thus bypassed by 1 mf. capacity; while both red leads of C12 ran to the cathode of V4. In these receivers, produced before July 3, 1929, it will be found desirable, for the reduction of hum, to rearrange the connections as shown in the diagram below.

The receivers with a serial number above 12,907 contain the "Type 30 filter"—comprising L12 and C14; in the 25-cycle models, C14 is connected as indicated in dotted lines; in 60-cycle receivers, as shown by full lines.

In receivers of a lower number, it may be desirable to add this unit to reduce hum. Without it, plate potential readings taken from these sets will be found about 10 volts higher than the figures shown below; in later models, the resistance of the choke coil L12 ("No. 339U") causes this drop.

The following figures represent the average readings obtained on a Jewell "Model 199" set analyzer, with the line-voltage at 114 and the volume control set at maximum:

Тиbe	Screen	"A"	"B"	" <i>C</i> "	K	Ma.
V1	60	2.25	142	1.0	1.0	2.6
V2	58	2.25	140	1.4	1.4	2.3
V'3	58	2.25	140	1.2	1.2	3.2
¥4	40	2.25	55	5.4	10	0.2
V 5		2.30	176		12	6.5
۰.6		2.30	205	40	-	28
1.2	·	2.30	205	40		28

In normal operation, this receiver may be tested for noise by shorting the antenna and ground posts, and turning P1 to the full "on" position. Practically no background noise should then be heard at 550 kc.; no appreciable hiss becoming evident until the "Selector" drum has been turned to 1500 kc. Excessive noise may be due to tubes, wiring, or parts. Interchange the '24s until a quiet one has been obtained for V4, and another for V1 (the righthand or first R.F. socket). V2 is the least critical '24 position.

Inability to receive stations between 200 and 214 meters (1400 and 1500 Kc.), or crystal-controlled transmissions below 230 meters (above 1300 Kc.), at their designated positions on the "Selector" drum, indicates the need for re-"Selector" drum, indicates the need for re-alignment of the tuning condensers. The cor-The coralignment of the tuning condensers. The cor-rect procedure is: first, remove the chassis from the cabinet, and put it in operation with the shield-can cover resting over only the first three (R.F.) compartments. Next, tune in a weak signal between 240 and 230 meters (1250 and 1300 Kc.), and start with the aligning condenser in shunt with C4; then, in succession, align C3, C2, C1. To align C2 for loudest signal, it will C2, C1. 10 angle C2 for rougest signing it may be necessary to unsolder the red wire from the rear stator soldering lug of C1. Then re-solder the red wire to the stator lug of C1 and un-solder both wires (but leave them connected to each other) from the stator lug of C2; and align C1 for loudest signal. Re-solder the wires to stator lug of C2. When they are properly ad-justed, the aligning screw of C4 will be practically all the way in; those of C3 and C2 nearly all in; while that of C1 will be nearly all out and with frame and spring separated about ½-in. It is absolutely essential that the drum dial and volume control settings remain unchanged during the above operations, which must be carried out in the order specified. If the receiver will not tune down to 200 meters (1500 Kc.), the aligning process has been carried out with the aligning condensers screwed too . tight.

and "floats," the receiver will usually oscillate; as, also, if the ground lead is unconnected, poor tubes are in use, the R.F. plate leads incorrectly located, or tube shields not firmly in position. It is vitally important that the three red R.F. plate leads (leading from lugs of sock ets of V1, V2, V3, through and under chassis partition to their respective inductors) be pushed down carefully into the angle between the chassis and the partitions, where they run from the socket lug up to the slot in the partition. If, during previous servicing, these leads have been allowed to straggie through the set, and are not placed exactly as specified, the circuits will invariably oscillate. An infrequent cause of circuit oscillation is a short of L10; or a defective CS or C8. If the "overtone" switch SW1 fails to change the timbre of programs, carefully check the values of C5, C7 and C8.

A tension screw on the hub of the dial, which is held by a lock-nut, permits the drive cord to be tightened when necessary.

