# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# EDDYSTONE 850/2 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER

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#### MODEL 850/2

# INTRODUCTION

The EDDYSTONE Model 850/2 is a single conversion communications superhet receiver covering the low and medium frequencies in the band 10 kc/s to 600 kc/s. Provision is made for both AM and CW reception with separate detectors for each mode. The receiver operates directly from all standard AC mains supplies.

Three positions of IF selectivity are available, two of which employ crystal filters. The overall selectivity can be increased by bringing into circuit a highly selective ferrite filter which is used as a coupling element in the audio section of the receiver. Three independent gain controls are fitted, together with an efficient delayed AGC system. Other features include a built-in carrier level meter, noise limiter and provision for desensitising when the receiver is used with an associated transmitter.

Audio outputs are available for connection to an external loudspeaker, telephones and remote lines, the latter output being available at high or low level to suit various applications. A cathode follower provides a low impedance output at the Intermediate Frequency and the AGC line is brought out to a terminal at the rear for convenience in interconnecting receivers used in diversity installations.

Sub-chassis construction is employed with all units firmly fixed to a strong diecast aluminium panel. A well ventilated steel cabinet provides adequate protection against rough usage and the receiver can be supplied for either rack or table mounting. High quality components are employed throughout and the 850/2 is suitable for continuous operation in all areas under extreme climatic conditions.

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# GENERAL

# Frequency Coverage.

10 kc/s to	600	kc/s in	six ranges	as follows:-		
Range 1. Range 2.	150	- 600 kg	c/s.	Range 5.	19 -	• 85 kc/s. • 40 kc/s.
Range 3.	80	- 160 k	3/80	Range 6.	10 -	. 20 kc/s.

# Intermediate Frequency.

720 kc/s.

# Valve Complement.

Vl	 6BA6 (CV454)	 RF Amplifier.
V2	 6AJ8 (CV2128)	 Frequency Changer.
₹7	 6BA6 (CV454)	 lst IF Amplifier.
₹4	 6BA6 (CV454)	 2nd IF Amplifier.
₹5	 6AL5 (CV140)	 Noise Limiter/Meter Protection.
76	 6AU6 (CV2524)	 Cathode Follower (IF OUTPUT).
V7	 6AT6 (CV452)	 AM Det., AGC Rect., AF Amplifier.
<b>V</b> 8	 6AM5 (CV136)	 Audio Output.
₹9	 6BE6 (CV453)	 CW Detector.
VIO	 VR150/30 (CV216)	 HT Stabiliser.
Vll	 5Z4G (CV1863)	 HT Rectifier.

#### Input and Output Impedances.

Aerial Input IF Output	•••	75 and 300 $\Omega$ (balanced and unbalanced). 75 $\Omega$ (nominal) unbalanced. Suitable for term-
II Output	•••	inating impedances in the range $75-300\Omega$ .
Audio Outputs	•••	Loudspeaker : $2.5/3\Omega$ . Lines : 600Ω (unbalanced). Telephones : Nominally 2000Ω but suitable for a
		wide range of impedances.

#### Power Supply.

110V and 200/250V AC (40-60 c/s). Consumption : 80 volt-amperes.

## PERFORMANCE

#### Sensitivity.

The CW sensitivity is better than  $5\mu V$  for a 15dB signal-to-noise ratio at all frequencies throughout the tuning range.

The AM sensitivity above 100 kc/s is better than  $5\mu V$  for a 15dB signal-to-noise ratio (modulation 30% at 400 c/s).

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# IF Selectivity.

Three degrees of IF selectivity are provided, two of which employ crystal filters. Typical bandwidths are as follows:-

	Overall Bandwidth						
Position	<b>-</b> 6dB	<b>-</b> 40dB					
Crystal 1* Crystal 2** Wide	400 c/s 1.5 kc/s 6 kc/s	6 kc/s 6 kc/s 15 kc/s					

\* single crystal. \*\* bandpass crystal.

#### Image Rejection.

Better than 50dB at 600 kc/s and progressively greater at lower frequencies.

#### IF Breakthrough.

Better than 70dB down at all frequencies.

# AGC Characteristic.

The audio output level does not change by more than 10dB when the input level is increased 80dB above  $10\mu V$ . (taken at 600 kc/s)

## Audio Output and Response.

Maximum audio output to an external  $2.5/3\Omega$  loudspeaker is approximately l watt. The line output is restricted to lOmW when the internal attenuator is in circuit.

The audio response is level within 6dB over the range 100 c/s to 6 kc/s. An audio filter is fitted and when this is switched into circuit a 30dB bandwidth of approximately 400 c/s is obtained centred on 1000 c/s. The 6dB bandwidth is of the order 120 c/s.

#### IF Output.

Approximately 100mV in  $75\Omega$  for an input of 5µV at 500 kc/s with the AGC on.

#### Scale Calibration.

The scale calibration is directly in kilocycles and its accuracy is within 0.5% at frequencies above 100 kc/s and within 2.5% below 100 kc/s.

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#### The RF Section.

This portion of the receiver comprises Vl and V2 and is built upon a diecast aluminium chassis provided with screened compartments which serve to house the RF, Mixer and Local Oscillator coils.

V1 (6BA6) is towards the rear of the chassis and functions as the RF Amplifier. This stage operates with automatic and/or manual gain control, the latter being effected by the variable resistor (RV1) in the cathode circuit. A small bleed current taken from the HT rail via R7 is used to extend the range of sensitivity adjustment provided by RV1. The earthy end of the gain control is taken to chassis via a 47,000 $\Omega$  resistor (R57) and a pair of terminals connected to either side of this resistor will normally be shorted by means of a wire strap so that RV1 is directly earthed. If desensitising facilities are required, then the strap is removed and a switch or relay contact is wired to the two terminals. This external control should be arranged to close the circuit for normal operation and open it to introduce R57 when an associated transmitter is in operation.

