TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND SERVICE DATA





Radiola TRANSISTOR EIGHT Model 208-P

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DESCRIPTION GENERAL

Model 208-P is an eight transistor, battery-operated, superheterodyne portable receiver designed for the reception of the Medium Wave Band.

Features of design include:

AWV 2N412, 2N544 or 2N374 Converter AWV 2N410 1st I.F. Amplifier AWV 2N410 2nd I.F. Amplifier

AWV 2N410 1st Audio

AWV 2N408 Driver

Ferrite Rod Aerial with provision for external aerial; high-gain i.f. transformer; Autodyne converter; high-sensitivity, centre-tapped 80 ohms impedance speaker obviating the need of an output transformer.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Range	AWV 2N217 SP Output AWV 2N217 SP Output A diode (IN295) is also used as Audio Detector and A.V.C.	
Battery Complement 9 volt battery type 276-P Battery Consumption:	LOUDSPEAKER: 6" x 4" Permanent Magnet No. 50043. V.C. Impedance 80 ohms at 400 c.p.s. Undistorted Power Output 400 mW	
For zero audio output	CONTROLS:	
Transistor Complement: AWV 2N544 R.F. Amplifier	Tuning Control — right-hand side. On/Off Volume Control — front left-hand. Tone Control — front right-hand.	

DIMENSIONS:

Height ... 8"; Width ... 11"; Depth ... 44"

Weight with Battery 6 lbs. 3 ozs.

D.C. RESISTANCE OF WINDINGS

WINDING	RESISTANCE IN OHMS	WINDING	RESISTANCE IN OHMS
Ferrite Rod Assembly T1	:	1st and 2nd I.F. Trans	sformers Windings
Primary 1-2		T4, T5	10
Secondary 6-7			
Tertiary 4-5	*	3rd I.F. Transformer T	· /
R.F. Transformer T2: Primary 4-5	78	Primary 1-6	6
Secondary 2-3 Tertiary 1-6	10.6	Secondary 3-5	10
Oscillator Transformer T		Coupling Transformer	
Primary 1-2		Primary Bu-Br	70
Secondary 4-5		Secondary Bk-Gr .	230

The above readings were taken on a standard chassis, but substitution of materials during manufacture may cause variations and it should not be assumed that a component is faulty if a slighty different reading is obtained. * Less than one ohm.

MECHANICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS

PART No.	ITEM	PART No.
39625	Gear Case Assembly	39618
37792	Knob Assembly, Tone, Volume	39631
39348	Knob Assembly, Tuning	39626
39617	Label, Component Layout	37743
	Pointer	39627
37943	Plug, Battery	
37932 37939	Spindle, Tuning	39629
39641	Terminal, Spring Earthing	5458
39603	Trim, Cabinet	39601
	39625 37792 39348 39617 37943 37932 37939 39641	39625 Gear Case Assembly 37792 Knob Assembly, Tone, Volume 39348 Knob Assembly, Tuning 39617 Label, Component Layout Pointer 37943 Plug, Battery 37932 Spindle, Tuning 39641 Terminal, Spring Earthing

When ordering, always quote the above Part Numbers and in the case of coloured parts such as cabinet, knobs, fret, etc., the colour plus the Part Number.

Service Notes for Transistor Receivers:

Whilst transistors, when used within the manufacturer's ratings, should give considerably longer life in service than vacuum tubes, the following precautions should be observed when servicing receivers to prevent damage to transistors.

Transistors can be damaged when checking circuit continuity by the D.C. voltage present in an ohmmeter. To avoid damaging a transistor or getting a misleading resistance reading the transistors must be disconnected from the circuit.

The use of screwdrivers as a means of checking high tension, as is commonly done in mains operated receivers, is not only a waste of time but can permanently damage the transistors. Similarly, the indiscriminate shorting out of bias resistors as a means of checking whether certain stages are operating will almost certainly have drastic results, particularly in the output stages.

Transistors are extremely sensitive to heat, temperatures in excess of 90° C. can cause permanent damage. Great care should therefore be exercised when soldering transistor leads, keeping the soldering iron as far away from the transistor body as practicable and applying heat for as short a time as possible.

It should be noted that all electrolytic capacitors have their positive terminal going to earth or to the earthy part of the circuit.

Fault Finding:

The first thing to check when the receiver is inoperative is the battery. With the receiver switched on a new battery should measure 9 volts, although a receiver will still operate satisfactorily at 6 volts.

Voltmeters used for test purposes must be at least 20,000 ohms per volt. The use of low impedance meters will only give misleading results as serious shunting effects will occur.

If the receiver is inoperative to R.F. and the converter is suspect, the oscillator can be checked by measuring the voltage between base and emitter of the converter. If the base is negative with respect to the emitter by more than 0.12 volts then the converter is not oscillating.

When checking for a circuit fault causing excessive battery drain, an overall current measurement and supplementary voltage measurements should be made. For reasons stated above continuity measurements can be misleading.