If it becomes necessary to replace an R.F. coil, the replacement coil must have upon its end the same crayon identifying number as the defective coil.

The following values are used in the Silver "Model 30" chassis: C5, C7, .00015-mf.; C6, .006-mf.; C8, .001-mf.; C9, C10, C11, C12, 0.1-mf.; P1, 10,000 ohms; R1, R2, R3, 400 ohms; R4, R5, R6, 2600 ohms; R7, 60,000 ohms (blue); R8, 2,000 ohms (white); R9, 10,000 ohms (greeu); R10, 300,000 ohms (yellow); R11, 3500 ohms (brown): R12, R13, one 800-1500-ohm tapped resistor; R14, 2 megs. (red); C14, 2 mf. L1, L7, L8, L9, L10 are "Type-274U" R.F. chokes.

A screen antenna is contained inside the cabinet top.

To readjust the gang condenser bearings, if they are too tight, loosen the dial set screws sufficiently to free the dial. after removing the chassis. Adjust the condenser so that the rotor turns freely. First release all rotor spring tension screws. If the condenser is still tight, or if end-play exists, the thrust screw must be carefully adjusted. The rotor spring bearings should be adjusted one by one, so they do not press the rotor shaft upward. Otherwise, the screw should be completely removed and the upper spring so bent as to bear down upon the rotor shaft (as the screw is tightened) before the lower rotor spring forces the shaft upward. The proper adjustment of the rotor springs is when they are not loose enough to cause vertical play, but permit side play.























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SPARTON "EQUASONNE" MODELS 931 AND 301 D.C.

Although grounds are shown in the schematic circuit of this set, no ground should be connected to this set. The reason is that one side of the D.C. line is grounded at the power house; consequently, if, for example, with the lineplug connections reversed the set should be connected to an external ground in any manner a short-circuit would result. It some D.C. sets fixed condensers will be found in both ground and antenna leads; in this receiver accidental grounding of the antenna (which usually results, when the lead-in insulation of a poorly installed aerial is rubbed, through permitting the lead to touch metal on the building) is prevented by the antenna condenser shown. An additional safety factor in the D.C. "Equasonne" is a 3-anp. fuse in the megative side of the line. All tuning is obtained before the input of V1, a band-selector circuit being used to secure the desired selectivity. The signal is then am-

All tuning is obtained before the input of V1, a band-selector circuit being used to secure the desired selectivity. The signal is then amplified successively by V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5 (V6 is the "power" detector); the signal transfer being made through "aperiodic" (broadly-resonant) R.F. transformers. In series with a special R.F. coil arrangement in the plate circuit of V1 is a 2,800-ohm resistor, shunted by a fixed condenser of very small capacity. The bank of three 15-ohm resistors in series

The bank of three 15-ohm resistors in series with the reproducer's field coil limits the current consumption to approximately the correct amount; more accurate adjustment for highor low-line supply is obtained through the 7-ohm resistor which is controlled by the shorting switch marked "Hi-Lo." ("Lo." below 115 volts; "Hi," 115-125 volts.) It has been found that the "110-volt" D.C. supply in some districts may rise to a value of 135 volts; and the remedy in this case is to add to the threeresistor bank a fourth resistor, also of 15 ohms. The Service Mau is recommended to check first the 15-ohm resistors in the 45-ohm bank. There is no other outstanding point for test, in the event of trouble, in this set; the dynamic memody memory approximation and the test.

in the event of trouble, in this set; the dynamic reproducer requires usually no attention. The volume control in this receiver has a resistance of 50,000 ohms.