AGC is shunt fed to VI via Rl and R2 and an improved AGC characteristic is obtained by feeding the screen of VI from the potential divider R4/R5.

All input coils have tapped primary windings which allow connection of aerial feeders of either 300 or 75 $\Omega$  impedance. The earthy ends of the primaries are grounded externally by a link on the aerial panel and this can be easily removed when a balanced input is required. Cll functions as an aerial trimmer and provides a means of resonating the input circuit when using aerials having feed impedances which differ widely from 75 or 300 $\Omega$ . Range switching is achieved by means of Sla-c and it will be noted that all coils are short circuited when not actually in use.

Incorporated in the cathode circuit of the RF Stage is the tuned circuit L7/C15. This is tuned to the IF of 720 kc/s and serves to improve the IF breakthrough characteristic when using the higher frequencies in the tuning range.

Tuned secondary transformer coupling is used between the RF Stage and the heptode portion of V2 (6AJ8) which functions as the Mixer. Damped primaries are used on certain ranges to maintain accurate tracking. Range switching is handled by Sld and Sle, both of which have contacts arranged to short all coils except the one selected.

The Mixer Stage operates with fixed bias (R14) and without AGC. The screen supply is derived from the 150V stabilised HT line (HT2).

The triode portion of V2 operates as a tuned-anode oscillator and is coupled to the Mixer Stage  $(g_2)$  via ClO2. Range switching is by Slg and Slh, unused coils are shorted as before and the anode is fed from the HT2 supply.

Some measure of temperature compensation is achieved by the ceramic capacitor C98 which is connected directly across the tuning capacitor on all ranges.

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# The IF/AF Section.

IF output from the Mixer Stage is coupled via the 1st IF Transformer T1 to the Selectivity Switch S2. The secondary winding of T1 is balanced by the series connected capacitors C37 and C38 to provide a suitable input for the two crystal filters. Both filters have pre-set phasing capacitors and are phased to provide symmetrical responses. Each has its own individual output circuit (T2 and T3) and the switching is arranged so that all unused elements are earthed to prevent stray excitation of the crystals when these are not in use. When the Selectivity Switch is set to 'WIDE' the output from T1 is taken direct to the grid of the 1st IF Amplifier via the coupling capacitor C46

Two stages of IF amplification are employed, both of which use vari-mu pentodes of the 6BA6 type. AGC is shunt fed to the first stage and series fed to the second. Manual gain control is restricted to V3 and is achieved by the variable resistor RV2 in the cathode circuit. As in the case of the RF Gain control, a bleed current is introduced (via R19) and the control is returned via the desensitising circuit to further reduce the overall sensitivity when an associated transmitter is in use. The overall gain is reduced slightly on Ranges 5 and 6 by R22a (shorted by Slf on all other ranges) which is wired in series with the cathode return of V3. This simple precaution precludes the possibility of instability which might otherwise occur due to the higher gain which obtains on the two low frequency ranges.

Variation in the screen current of V4 due to AGC action is utilised to operate the Carrier Level Meter (M1). This is wired in series with the diode V5A ( $\frac{1}{2}$  6AL5) and connected to a tap on the screen feed of V4. The voltage across R26 in the absence of a signal is balanced by the voltage at the slider of RV3 so that the meter reads zero under 'no-signal' conditions. On receipt of a signal, the voltage across R26 decreases to unbalance the bridge network and causes the meter to read. The diode prevents possible damage to the meter due to reverse current when adjusting RV3.

The final IF Stage feeds V6, the two diodes of V7 and the CW Detector V9.

V6 is a triode connected pentode (6AU6) which functions as a cathode follower to provide an unrectified IF output at 720 kc/s. The output is available at a coaxial socket at the rear of the set and may be terminated in any load in the range  $75-300\Omega_{\bullet}$ 

The first diode of V7 is used as a conventional series connected AM Detector. V5B ( $\frac{1}{2}$  6AL5) is incorporated in this circuit and functions as a series type noise limiter which can be taken out of circuit by means of S4 when not required. Output from the Detector is taken via the appropriate position of the Mode switch (S5a) and the coupling capacitor (C63) direct to the AF Gain control RV4.

The other diode of V7 is fed direct from the anode of V4 and serves as the AGC Rectifier. AGC is delayed by the voltage drop across R42 and R43, the greater proportion of the voltage appearing across R43 which forms the lower part of the voltage divider R39/R43 across the main HT supply. A delay voltage of approximately 22V is obtained.

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AGC is applied to the RF Stage and both IF Stages, and the line is also brought out to a terminal at the rear for use in a diversity system. The AGC line is earthed by S3 when not required.

The CW Detector is fed from the secondary of the last IF Transformer (T5) through the coupling capacitor C68. The unit is housed in a small screening can with the valve mounted on top. Output is taken through an RF filter to the appropriate position on the Mode switch (S5a) and thence to the AF Gain control RV4. S5 is a toggle switch (DPDT) and the other section (S5b) applies stabilised HT to the screen of V9 when the 'CW' mode is selected.

The triode portion of V7 (6AT6) is the 1st Audio Stage and is resistancecapacity coupled to the Audio Output Stage V8, either direct or via the audio filter T6.

The output stage (6AM5) provides outputs for connection to telephones, loudspeaker and lines. The circuit is arranged so that insertion of the telephone plug interrupts the loudspeaker output by breaking the earth return from the earthy loudspeaker terminal. The line output winding ( $600\Omega$ ) is provided with an attenuator which can be brought into circuit by linking two terminals at the rear.

#### The Power Supply Section.

This portion of the receiver is of conventional design and provides two HT supplies one of which is stabilised (150V). All heaters with the exception of V5 are fed from the main 6.3V secondary, the centre-tap of which is earthed. V5 is fed from the other 6.3V winding and in this case the centre-tap is maintained at some 9V above earth by the voltage divider R67/R68. This form of feed overcomes the problem of hum in the Noise Limiter circuit and obviates the need for selection of the 6AL5 for use in this position.

CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS

Overall Dimensions and Weight.

Width	:	167"	(43 cm.)	Depth	:	15" (38.1 cm.)
Height	:	87"	(43 cm.) (22.5 cm.)	Weight		

#### Cabinet.

The type of cabinet fitted to the 850/2 depends on the method of mounting which is to be employed. Cabinets are available for rack or table mounting. Both types are basically the same but the rack mounting version has cut-outs along the leading edges of the vertical sides. These cut-outs extend approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " back from the panel and give clearance for the two angled brackets which are attached to the rear of the panel to allow the receiver to be mounted in a rack. The brackets are provided with fixing slots which conform to the Post Office standard for racks of 19" width.

Either form of cabinet has extensive perforation (in the sides, base and rear) to ensure adequate ventilation. Three apertures at the rear allow

access to the various terminals, sockets etc. Cabinets are made of steel, suitably rust-proofed and sprayed grey enamel.

#### Front Panel.

The front panel is an aluminium diecasting, attached to the rear of which are two chassis end plates. All controls are located for operating convenience along the lower half of the panel and their functions are indicated on a clearly marked finger plate. Chromium plated panel handles are fitted for convenience in lifting the receiver and these also allow it to be placed face-down without damage to the panel controls when the cabinet is removed to allow servicing to be carried out.

# Chassis Assembly.

Three separate sub-chassis make up the complete chassis assembly. The central unit is a diecast box which is divided up into sections and provided (on the underside) with an aluminium cover plate. This unit houses all the tuned circuits associated with the RF Section and is firmly attached to four large lugs which protrude from the rear of the front panel.

The other units are the Power Unit chassis and the IF/AF chassis. The latter is made from brass and is mounted on the right-hand side of the central RF Section to which it is attached by four 2BA screws. The IF/AF chassis is also bolted to the right-hand chassis endplate which is attached to the front panel with the two screws which retain the panel handle. In the same relative position but to the left of the central RF Section is the Power Unit chassis. This is of steel and employs the same fixing arrangements as the IF/AF chassis. In addition to the power supply circuits, this chassis also carries the CW Detector Unit.

All three sub-units are supported at the rear by a narrow back plate which extends the full width of the receiver and is screwed to the chassis endplates.

#### Dial and Drive Assembly.

The main tuning control drives a spring-loaded split-gear system having a reduction ratio of approximately 140-1. The drive is flywheel loaded, substantially free from backlash and ensures a consistent degree of re-setting accuracy. Pointer travel is some 13" across clearly marked scales which are calibrated directly in kilocycles. A vernier dial used in conjunction with a horizontal logging scale subdivides the pointer travel into 2300 arbitrary divisions for scale logging purposes.

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### INSTALLATION

#### MOUNTING

Unless otherwise stipulated, the Model 850/2 is supplied complete with cabinet suitable for table mounting only. An interchangeable cabinet is available to special order and this has slots to clear the angled brackets which allow the receiver to be fitted in a standard size rack. The fixing slots conform to the Post Office standard for racks of 19" width.

If the receiver is to be table mounted, it may be advantageous in certain situations to have it firmly bolted to the operating table. Fixing plates are available for this purpose and may be ordered separately under the part number 5344P. Two plates are required and these are supplied complete with fixing screws.

# EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

#### Mains.

The AC mains supply is connected to the polarised socket at the rear using the mains connector provided with the receiver. The lead is left free at one end so that the user can fit a plug of a type suitable for connection to the local mains supply. The connecting lead is colour coded as follows:-

RED : Live line BLACK : Neutral line GREEN : Earth

<u>NOTE</u>: Before connecting to the local mains supply, check that the mains transformer is adjusted for the appropriate supply voltage. See 'Mains Voltage Adjustment' later in this Section.

#### Aerial.

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Aerial feed impedances of either 75 or  $300\Omega$  can be accommodated as follows:-

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U	2

750

3

75Ω	balanced	 feeder to terminals 1 & 4.
75Ω	unbalanced	 feeder to terminals 1 & 4 and
		link between terminals 1 & 3.
3000	balanced	 feeder to terminals 1 & 2*.
3000	unbalanced	 feeder to terminals 1 & 2 and
		link between terminals 1 & 3.

\* link 3 & 4 for centre-tapped earth.

Random wire lengths should be connected to terminal 2 with a link in position between terminals 1 and 3.

#### Earth.

Although the receiver chassis may be earthed by virtue of the connection to the 'supply earth', it may be desirable to connect a more direct earth. This should be attached to terminal 3 above and the connecting lead should be

ERRATUM. Page 20. C97 should read 80pF. Value is correct on Circuit.

of hecvy gauge and as short as conveniently possible. When the receiver is powered from a source which includes an earth leakage trip, a check should be made to see that the operation of this device is not affected by the direct earth connection.

#### Loudspeaker.

Connection should be made to the two quick-release terminals labelled 2.5 $\Omega$ . The right-hand terminal - looking at the rear of the set - is the earthy side of the output.

The output is suitable for any  $2.5/3\Omega$  speaker unit and the EDDYSTONE Cat. Nos. 688 and 899 are suggested as suitable types for use in any communications installation. Reference should be made to Data Sheet No. DS 123 which is available on request for information on these units.

#### Telephones.

The output impedance at the telephone socket is nominally 2000 $\Omega$  but the circuit arrangements are such that telephones of almost any impedance can be used with satisfactory results. Telephones are connected at the socket on the left-hand side of the panel and the circuit is arranged so that insertion of the telephone plug interrupts the loudspeaker output. The 600 $\Omega$  output is unaffected when telephones are in use.

