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BASIC AMATEUR RECEIVER

MODEL RA-I

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Partial manual for British Heathkit 160-10m Hamband receiver. Compliments of Dave Gordon-Smith, G3UUR.

This partial copy of the Assembly and Operating Manual for the RA-1 contains the specification, circuit diagram, operating instructions and those parts of the assembly instructions which are relevant to alignment and restoring an RA-1.

Daystrom Ltd, the UK subsidiary of the Heath Company, introduced the RA-1 as an entry-level ham bands receiver in 1963. It has been suggested that the RA-1 is merely a copy of the American Heathkit HR-10. This is simply not true, as a glimpse at the circuit and valve (tube) line-up will show. The front end module of the RA-1 was made by Electroniques of Felixstowe, a well-known company to British home-constructors in the 1960s. The module made for Daystrom Ltd was slightly different to the standard Electroniques ham band front end, in that it has the bands wired in reverse on the bandswitch.

The mains transformer of the RA-1 has taps for 100-125V, as well as 200-250V, as it was intended to sell this receiver anywhere in what remained of the British Empire, where many different mains voltages could be found at either 50 or 60 c/s.

Some modifications have been hand-written over the type-written figures in the Handbook. On Page 3 in the RESISTOR AND CAPACITOR IDENTIFICATION CHART the value of R3 has 270 ohms written over the original value of 1k. On Page 28 the value of R35 mentioned in the note on BFO injection has been altered to 270k-560k from the original 150k-270k.

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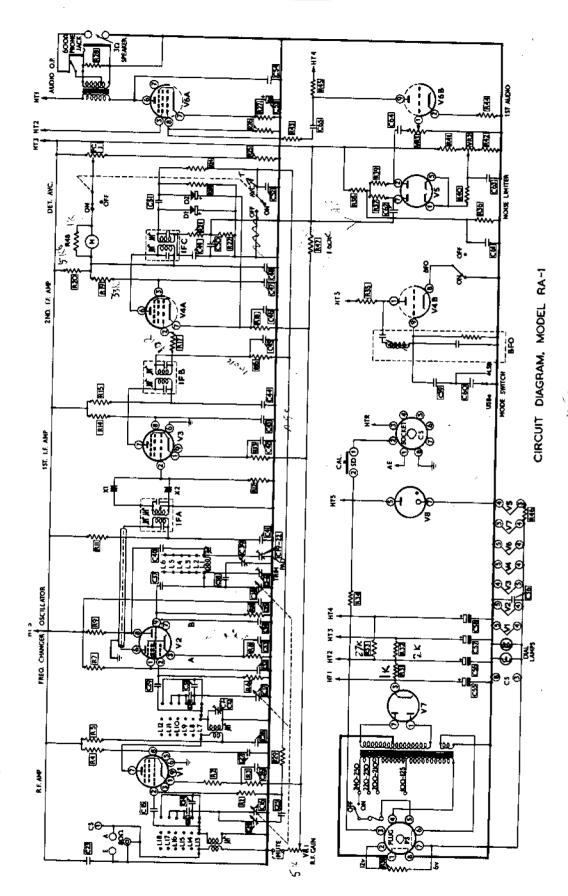
Heathkit Basic Amateur Receiver

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SPECIFICATION

| Frequency Coverage: | |
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| 160 metre Band | 1.7 to 2.0 Mc/s |
| 80 metre Band | 3.5 to 4.0 Mc/s |
| 40 metre Band | 7.0 to 7.3 Mc/s |
| 20 metre Band | 14.0 to 14.45 Mc/s |
| 15 metre Band | 21.0 to 21.5 Mc/s |
| 10 metre Band | 28.0 to 30.0 Mc/s |
| Intermediate Frequency: | 1621 Kc/s (½ lattice filter) |
| Sensitivity: | 2 microvolts for 10 dB S/N ratio or better |
| Image Rejection: | 40 dB or better |
| Input Impedance: | 75Ω co-axial or terminal |
| Audio Output Impedance: | 3Ω (speaker), 600Ω (phones) |
| Audio Output: | 2 watts (for 8 μV signal) |
| Panel Controls: | AF GAIN incorporating AC on-OFF |
| - Miles | RF GAIN |
| | MAIN tuning |
| | BAND switch |
| | BFO ON-off |
| | AVC on-OFF |
| | USB. O. LSB MODE switch |
| | CALibrate press-on switch |
| | CALibrate ADJust |
| | ANTenna TRIMmer |
| | NL MIN - max |
| Valve and Diode Complement: | EF183 RF amplifier, ECH81 Mixer oscillator, |
| 1 141 9 141 9 141 141 141 141 141 141 14 | EF183 1st IF amplifier, ECF82 2nd IF amplifier - BFO, |
| | OA81 Detector, OA81 AVG, EB91 Noise limiter, |
| | ECL86 1st audio - audio output, EZ81 Rectifier, |
| | OAZ Stabiliser |



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| Power Requirements: | 110-240v AC, 50/60 c/s, 50 watts |
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| For Mobile or Portable Use | LT:- 6 or 12v at 3.5 A |
| | HT:- 250v at 65 mA |
| Auxiliary Supplies Available: | LT:- 6.3v AC at 1 A |
| | HT:- 250v DC at 25 mA |
| Cabinet Size: | $13\frac{3}{4}$ " wide x $11\frac{1}{2}$ " deep x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " high |
| Net Weight: | 18 lbs. |
| Shipping Weight: | 21 1bs. |
| General: | 'S' meter zero adjust |
| | Muting via RF and IF stages |
| | Standby via power transformer secondary centre tap return |
| · | Phone jack on front panel |
| Optional Extras: | 100 Kc crystal calibrator |
| | Matching loudspeaker in metal cabinet |

INTRODUCTION

The Heathkit Model RA-1 Basic Amateur Bands Receiver is designed for flexible use as a high performance economical fixed station, portable or mobile receiver.

Frequency coverage of the Receiver is limited for use on the amateur bands 160 to 10 metres. Each band is separately calibrated on a large easy-to-read slide rule scale. The dial is illuminated and provides approximately 5" of band-spread for each band. A slow motion drive is incorporated, that whilst permitting fast traversing of the bands, allows a small section to be tuned at a very slow rate.

The Receiver features a signal strength 'S' meter, a front panel dial calibration control that operates in conjunction with provisions made for a 100 Kc/s calibrator, a tuned RF amplifier stage, a half lattice filter, adjustable noise limiter, plus many other features desirable on an amateur receiver. Provision has been made for 'Q' Multiplier input.