A few cautions must be observed with regard to the filament circuit of this receiver. If the pilot light should burn out, replace it at once;



Tube arrangement of the "Equasonne" D.C. models.

this will bring back to normal the increased voltage across the filaments of the Type-182 (Sparks-Withington Co's.) power tubes V7-V8 (equivalent to the standard '71A). The dial light, with a 63-ohu resistor in series, is shunted across the filaments of the R.F. amplifiers and the power detector V6. Therefore, if the fila ment of one of the type "484" tubes should burn out, V9 will act as a fuse and also burn out; this should be to the Service Man an indication of the trouble. For this reason, too, tubes should be removed from their sockets only when the set is disconnected from the line, to prevent burning ont V9. (If the heater [filament] of one of the 484s should burn out, the remaining tubes in the series will not light until the circuit is completed through a realegement tube or an equivalent resistor.)

and the circuit is complete through a field placement tube or an equivalent resistor.) As the Sparton tubes carry a 90-day guarantee, the Service Man should acquaint himself with the limitations of this guarantee. The specifications set by the manufacturer for tubes subject to replacement and hearing the proper sticker, dated, are as follows: low amplification; low emission; loose bases; defective welds; unsoldered terminals; gassy; open heaters; one element shorted to another; loose pins; low mutual conductance; no plate current; loose elements; open filament. Tubes having loose tops; broken glass; broken stems; broken bases, or dated ontride the time limit cannot be replaced.

An external "C" battery supplies the bias for the power tubes.

V9 may be a 3.8-volt Mazda 13, type G3.

The current in the filament-heater-resistor

circuit is approximately 1.5 amperes under correct conditions. All continuity tests of the apparatus should be made with the set off the line.

Absence of plate voltage on the detector V6 may be due to: lack of line voltage; an open R.F. choke CH; open push-pull-input A.F.transformer primary; or a ground in the R.F. amplifier.

Operating voltages for this set are as follows: Plate voltage, V7 and V8, 115; V6 (volume "ou"), 100-108; V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5, (volume "on"), 112.

Grid voltage, V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5 (volume "on"), 2 to 3; V6, 8 to 10; V7 and V8, 221/2:

Vilament voltage, V1, V2, V3, V4, V5 and V6, (across the six tubes in series) 18; V7 and V8 (across the two tubes in parallel), 4 to 4.5.

For reference, the characteristics of Sparton tubes are given in the accompanying table: in which SN is the Sparton tube-type designation; FV, filament volts; FA, filament amps.; GV, grid volts; PV, plate volts; PMa, plate milliamps.; PR, plate resistance; Mu, amplification factor.

SN	FV	FA	GV	PV.	PMa	PR	Mu
484	3.0	1.25	3	90	6.0	16,000	12.5
585	7.5	1.25	45	250	55.0	2,000	3.8
182B	5.0	1.25	29	200	18.0	2,400	
181	3.0	1.40	29	200	12.0	1,500	
401	3.0	1.40	3	90	6.0	7,000	
226	1.5	1.05	3	90	6.0	7,000	
227	2.5	1.75	9	135	6.0	9,000	.0
686	3.0	1.25	3	90		2,000	3.8
182	5.0	0.90	45	200	18.0	2,000	3.0

The Sparton tubes numbered 171, 373, and 201A have been discontinued. The 401 is a "side-heater" tube similar to the Kellogg tube of the same characteristics. The 585 has a wire mesh plate, the 686, also a high-power tube, has a solid plate. The 182 has a slightly larger output than the standard '71A. The 484 is a himu tube with a 3-volt filament. The 182B is a special 5-volt tube with slightly higher output than the standard '45. Type 280 and 281 tubes are similar to the standard '30 and 81.







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Schematic Drawing of the Sparton Equasonne Circuit



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On the terminal strip of this receiver are nounted: the power-cable lugs; the grid leak and ondenser; the detector-plate by-pass condenser; the wo center-tap resistors; and the 600-ohm and 2500hm "C-bias" resistors.

A special input circuit is used on the Steinite receivers, for the purpose of obtaining sensitivity. The circuit acts as an autotransformer when the antenna lead is connected at the junction between L1 and C1. The purpose of R1 is to complete the D.C. path for the grid bias.

STEINITE 50-A AND 102-A

clockwise position cuts in 75,000 ohms additional. The resulting biasing potential is sufficient to reduce the plate current to nil; and even powerful local signals are cut out.

The output transformer matching V6 and V7 to the moving coil of the dynamic reproducer is built into the reproducer. The primary winding has a resistance of 285 ohms between center tap and each end. The secondary winding matches the lowresistance voice-coil.