Signal tracing by injection of a signal from a signal generator is carried out on transistor radios in exactly the same manner as has been done for many years with conventional vacuum tube radios. The signal generator should be connected (as in past practice) in series with a capacitor to avoid shorting out bias voltages. With the transistors used in this receiver, the BASE is the signal input terminal (corresponding to the signal grid of vacuum tubes), the COLLECTOR is the signal output terminal (corresponding to plate), and the EMITTER is the common terminal (corresponding to the cathode). The exception to the above is in the 1st audio stage (VT5) where the output is taken from the EMITTER instead of the COLLECTOR.

The output circuit used in this receiver is of the "Class B" type; this type of output circuit has seldom been used in commercial radios for the past several years. It should therefore be noted that in "Class B" output the battery current increases greatly with increased signal input to the base.

Component Removal and Replacement:

It is not necessary to disconnect the printed board from the chassis to gain access to components on top of the board as the speaker may be readily removed from chassis.

Always use a soldering iron which is very clean and just hot enough to achieve a quick soldering operation as prolonged application of heat will damage the printed wiring.

Before installing a replacement component it is advisable to clear the contact hole by heating the contact area and pushing a tapered stainless steel wire into the hole. Small screwdriver kits are available on the market containing a suitable spiked bit.

The cans on all coils except the 3rd IF transformer may be removed without disturbing the coil formers. This is done by unsoldering the can lugs only and pulling the can free. When replacing the cans make sure the coil former is concentric with the hole on top of the can.

Chassis Removal:

Remove all control knobs, these being a push-on fit.

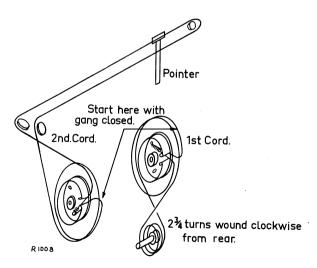
Remove the two Philip's head screws on the handle pivots.

Open the cabinet back and remove the battery.

The chassis assembly is now held by two screws on the outer edge of the chassis near the two front controls. Remove these screws and the chassis may be lifted out of the cabinet.

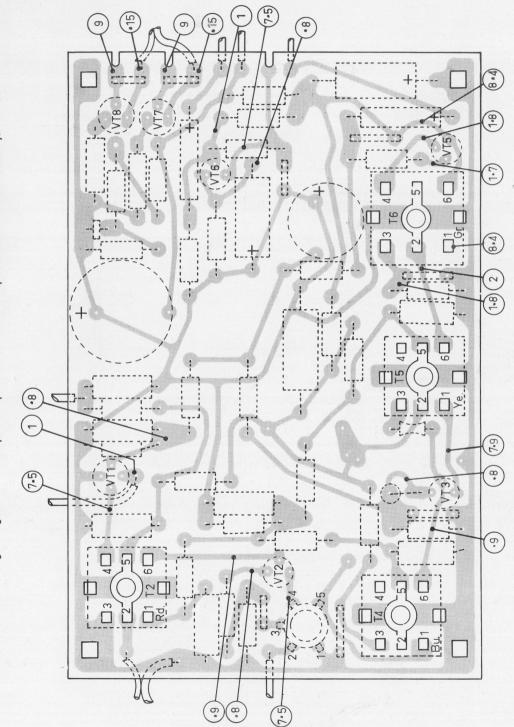
Dial Cord Replacement:

Two dial cords are used on this model; one connects the tuning spindle to the dial drum and the other connecting the dial drum to the pointer. The former is put on first starting with a looped end of the cord, following the path shown and terminating with the tension spring at the original anchor point. All successive turns around the drum progress outward from the gang.



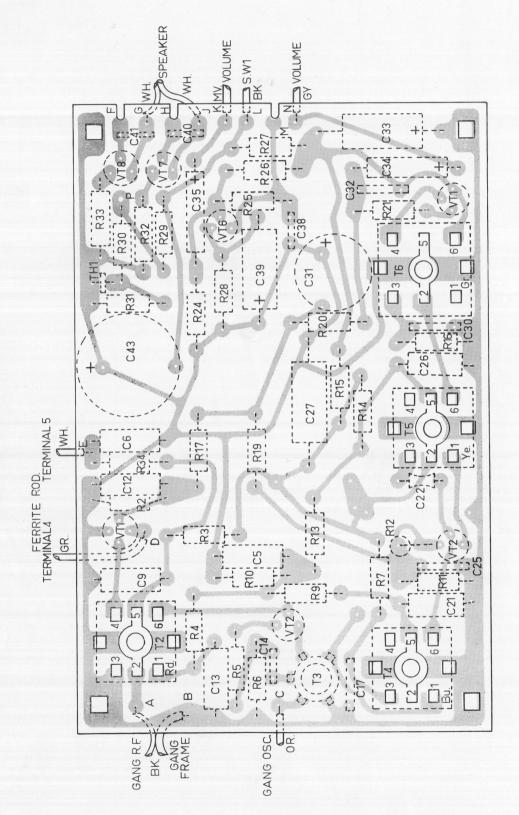
VOLTAGE CHART

All voltages negative with respect to printed board earth (positive terminal of battery).



The assemblies represented above are viewed from the wiring side of the board.