The low-silhouette styling and the green-grey colour combination will prove an attractive addition to any surroundings.

| C1 4-20 pF | C21 5-25 pF | C41005 μF | C6125 μF | R15 1K | R35 220K |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| C2 4-20 pF | C22 5-25 pF | C42 1 µF | C62005 μF | | R36 . 220K |
| C3 10-60 pF | _ | C43 005 µF | C63005 μF | R17 10Ω | R37 100K |
| C4 6-25 pF | C24 20.5 pF | C44005 μF | C64005 μF | R18 470Ω | R38 220K |
| C5 4-20 pF | C25 01 µF | C45005 μF | C65005 µF | R19 33K | R39 220K |
| C6 4-20 pF | C2601 µF | C46 1 µF | | R20 5.6K | R40 . 100K |
| C7 6-25 pF | C2701 μF | C47005 μF | R1 220K | R21 47K | R41 47K |
| C8 6-25 pF | C2801 µF | C48005 μF | R2 27Ω | R22 22K | R42 47K |
| C9 6-25 pF | C29 100 pF | C49 200 pF | R3 2702 | R23., 2.2M | R43., 47K |
| C10 . 6-25 pF | C30 15 pF | C50 200 pF | R4 33K | R24 1M | R44 2.2K |
| Cll 6-25 pF | C31 87 pF | C51 15 pF | R5 2.2K | R25 5K | R45 220K |
| C12 6-25 pF | C3201 µF | C5201 µF | R6 220K | R26 560K | R46 10Ω |
| C13 15 pF | C3301 µF | C53 25 μF | R7 27K | R27 270Ω | R47 100K |
| C14 87 pF | C34 20 pF | C54005 μF | R8 180Ω | R28 1.5K | R48 1K |
| C15 100 pF | C3501 μF | C55 60 µF | R9 3K | R29 220K | PC1 2K lin |
| C16) 3-gang | C3601 μF | C56 75 μF | R10 33K | R30 As req'd. | |
| C17) 22+22+22 | C37 100 pF | C57 20 μF | 1 | R31 1K | VR2 10K lin |
| Cl8),. variable | C38 3 pF | C58 20 μF | | †R32 2K | VR3 500K log |
| C19 5-25 pF | C39 20.5 pF | C59 7.5 pF | | R33 27K | X1 1.6197 cryst: |
| C20 5-25 pF | C40 20 pF | C60 7.5 pF | R14 47K | R34 5K | X2 1.6214 cryst: |



CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

To assist you in understanding the following circuit description, we suggest that you refer frequently to the Block Diagram (Page 33) and the Circuit Diagram. As the BAND switch is quite complex, the circuit will be discussed with the switch in the 160 metre position.

RF AMPLIFIER - MIXER OSCILLATOR

Assuming that the BAND switch is in the 160 metre position, the signal from the antenna is applied through coil L13, through the BAND switch, to the grid of the RF amplifier valve V1.

VI amplifies the RF signal which is induced through coil L7 to the grid in the heptode section of valve V2.

Valve V2 is a combination mixer and oscillator. This valve heterodynes or mixes the incoming signal frequency with the oscillator frequency to obtain a difference frequency of 1621 Kc/s.

The position of the BAND switch determines which coils and capacitors are used in conjunction with the triode section of the valve V2B in the oscillator circuit. These coils and capacitors, including the main tuning capacitor, are used to set the oscillator frequency 1621 Kc/s higher than the desired radio station frequency, to which the RF and mixer circuits are tuned. The difference frequency of 1621 Kc/s is called the intermediate frequency or IF signal.

For example:-

| Frequency of oscillator | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Frequency of signal at antenna | |
| Frequency of difference signal | 1621 Kc/s |

IF AMPLIFIER

From the anode of V2A, the signal is coupled through IF transformers IFA via a half lattice crystal filter in the secondary winding, to the grid of the first IF amplifier V3. The half lattice crystal filter is included to provide a narrow bandpass for suppression of unwanted adjacent signals. This provides the Receiver with exceptionally good selectivity.

The amplified IF signal from the anode of V3 is coupled through the second IF transformer IFB to the grid of the second IF amplifier valve V4A. Valve V4A again amplifies the IF signal. At this point in the circuit, the Beat Frequency Oscillator (BFO) signal from V4B may be heterodyned (beat) with the IF signal by turning the BFO switch ON. The introduction of the BFO signal (1621 Kc/s $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 1 Kc/s) produces an audible signal for Continuous Wave (CW) or Single Sideband (SSB) reception. The output from V4A is coupled through IF transformer IFC to diode D1.

DETECTOR, AUTOMATIC VOLUME CONTROL, NOISE LIMITER STAGES

Diode D1 is the detector stage. This diode detects (or rectifies) the IF signal, and after the filtering out of the RF component, the audio signal passes through the noise limiter stage V5, which when in use, removes peak pulses caused by ignition etc. The diode D2 is the AVC diode which causes some of the voltage from large signals to be fed back to previous stages, in the form of negative bias, to reduce sensitivity.

AUDIO STAGES

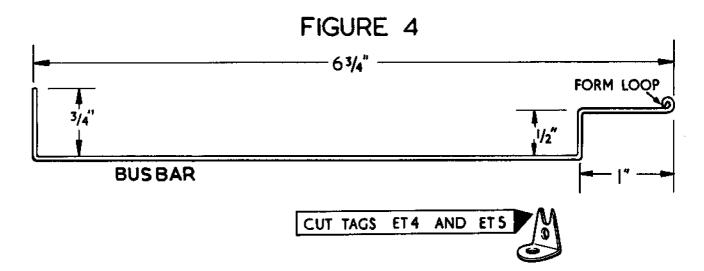
The audio signal controlled through a manual gain control, is applied to the grid of the triode section of valve V6 and is amplified before being passed from the anode of valve V6B to the grid of the pentode section V6A. This section further amplifies the audio signal and feeds it through the transformer OT to the speaker terminals.

