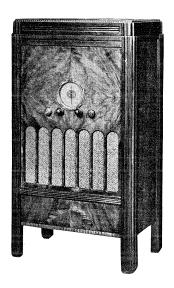
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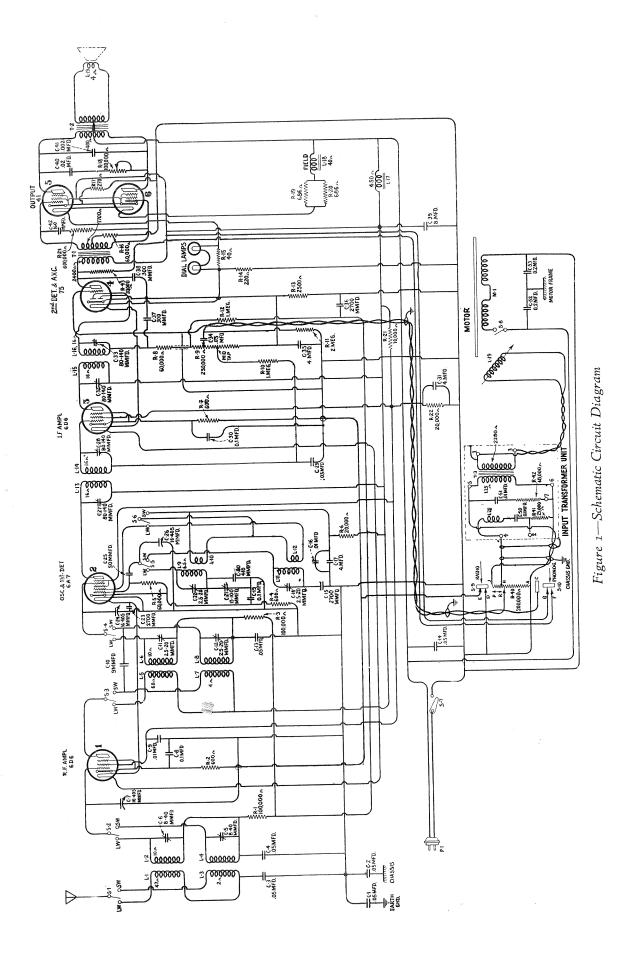
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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Voltage Rating	200–250 Volts D. C.
Power Consumption	180 Watts Maximum
Number and Types of Radiotrons	CA-6D6, 1 RCA-6A7, 1 RCA-75, 2 RCA-41—Total, 6
Tuning Ranges	540 K. C1500 K. C. and 5400 K. C15,350 K. C.
Maximum Undistorted Power Output	
	370 K. C., 600 K. C., 1400 K. C., 15,000 K. C.

PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Height	
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This radio-phonograph combination instrument uses a six-tube, two-band, 220-volt direct current superheterodyne chassis and the standard RCA Victor single-speed direct current motor board assembly. The receiver is designed to receive both the standard and short-wave broadcasting bands. The phonograph plays standard type (78 R. P. M.) records. Special features of the radio receiver include a double reduction vernier drive giving either a 10-1 or 50-1 ratio of speed reduction, a continuously variable tone control,

electro-dynamic type loudspeaker, automatic volume control and a high-gain push-pull power amplifier.

Excellent sensitivity, selectivity and tone quality are characteristics of this instrument. An "airplane" type dial, calibrated in frequency and showing the location of the short-wave bands, is a special feature. Small, compact size and unusual accessibility of parts are important service features. Figure 1 shows the schematic circuit, Figure 2 the chassis wiring, and Figure 3 the speaker wiring.

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT

Radio Circuit

The signal enters the receiver through the antenna coupling transformer, the secondary of which is tuned and is applied to the grid of the RCA-6D6 R. F. amplifier. The output of this stage is then coupled through a tuned stage to the grid of the RCA-6A7, which is a combined first detector and oscillator. The oscillator maintains a constant frequency difference (370 K. C. higher) from the R. F. signal, with which it is combined in the first detector grid circuit. The output of the first detector is a 370 K. C. signal, which is of course the intermediate frequency.

Two sets of coils are provided for the R. F., oscillator and first detector coils for the two tuning ranges provided. A push-pull switch permits selection of the desired band.

