

**HQ-150
COMMUNICATIONS
RECEIVER**

**TECHNICAL
DESCRIPTION
AND
OPERATING
INSTRUCTIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

The Hammarlund HQ-150 is an advanced design, general purpose, superheterodyne communications receiver designed to maintain high performance characteristics for many years without adjustment. The receiver has a self-contained stabilized power supply operating from a 50-60 cps, 105-125 volt AC source.

Frequency coverage is continuously tunable from 540 KCS to 31 KCS (555 to 9.7 meters) with extremely fine control of selectivity to separate crowded signals. Full use of the receiver's high sensitivity is available for reception of even the weakest stations because of inherently high signal-to-noise ratio and the superior Hammarlund noise limiter. The special patented Hammarlund crystal filter provides

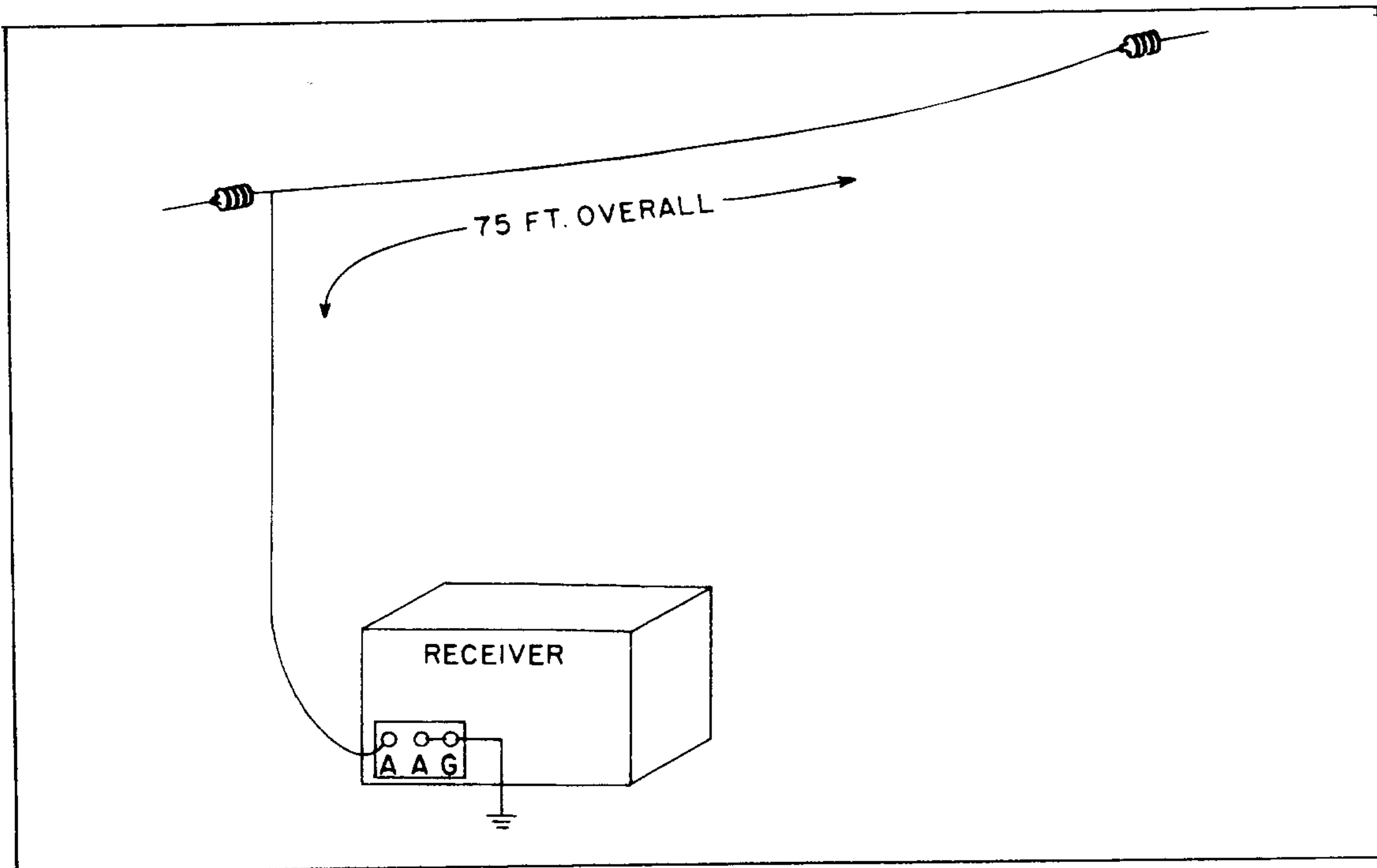


Figure 2. Installation of Single-wire Antenna

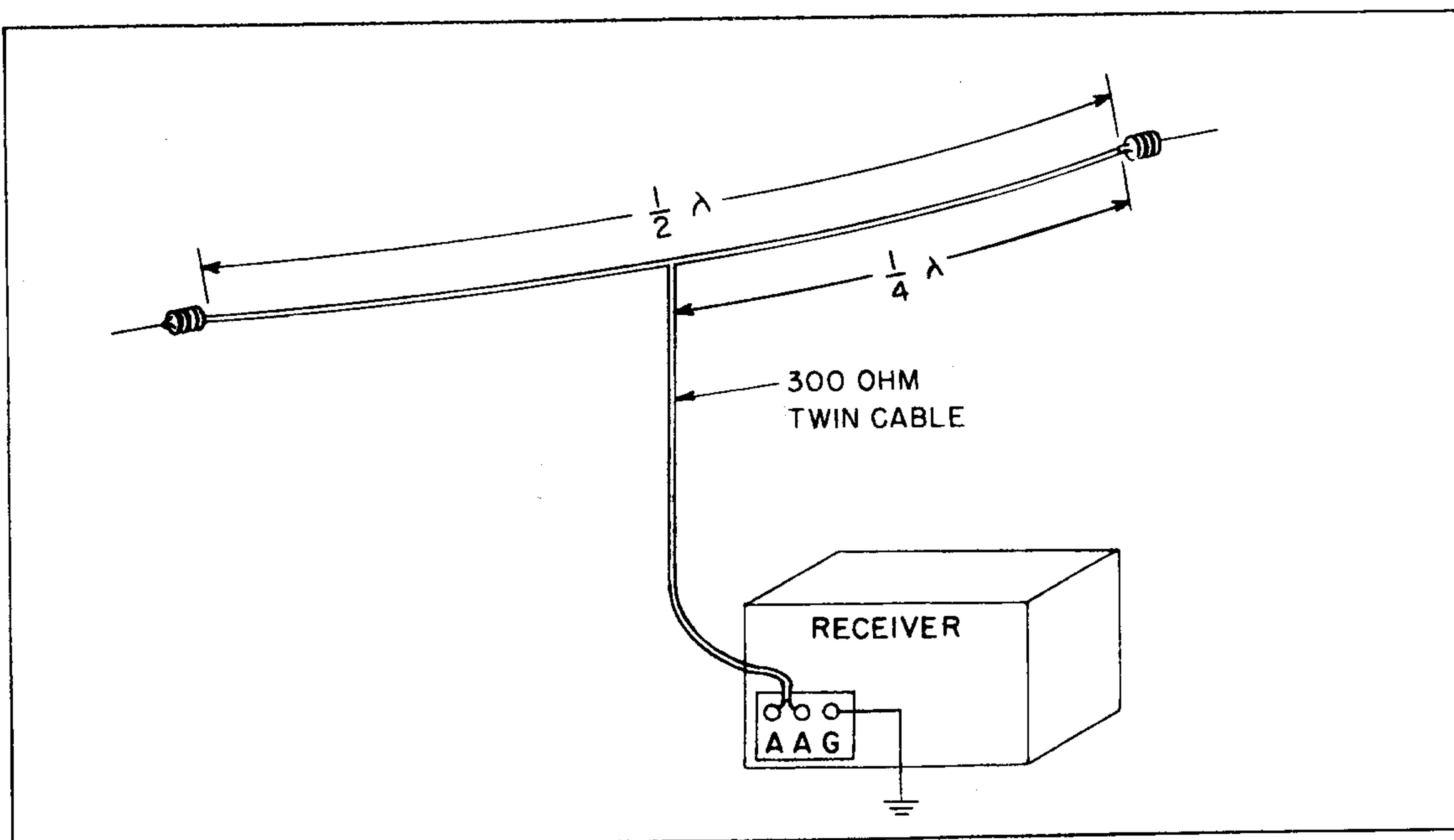
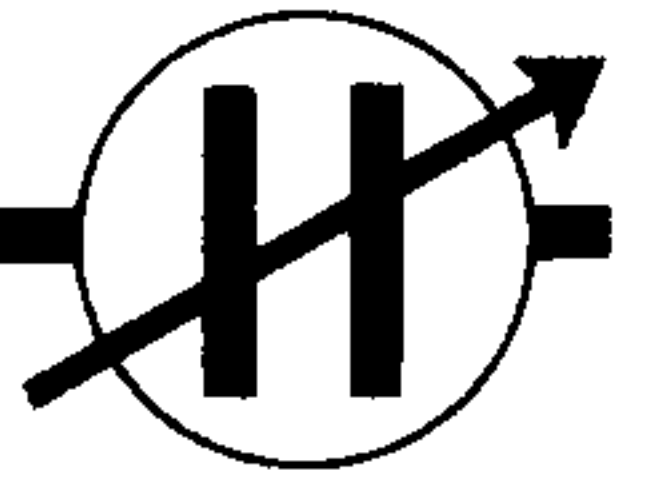