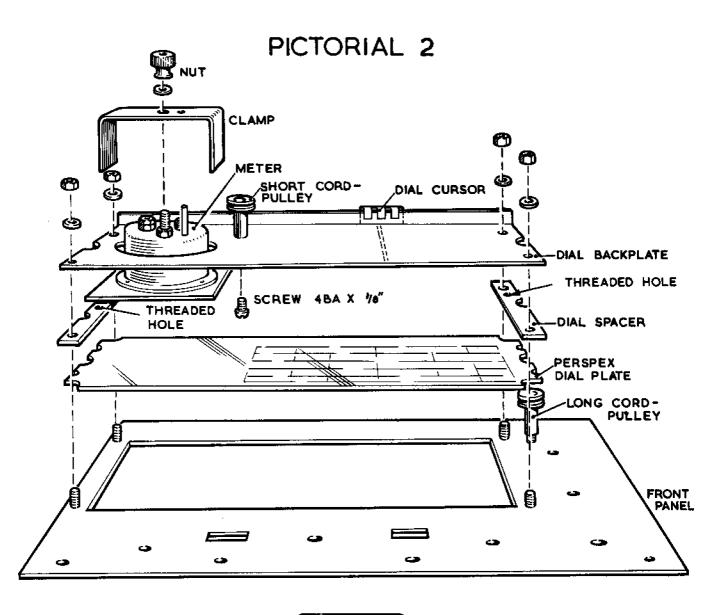
POWER SUPPLY

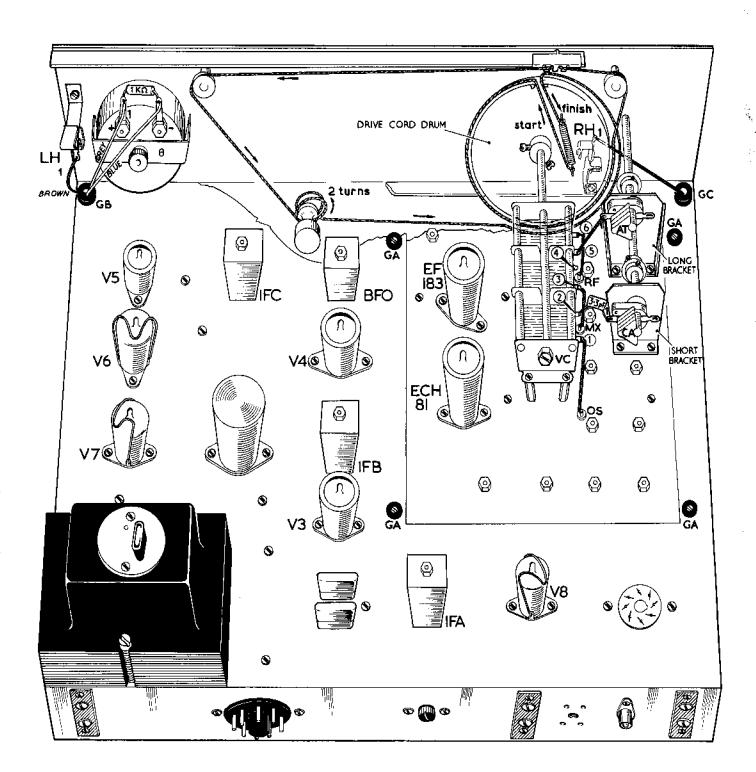
The power supply uses valve V7 as a full wave rectifier with power transformer MT1. Filtering of the DC voltage is provided by resistors R31, R32, R33 and capacitors C55, C56, C57, C58. Voltage regulation for the oscillators V2B and V4B is provided by V8.

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PICTORIAL 3



- (v) Connect the BROWN wire from grommet GB to LH1 (S-1).
- Remove one 2BA nut and washer from each meter terminal, fit 2BA solder tags pointing upwards and refit the washers and nuts and tighten.
- Connect the GREY wire from grommet GB to tag 1 (+) terminal of the meter (NS).
- Connect the BLUE wire from grommet GB to tag 2 (-) terminal of the meter (NS).
- (Χ) Connect a 1 KΩ resistor (BROWN, BLACK, RED) from tag 1 (S-2) to tag 2 (S-2).

FITTING DIAL DRIVE CORD AND POINTER

Refer to Pictorial 3 for the following steps:

- (') Set the 3-gang capacitor fully meshed and set the slot in the dial drive drum in the 12 o'clock position. Temporarily tighten screws.
- (') Locate the dial cord and tie a loop in one end approximately 1" from the end. Place this loop over the tab on the dial drum as shown in Pictorial.
- (1) Referring to Pictorial, finish stringing the dial cord on the dial drum, dial back plate pulleys, and thence, through hole in chassis, take 2½ turns around drive spindle and return around drum. The the dial cord spring to the free end of cord and attach to tab on dial drum. Do not place too much tension upon spring. Cut off excess cord.
- ()) Check that the 3-gang capacitor is fully meshed when the slot in the dial drum is at the 12 o'clock position. If necessary, slacken the locking screws and adjust the dial drum on the spindle. At this point ensure that the face of the dial drum is approximately 1/16" clear from the front edge of the chassis aperture. Finally tighten both locking screws.
- (/) Set the right-hand edge of the pointer body level with the right-hand edge of the dial back plate and slip the cord through the slots in the pointer as shown by Pictorial.

ASSEMBLY OF MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENTS

Refer to Pictorial 3 for the following steps:

- (/) Place a flexible shaft coupler on the spindles of capacitors CA and AT.
- (/) Place one end of the short shaft (ANT TRIM) through the hole in the front panel and into the open end of the flexible coupler. Tighten grub screw in the coupler.
- () Place one end of the long shaft (CAL ADJ) through the hole in the front panel and front bracket and then into the open end of the flexible coupler. Tighten grub screw in the coupler.
- (/) Place capacitor plates of CA and AT half meshed. Fit a small pointer knob to each of the control shafts with the pointers upright. Tighten grub screws in the knobs ensuring that the knobs do not rub on the front panel.
- (/) Set the 3-way rotary switch SC to its mid-position. Fit a small pointer knob to its shaft with the pointer upright (O position). Tighten grub screw.
- Set the NL control spindle fully anti-clockwise. Fit a small pointer knob to the shaft with the pointer at MIN position. Tighten grub screw.
- Set the AF and RF GAIN controls fully anti-clockwise. Fit a medium pointer knob to each shaft with the pointer at OFF and MIN positions respectively. Tighten both grub screws.
- (/) Turn the BAND switch spindle fully anti-clockwise. Fit the remaining medium pointer knob to the shaft with the pointer at 10. Tighten grub screw.
- () Fit a large knob to the TUNING shaft and tighten grub screw.



- () Insert all valves in their respective valveholders and secure with screening cans and retaining springs as indicated in Pictorial.
- () Place a 500 mA fuse in fuse holder FS on underside of chassis.
- () Install a 1.6214 Mc/s crystal in its crystal socket and the 1.6197 Mc/s crystal in its crystal socket.

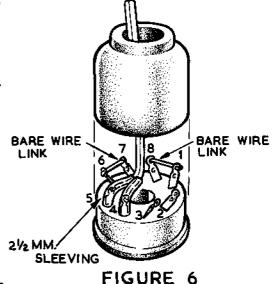
This completes the assembly of your receiver and it is suggested that at this point, a thorough check is made, to confirm that all steps are in accordance with the Manual and that all joints are properly soldered. You should have a 150 K Ω resistor (BROWN, GREEN, YELLOW) and a 270 K Ω resistor (RED, VIOLET, YELLOW) left after completion. Place these to one side for they may be required for subsequent adjustment of BFO injection.