The intermediate frequency amplifier consists of a single RCA-6D6 and two transformers, comprising four circuits, all of which are tuned.

The output of the I. F. amplifier is then applied to the RCA-75, which is the combined second detector,

automatic volume control and A. F. amplifier. The signal is applied to the diode electrodes of the tube, which act as a two-element rectifier. The direct current component of the rectified signal produces a voltage drop across resistor R-9. This voltage drop across R-9 constitutes the automatic bias voltage for the R. F., first detector and I. F. amplifier, which gives the automatic volume control action of the receiver. The volume control selects the amount of audio voltage that is applied to the RCA-75 and thereby regulates the audio output of the entire receiver.

The output of the RCA-75 is transformer coupled to the grid of the RCA-41 tubes, which constitute the output amplifier of the receiver. These are operated as a push-pull Pentode stage and give the receiver a high-gain audio amplifier (necessary for short-wave reception) and a large undistorted power output. The plate circuit of the output stage is matched to the cone coil of the reproducer by means of a step-down output transformer.

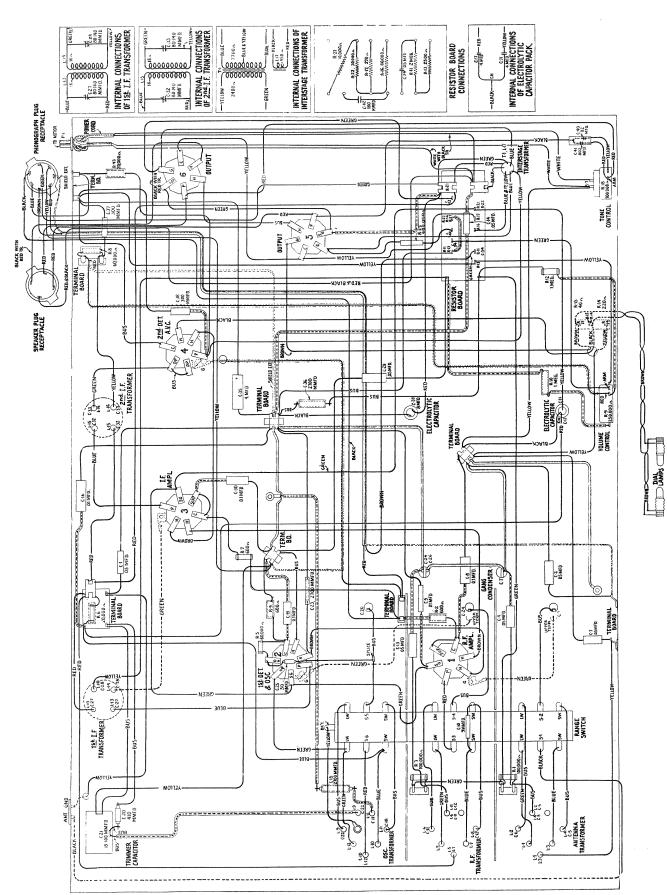


Figure 2—Wiring Diagram

The tone control consists of a variable resistor and capacitor connected in series and placed across the plates of the output stage. Reducing the amount of resistance attenuates the high frequency response of the receiver.

The power supply is taken direct from the line. All tube heaters, the speaker field and the dial lamps are connected in series with a resistor and placed across the line. Plate and grid voltages use the same source, although suitable filters and resistors are used to properly filter the line and provide correct voltages.

Phonograph Circuit

The Phonograph facilities of this instrument are designed to produce high quality record reproduction

by utilizing the amplifier and reproducer unit of the radio receiver. A low impedance pickup unit, mounted on an inertia tone arm, is used to convert the mechanical variations of the record into electrical voltage variations. The output of the pickup is fed to the grid circuit of the RCA-75 second detector. A step-up transformer and compensated volume control is connected in the pickup circuit for adjusting the volume and maintaining the proper frequency characteristic for optimum reproduction. From the detector to the loudspeaker the pickup signal travels in the same channels as that of the audio frequency conponent of the radio signal.

SERVICE DATA

CAUTION—This receiver operates on 220-volt direct current without a transformer between the line and the various parts of the receiver, such as A. C. receivers use. It is therefore extremely important to use the utmost caution when operating the receiver outside of the cabinet. Also a knob must always be placed on the shaft of the main tuning capacitor, as under certain conditions the full line voltage is obtained between this point and ground.

