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RCA VICTOR RADIOLETTE R-5

The RCA Victor Radiolette R-5 is a two-tuned circuit R.F. type Radio receiver. Compact construction together with good sensitivity, selectivity and high output are features of this receiver.

The receiver uses four Radiotrons, two UY-224, one UX-280, and one RCA-247 Power Output Pentode. Referring to Figure 1 and tracing a signal through the various stages we find the following action taking place.

The antenna and ground are connected to each side of a 20,000 ohm potentiometer. The moving contact of the potentiometer is connected to the primary of the first R.F. transformer through a .00013 MFD. condenser, the other side of the transformer being connected to ground. The action of the potentiometer, reducing the voltage applied to the grid of the first R.F. tube, constitutes that of a volume control. The secondary of the R.F. transformer is connected to the grid circuit of the R.F. Radiotron UY-224, which is tuned by one unit of the gang condenser. The plate circuit of this tube works into the primary coil of the 2nd R.F. transformer.

The detector is of the regenerative, grid bias type and its output is coupled by means of resistance coupling to the output Radiotron RCA-247. The regenerative feature of the detector is unusual in that it uses two regeneration coils. One of these resonates at a low frequency and improves the sensitivity at that end, while the other has but few turns and brings up the sensitivity at the high frequency end.

The output stage uses the RCA-247 Output Pentode which gives a high undistorted output—2.5 watts—together with a high gain in the stage.

The grid bias for this tube is obtained by using a portion of the drop across the reproducer field. Due to the fact that the plate current of the RCA-247 represents the greatest portion of the total plate current, using the drop across the

field acts as a semi-self biasing arrangement.

Plate and grid supply to all tubes is supplied through the use of Radiotron UX-280. The filter is of the "brute force" type. The reproducer unit field coil functions as the reactor. One electrolytic 10 MFD. capacitor and one paper 2 MFD. capacitor act as filter capacitors.

Line-up Capacitor Adjustments

Two adjustable capacitors are provided for aligning the two tune circuits at the high frequency end of the scale. The following procedure may be used for making any readjustments that may be necessary.

A. Procure an oscillator giving a modulated signal at exactly 1400 K.C. Also procure a special socket wrench such as RCA Victor Stock No. 3007.

B. An output indicator is necessary. This may be a current squared thermogalvanometer connected to the secondary of the output transformer in place of the cone coil or other types of output indicators.

C. Turn the station selector until the knob reads exactly 0. Then remove the chassis from the cabinet, being careful not to disturb the setting of the dial. The gang condenser rotor plates should be fully meshed with the stator plates. If not, then the dial drum must be adjusted until such a condition exists. Replace the chassis in the cabinet.

D. Place the oscillator in operation at exactly 1400 K.C. and couple its output to the antenna lead. Set the dial scale at 85 and place the Radiolette in operation. Place a soft pad on the bench and turn the instrument on its side. Now with the special wrench, adjust each line-up capacitor until maximum output is obtained in the output meter. Be careful to adjust the volume control or oscillator output so that an excessive reading is not obtained. Go over each adjustment a second time to compensate for any interlocking of adjustments.