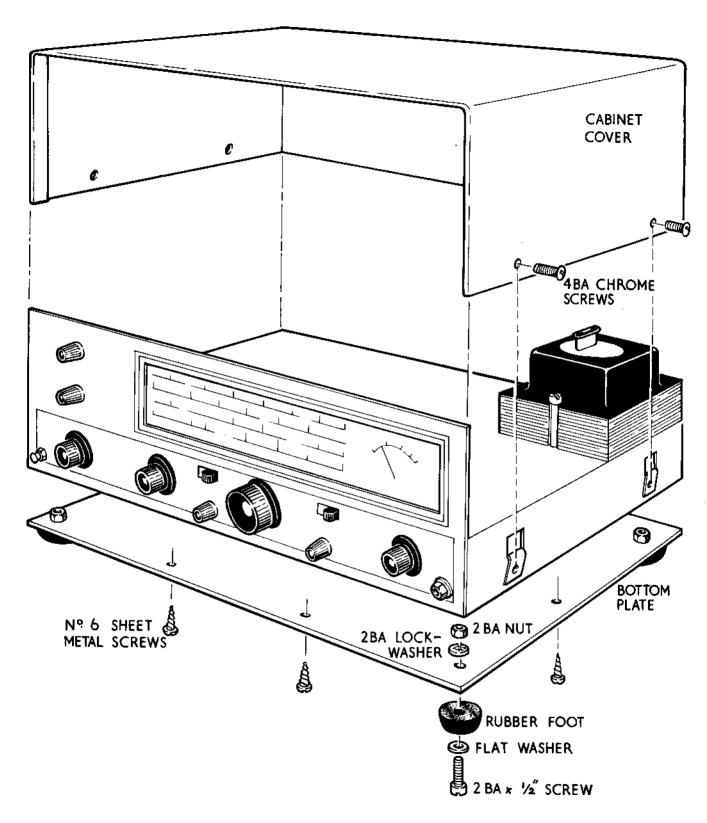
INITIAL TEST

- () Locate the octal socket and octal socket cover. Referring to Figure 6, connect one bare wire link from pin 1 to pin 8 and another link from pin 6 to pin 7. Solder all connections.
- () Connect the mains supplylead to tags 4 and 5 and solder securely. Examine connections to ensure no frayed ends of leads are present to cause accidental short circuits. Use 2½ mm. sleeving.
- () Fit the cover to the socket. IMPORTANT: THIS MUST BE DONE EVERY TIME ALTERATIONS ARE MADE TO SOCKET CONNECTIONS AS MAINS VOLTAGE IS PRESENT AT TAGS.
- () Connect a short wirelink between both terminals of the MUTE tagboard at rear of receiver.
- () If an ohmmeter is available, measure the resistance from MP2 to chassis. After approximately 30 secs the resistance should be 30 KΩ or over. If it is lower, refer to the section IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY.
- Connect the free end of the 5000Ω resistor (from PA1) to TH2 (S-2). Refer to Pictorial 5.
- () Set all front panel controls as follows:-

AF GAIN OFF
RF GAIN Maximum clockwise
BFO mode O
BAND switch 80 metres
NL MIN
AVC OFF
BFO OFF

- () Place the voltage selector plug in the correct tap point to suit your local AC supply voltage. The mains voltage selector board is situated on top of the mains transformer.
- () Connect a 3Ω speaker to the speaker terminals at the rear of the chassis.
- () Fit the octal socket to the octal plug PS at the rear of the chassis.
- () Connect the mains supply lead to an AC mains supply point.
- () Turn the AF GAIN control to the 12 o'clock position. The dial pilot lamps should light immediately. If this is not so, switch off immediately and check heater (BROWN) wiring connections. If bulbs light, the valves will light up slowly. After a few seconds, a rushing noise should be heard in the speaker when the AF GAIN control is turned fully clockwise. If these conditions exist, proceed to the sections FINAL ASSEMBLY and INSTALLATION AND OPERATION. If these conditions do not exist, disconnect from mains supply and refer to the section IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY.





PICTORIAL 6

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FINAL ASSEMBLY AND 'S' METER ZERO ADJUSTMENT

- () Temporarily place a wire link between AE and E terminals.
- () Place the RF GAIN control to maximum clockwise position and switch AVC on. Adjust the meter ZERO ADJUST control on the rear of the receiver for a zero reading on the 'S' meter. Remove the antenna shorting link.
- () Install four rubber feet on the bottom plate as shown in Pictorial 6. Use 2BA x $\frac{1}{2}$ " screws, lockwashers and
- () Mount the bottom plate to the chassis with No. 6 sheet metal screws.
- () Place the cabinet cover over the chassis and secure using four chrome plated 4BA screws.

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Controls

AF GAIN: Turns the receiver ON or OFF and varies the volume in the speaker or headphones.

NL: When turned to clockwise position, reduces pulse noise interference. Normally used at MIN position.

RF GAIN: Varies the amount of gain in the RF and IF amplifier stages.

USB, O, LSB: Is controlled by a MODE switch when BFO is switched ON and may be used for SSB (SINGLE SIDE BAND) or CW (CONTINUOUS WAVE) reception. Generally LSB (LOWER SIDE BAND) transmissions are made on the three LF amateur bands (160, 80, 40M) whilst USB (UPPER SIDE BAND) transmissions are made on the three HF amateur bands (20, 15, 10M).

BAND: Selects one of the six amateur bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10 metres.

CAL ADJ: Provides fine adjustment of the oscillator section of the tuning capacitor for calibration points.

ANT TRIM: Peaks the signal at the frequency being received.

TUNING: Tunes in the desired station. A slow motion drive is incorporated, that whilst permitting fast traversing, allows a small section to be tuned at a very slow rate.

MUTING: Two muting provisions have been incorporated in the receiver. The first is controlled through the MUTE terminals on the rear of the chassis. This condition would be normally used, particularly for CW and SSB operation, for it leaves both the oscillator and BFO stages running and takes the RF and IF stages out of operation. The second provision breaks the total HT supply, and can be employed when a converter is being used and fed from the receiver power supplies. Connection for this facility is made through the octal plug at the rear of the chassis.

AM OPERATION

| BAND switch | Desired band | BFO switch | Off |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| AVC switch | On | RF GAIN | Maximum clockwise |
| NL control | MIN | AF GAIN | Comfortable listening level |

- () Rotate the TUNING control until an AM station is tuned in. Proper tuning of the AM signal will be indicated by maximum deflection of the 'S' meter.
- () Rotate the ANT TRIM control for maximum signal strength.

NOTE: When listening to an extremely strong signal, the RF GAIN control should be turned counter clockwise to prevent blocking.