#### Line Output.

This output (marked  $600\Omega$ ) can be taken at either high or low level dependent on whether or not the link is connected between the two right-hand terminals. Low level output is obtained when the link is connected and reference to the Circuit Diagram will show how connection of the link introduces the line output attenuator.

#### Desensitising.

NOTE: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE TWO TERMINALS MARKED 'EXTERNAL RELAY' ARE SHORTED TOGETHER BY MEANS OF A WIRE STRAP WHEN THE DESENSITISING FACILITY IS NOT REQUIRED.

When the Model 850/2 is used in close proximity to an associated transmitter, it will be necessary to desensitise the receiver during transmission periods to prevent overload, feedback etc. A relay contact wired across the desensitising terminals (lower terminal is earthy) should be arranged to close during reception periods and open when transmitting.

With this arrangement, monitoring of the outgoing transmission will not be possible. If monitoring is considered desirable it will be necessary to have some control over the level to which the receiver is desensitised. This can be arranged quite simply by connecting a 50,000 $\Omega$  variable resistor across the desensitising terminals. The variable resistor will function as a combined RF/IF Gain control and allow a wide adjustment of the sensitivity. If the transmitter is rated at more than 250 watts output a further relay should be arranged to short down the aerial input to prevent possible damage to the aerial coils.

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# AGC.

When two 850/2 receivers are operated in diversity, their AGC terminals should be strapped together with screened connecting wire. The braid can be conveniently earthed at the earth terminals at the right of the AGC terminals.

#### IF Output.

Connections should be made to the standard coaxial socket by using a coaxial lead wired to a Belling Lee coaxial plug type L.734. The cable should be terminated in a resistive load of between 75 and  $300\Omega_{\bullet}$ 

## MAINS VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT

This adjustment will be found on the side of the mains transformer and takes the form of a 'three-way' polarised socket together with an associated shorting plug. When despatched, the plug is set in the 230V position which is suitable for AC mains voltages in the range 220-250V.

For other voltages the plug should be set as follows:-

	100-125V	•		•	•			• •			position		
	200-220V		٩	•		•	•	• •		2007	position	1.	
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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE RECEIVER BE CONNECTED TO A DC SUPPLY

#### OPERATION

# CONTROL FUNCTIONS

#### Tuning.

This control is conveniently positioned to the right of centre and alters the setting of the RF Section tuning capacitors and also the pointer on the main tuning scale. Ease of tuning is assured by the large control knob which operates a flywheel loaded drive having a reduction ratio of approximately 140 : 1.

#### Wavechange Switch.

Selects the appropriate inductances for the range in use. All disused coils are short-circuited to prevent absorption effects. Range indication is provided by means of suitable marking on the finger plate concentric with the control knob.

#### Aerial Trimmer.

Provides a means of correctly resonating the aerial input circuit when using aerials of impedances differing widely from 75 or  $300\Omega_{\bullet}$ . The control should always be adjusted for maximum signal or background hiss.

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#### Gain Controls.

Three independent gain controls are provided as follows:-

RF Gain	(RV1)			 controls V	1.	
IF Gain	(RV2)			 controls V	3.	
AF Gain	(RV4)			 controls 1	evel	of
	•			audio inpu	it to	V7.

The RF and IF Gains are operated by means of concentric control knobs. The RF control is the one with a red index line.

#### Signal Mode Switch.

Selects audio output from the appropriate detector for CW or AM reception. HT is removed from the screen of the CW Detector when receiving AM signals.

## BFO (Pitch) Control.

Varies the pitch of the audio beat when receiving CW signals. The control can be set so that the injected frequency from the oscillator lies on either side of the IF passband so providing a means of 'single-signal' CW reception with attenuation of either the HF or LF adjacent channel as required.

# Selectivity Switch.

Selects the apprpriate crystal filter as required. CRYSTAL 1 position provides a 6dB bandwidth of 400 c/s and the CRYSTAL 2 position 1.5 kc/s. In the WIDE position the 6dB bandwidth is 6 kc/s.

#### AGC Switch.

Earths the AGC line when using manual gain control.

#### Noise Limiter Switch.

Introduces an efficient series type noise limiter to reduce impulse noise during AM reception. The limiter is not operative when receiving CW signals.

#### AF Filter Switch.

Brings into circuit a selective ferrite filter for CW reception under conditions of severe adjacent channel interference.

A 30dB bandwidth of the order 400 c/s obtains when the filter is in circuit. (6dB bandwidth : 120 c/s). Care should be taken to adjust the BFO Pitch control to provide a 1000 c/s beat when the signal is centred in the IF passband.

#### Mains Switch.

A double pole switch which breaks both sides of the mains supply to the mains transformer when the receiver is switched off.

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# TUNING INSTRUCTIONS

Ascertain that a suitable aerial is connected to the aerial terminals at the rear and check that all other external connections are made correctly.

Switch on at the Mains switch (left-hand side of panel) and, while the receiver is warming up, select the appropriate range and tune approximately to the desired frequency.

<u>NOTE</u>: If working on Ranges 1-4, the Selectivity switch can be set to WIDE for initial tuning, but if the desired frequency is on Ranges 5 or 6 the CRYSTAL 2 position should be used to avoid misleading effects due to the receiver local oscillator being within the IF passband on these ranges when the IF circuits are in their most unselective condition. This effect does not occur on Ranges 1-4 since the oscillator is well outside the IF range.

Now select the type of reception required (Mode switch labelled AM/CW), and after setting the gain controls to suit the type of reception and conditions prevailing, check that the aerial trimmer is peaked for maximum signal or background noise. Tune accurately to the required station and make any readjustments to control settings as required.

AGC can be switched on at the switch at the right-hand side of the panel and under this condition the RF and IF Gains should be fully advanced to secure maximum AGC action. Impulse noise, static crashes etc. can be reduced in strength if the noise limiter is switched into circuit. In the CW position of the Mode switch the AM pulse limiter is not in circuit but a considerable measure of noise reduction obtains due to the particular type of detection which is employed.