The power pack of this receiver is built on the



Power-pack parts layout and reproducer connections of the Steinite "50-A" and "102-A."

Each unit of the four-gang condenser has a capacity of 380 mmf., maximum, and 30 mmf., minimum. The secondaries L3, L6, L9 consist each of 8734 turns of No. 30 enameled wire on a tube 114 inch in diameter. They are connected in series with the balancing coils (L4, L7, L10) which are wound with 32 turns of the same size wire; they are placed at the low-potential ends of the secondary coils, and in non-inductive relation. The primary coil, placed inside the main secondary, consists of 24 turns of space-wound No. 38 advance wire,

When the volume control R4 is turned entirely 'on'' in a clockwise direction the bias on the R.F. stages is normal (600 ohms in the cathode eads); turning this control to its maximum counter-

unit plan; whereby, if one unit is defective, it can be easily removed and another substituted in its place. Some difficulty may be experienced in removing the chassis from the Model 102 unless the following procedure is followed. First, remove the two screws with which the "Radio-Phono" escutcheon is held in place. Sufficient slack has been provided in the leads so that it is possible to raise the escutcheon assembly, turn it on edge and pass it down through the hole into which it fits, permitting its removal as an integral part of the receiver chassis. Second, no attempt should be made to remove the receiver chassis from the shelf to which it is attached until the shelf has been removed from the cabinet. The shelf with chassis attached can be readily removed by withdrawing the four screws which secure it to the cabinet, permitting the entire assembly to be pulled out from the back of the cabinet and making easy access to the six bolts which secure the chassis to its supporting-shelf.

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chassis to its supporting-shelf. If the volume centrol does not function, consideration of the schematic circuit indicates that the trouble may be due to a shorted C2 or C3.

If the transformer's filament windings for V4-V5 V8-V9 are making contact or flashing over, resistor R2 (situated under the terminal strip and colored red) will be burnt out and consequently show an open circuit, or no "C" voltage on the grid of V5. The remedy for this condition is to renove the transformer from the power pack and substitute another. Only early models should require this repair.

The phonograph turntable should rotate at the standard speed of 78 r.p.m. Any hum which may develop is ordinarily trace-

Any hum which may develop is ordinarily traceable to the detector; particular care taken in the selection of a detector tube when first setting up the receiver will result in best operation over an extended period.

Variation from the standard circuit to include connections for the phonograph radio switching arrangement on the 102.A is illustrated; the schematic is laid out to correspond with the view of the switch escutcheon, which is a rear one.

the switch escutcheon, which is a rear one. The aligning condensers of this receiver, shown in the parts layout, are not shown in the schematic circuit.

Line voltage tap colors of pack are: red, 90; white, 100; blue, 110; green, 120.

The average voltage readings (as shown by a standard set analyzer) for the 50-A and 102-A are given in the table which follows: Readings of Tester with Test Plug in Socket of Set

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		of Tester		Tube in Tester (Volts)				
Tube	Tube	(Vo	lts)				Nor-	Grid
No.	Type	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"	"C"	mal	Test
							Millia	mperes
V1	'27	2.75	134	2.45	125	6.5	4.25	13.0
V2	'27	2.75	134	2.45	125	8.7	5.0	14.0
V3	'27	2.75	134	2.45	125	8.7	4.8	13.6
V4	'27	2.65	92	2.40	32		2.5	
V5	'27	2.65	-144	2.40	118	8.2	3.6	9.0
V6	'50	7.7	355	7.40	310	51.0	36.0	98.0
V7	'50	7.7	355	·7.40	310	51.0	36.0	98.0
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These values were determined with a line-voltage of 110 and with the line-voltage tap on the power transformer set at 110 V. (Volume Control position "Max.")