CW OPERATION

| BAND switch | Desired band | BFO switch | On |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| MODE switch | 0 | AVC switch | OFF |
| AF GAIN | 3 o'clock | RF GAIN | 3 o'clock |

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| (| ì | Rotate the | TUNING | control until | a CW | station is located. | See Sten 10 | Page 29 for | BEO adjustment |
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() Adjust RF GAIN control for comfortable listening level.

NOTE: If interfering signals are present, it is, on occasions, an advantage to switch to either USB or LSB to remove unwanted signals and listen under SINGLE SIGNAL condition.

SSB OPERATION

For SSB reception, set the controls as explained for CW operation with the following exception r select the wanted sideband using MODE switch. Tune into LSB signals from HF to LF direction on the tuning scale and LF to HF for USB signals. As with CW reception, the listening level should be adjusted with the RF GAIN control, with the AF GAIN control at or near maximum. AVC, if preferred, may be left ON permitting some AGC control.

NOTE: It is possible that due to wiring variations, the BFO injection voltage may require adjustment. This can be achieved by altering R35 (located between tagstrip TB2 and V4 pin 1) in value between \$\frac{150}{100} \text{K}\Omega\$ and \$\frac{16}{100} \text{K}\Omega\$ (these resistors are included in the kit). To check for correct injection voltage, tune to a sideband signal on the 20 metre band without BFO switched on. Now switch on BFO. If the station strength decreases BFO injection is too great and R35 should be changed to a higher value. If, however, the signal can only be resolved with considerable reduction of the RF GAIN control, then BFO injection is insufficient and R35 should be changed to a lower value. The BFO must be re-adjusted as outlined in the IF ALIGNMENT section of the Manual.

If the receiver is used for mobile or portable use, power supplies as stated, should be connected to the socket at the rear of the chassis. When used with a 12-14v supply for the heaters, a voltage dropping resistor of 2 ohms 25 watts may be connected between TH1 and TH3, or otherwise external reduction must be made.

ANTENNA

The Receiver will operate using a long wire attached to the antenna terminal, however, for the best results, the antenna should have an impedance of 50 to 1000. This could be a dipole type antenna and constructed for the band that you desire to receive. Naturally, if this Receiver is to be used in conjunction with a transmitter, the transmitting antenna should also be used for reception. For this type of operation, the antenna must be switched from the transmitter to the Receiver. This arrangement would preferably have the input connection to the Receiver earthed down during 'transmit' periods to avoid accidental RF input to the Receiver. If you wish to construct a dipole type of antenna, we suggest that you refer to the R.S.G.B. Radio Amateurs Handbook, available from the Society's Headquarters.

RECEIVER ALIGNMENT

The IF transformers and coil pack have been pre-aligned to factory standards, therefore, no further adjustment should be necessary.

Those without instruments are strongly advised not to alter the trimmers on the coil pack, but the IF alignment can be checked by tuning to a weak station, or noise, and adjusting the trimmers on the IF coils for maximum output. Be careful not to screw the cores too far in the coils and so align on the 'inner' peak.

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The following alignment procedure is recommended for those who wish to check the alignment and have the necessary test equipment.

Refer to Pictorial 3 for the following steps:

IF TRANSFORMER ALIGNMENT

Equipment Required: An amplitude modulated RF signal generator and an AC voltmeter.

() Set all panel controls as follows:-

AF GAIN 12 o'clock RF GAIN Maximum clockwise BFO mode O BAND 80 metres TUNING 3.5 Mc/s NLMIN AVC OFF BFO OFF

() Connect one lead of the AC voltmeter to the 3 OHM terminal and the other lead to the COMM terminal with the speaker still connected.

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| () | Connect the positive or 'hot' lead of the signal generator to the AE terminal on rear of chassis and earth lead to E. If convenient this connection may be made co-axially to the co-ax input socket. |
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| () | Turn all the equipment on and let it warm up for approximately 30 minutes to stabilise all circuits. |
| () | Switch the AC meter to a range between 1 and 3 volts and set the generator for a modulated high output level. The output of the generator should be reduced as the alignment procedure increases the sensitivity of the receiver, to keep the meter readings at approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ volt. |
| () | Unscrew core of L19 four turns. |
| () | Start alignment of the IF transformers by adjusting the signal generator to approximately 1621 Kc/s for maximum indication on the meter. The generator reading at this time may be slightly above or below 1621 Kc/s IF frequency. |
| () | Adjust the bottom slug of the transformer IFC for maximum meter indication. NOTE: Cores used in the transformers permit the alignment tool to pass through from top to bottom core thus enabling all alignment to be carried out from the top of the receiver. Now adjust top core of IFC for maximum indication. Proceed to transformers IFB and IFA and make a similar adjustment. |
| () | Swing signal generator for a maximum meter indication, then repeat the IF transformer adjustment as in the preceding step. (Two peaks may be observed indicating each crystal resonance. Set generator to mid-point for final alignment.) |
| () | Repeat the entire procedure as in the above two steps until further adjustment does not cause an increase in meter reading. |
| () | Place the BFO switch to the ON position and ensure that mode switch is in the O position. Turn the modulation switch on the signal generator to off. Adjust the core in the BFO coil until you obtain a zero beat. |
| () | Switch the mode switch to USB and then to LSB which should produce an equal heterodyned pitched note in either position. If the tone is not of the same frequency, re-adjust the BFO coil. |
| () | Turn the BFO switch to the off position and turn the modulation of the generator on with high level output. |
| () | Adjust core of L19 for minimum meter reading. |
| () | This completes the alignment of the IF stages in your receiver. Disconnect the test equipment. |

FRONT END ALIGNMENT

In order to obtain optimum results from the receiver, the coil pack should be aligned with an accurate amplitude modulated RF signal generator and an AC voltmeter. It is very important that the signal generator be very accurate. Therefore, the generator should be calibrated against a crystal calibrator or a receiver of known accuracy. If the Heathkit Model CL-1 Crystal Calibrator has been purchased, it should be assembled at this time and used to calibrate the signal source.

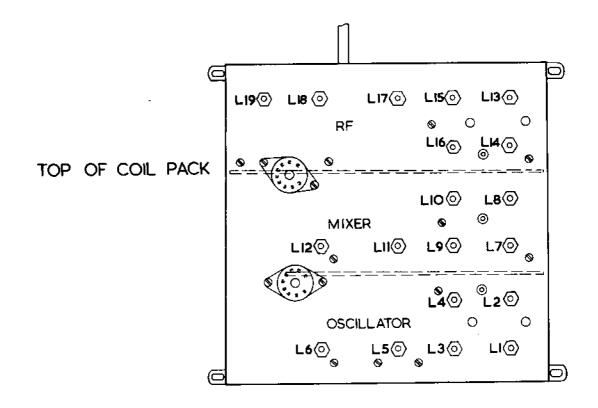
When performing the following steps, bear in mind that the coil pack has been pre-set by the manufacturer, but due to differences in valves and assembly techniques, some re-alignment may be necessary in order to obtain optimum results. Usually this adjustment will consist of not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ turn of coil cores or a slight movement of associated capacitors.