Selectivity can be adjusted as dictated by the interference which is present and the audio filter can be used to supplement the IF selectivity when taking CW signals suffering from severe adjacent channel interference.

# ADJUSTING THE METER-ZERO CONTROL

The Carrier Level Meter operates from the AGC line and is zeroed with the AGC switched off. The zero control is located at the rear of the receiver on the left-hand side.

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# RE-ALIGNMENT

## RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE IF SECTION AND BFO

Test equipment required Signal Generator covering 720 kc/s and a Valve Voltmeter (f.s.d. 1V).

Switch on the receiver, signal generator and valve voltmeter and allow half an hour to reach operating temperature. Set the receiver controls as follows:-

Range Sw:	itch			•	Range 1.
Selectiv	ity Sw	ritch			Crystal 1.
Mode Swi	tch				AM.
IF Gain					Maximum.
AGC	• •		•	٠	Off.

Connect the output lead from the signal generator to the stator of the centre section of the main tuning gang (i.e. to the grid of V2A). The valve voltmeter should be connected to the IF Output socket. If a valve voltmeter is not available, the built-in carrier level meter can be used (AGC must be ON) but the indication will be inferior to that obtained with the valve voltmeter.

When the equipment has reached operating temperature, set the signal generator to approximately 720 kc/s and tune slowly across the IF passband, observing the reading on the valve voltmeter. Adjust the signal generator carefully so that the signal lies on the peak of the crystal and then trim the cores in T1, T2, T4 and T5 for maximum reading on the valve voltmeter. The output level should be kept below some 500mV by adjustment of the attenuator on the signal generator.

It should be noted that T4 is slightly overcoupled and it will therefore be necessary to damp this transformer to obtain correct alignment. A 4,700 $\Omega$ resistor in series with a 0.01 $\mu$ F capacitor will make a convenient damping arrangement since one end of the combination can be directly earthed and the other end connected directly to the grid of V4 (pin 1) while adjusting the primary winding (bottom core) and to the anode of V3 (pin 5) while adjusting the grid winding.

Having aligned all transformers accurately to the centre frequency, again swing the generator tuning slowly across the IF passband and check on the symmetry of the response. If the response is at all asymmetrical this will be revealed most clearly by the presence of a rejection notch due to the crystal phasing capacitor (C43) being set incorrectly. This capacitor is accessible on the side of T2 nearest to the central RF Section and can be adjusted with a small tommy bar slipped into one of the holes in the spindle extension which protrudes through the side of the can. C43 is adjusted, first slightly in one direction and then in the other to determine which way the capacitor must go to eliminate the rejection notch. Once the correct direction has been determined adjust C43 by very small increments until the notch disappears. A check should be made to see that the notch does not re-appear on the other side of the response. T2 may now require slight re-adjustment and it is advisable to check the response again after trimming this core to ensure that the filter is still phased correctly. Any further adjustment of C43 will be very small indeed and will ensure a perfectly symmetrical response.

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Leave the generator set to the crystal peak and switch to 'Crystal 2'. With the generator set to this frequency, adjust the core in T3 for greatest reading on the meter. Again tune across the IF response and make a careful check on the symmetry. Misalignment of the phasing capacitor (C39) will be shown by the presence of minor side lobes and rejection notches on either side of the response. If these are in evidence, C39 should be adjusted to eliminate them and under this condition a symmetrical response should be obtained.

NOTE: C39 is adjustable through a trimming aperture in the side plate.

Slight re-adjustment of the core in T3 may now be required to ensure that the nose of the response is reasonably flat.

This completes the alignment of the IF Stages since no further adjustment is called for in the 'Wide' position.

Now switch back to 'Crystal 1'. Set the generator to the crystal peak and then place the Mode switch at CW. Adjust the BFO control knob so that the white index mark lies at 12 o'clock, check that the capacitor is at halfcapacity and then trim the core in L20 (underside of BFO Unit) to obtain zerobeat. A final check should now be made to see that the correct swing of 3 kc/s to either side of centre can be obtained.

## CHECKING IF SENSITIVITY

Set the receiver controls as follows and connect the signal generator to the stator of the centre section of the main tuning gang.

Range Switch , .	 Range 1.
Selectivity Switch	 Wide.
Mode Switch	 AlvI.
IF and AF Gains	 Maximum.
AGC and NL	 Off.
Audio Filter	 Out.

Connect an output meter matched to  $2.5/3\Omega$  to the external loudspeaker terminals and check that the attenuator link at the 600 $\Omega$  terminals is out of position.

Tune the generator to 720 kc/s (modulation 30% at 400 c/s) and adjust the attenuator for a reading of 50mW on the output meter. An average sensitivity of  $16\mu V$  should be obtained.

If the sensitivity appears to be low, further checks can be made with the generator connected in turn to the grids of V3 and V4. Sensitivities of the order  $180\mu$ V and 22mV should be obtained for an output of 50mW.

# RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE IF REJECTOR

With the receiver adjusted as for IF alignment, transfer the signal generator output lead to the  $75\Omega$  aerial input terminals. Increase the RF Gain and adjust the signal generator (tuned to 720 kc/s) for a reading of 500mV on the value voltmeter. Locate the trimming aperture for the IF rejector coil

(underside of RF coil box, left-hand side towards rear of receiver). Using a narrow bladed trimming tool, adjust the rejector (L7) for a minimum reading on the meter.

# RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE RF SECTION

## Checking Scale Calibration.

Test equipment required Crystal Calibrator providing 10 and 100 kc/s markers and a Signal Generator covering the range 10-40 kc/s.

Set up the receiver for CW reception with the Selectivity switch at Crystal 2 and the BFO centred in the IF passband. Allow half an hour for the equipment to reach operating temperature before commencing the check.