(1) Line-Up Capacitor Adjustments

To properly align this receiver, it is essential that a modulated R. F. oscillator, such as Stock No. 9050, an output indicator (Stock No. 4317) and an alignment tool (Stock No. 4160) be available. Figure 4 shows the location of the various line-up capacitors.

1. F. Tuning Adjustments

Two transformers comprising four tuned circuits are used in the intermediate amplifier. These are tuned to 370 K. C. and the adjustment screws are accessible as shown in Figure 4. Proceed as follows:

- (a) Short-circuit the antenna and ground leads and tune the receiver so that no signal is heard. Set the volume control at maximum and connect a ground to the ground terminal.
- (b) Connect the test oscillator output between the first detector control grid and chassis ground, preferably through a series condenser. Connect the output meter across the voice coil of the loudspeaker and adjust the oscillator output so that, with the receiver volume control at maximum, a slight deflection is obtained in the output meter.
- (c) Adjust the secondary and primary of the first and then the second I. F. transformers until a maximum deflection is obtained. Keep the oscillator output at a low value so that only a slight deflection is obtained on the output

meter at all times. Go over these adjustments a second time, as there is a slight interlocking of adjustments. This completes the I. F. adjustments.

R. F. and Oscillator Adjustments

The R. F. line-up capacitors are located at the bottom of the coil assemblies instead of their usual

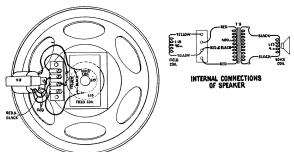


Figure 3—Loudspeaker Wiring

position on the gang capacitor. They are all accessible from the bottom of the chassis except the 600 K. C. series capacitor, which is accessible from the rear of the chassis. Proceed as follows:

- (a) Connect the output of the oscillator to the antenna and ground terminals of the receiver. Check the position of the indicator pointer when the tuning capacitor plates are fully meshed. It should be coincident with the radial line adjacent to the dial reading of 54. Then set the Test Oscillator at 1400 K. C., the dial indicator at 140 and the oscillator output so that a slight deflection will be obtained in the output meter when the volume control is at its maximum position.
- (b) With the Range Switch at the "in" position, adjust the three trimmers under the three R. F. coils, designated as L in Figure 4, until a maximum deflection is obtained in the output meter. Then shift the Test Oscillator fre-

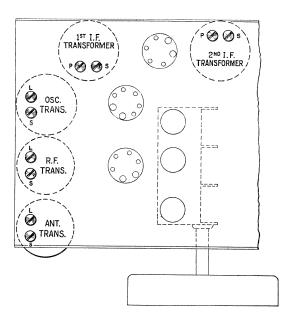
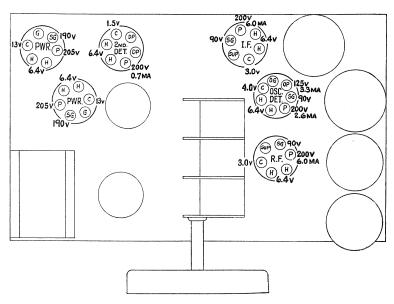


Figure 4—Location of Line-Up Capacitors—Viewing bottom of chassis



ALL D. C. VOLTAGES ARE TO $-\mbox{\mbox{\it B}}$

Figure 5—Radiotron Socket Voltages

quency to 600 K. C. The trimmer capacitor, accessible from the rear of the chassis, should now be adjusted for maximum output while rocking the main tuning capacitor back and forth through the signal. Then repeat the 1400 K. C. adjustment.

(c) Now place the Range Switch at the "out" position, shift the Test Oscillator to 15,000 K. C. and set the dial at 150. Adjust the three trimmer capacitors designated as S in Figure 4 for maximum output, beginning with the oscillator trimmer. It will be noted that the oscillator and first detector trimmers will have two positions at which the signal will give maximum output. The position which uses the lower trimmer capacitance, obtained by tuning the screw counter-clockwise, is the proper adjustment for the oscillator, while the position that uses a higher capacitance is correct for the detector. Both of these adjustments must be made as indicated irrespective of output. The R. F. is merely peaked. In conjunction with the detector adjustments, it is necessary to rock the main tuning capacitor back and forth while making the adjustment. This completes the line-up adjustments.