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Circuit Diagrams---No. 4 Chassis, Power Unit and Speaker



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No. 4 Speaker (Part No. 7450)



No. 4 Power Unit (Part No. 7383A)







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Circuit Diagram of Stewart-Warner 950 Series D. C. Receiver

950 Series 25 and 60 Cycle A. C. Radio Receivers



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STEWART-WARNER SERIES 900

This receiver is so designed as to permit the use of aerials of widely differing characteristics. In addition to being adaptable to aerials of the usual type, it makes provision for use of the light-line, if satisfactory operation results when the R.F. input is taken from the light-line through C13. (Sw. 1 on tap L.). If the light-line is being used as the aerial, reversing the line plug may improve reception.

Volume control is effected by varying R2. This varies the grid-bias potential on tubes V1, V2 and V3. The first tube V1 has a tuned input and its Y'3. synchronism in relation to the other tuned circuits, is accomplished through a trimming condenser, C5, controlled from the panel.

The detector output of this receiver may be tapped to any external equipment, by connection to posts provided on the rear of the receiver. Spe-cifically, it is intended to make convenient the operation of television equipment by connecting to binding posts BP1 and BP3. Also, the detector binding posts BP1 and BP3. Also, the detector input may be tapped for operation of a phonograph pickup, by connection to posts BP1 and BP2. There is no switching device for disconnecting the pick-up; for its leads would introduce a capacity that would impair the "phase" conditions, (reso-nance of the stages) of the set; consequently, the nick-up connections must be removed from the re-ceiver when only radio reception is desired. The amplification of the detector tube is obtained when the pick-up is connected to posts BP1 and BP2.

the pick-up is connected to posts BP1 and BP2. The circuit used in this receiver is of a neutral-ized type, and is specifically called a "balanced-bridge" connection. (Changing tubes of the same type does not disturb the circuit balance.) Before attempting to re-balance the R.F. circuits, in the event of circuit oscillation, it is advisable to make certain that the ground is a satisfactory one. It is convenient to do this by connecting a voltmeter between the ground wire and one side of the 110-volt light-line. The maximum voltage reading obvolt light-line. The maximum voltage reading ob-tained in this manner should be practically the same tained in this manner should be practically the same as the reading obtained by connecting the meter across the light-lines. Connection to aerial and ground is obtained through two leads; one black, for ground, and one blue, for aerial. Compensa-tion for aerial variation is obtained by adjustment of switch Sw.1; which taps the primary of the input R.F. transformer L1.

In the earlier sets of this series, condenser C26 (next R9) was omitted, and a fixed center-tap re-sistor used instead of the variable R7. These two changes were made to reduce hum. Should one changes were made to reduce hum. Should one of the earlier receivers produce an objectionable hum, the set may be brought up-to-date by installing the variable resistor and condenser. (A "No. 66058" bracket is used for holding this unit.)

This receiver is designed to use either : magnetic or a dynamic reproducer; the field winding of the Stewart-Warner dynamic has a D.C. resistance of approximately 1,800 ohms. There is uo transformer in this dynamic reproducer; the secondary of the output unit T3 matches the constants of the (12-ohm) speaker voice coil. A 4-connection



receptacle is provided for the dynamic reproducer; but magnetic reproducers connect in-stead to tip-jacks. The "B" voltages, which are disturbed when the dynamic reproducer field coil is removed from the circuit are equalized by load resistor R8; which is equalized by load resistor R8; which is placed in shunt with the high voltage D.C. when the "link" is connected to the two binding posts shown at the upper right of the



schematic circuit. Magnetic, and other makes of dynamic, reproducers connect, as shown, from plate to plate of the power tubes, At a line voltage of 110, the primary of PT should receive about 88 volts. When making any changes in the receiver connec-tions or parts, it is well to watch the regu-lator R12. If it heats to a visible red, the plug should be pulled and circuit checked. mono