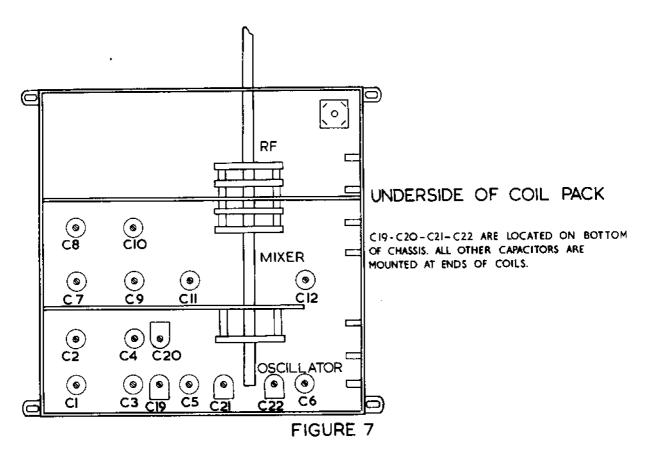
() Set all panel controls as follows:-

| AF GAIN | Maximum | RF GAIN | Maximum |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| BFO mode | 0 | TUNING | As chart |
| BAND | As chart | BFO | Off |
| NL | MIN | AVC | OFF |
| CAL ADJ | 12 o'clock | ANT TRIM | 12 o'clock |

() Connect the RF signal generator to the antenna terminals or co-axial socket.

() Turn all the equipment on and let it warm up for approximately 30 minutes to stabilise all circuits.





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- () Connect the AC voltmeter across the speaker terminals with the speaker connected.
- () Set Receiver scale and generator to 1.7 Mc/s. If readings do not coincide, adjust dial cursor on cord.
- () Complete each step as indicated in the following chart. Refer to Figure 7 for the location of each coil and trimmer capacitor. Be sure to keep the signal generator level as low as possible while still obtaining a usable reading of the meter, this should be just above the normal noise level.

FRONT END ALIGNMENT

| BAND SWITCH POSITION | SET RECEIVER AND GENERATOR FREQ TO:- | OSCILLATOR ADJUST FOR SIGNAL | MIXER AND RF ADJUST FOR MAX OUTPUT |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 160 | 1.7 Mc/s | Ll | L7 and L 13 |
| Metres | 2.0 Mc/s | Ci · | C7 and ANT TRIM |
| 80 | 3.5 Mc/s | L2 | L8 and L14 |
| Metres | 4.0 Mc/s | C2 | C8 and ANT TRIM |
| 40 | 7.0 Mc/s | C19* | L9 and L15 |
| Metres | 7.3 Mc/s | C3 | C9 and ANT TRIM |
| 20 | 14.0 Mc/s | C20* | L10 and L16 |
| Metres | 14.40 Mc/s | C4 | C10 and ANT TRIM |
| 15 | 21.0 Mc/s | C21* | Lll and Ll7 |
| Metre s | 21.5 Mc/s | C5 | Cll and ANT TRIM |
| 10 | 28.0 Mc/s | C22* | LlZ and L18 |
| Metres | 30.0 Mc/s | C6 | C12 and ANT TRIM |

^{*} C19, C20, C21 and C22 are oscillator padding capacitors.

L3, L4, L5 and L6 cores must not be adjusted.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY

- 1. Recheck the wiring. Trace each lead in coloured pencil on the Pictorial as it is checked. It is frequently helpful to have a friend check your work. Someone who is not familiar with the unit may notice something consistently overlooked by the constructor.
- 2. It is interesting to note that about 90% of the kits that are returned for repair, do not function properly due to poor connections and soldering. Therefore, many troubles can be eliminated by reheating all connections to make sure that they are soldered as described in the section PROPER SOLDERING PROCEDURE of this manual.
- 3. Check to be sure that all valves are in their proper locations. Make sure that all valves light up properly.
- 4. Check the valves with a valve tester or by substitution of valves of the same types and known to be good.
- 5. Check the values of the parts. Be sure that the proper part has been wired into the circuit, as shown in the Pictorial Diagrams and as called up in the wiring instructions.
- 6. Check for bits of solder, wire ends or other foreign matter which may be lodged in the wiring.
- 7. If, after careful checks, the trouble is still not located and a voltmeter is available, check voltage readings against those shown on the Voltage Chart. NOTE: All voltage readings were taken with a $20,000\Omega$ per volt voltmeter. Voltages may vary as much as 10%.
- 8. A review of the CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION will prove helpful in indicating where to look for trouble.



SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

| PROBLEM | CHECK |
|--|--|
| Heaters do not light | Check fuse. Check heater wiring. Open circuit valve heater - Check continuity with an ohmmeter. Check power transformer wiring against Pictorial 3. |
| Heaters light, but no sound with GAIN controls fully clockwise | Make sure that links (check operating relays if used) are fitted to octal socket, check muting circuit. Check wiring of the GAIN controls. |
| | CAUTION: When making the following checks, do not touch the chassis with your other hand. Be sure that the chassis is not connected to an earthing point and that you touch only the specified pin on the valveholder. |
| | Turn the Receiver on and place the tip of a small screwdriver on pin 8 of V6, then touch your finger to the metal portion of the screwdriver; a low pitched hum should be audible. Now place the screwdriver on pin 1 of V6. Again touch your finger to the metal portion, this time the hum should be louder. |
| | If no hum is present check valve voltages against chart and check the components of valve V6 and wiring to speaker. |
| Audio present - no signals can be heard | Again when making the following tests do not touch the chassis with your hand. |
| | Check NL control is in MIN position. |
| | Place a small screwdriver on pin 7 of V5. Touch the metal portion of the screwdriver, a low pitched hum should be heard. |
| į | If no hum is present check valve voltages against chart and check components around V5. |
| | Similarly make the screwdriver test on pin 2 of V4. A loud click should be heard. Similarly repeat the screwdriver test on pin 2 of V3. A loud click should be heard. Similarly repeat the screwdriver test on pin 2 of V2. A loud click should be heard. Similarly repeat the screwdriver test on pin 2 of V1. A loud click should be heard. |
| | If no hum or click is heard or if the hum level does not increase check valve voltages against the chart and check components around valveholder. |