The important points to remember are the need for using the minimum oscillator output to obtain a deflection in the output meter with the volume control at its maximum position and the manner of obtaining the proper high frequency oscillator and detector adjustments.

(2) Radiotron Socket Voltages

The following voltages are those at the various tube sockets while the receiver is in operating condition. No allowance has been made for currents drawn by the meter, and if lower resistance meters are used, such allowances must be made.

(3) Service Data on Magnetic Pickup

The Magnetic Pickup used in this combination instrument is of a new design with an improved

frequency range. While in physical appearance it is similar to that of the older type, details of construction are considerably different. It consists essentially of a chromium steel magnet, two thin pole pieces, a mechanism support and bracket, a coil, and an armature that is damped by means of an anchored damping block.

The use of the anchored damping block eliminates any bad peaks in the frequency range. The frequency-response characteristic is substantially flat from 50 to 5,000 cycles.

(4) Replacing Magnet Coil, Pivot Rubbers, Armature or Damping Block

In order to replace a defective coil or the hardened pivot rubbers (see Figure 8), it is necessary to proceed as follows:

- (a) Remove the pickup cover by removing the center holding screw and needle screw.
- (b) Remove the pickup magnet and the magnet clamp by pulling them forward.
- (c) Unsolder the coil leads and remove the mechanism assembly from the back plate by releasing the two mounting screws and the damping block clamping screw.
- (d) Remove screws A and B, Figure 8, and then remove the mechanism assembly from the pole pieces.
- (e) The coil or the front pivot rubber may now be removed and replaced. If it is desired to replace the rear pivot rubber, then the end of the armature soldered to the mechanism support must be unsoldered and the damping block removed. The rear pivot rubber now may be replaced. After putting the pivot rubbers in place a new damping block should be fastened to the armature as outlined in instructions on replacing the damping block.
- (f) The mechanism should now be reassembled, except for the magnet, which must be magnetized. After being magnetized, the mechanism—with the pole pieces upward—should

RADIOTRON SOCKET VOLTAGES

220-Volt, D. C. Line-No Signal

Radiot	ron No.	Cathode to B— Volts, D. C.	Screen Grid to B— Volts, D. C.	Plate to B— Volts, D. C.	Plate Current, M. A.	Heater Volts, A. C.
RCA-6D6 R. F.		3.0	90	200	6.0	6.4
RCA-6A7	1st Detector	4.0	90	200	2.6	<i>C</i> 4
	Oscillator	and the last		125	3.3	6.4
RCA-6D6	I. F.	3.0	90	200	6.0	6.4
RCA-75 2n	d Detector	1.5		200	0.7	6.4
RCA-41 Power		13.0	190	205	25.0	6.4
RCA-41 Po	wer	13.0	190	205	25.0	6.4