The parts of this receiver may be duplicated for service replacements by using the code numbers included in the following data: Units C1, C2, C3, C4, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10 and C11 constitute a complete assembly, No. 61,055—complete with bracket, No. 61,933; C5 is No. 60,955; C12, 38,261; C13 of 0001-mf. capacity is included in the shield can of PT; C14, C15 and C16, of .006-mf., are each 61,469; C17, .002-mf., 61,470; C18, 1.5 mf., 600-volt rating and C19, 2 mf., 400-volt; C13, 0.5-mf., 400-volt; C21, 1.0-mf., 400-volt; C22, 0.5-mf., 400-volt; C21, 1.0-mf., 400-volt; C22, 0.5-mf., 400-volt; C21, 1.0-mf., 400-volt; C22, 0.5-mf., 400-volt, C23, C24 and C25, 0.25-mf., 200 volt, constitute, with two,choke coils, filter bank 61,729; C26, 1.5-mf., 66,059. The resistors are. R1, 800 ohms, 61,830; R2, 60,000ohms (max.), 61,557; R3, 1 meg. 61,590; R4, 2,400 ohms-R8, 850 ohms-constituting unit 61,839; R6, 20 ohms, 61,648; R7, 20 ohms, 66,060; R8, 10,000 ohms and R9, 5,500 ohms constitute unit 61,665; R10, 75,000 ohms, 61,559; R11, 7,000 ohms, 61,833; R12, line ballast, 61,868. Power trans-The parts of this receiver may be duplicated for 61,833; R12, line ballast, 61,853; R17, 7,000 billis, former PT is 61,888; L1, 61,803; L2, 61,804; L3, 61,805; L4, 61,806; Ch1, Ch2, and Ch3, 61,405; T1, 61,914; T2, 61,915; T3, 61,916. For the pilot light V9, a 2.5-volt lamp is used.

All connections in this receiver are gold-plated; copper is used for shielding. The line-voltage balthe limits of 100 and 130 volts. The R.F. trans-formers are checked at three wavelengths from the formers are checked at three wavelengths from the output of a crystal-controlled oscillator at the fac-tory; little likelihood that they are not in exact balance with each other, should the tuning cir-cuits not "phase" exactly. In this receiver the plate D.C. supply for the set is fed through R.F. chokes, Ch1 Ch2 and Ch3. Resistors R4 and R5 are wound on one form. Units which might be subject to occasional re-placement are easily removable from the set chasis. Filament leads are twisted pairs.

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mum value by R1; but R2 makes possible a maxi-mum value by R1; but R2 makes possible a maxi-mum bias which is sufficient to give full control of the amplification obtainable from the receiver. TABLE 1

(R.	eadings	with Jer	well "Pa	attern 19	?")
				N	filliamps.
Tubes	Volts	Volts	Volts	Plate	Grid
	"A"	"B"	"C"	Normal	Test
V1	2.2	132	8.5	3.8	7.0
V2	2.2	138	8.5	3.2	5.8
V3	2.15	132	8.5	3.9	6.8
V4	2.10	32	0.0	2.8	2.8
V5	2.2	132	7.5	5.4	6.5
V6	2.25	226	47.5	26.0	30.0
V7	2.25	226	47.5	26.0	30.0
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STROMBERG-CARLSON Nos. 641 & 642