Select Ranges 1, 2 and 3 in turn and tune the receiver to zero-beat with each 100 kc/s calibration marker. Repeat the same procedure on Range 4 but use the 10 kc/s markers as a guide. On Ranges 5 and 6, standardise the signal generator against the 10 kc/s markers from the calibrator and then use the generator to check the scale at 5 kc/s intervals on Range 5 and at every kilocycle on Range 6.

If the calibration accuracy is within the limits 0.5% at frequencies above 100 kc/s and 2.5% below 100 kc/s there will be no need to touch the pre-set adjustments associated with the Local Oscillator Stage. Otherwise, proceed as detailed in the paragraphs which follow, adjusting only those ranges which are in error.

# Re-alignment of the Local Oscillator.

Test equipment required As for checking scale calibration.

Select each range in turn and set the generator (or use the calibrator) at each of the frequencies listed in the Table below. Trim the appropriate preset adjustments with the receiver set accurately to the correct frequencies as indicated on the scale. Greatest accuracy will be obtained if the receiver is operated under CW conditions and all tuning adjustments are then made for zero-

	IC	W	MIDI	DLE	HIGH		
Range	Freq.	Trim	Freq.	Trim	Freq.	Trim	
1	300 kc/s	L14	-	-	550 kc/s	C79	
2	150 kc/s	L15	-	-	300 kc/s	C82	
3	80 kc/s	C84	110 kc/s	L16	150 kc/s	C86	
4	40 kc/s	<b>C8</b> 8	55 kc/s	L17	80 kc/s	C90	
5	19 kc/s	C91	27 kc/s	L18	40 kc/s	<b>C</b> 92	
6	10 kc/s	C94	15 kc/s	L19	19 kc/s	C95	

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beat. Each adjustment should be made several times to compensate for interaction and to ensure accurate tracking.

On Ranges 5 and 6 extra care must be taken in trimming the pre-set adjustments since quite a small movement of the series capacitor or the core will produce a considerable change in the oscillator frequency. It is possible for example to adjust Range 6 so that the oscillator tunes the range 750-760 kc/s giving an RF coverage of 20-30 kc/s. Any possible confusion will be overcome if a signal generator is available to identify the appropriate markers from the crystal calibrator.

# Re-alignment of the RF and Mixer Stages.

Test equipment required Signal Generator covering the range 10-600 kc/s  $(75\Omega \text{ output})$  and an Output Meter matched to 2.5/30.

Select each range in turn and tune both the receiver and generator (modulated 30%, 400 c/s\* and connected to the 75 $\Omega$  input terminal) to the frequencies listed in the Table below. The output meter should be connected to the two external loudspeaker terminals, the aerial trimmer (panel control) should be set at half-capacity and the correspondence terminates and cores adjusted for maximum reading on the output meter. All adjustments should be repeated as necessary until any interaction between trimmer and core is eliminated.

\* On Ranges 5 and 6 it will be necessary to switch to CW and use an unmodulated carrier for alignment. The BFO should be set to produce any convenient beat.

		TRIMMERS		CORES			
Range	Freq.	RF	Mixer	Freq.	RF	Mixer	
1	300 kc/s	Cl	C20	550 kc/s	Ll	L8	
2	150 kc/s	C3	C22	300 kc/s	L2	L9	
3	80 kc/s	05	C24	150 kc/s	L3	L10	
4	40 kc/s	C7	C26	80 kc/s	L4	LII	
5	19 kc/s	C9	C28	40 kc/s	L5	L12	
6	10 kc/s	ClO	C30	19 kc/s	L6	L13	

NOTE: The dust cores in L3, 4, 10 and 11 are 'hexagon' types. All other cores except those in the Vinkor assemblies can be adjusted with a standard trimming tool. A non-magnetic tool should be used to adjust the Vinkor assemblies. (DT2047 - Mullard).

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## APPENDIX 'A'

# TABLE OF VOLTAGE VALUES

The following Table of Voltage Values will prove useful in the event of the receiver developing a fault which necessitates carrying out voltage checks.

All readings are typical and were taken with a meter having a sensitivity of  $20,000\Omega/volt$  and an applied mains voltage of 240V. A nominal tolerance of 10% will apply to readings taken with a meter of the sensitivity quoted above and this tolerance should be increased accordingly when using meters of lower sensitivity.

Readings should be taken under 'no-signal' conditions with controls set as follows. The Desensitising terminals at the rear must be strapped together.

Range Switch			Range 1.
Mode Switch			AM.
AGC .			Off.
RF/IF Gains	•	•	Maximum.

Stage	Anode	Screen	Cathode
V1 V2A V2B V3 V4 V5A	235V 240V 100V* 240V 240V 182V	85V 95V 98V 88V	0.92V 1.8V 1.8V 0.72V** 1.2V 182V
V5B V6 V7 V8 V9 V10 V11	190V 130V 248V See Note below 255V (AC) 150V	190V 238V	2.5V 20V 11.3V 280V

 Varies within the limits 86-100V depending on Range in use. (68V with oscillator stopped)

\*\* 1.7V on Ranges 5 and 6 (R22a in circuit).

V9, CW Detector.

This stage is normally inaccessible for voltage checks. Supply voltages measured externally at point of connection to unit are as follows:

	-	Red lead - 210V	Electrode voltages measured at valve holder:
Screen	:	Blue lead - 137V	Anode : 200V Screen : 78V Cathode : 1.3V

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# APPENDIX 'B'

# LIST OF COMPONENT VALUES, TOLERANCES AND RATINGS

Capacitors.