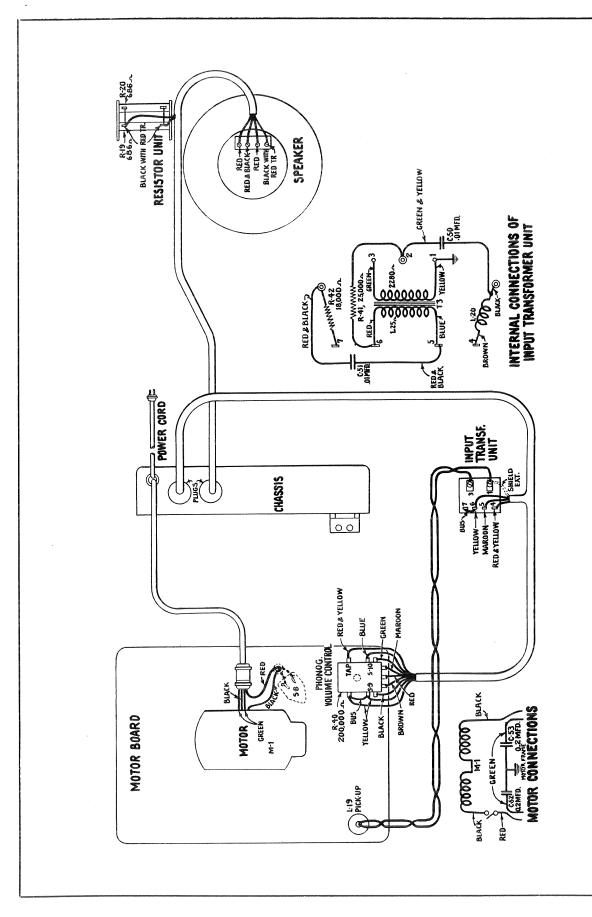


Figure 6—Assembly Wiring Diagram

be placed so that the magnet may be slid from the magnetizer onto the pole pieces without breaking physical contact. After placing the pole pieces on the magnet, the entire assembly should be remagnetized thoroughly, being careful not to change the polarity obtained by the initial magnetization.

- (g) After assembling to the mechanism, the entire assembly should be fastened to the back plate by means of the screws provided, making sure the damping block is securely clamped. At the same time, the metal dust cover must be placed in position.
- (h) After remagnetizing, it is necessary to correctly center the armature. This may be done quite accurately by feeling its play after the needle is inserted. A little practice will quickly show which way an adjustment is necessary to have the armature centered properly. The adjustment is made by loosening screws A and B (Figure 8), and sliding the mechanism slightly in relation to the pole pieces.

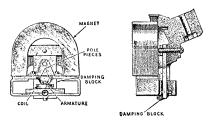


Figure 7

(i) The cover may be now replaced over the entire assembly, and the pickup returned to the tone

In assembling, it may be desirable to check the armature air gap by means of a small Feeler Gauge. This air gap should be .009" on each side of the armature. However, a little practice with the needle in place will quickly disclose whether or not the armature is centered.

(5) Replacing the Damping Block

If it is desired to replace the damping block, it may be done in the following manner:

- (a) Disassemble the pickup as described under the preceding section.
- (b) Remove the armature entirely by unsoldering it at its joint with the mechanism support.
- (c) Remove the damping block from the armature and clean the bushing for holding the damping block with emery paper.
- (d) Insert the armature through the new block so that it occupies the same position as that of the old. Also ascertain that the block is in correct vertical alignment with the armature. It will

be noted that the hole in the damping block is somewhat smaller than the diameter of the armature. This is done so that a snug fit will be obtained.

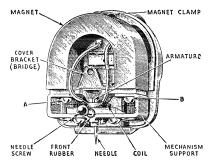
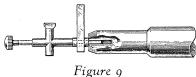


Figure 8

(e) After properly locating the damping block, a soldering iron should be applied to the armature so that the block will melt slightly at its point of contact with the armature. A special tip, constructed as shown in Figure 9, will prove desirable for fusing the block in place. The iron should be applied long enough to slightly melt the block and cause a small bulge on both sides, but should not be applied long enough to cause any bubbling. The pickup should then be reassembled as described in the preceding

Only rosin core solder should be used for soldering the coil leads in the pickup. Also rosin core solder should be satisfactory for resoldering the end of the spring in the hole in the mechanism, since both these parts have been previously tinned. In case the parts are not well tinned, it will be necessary to scrape the end of the spring and the hole in the mechanism until bright. These parts may now be tinned by using as a flux a water solution of zinc chloride (commonly called acid flux). After tinning, dip the parts in water to wash off the acid flux and thereby prevent serious



subsequent corrosion. After making sure that the pivot rubbers and damping block are properly in place, as described under (e) above, the armature may now be soldered in place in the mechanism by using rosin core solder, since the parts are now tinned. Care must be exercised to get the needle hole perfectly square with respect to the mechanism, or otherwise it will be difficult if not impossible to center the armature in the air gap as explained under (h).

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Insist on genuine factory tested parts, which are readily identified and may be purchased from authorized dealers