As will be seen in the photograph of the assembled units, all operating parts are enclosed. All transformers, inductances and capacities are mounted in metal boxes; and filled with moisture proof compound. The power transformer leads are laced to the main cable. To insure good connection for the grounding leads, the chassis of steel has been copper plated. The 641 is a small model in a cabinet known as the "Treasure Chest." The 642 is the same chassis, nearly, in an art console. A removable panel is provided on the cabinet bottom to allow ready access to the apparatus and wiring on the under side of chassis base without dis-mantling the cabinet. (In the case of the 641.) The receiver chassis and reproducer are bolted to a removable structure; as is also the front panel. This renders servicing easy. The items shown in the photograph are numbered as follows: 1, Output transformer assembly; 2, audio amplifier socket ('45); 3, A.F.T.; 4, "gnd." post; 5, "ant." post; 6, cover over tubes (one nearest dial, '27; next three, (80) socket; 11, power transformer; 12, choke coil (80) socket; 11, power transformer; 12, choke coil assembly; 13, volume control and switch; 14, dial; 15, selector control; 16, on-off switch; 17, pilot lamp socket and bracket. Pin jacks for loud speaker cord are at rear, left, (and consequently not visi-ble); while the pickup jack, power outlet, and power supply cord are grouped at rear right. The volume control is double and operates by varying the histic powerials on the control with the second the bissing potentials on the control grids of the first and second radio amplifier tubes as well as the voltage supplied to radio amplifier from the antenna. The two controls are simultaneously operated from one knob. The grid bias control does not begin to operate until the volume is partially reduced by the antenna control; this prevents distortion due to overloading the radio amplifier when the volume is used down on very strong local size is This overloading the radio ampliner when the volume is turned down on very strong local signals. This type of volume control does not cause detuning when it is varied. A '27 is used as a ''linear'' power detector with automatic bias. This detector power detector with automatic bias. Inis detector operates at high radio frequency voltages provided by the R.F. amplifier and is not subject to the ordinary distortion to which the "square law" de-tector is heir. The grid bias is automatically ad-justed to the proper value for the strength of signal received to obtain this linear characteristic. The Justed to the proper value for the strength of signal received to obtain this linear characteristic. The value of the R.F. input to the detector is so high that the output may be fed directly into the single stage of amplification shown in the diagram. The output transformer secondary connects to pin jacks, in the model 42 receiver; in the 41, a fixed con-denser connects one pin jack capacitatively to the optimary of the output transformer, while the other primary of the output transformer, while the other pin jack is then connected to the center tap on the 10 ohm resistor which shunts the power tube fila-

ment. A jack has been placed in the rear of the chassis for plugging in a pickup. By turning the volume control completely "Off" (counter-clock-wise) the pickup is connected in the grid circuit of the detector tube. This tube then acts as an amplifier, making a two stage amplifier for the pickup energy. To energize an A.C. type dynamic reproducer an outlet has been supplied in the model 41; it is automatically cut off when the set is dis-

through use of type 24 tubes. (These receivers give an amplification from antenna to the grid of detector tube of approximately 255 000 and an overall amplification from antenna to output of approximately 2,350,000. Comparing this with a good receiver using the same number of tuning stages with '27 tubes and employing the customary detector and two A.F. stages which gives an amplification from the antenna to the detector grid of approximately 12,500,

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connected at the panel. In the 42 this outlet is used to supply the A.C. needed for the built-in dynamic reproducer. Hum due to this circuit arrangement of the reproducer is nullified by careful design; including the use of a "shading ring." Rust flakes and filings in the air gap will result in distorted reception. To reduce as much as possible this cause of poor operation, the pole pieces have been heavily zinc plated. Very complete shielding is necessitated by the high amplification obtained

and from the antenna to the output of approximately 575,000, it will be observed that the Nos. 641 and 642 receivers have approximately 20 times more amplification between the antenna and the detector. This allows the use of a linear power detector, the omitting of the first audio stage and still gives an overall amplification of approximately four times that of the other receiver. Instead of the dynamic reproducer field, a floor lamp may be connected to the A.C. output jack mentioned above.





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In this receiver A.F. transformer TR1 has a ratio of 4-to-1; TR2, 3-to-1. Cases are occasionally reported where, when a loud signal is tuned into the set, the receiver will suddenly go dead but immediately start again if it has been retuned. This condition is due to fine metallic dust which collects between the condenser plates and causes an electrostatic short at irregular intervals. Every precaution to overcome this difficulty has been taken and it is not found in receivers bearing serial numbers over 8000. (Pipe cleaners make excellent condenser plate cleaners.) The small carbon resistors on the bottom of the chassis have been color coded (to prevent substitution of wrong values), as follows: 750,000 ohm resistor, either all red or natural color with a blue dot. The 2 mcg. leak is natural with a yellow dot and the 43,000-ohm resistor (detector plate lead and also in phonograph pickup lead), all black or black with dark green dot or all black with red end. In case a carbon resistor is substituted in place of the wirewound grid suppressor these will be light