Ref	Value	Type	Tol.	Wkg. V.
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9	3-30pF 80pF 3-30pF 40pF 3-30pF 60pF 3-30pF 40pF 3-30pF	Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer	- 5% - 5% - 5%	350V 350V 350V 350V
C10 C11 C12 C13 C14 C15 C16 C17 C18 C19	3-30pF 3.5-54pF 12.5-5351 100pF 0.25μF 0.001μF 0.01μF 0.25μF 8μF 0.05μF	Air Trimmer Air Spaced Variable DF Three Gang Air Spaced Variable Silvered Mica Metallised Paper Polystyrene Tubular Paper Metallised Paper Tubular Electrolytic Tubular Paper	- - 20% 5% 20% - 20%	- 350V 150V 125V 150V 150V 275V 350V
C20 C21 C22 C23 C24 C25 C26 C27 C28 C29	3-30pF 80pF 3-30pF 80pF 3-30pF 80pF 3-30pF 60pF 3-30pF 20pF	Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica	- 5% - 5% - 5% - 5%	350V 350V 350V 350V 350V
C30 C31 C32 C33 C34 C35 C36 C37 C38 C39	3-30pF 100pF 0.25μF 0.25μF 0.05μF 390pF 790pF 790pF 2-10pF	Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Not applicable. Metallised Paper Metallised Paper Tubular Paper Polystyrene Polystyrene Air Trimmer (Differential)	- 5% 20% 20% 20% 20% 2%	- 350V 150V 150V 350V 125V 125V 125V

Ref	Value	Type	Tol.	Wkg. V.
C40 C41 C42 C43 C44 C45 C46 C47 C48 C49	50pF 100pF 50pF 2-10pF 100pF 2μF 100pF 0.05μF 0.05μF 390pF	Silvered Mica Silvered Mica Silvered Mica Air Trinmer Silvered Mica Metallised Paper Silvered Mica Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Polystyrene	5% 5% - 5% 20% 5% 20% 20% 5%	350V 350V 350V - 350V 200V 350V 350V 350V 125V
050 051 052 053 054 055 056 057 058 059	390pF 0.05μF 0.05μF 0.05μF 0.05μF 390pF 390pF 50pF 500pF 0.05μF	Polystyrene Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Polystyrene Polystyrene Tubular Ceramic Tubular Paper Tubular Paper	5% 20% 20% 20% 5% 5% 10% 20%	125V 350V 350V 350V 350V 125V 125V 350V 350V 350V
C60 C61 C62 C63 C64 C65 C66 C67 C68 C69	0.05µF 0.05µF 20pF 0.05µF 0.04µF 200pF 0.01µF 500pF 6pF 25µF	Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Silvered Mica Tubular Paper Tubular Ceramic Moulded Mica Moulded Mica Tubular Ceramic Tubular Electrolytic	20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% ±1pF	350V 350V 350V 350V 150V 350V 350V 350V 350V 25V
C70 C71 C72 C73 C74 C75 C76 C76 C77 C78 C79	25µF 32+32µF 0.01µF 0.007µF 0.007µF 0.005µF 25µF 0.01µF 330pF 3-30pF	Tubular Electrolytic Tubular Electrolytic Moulded Mica Silvered Mica Disc Ceramic Tubular Electrolytic Moulded Mica Silvered Mica Air Trimmer	- 1% 1% +80 -20% - 20% 1%	25V 350V 350V 350V 350V 900V 25V 350V 350V
C80 C81 C82 C83 C84	25pF 180pF 3-30pF 25pF 3-30pF	Silvered Mica Silvered Mica Air <sup>T</sup> rimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer	5% 1% - 5%	350V 350V 350V

Ref	Value	Туре	Tol.	Wkg. V.
C85 C86 C87 C88 C88 C89	60pF 3-30pF 20pF 3-30pF 20pF	Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Silvered Mica	5% 5% 5%	350V 350V 350V
C90 C91 C92 C93 C94 C95 C96 C97 C98 C99	3-30pF 3-30pF 3-30pF 25pF 3-30pF 3-30pF 160pF 50pF 20pF 100pF	Air Trimmer Air Trimmer Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Air Trimmer Air Trimmer Silvered Mica Silvered Ceramic N750 Silvered Ceramic N750 Silvered Mica	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- 350V - 350V 350V 350V 350V 350V
C100 C101 C102 C103 C104 C105 C106 C107 C108 C109	200pF 0.25µF 50pF 100pF 0.05µF 500pF 500pF 0.01µF 0.005µF 0.005µF	Tubular Ceramic Metallised Paper Tubular Ceramic Tubular Ceramic Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Tubular Paper Tubular Ceramic Tubular Ceramic	10% 20% 10% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20%	350V 150V 350V 350V 350V 350V 350V 350V 350V 3
C110 C111 C112 C113 C114 C115 C116 C117	100pF 30µF 3.5-25pF 0.001µF 25µF 50µF 0.25µF 0.25µF	Silvered Mica Tubular Electrolytic Air Spaced Variable Polystyrene Tubular Electrolytic Tubular Electrolytic Metallised Paper Metallised Paper	5% - - 5% - 20% 20%	350V 15V - 125V 25V 450V 150V 150V

# Resistors.

Ref	Value	Tol.	Rating	Ref	Value	Tol.	Rating
R1 R2 R3 R4 R5	0.47 Megohm 0.47 Megohm 12 ohms 68,000 hms 33,000 ohms	10% 10% 10% 10% 10%	1 watt 황 watt 첫 watt 첫 watt 첫 watt 1 watt	R6 R7 R8 R9	68 ohms 0.1 Megohm 1,000 ohms 470 ohms	10% 10% 10% 10%	1 watt 1 watt 호 watt 호 watt 호 watt