Stock No.	Description	List Price	Stock No.	Description	List Price
	RECEIVER ASSEMBLIES		6242	Resistor — 2 megohms — Carbon type — ¼ watt (R11)—Package of 5	\$1.00
10194	Ball—Steel ball for condenser drive assembly —Package of 20	\$0.25	6303	Resistor—20,000 ohms—Carbon type—½ watt (R43)—Package of 5	1.00
2747 3938	Cap—Contact cap—Package of 5	.50 .25	4337	Resistor—270 ohms—Carbon type—1 watt (R17)—Package of 10	2.20
3849 6314	Capacitor—50 mmfd. (C25)	.30 2.00	6114	Resistor — 20,000 ohms — Carbon type — 1 watt (R6, R22)—Package of 5	1.10
4352	Capacitor—300 mmfd. (C37, C38)	.25 .30	4339	Resistor — 260 ohms — Porcelain type — Tapped at 220 ohms (R14, R15)	.52
4297 4031	Capacitor—2700 mmfd. (C15, C23, C36)	.50	3991	Resistor — 10,000 ohms — Porcelain type	.60
3701 4211	Capacitor—0.01 mfd. (C9, C16)	.30	3943	(R21)	.18
3901	C34)	.30 .36	3878	dial lamps—Package of 2 Screw—No. 4–40–¾6 headless cup point set	.10
3888 3877	Capacitor—0.05 mfd. (C29)	.25 .32	25.62	screw for fastening station selector pointer —Package of 20	.25
3796 6986	Capacitor—4.0 mmfd. (C35)	.60 1.60	3768	Screw—Square head No. 6–32–¼ set screw for condenser driver—Package of 10	.35
3861	Capacitor—Adjustable trimmer capacitor (C21)	.78	6704 4145	Shaft—Tuning condenser drive shaft assembly. Shield—First detector and oscillator Radio-	.64
6985	Capacitor — Comprising two 4.0 mmfd. capacitors (C17, C31)	1.50	4103	tron shield Shield—I. F. amplifier Radiotron shield	.30 .20
4373	Capacitor pack—Comprising one 0.002 mfd. and one 0.02 mfd. capacitors (C40, C41).	.30 2.68	3950 4216	Shield—R. F. amplifier Radiotron shield Shield—Radiotron shield top	.26 .10
6983 6700	Coil—Antenna coil (L1, L2, L3, L4, C5, C6). Coil—Oscillator coil (L9, L10, L11, L12,	2.30	4215 3529	Shield—Second detector Radiotron shield Socket—Dial lamp socket	.15 .32
6699	C18, C22)	2.44	6676	Socket—6-contact Radiotron socket	.40
6694	Condenser—3-gang variable tuning condenser (C7, C24, C26)	3.75	7485	Socket—6-contact second detector and AVC Radiotron socket	.40
6841	Dial—Station selector dial scale—Package of 5	2.74	3572 6696	Socket—7-contact Radiotron socket Switch—Range switch (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5,	.38
4467	Drive—Variable tuning condenser drive assembly complete	2.40	6697	S6)	2.24
4340 3906	Lamp—Dial lamp—Package of 5 Mounting assembly — Variable condenser mounting assembly—Comprising 3 bush-	.00	6698	transformer (L13, L14, C27, C28) Transformer—Second intermediate frequency	1.80
	ings, 3 lock-washers, 3 nuts and 3 washers —Package of 1 set	.28	6987	transformer (L15, L16, C32, C33) Transformer pack—Audio transformer pack —Comprising one reactor and one inter-	1.78
3940	Pointer—Station selector indicator—Package of 5	.50	6705	stage transformer (T1, L17) Tone control (R18, S7)	4.50 1.20
3218	Resistor—600 ohms—Carbon type—¼ watt (R2, R4, R7)—Package of 5	1.00	6695	Volume control (R9)	1.20
4338	Resistor — 2500 ohms — Carbon type — 1/4 watt (R13)—Package of 10	2.00	4600	REPRODUCER ASSEMBLIES	
3602	Resistor—60,000 ohms—Carbon type—1/4 watt (R5, R8, R16)—Package of 5	1.00	4600	Cable—Reproducer cable—4-conductor with male section of connector—From receiver to resistors and reproducer	.60
3118	Resistor—100,000 ohms—Carbon type—1/4 watt (R1, R3)—Package of 5	1.00	7825	Coil—Field coil, magnet and cone support (L18)	4.38
3439	Resistor—600,000 ohms—Carbon type—1/4 watt (R23)—Package of 5	1.00	8969	Cone—Reproducer cone (L19)—Package of 5.	6.35
3033	Resistor—1 megohm—Carbon type—¼ watt (R10, R12)—Package of 5	1.00	7824 4599	Reproducer complete	8.00 1.34