VALVE VOLTAGE CHART

| VAI TYPE | LVE REF. | Pin l | Pin 2 | Pin 3 | Pin 4 | Pin 5 | Pin 6 | Pin 7 | Pin 8 | Pin 9 |
|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| EF183 | V1 | 4v | - | - | 6.3v* | - | ž. | 135v | 105v | - |
| ECH81 | V2 | 70v | - | 1.7v | 6.3v* | _ | 140v | - - | 135v | - |
| EF183 | V 3 | 1.8v | - | - | - | 6.3v* | - | 135v | 70v | - |
| ECF82 | V4 | 20v | - | 90v | 6.3v* | - | 125v | 1.7v | - | - |
| EB91 | V5 | 60v | 58v | 4v* | - | 60v | - | 61v | - | - |
| ECL86 | V6 | - | lv | 230v | 6.3v* | - | 300v | 7v | - | 115v |
| EZ81 | V 7 | 275v* | - | 300∨ | 6.3v* | - | | 275v* | - | - |
| OA2 | V8 | _ | - | - | - | 150v | + | - | - | - |

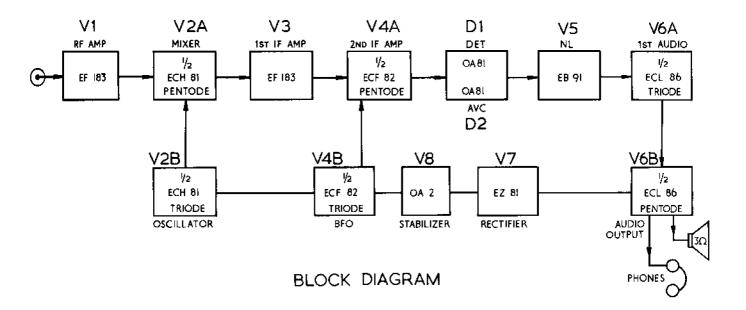
* Indicates AC.

Measurement pin 1 of V4 with BFO ON. The state of the sta

Measurement taken for DC voltages with meter sensitivity of 20,0000 per volt.

HT MEASUREMENTS AT POINTS INDICATED IN CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

HT2 - 235 volt, HT3 - 150 volt, HT4 - 220 volt, HT5 - 150 volt. HT1 - 300 volt,





PARTS LIST

| PART | PARTS | DESCRIPTION | DADE | | |
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| No. | Per Kit | DESCRIPTION | PART | PARTS | DESCRIPTION |
| | - 01 1111 | <u></u> | No. | Per Kit | |
| Resistors | $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ watt, } 10)$ | :\ %carbon | | | |
| H-100C10 | | 10Ω (Brown, Black, Black) | Valves, D | iodes, Meter | |
| H-331C10 | | 1300 (O**) | / 411-512 | 1 | EZ81 valve |
| H-471C10 | | 330Ω (Orange, Brown) | / 411-515 | 1 | OA2 or equivalent |
| | | 470Ω (Yellow, Violet, Brown) | | | |
| H-102C10 | • | l KΩ (Brown, Black, Red) | Metalwork | | |
| H-222C10 | | 2.2 KΩ (Red, Red, Red) | 90-525 | 1 | Cabinet |
| H-392C10 | | 3.9 KΩ (Orange, White, Red) | / 200-544 | 1 | Chassis |
| H-562C10 | | 5.6 KΩ (Green, Blue, Red) | / 203-55 | 1 | Front panel |
| H-223C10 | _ | 22 KΩ (Red, Red, Orange) | ₽ 05-5 4 5 | 1 | Dial back plate |
| H-333C10 | | 33 KΩ (Orange, Orange, Orange) | 205-544 | 2 | Spacer |
| H-473C10 | 'S , | 47 KΩ (Yellow, Violet, Orange) | 204-568 | 1 | Ant trim bracket |
| H-104C10 | | 100 KΩ (Brown, Black, Yellow) | 204-569 | 1 | Cal Adj bracket |
| H-154C10 | | - 150 KΩ (Brown, Green, Yellow) | 204-567 | i | |
| H-224C10 | 985 | 220 KΩ (Red, Red, Yellow) | 204-566 | 1 | Drive bracket |
| " H-274C10 | 1 | 270 KΩ (Red, Violet, Yellow) | 204-565 | | L.H. lamp bracket |
| H-564C10 | \times 1 | 560 KΩ (Green, Blue, Yellow) | | 1 | R.H. lamp bracket |
| H-105C10 | • | 1 megohm (Brown, Black, Green) | → 601-501 | 1 | Bottom plate |
| H-225C10 | 1 | 2.2 megohm (Red, Red, Green) | | _ | |
| · - | -, | 2.0 megemin (teeu, ned, Green) | Metal Part | | |
| Resistore | (1 watt, 10 | % carbon) | 434-545 | 2 | Dial lampholder |
| 1-100C10 | X X | | 456-501 | 2 | Spindle coupler |
| 1-271C10 | 7 | 10Ω (Brown, Black, Black) | 453-517 | 1 | Short shaft, 1.5/8" |
| | | 270Ω (Red, Violet, Brown) | 453-518 | 1 | Long shaft, 3.1/2" |
| 1-152C10 | يد عبر | 1.5 KΩ (Brown, Green, Red) | 606-503 | 1 | Slow motion drive |
| 1-273C10 | X | 27 KΩ (Red, Violet, Orange) | 455-502 | 1 | $3/8" \times 1/4"$ panel bush and nut |
| 1 5. | , , | -1 | 481-502 | 1 | Capacitor mounting plate |
| | (wire-woun | | 463-510 | 1 | Dial pointer, 3.1/2" |
| 8-102W5 | 1- | 1000Ω 8 watt | 100-543 | 1 | Long cord pulley assembly |
| 8-202W5 | x | 2000Ω 8 watt | 100-541 | 1 | Short cord pulley assembly |
| 8-502W5 | , 2 ° | 5000Ω 8 watt | 435-501 | 1 | Spring retaining ring |
| | | | 206-502 | ì | B9 valve screen can (long) |
| Capacitors | (all types) | | 206-501 | 3 | B9 valve screen can (short) |
| 20-501 | 2 | 200 pF silver mica | 206-506 | 1 | B7 valve screen can (short) |
| 20-540 | 1 | 15 pF silver mica moulded | 258-508 | 2 | |
| 20-52 | 2 | 7.5 pF silver mica | 258-506 | 1 | B9 valve retaining spring (long) |
| 21-542 | 1 | 3.3 pF tubular ceramic (may be | 100-544 | | B7 valve retaining spring (short) |
| | | coded Black, Orange, Orange, | 258-503 | | Dial drum with (2) screws |
| | | White, Orange) | 230-303 | 1 | Dial cord spring |
| 21-522 | 12 | 5000 pF disc ceramic (.005 μF) | C | | |
| 21-544 | 1 | Ol uF encongulated (noded Bussel | Controls, S | | |
| - | • | .01 μF encapsulated (coded Brown Black, Orange, Black) | | 1 | 500 KΩpotentiometer with switch |
| 21-545 | 3 | | 10-546 | 1 | 10 KΩ potentiometer |
| I | , | .l µF encapsulated (coded Brown, | | | 5 KΩ potentiometer |
| 23-517 | 1 | Black, Yellow, Black) | 10-548 | 1 | 2 KΩ pre-set potentiometer |
| 23-517 | 1 | .005 μF tubular paper, 600v | 636-502 | 1 | Press switch |
| | | .25 µF tubular paper, 150v | 63-549 | | 3-way rotary switch |
| 25-531 | 2 | 20 μF electrolytic, 350v | 60-512 | 1 | SPST slide switch |
| 25-501 | 1 | 25 μF electrolytic, 25v | 60-513 | 1 | DPST slide switch |
| 25-535 | 1 | 60+75 μF electrolytic, 450v | | | |
| 26-503 | 2 | 20.5 pF variable trimmer | Plugs, Sock | ets, Valveho | olders |
| 26-525 | 1 | 3-gang variable tuning | 434-544 | _ | Crystal holder |
| / | | | 436-507 | _ | Phone jack |
| Valves, Di | odes, Meter | r | 432-506 | | Co-axial socket |
| 1 407-509 | 1 | 'S' meter | 438-504 | | Co-axial plug |
| √ 56-501 | 2 | OA81 diode | 434-539 | | _ |
| /411-533 | 2 | EF183 valve | 434-540 | | Octal plug chassis mounting |
|) 411-530 | 1 | ECH81 valve | 434-503 | | Octal socket (with cover) |
| 1 411-534 | 1 | ECF82 valve | | | Octal valveholder |
| ≠ 411-532 | î | ECL86 valve | 434-516 | _ | 7-pin valveholder |
| # 411-40 | 1 | EB91 valve | 434-517 | | 7-pin skirted valveholder |
| | - | | 434-502 | 2 | 9-pin valveholder |