COMPONENT LOCATION



ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

Manufacturer's Setting of Adjustments:

The receiver is tested by the manufacturer with precision instruments and all adjusting screws are sealed. Re-alignments should be necessary only when components in tuned circuits are repaired or replaced or when it is found that the seals over the adjusting screws have been broken. It is especially important that the adjustments should not be altered unless in association with the correct testing instruments listed below.

Under no circumstances should the plates of the ganged tuning capacitor be bent, as the unit is accurately aligned during manufacture and can only be re-adjusted by skilled operators using special equipment.

For all alignment operations, keep the generator output as low as possible to avoid A.V.C. action and set the volume control in the maximum clockwise position.

Testing Instruments:

- (1) A.W.A. Junior Signal Generator, type 2R7003; or
- (2) A.W.A. Modulated Oscillator, series J6726.

If the modulated oscillator is used, connect a .22 megohms non-inductive resistor across the output terminals.

(3) No output transformer is used in this receiver since the speaker has a centre tapped 80 ohm voice coil and is connected directly to the collectors on the output transistors. For output measurement, if an indication only is required. Output Meter type 2M8832, switched to 5000 ohms and connected across the output collectors, should be adequate. For correct reading of power output an A.C. meter, with neither probe earthed, connected across the output collectors will measure the voltage across the 80 ohms load. The normal alignment level of 50mw occurs when 2 volts is indicated on the A.C. voltmeter.

ALIGNMENT TABLE

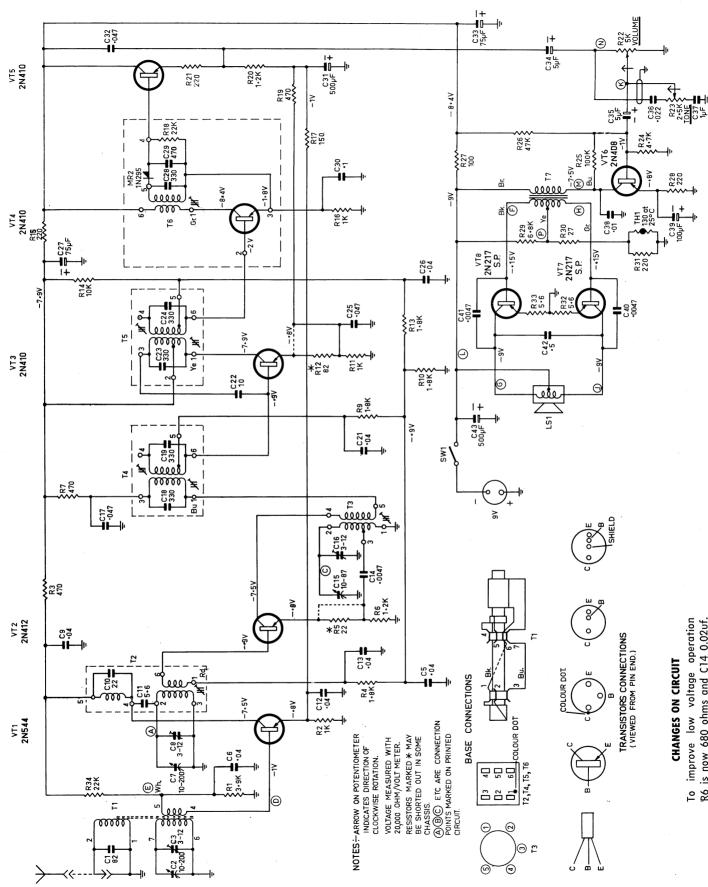
RDER	CONNECT "HIGH" SIDE OF GENERATOR TO:	TUNE GENERATOR TO:	TUNE RECEIVER TO:	ADJUST FOR MAX. PEAK OUTPUT
1	R.F. Section of Gang	455 Kc/s	Gang fully closed	Cores in T6, T5 and T4
	Repeat	adjustment until maximun	n output is obtained	
	Shunt R.F. se	ection of gang (rear section	n) with a 3K ohm resistor	
2	Inductively coupled to Rod Aerial*	600 Kc/s	600 Kc/s	L.F. Osc. Core Adj. (T3)†
	1	Remove shunt resistor on	R.F. section	
3	Inductively coupled to Rod Aerial*	600 Kc/s	600 Kc/s	L.F. R.F. Core Adj. (T2)
4	Inductively coupled to Rod Aerial*	1,620 Kc/s	Gang fully open	H.F. Osc. Adj. (C16)
5	Inductively coupled to Rod Aerial*	1,500 Kc/s	1,500 Kc/s	H.F. Aerial Adj. (C3)
6	Inductively coupled to Rod Aerial*	1,500 Kc/s	1,500 Kc/s	H.F. R.F. Adj. (C8)

^{*} A coil comprising 3 turns of 16 gauge D.C.C. wire about 12 inches in diameter should be connected between the output terminals of the test instrument, placed concentric with the rod aerial and distant not less than 1 foot from it.

[†] Rock the tuning control back and forth through the signal.

CIRCUIT CODE — RADIOLA PORTABLE 208-P

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CHANGES ON CIRCUIT

To improve low voltage operation R6 is now 680 ohms and C14 0.02vf.