

Hallicrafters, Inc.

Model: SX-23

Chassis:

Year: Pre August 1939

Power:

Circuit:

IF:

Tubes:

Bands:

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MODEL SX24
Skyrider Defiant
Antenna Notes

control adjusts the sensitivity of the receiver by varying the cathode bias of the IF amplifiers. Maximum sensitivity will be obtained with this control set as far as it will go. When this is done a switch will be operated, the which will be described under 5 meter.

receiver under varying local conditions of noise, it will be advisable to the "RF" and "AF" gain controls until the most favorable signal to noise ratio is obtained. It is suggested that the R. F. gain be advanced until the white dot on the dial is approximately at the "80" on SKYRIDER. Later experiment to find the best a given signal bearing in mind that with the selectivity switch in any of the

CRYSTAL OPERATION

se controls which must be properly adjusted for most satisfactory crystal filtering. Their operation shall be treated in the order in which they are called upon to perform their functions in the receiver.

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se positions of selectivity with the Automatic Volume Control circuit operating. High fidelity broadcast reception the selectivity switch should be rotated to the "B" position.

sh placed in the "IF Sharp" position the selectivity is greatly increased at sacrifice in tone reproduction.

"ystal" position affords maximum selectivity with automatic volume control. will have to be accurately resonated on each desired signal because this step greatly attenuates the sidebands of a modulated carrier. You will notice a slot into which the signal falls, only in the exact center of which will be of a good order be maintained. The "Phone Crystal" position is recommended in cases of extreme interference where adjacent channel stations are causing objectionable interference.

switch in a counter-clockwise position still farther allows the receiver to be set on three selectivity positions with the A.V.C. circuit disconnected. When the switch is so adjusted it is then necessary to manually adjust the "RF Gain" to the "A" position.

"ystal" position the maximum selectivity of the set is obtained. The drop in selectivity is immediately apparent. This position is recommended only for the reception of weak signals because the selectivity is so great phone signals are practically eliminated. To realize the maximum in performance from the SKYRIDER 23 crystal circuit, the two controls should be adjusted as described. First tune in an extremely weak signal.

"ystal" should be turned until a beat note is audible. Then adjust the main volume control and go across the signal. Two distinct signals will be heard either side of the main signal. Tune the dial until the center tuning through which no signal is audible is reached. This is the low or the high frequency side of the signal (that which appears either side of the main signal). Leave the receiver set on whichever of the two signals is the strongest. Now very carefully adjust the "Phasing Control" until you have eliminated the sidebands as far as possible. As an additional step, if you have eliminated the sidebands, you may wish to reject, rotate the "Pitch Control" through zero but side so that a beat note is apparent. Then rotate the same pitch as before is obtained. The "Pitch Control" will be apparent that the signal on the other side of zero is present. Again carefully adjust the "Phasing Control" and compare the strength of the signal when this side has been phased out, or rejected. When you have demonstrated the phasing or rejection is better on either the low or high frequency side, the phasing control is left in that position and you then have the SKYRIDER 23 extremely selective crystal action for which it is noted.

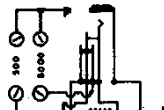
and "Phasing Control" should be called upon frequently to demonstrate how, per adjustment, extreme conditions of interference can be coped with. Frequent adjustment of the pitch control will place a desired signal in the clear when calls differ in frequency by only a few hundred cycles. Minute adjustment of the control will frequently obliterate an interfering signal by dropping it in the

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TUBE LINE-UP

6XK7 R.F. Amplifier



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align condenser which should never need adjustment as it will not effect
set but only vary the gain of the I. F. unit.

the AVC, turn the RFO pitch control to "off" position, the selectivity
of F. Sharp position. Adjust the frequency of the modulated signal
at frequency of the I. F. unit with the signal strength sufficient to
1.5 watts in output meter. Now adjust A9 until the output is reduced to
the point where the AVC is resonant and operating properly.

re of the 6BA7 to the switch section contact and replace the R.F. coil

R. F. ALIGNMENT

F Coil Box Cover" marked "W" as shown in the instruction book are to
of a "Wand" into the coil frame for checking of alignment. The "Wand"
ing material having a brass slug in one end and a powdered iron slug in
iron slug is placed in field of coil the inductance is increased, and
is used, the inductance is decreased.

5 points of alignment the meter deflection should decrease when either
ed, if the set is properly aligned. If the meter deflection increases
of "Wand" is in the field then the trimmer capacity should be increased.
ter reading increases when the "Brass" end of "Wand" is used then the
l have to be reduced.

Mag is fully closed be certain that the indicating line on the dial
in the zero mark on the band spread calibration and the small line be-
ration point. Place selectivity control in the "I. F. Sharp-AVC off"
Audio gain controls adjusted for maximum gain and signal of sufficient
receiver to give approximately 500 milliwatts output.

Band No. 1 - "545 KC to 1700 KC"

an A2 and ground terminal or "G" on the antenna strip. Connect the
ignal generator to the ground terminal of antenna strip and connect the
enerator to A1 thru a 200 mfd condenser. Connect the antenna strip
l and signal generator dial to 1500 KC - align trimmer indicated as
ith this signal frequency and then adjust R9 trimmer and antenna
Band No. 1 to obtain maximum deflection on output meter. Next set the
receiver to 600 KC and while rocking the main tuning knob adjust low
tated at Pad B21) until the output is maximum. Recheck alignment at
600 KC position again for precise alignment.

Band No. 2 - "1700 KC to 5.2 Megacycles"

10 mfd condenser with a 400 ohm resistor for alignment of Bands Nos.

are as Band No. 1, align first at 4000 KC, using trimmers indicated
trimmers "Band 2". The low frequency end is checked at 1000 KC by
g while adjusting pad B22 until maximum output is obtained.

Band No. 3 - "5.2 Megacycles to 16 Megacycles"

d of this band is aligned at 14 megacycles, using oscillator trimmer
as indicating Band 3. The low frequency end is padded at 7 megacycles
cted "Pad B23".

Band No. 4 - "16 Megacycles to 3A. Megacycles"

at 30 megacycles first by setting dial at 30 megacycles and adjust
s received, then by "rocking" condenser gang slightly and adjusting
r until maximum output is obtained. Antenna trimmer, Band 4, is not
illator and R. F. trimmers are first adjusted for maximum output. It
adjust the oscillator for low frequency tracking as this is adjusted at
permanent.

tions do not require alignment as the alignment for band coverage
are of band spread alignment.