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| PART | PARTS | DESCRIPTION | PART | PARTS | DESCRIPTION |
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| No. | Per Kit | | No. | Per Kit | |
| 110.1 | | | | | |
| Plugs, Sc | ckets, Valve | eholders (cont'd.) | Tagstrips | (cont'd.) | |
| 434-501 | 2 | 9-pin skirted valveholder | 431-524 | 1 | 6-way tagstrip (double fixing) 2-lug screwed terminal |
| | | | 431-518 | 3 | 2-lug screwed terminal |
| Coils, Tr | ansformers | | | | |
| / 52-513 | 1 | IF transformer (Red spot) | Hardware | | |
| 152-514 | 1 | IF transformer (Yellow spot) | 253-501 | 6 | 3/8" flat washer |
| / 52-515 | 1 | IF transformer (Green spot) | 250-512 | 4 | $2BA \times \frac{1}{2}$ binderhead screw |
| № 0-589 | 1 | BFO coil | 252-503 | 4 | 2BA nút |
| /54-507 | 1 | Mains transformer | 254-502 | 6 | 2BA lockwasher |
| /51-519 | 1 | Output transformer | 259-507 | Z | 2BA solder tag |
| /100-545 | 1 | Coil pack | 250-567 | 4 | 4BA special shouldered screw |
| • | | • | 250-513 | 23 | $4BA \times \frac{1}{4}$ binderhead screw |
| Crystals | | | 250-514 | 4 | $4BA \times 3/8$ " b'hd. chrome screw |
| ✓ 404-502 | 1 | 1.6214 Mc/s | 250-530 | 2 | 4BA x 1/8" ch.hd. screw |
| ≠ 404-503 | 1 | 1.6197 Mc/s | 252-3U | 31 | 4BA nut |
| | | | 254-1 | 28 | 4BA lockwasher |
| Wire, Ca | .ble | | 259-504 | 6 | 4BA solder tag |
| 343-503 | l length | Co-axial cable | 250-568 | 2 | 6BAx 3/8" ch.hd. nylon screw |
| 343-3 | l length | Screened cable | 250-527 | 4 | $6BA \times \frac{1}{4}$ " c'sk. hd. screw |
| 344-501 | l length | Brown connecting wire | 250-501 | 23 | $6\mathrm{BA} \propto rac{\mathrm{i}}{4}^{\mathrm{tr}}$ binderhead screw |
| 344-506 | l length | Blue connecting wire | 250-545 | 2 | $6BA \times 1/80$ c'sk.hd.chromescrew |
| 344-508 | 1 length | Grey connecting wire | 252-501 | 25 | 6BA nut |
| 344-521 | l length | Pink connecting wire | 254-501 | 20 | 6BA lockwasher |
| 344-502 | l length | Red connecting wire | 253-503 | 4 | 6BA plain washer |
| 344-505 | l length | Green connecting wire | 259-505 | 9 | 6BA solder tag |
| 344-500 | l length | Black connecting wire | 250-8 | . 8 | No.6 sheet metal screw, 3/8" |
| 344-509 | l length | White connecting wire | | | ٠. |
| 344-507 | l length | Violet connecting wire | Miscellan | .eous | |
| 344-504 | l length | Yellow connecting wire | 100-546 | 1 | Wiring harness |
| 344-503 | 1 length | Orange connecting wire | 73-504 | 6 | 1/4 grommet |
| 340-503 | l length | 18 swg, bare copper wire | 261-501 | 4 | Rubber feet |
| 340-501 | l length | 22 swg. bare copper wire | 423-504 | 1 | Fuse holder |
| 331-501 | l length | 18 swg. solder | 421-507 | 1 | 500 mA fuse |
| 346-1 | l length | l mm. sleeving | 412-4 | 2 | Dial lamp, 6.3v x 110 mA |
| 346-502 | l length | $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. sleeving | 320-513 | 1 | Perspex dial |
| 89-1 | l length | Mains lead | 462-523 | 1 | Large plain knob (1.9/16") |
| Ψ, - | | | 462-506 | 3 | Medium pointer knob (1.1/8") |
| Tagstrips | 3 | | 462-520 | 4 | Small pointer knob (9/16") |
| 431-501 | 1 | l-way tagstrip | 252-527 | 4 | 4BA speed nut |
| 431-10 | 2 | 3-way tagstrip | 349-501 | l length | Dial cord |
| 431-519 | 1 | 4-way tagstrip | 630-501 | 1 | Nut starter |
| 431-532 | 1 | 5-way tagstrip | /4 90-503 | 1 | Hexagon trimmer |
| 431-506 | 2 | 7-way tagstrip | √ 595-565 | 1 | Manual |