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Ref	Value ,	Tol.	Rating		Ref	Value	Tol.	Rating
R10 R11 R12 R13 R14 R15 R16 R17 R18 R19 R20 R21 R22 R22 R22 R23 R24 R25 R26 R27 R28 R29	470 ohms 2,200 ohms 2,200 ohms 0.47 Megohm 150 ohms 47,000 ohms 1,000 ohms 0.47 Megohm 47,000 ohms 47,000 ohms 1,000 ohms 68 ohms 68 ohms 68 ohms 1,000 ohms 10,000 ohms 22,000 ohms 27,000 ohms 1,000 ohms 1,000 ohms	10% 10%	Tarlarlarlarlarlarlarlar 1 1 - Arlarlar 1 1 1 - Arlar		R45 R46 R47 R48 R49 R50 R51 R52 R55 R55 R55 R55 R56 R57 R58 R59 R61 R62 R61 R62 R64 R65	0.47 Megohm 4,700 ohms 680 ohms w/w 2,200 ohms 680 ohms 47 ohms 680 ohms 33,000 ohms 3,300 ohms 1,000 ohms 10,000 ohms 47,000 ohms 47,000 ohms 2,200 ohms 10,000 ohms 2,200 ohms 47,000 ohms 2,200 ohms 22,000 ohms 22,000 ohms	10% 10%	In the test to the test test to the test test test test test test test
R30 R31 R32 R33 R34 R35 R36 R37	1 Megohm 2.2 Megohms 0.1 Megohm 0.1 Megohm 0.47 Megohm 220 ohms 4,700 ohms 27,000 ohms	10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10%	watt watt watt watt watt watt watt watt	H	R66 R67 R68	2,700 ohms** 0.1 Megohm 6,800 ·hms neters.	5% 10% 10%	6 watt 호 watt 호 watt
R38 R39	0.27 Megohm 0.1 Megohm	10% 10%	· watt 호 watt		Ref	Value	L L	Type
R40 R41 R42 R43 R44	0.47 Megohm 0.27 Megohm 3,300 ohms 6,800 ohms 10,000 ohms	10% 10% 10% 10%	to watt watt watt watt watt watt		RV1 RV2 RV3 RV4	10,000 hms 10,000 chms 5,000 ohms 0.5 Megohm	Wirev Wirev Wirev Carbo	vound

Nominal value. Exact value de-termined during test.
 \*\* Wirewound.

NOTE: RV1 and RV2 are combined.

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APPENDIX 'C'

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# SPARES

Induc	tors.	
L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8 L9 L10 L11 L12 L13 L14 L15 L16 L17 L18 L19 L18 L19	Range 1 Aerial Coil         Range 2 Aerial Coil         Range 3 Aerial Coil         Range 4 Aerial Coil         Range 5 Aerial Coil         Range 6 Aerial Coil         Range 6 Aerial Coil         720 kc/s IF Rejector Coil         Range 1 Mixer Coil         Range 2 Mixer Coil         Range 3 Mixer Coil         Range 4 Mixer Coil         Range 5 Mixer Coil         Range 6 Mixer Coil         Range 1 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 3 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 4 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 5 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 4 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 5 Local Oscillator Coil         Range 6 Local Oscillator Coil	D2751 D2754 D2757 D2760 D2763 D2766 D2769 D2752 D2755 D2755 D2758 D2761 D2761 D2764 D2761 D2764 D2765 D2759 D2756 D2759 D2762 D2765
L20	Beat Frequency Oscillator Coil	D2768 D2732
Chokes	s and Transformers.	
CH1 T1 T2* T3* T4 T5 T6 T7 T8	Power Supply Smoothing Choke 1st 720 kc/s IF Transformer Crystal Filter Unit 1 (single crystal) Crystal Filter Unit 2 (dual crystal) 2nd 720 kc/s IF Transformer 3rd 720 kc/s IF Transformer Audio Filter Output Transformer Mains Transformer	D2049B D2770 D2773 D2774 D2771 D2772 D2735 D1697 3937P
* Supp	olied complete with screening can but less crystal.	
	als. (Style 'E')	
XL1 XL2	Single Crystal 720 kc/s $\pm$ 0.05% Dual Crystal centred 720 kc/s $\pm$ 0.05%, spaced 1100 c/s $\pm$ 50 c/s	6121P 6122P
Switch	nes.	
S2 S3/4	Range Switch : Wafer - 1P6W with shorting plate . Clicker Mechanism - Extension Spindle Coupler . Selectivity Switch : 3P3W complete AGC/Noise Limiter Switches : Toggle Type SPST Mode/Filter/Mains Switches : Toggle Type DPDT	5011P 5433P 5431P 5428P 5959P 5789P 5788P

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# Variable Capacitors and Associated Items.

E F Cl2 T F	erial Trimmer Extension spindle for Plexible coupler for Phree-gang Tuning ( Plexible coupler for FO Pitch Capaciton	or Aeria Capacito or Tunin	al Trimm l Trimme r	tor	· · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · ·	• • • • • • • •	LP2125/1 5783/1P D2874 5957P D1680 D2807
Potentiometers.								
RV3 5	2 x 10,000Ω wirewow 5,000Ω wirewound 5,5 MΩ carbon		centric	_	s) ••	  	· · · ·	5810P 6123P 4103PB
Knobs.								
Aerial T	nge	 Pitch	· · · · · ·	· · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · ·	· · · · · ·	3146/1P D2872 5834P 5786P 3148/1P 4984/1P
Drive Assembly.								
Drive di Vernier	er gear spindle as sc assembly spindle assembly spindle assembly	••	· · · · ·	· · · ·	· · · · · ·	· · · · · ·	· · · · · ·	D2077 D1562/1 D1559/1 BP953
Miscellaneous.								
Scale pl Pointer Pointer Glass Wi Carrier Finger p Terminal Fusehold Fuses (1 Coaxial Phone ja Vernier Drive Pu Guide Pu Dial Lam	assembly guide rails .ndow level meter blate (as used for aud: ler Amp.) socket (IF Output ack dial (complete win alleys	io outpu			<ul> <li>·</li> <li>·&lt;</li></ul>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		5826P D2748 D2873 5801P 5847P 5956/1P 5951P 6102P 6103P 6124P 6087P 6090P D2250 5837P 6125P 3131P 6126P

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