REPLACEMENT PARTS—Continued

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Stock No.			Stock No.	Description	List Price
	MOTOR ASSEMBLIES			TURNTABLE ASSEMBLIES	
3524	Brush—Motor brush—Package of 2	\$0.60	7084	Cover—Turntable cover	\$0.40
3525	Cap—Brush holder cap for motor brush—Package of 2	.64	7838	Turntable complete	2.15
4598	Capacitor—Motor capacitor—Two 2.0 mfd. capacitors (C52, C53)	.98	1655	MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLIES	
4596	Escutcheon—Speed regulator escutcheon	.36	4677	Bezel—Metal bezel (escutcheon) for station selector dial glass	.56
3487	Governor assembly—Comprising friction disc,		4594	Box—Needle box	.30
0107	two springs and two balls—Assembled and mounted	2.00	4592	Cable—Phonograph input cable—9-conductor —From chassis to input transformer and	
3489	Indicator pointer—Speed indicator pointer			volume control	2.25
	complete, with mounting screws and		6614	Glass—Station selector dial glass	.30
	washers.	1.65	3829	Knob—Phonograph volume control knob—	
7823	Motor—220—volt D. C. motor complete (M1)	34.66		Package of 5	1.10
3488	Pin—Governor (speed) regulator pin	.30	6989	Knob—Range switch or tone control knob—	.65
4597	Screw—Motor mounting screw assembly—		6991	Package of 5	1.15
1391	Comprising four screws, four spacers, four		6991	Knob—Station selector knob—Package of 5	1.15
	lockwashers and four nuts	.22	3824	Knob—Volume control knob—Package of 5	1.15
			3024	Nut—Cap nut for motor board suspension assembly—Package of 4	.82
	PICKUP AND ARM ASSEMBLIES		9050	Oscillator—Test oscillator 90–25,000 K. C	29.50†
7821	Arm—Pickup arm complete, less escutcheon and pickup	5.36	4601	Plug—4-prong male section of connector plug for reproducer cable	.54
3417	Armature—Pickup armature	.72	4602	Plug—7-prong male section of connector plug	
6346	Back—Pickup housing back	.45		for reproducer cable	.56
3385	Coil—Pickup coil (L30)	.50	4341	Resistor—Porcelain type—686 ohms (R19,	
3386	Cover—Pickup cover	.56		R20)	2.12
3418	Cushions—Pickup rubber cushions—Compris- ing one damper and two spacer cushions		4678	Ring—Retaining ring for dial glass—Package of 5	.34
3390	and one damper bushing—5 sets Escutcheon—Pickup arm escutcheon complete	1.10	4342	Screw—Receiver mounting screw assembly— Comprising four bushings, four screws and	20
	with mounting rivets	.46	4504	four washers	.30
6335 3389	Pickup—Pickup unit complete	4.00	4591	Screw assembly—Receiver chassis mounting assembly—Comprising eight cushions, four screws, four washers and four spacers	.44
2207	—Package of 5	.40	4160	Screwdriver—Combination insulated screw-	
3387	sembly comprising one screw, one nut and one washer—10 sets	.40	1100	driver and socket wrench for I. F. and R. F. adjustments	. 1.00
3388	Screw—Pickup needle holding screw—Package of 10	.60	4593	Socket—4-contact socket for reproducer cable plug	.42
3419	Screw—Pickup cover mounting screw—Package of 10	.40	4595	Socket—7-contact socket for phonograph input cable plug	.52
	SWITCH ASSEMBLIES		3391	Suspension spring and washer assembly—For motor board—Comprising one bolt, one	
3994	Cover—Motor switch cover	.26		top spring, one bottom spring, two cup washers, one "C" washer and one nut	.50
10184	Plate—Automatic brake latch plate—Package of 5		4603	Transformer — Input transformer pack — Comprising one input transformer, one	
10174	Springs—Automatic brake springs—Package of 4	.40		choke coil, one 18,000 ohm resistor, one 25,000 ohm resistor and two 0.01 mfd.	
6906	Switch—Eccentric automatic switch complete.	.50		capacitors (T3, L20, R41, R42, C50, C51).	4.65
6896 3322	Switch—Motor switch (S8)	2.50 .75	4590	Volume control — Phonograph volume control (R40, S9, S10)	2.18

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