in the filament-to-ground circuit of the '45's or a shorted by-pass condenser across the 900 ohm portion of the large resistor. The UX280 or the CX380 is recommended by the manufacturers for the reason that some makes of tubes pass 200 snilliamperes instead of the required 125 milliamps, at 350 volts. This would cause (a) the A.C. input fuse to blow; (b) rectifier tube burnout; or, (c) power transformer to heat to a dangerous point. In instances of excessive hum (a rare condition, as unusual precautions have been taken to prevent this, as a study of the schematic will, in part, show), check the characteristics of the detector and first audio tube. All receivers bearing serial numbers under 7,500 have the pilot light in parallel with the '27 filaments. Beginning with serial numbers approximately 7,600 the joint light light is parallel with the filaments of the '45 tubes. This change was made due to the fact that many of the 21/2-volt pilot lights supplied by the lamp maker would show a decided flicker when their source of power was from the

moist, will be satisfactory. In some instances high resistance in the water meter where sets are grounded to the water pipe will cause oscillation or impaired reception due, often, to excessive regeneration. Cases of this kind are easily remedied. Simply fasten a ground clamp on each side of the water meter and connect a No. 14 wire "jumper" across the meter, attaching to the two ground clamps. The 14 inch dynamic reproducer is designed particularly for this receiver. Tuning is of the singlecontrol type. With every stage balanced at the factory extreme sensitivity and selectivity result. This excellent operation is obtained through proper use of 1000 ohm grid suppressors; and volume is adequately governed by the 6000 ohm unit. Under exceptional conditions it may be desirable to shuar the low resistance R.F. transformer in the plate circuit primary of the second stage (second tube), with a 10 ohm resistance. This unit has been provided; and is controlled by the switch indicated in the schematic circuit. As the field coil of the

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		'27	R.F.2	2.10	136	2.00	122	6	4.6	6.8	2.2
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green in color. The voltages indicated in the table, "Set Analysis," for 112 volts; any other than this requiring due allowance for the different values which will be indicated. Wide plate voltage variance denotes poor retrifier tube or defective power pack; great milliammeter variation, unsatisfactory tubes. No reading on the filaments shows that either there is no A.C. input, that a fuse has blown, or there is an open primary in the power transformer. Before making further test be sure that the A.C. line to which the set has been connected is alive. (To test your A.C. line the easiest way is to simply insert any 110 volt lamp in the socket to be used for the radio line connection.) No "C" voltage on the '27's denotes either defective resistors in the cathode return or shorted resistor by-pass condensets. No "C" voltage on the '45 indicates a defective resistor

'27 filament line. Changing pilot lights usually temedied this trouble but it was found far more satisfactory to make the change of filament wiring and thereby entirely do away with the flicker. It is suggested that service men working on sets having serial numbers below 7,500 make this filament wiring change while the chassis is out of the cabinet, as a matter of standard practice toward increased customer satisfaction. In spite of the fact that most A.C. sets apparently work almost as well without a ground as they do with, the installer should in no nected to a good ground. This can be either a cold water pipe or if necessary a steam radiator. In installations where neither are available a sixfoot iron pipe driven in the ground outside of the house, preferably in a position where the soil is

dynamic reproducer constitutes part of the main filter, any defect in this winding will become manifest in the receiver performance, and plate potentials will not be obtainable; with the exception of the supply to the '45 tubes, which does not go through the reproducer field coil. The first choke coil is contained in the power pack carrying on top of it fuse connections for the 110 volt primary. This winding is tapped for 110 and 125 volt supplies and change is made by reversing the position of the 2 ampere protective fuse. Both the first audio transformer and the input transformer of the '45 push pull stage are mounted in the metal can located nearest to the condenser drive. In case of open A.F.T. windings, replace both transformers (the entire can) thus insuring a perfectly matched audio amplifier at all times.





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The schematic circuit and wiring connections of the U.S. Radio "Model 30" screen-grid automotive receiver. When the positive side of the car's storage battery is grounded, the red lead connects to terminal ".4" of the junction box, from which one side of all voltage readings is then taken. If the battery's negative is grounded, the red lead connects to "ground" on the screw "B" which mounts the junction box.



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