Figure 3. Installation of Folded Dipole Antenna



INSTALLATION

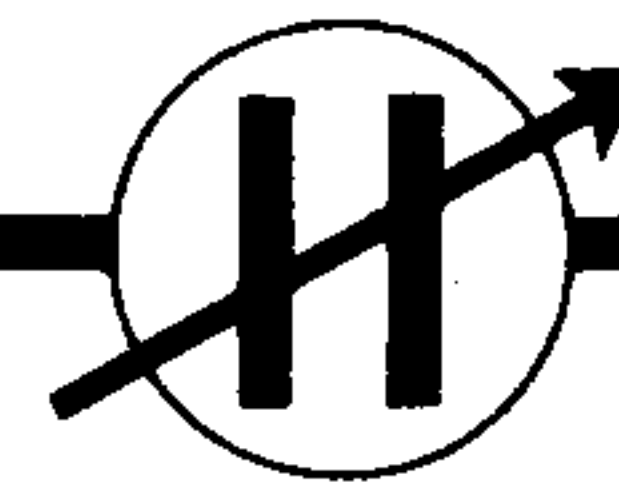
UNPACKING

Unpack the receiver carefully. Make sure that the

For general coverage an indoor antenna of 20 to 50 feet will give surprisingly good reception. A long single wire outdoor antenna such as shown in Figure 2 will generally give entirely satisfactory performance.



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OPERATION

Basically, all that is necessary to operate a radio receiver are the tuning and volume controls. The additional knobs and switches found on a professional-type receiver such as the HQ-150 control functions which greatly improve operating performance.

NORMAL CONTROL SETTINGS

For initial operation, set the controls as indicated on Figure 5.

The receiver ON-OFF switch is on the AUDIO GAIN control. If you are unfamiliar with the type of power available, check with the local power company before

To tune in a standard broadcast station, it is merely necessary to tune the MAIN TUNING dial to the desired frequency. The BAND SPREAD dial is inoperative on the first two ranges.

For reception of short-wave stations with the MAIN TUNING dial only, it is necessary to set the BAND SPREAD dial to 100 in order to attain correct calibration of the MAIN TUNING dial scale.

The BAND SPREAD dial is calibrated directly for the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter amateur bands.



Band	Low End	Middle	High End
3.2 - 5.7 MCS	0.4 MC	0.7 MC	1.25 MCS
5.7 - 10 MCS	0.2 MC	0.5 MC	0.9 MC
10 - 18 MCS	0.2 MC	0.5 MC	0.9 MC
18 - 31 MCS	0.6 MC	1.2 MCS	2.2 MCS

The following is an example of the use of the above table.

Main Tuning Dial Setting	Band Spread Dial Rotated 100 to 0 Will Cover	Band Switch Range
Low end of range	400 KCS or .4 MC	3.2 - 5.7 MCS
Middle of range	700 KCS or .7 MC	3.2 - 5.7 MCS
High end of range	1,250 KCS or 1.25 MCS	3.2 - 5.7 MCS

volume. When headphones are plugged into the jack in the lower right-hand corner of the panel, the speaker is disconnected. On the rear of the chassis are two pin-jacks marked RELAY which can be connected to the send-receive relay of the transmitter for break-in operation. With the STANDBY-RECEIVE switch in STANDBY, the receiver is silent but ready for instant use.

The PHASING control normally is set at the arrow in the center of its scale, but may be adjusted to cut out interference from stations on either side of the signal. With the CRYSTAL SELECTIVITY switch the operator can choose the degree of selectivity that provides the greatest fidelity with minimum interference. The first three positions are for phone reception and the fifth and sixth for single signal code reception in extremely crowded bands.

SINGLE SIDE-BAND (SSB) OPERATION

The BFO (Beat Frequency Oscillator) provides a wide choice of tones for CW code operation and carrier

reinsertion for single side-band reception (SSB). Turning the MAN-AVC-BFO switch to BFO disconnects the automatic volume control, and the SENSITIVITY control must then be employed. When using the receiver for single side-band reception the following procedure should be observed:

1. Set the CW TONE control to 2 on either side of zero.
2. Using the BAND SPREAD control, first zero beat the desired SSB (single side-band) signal, then tune for maximum intelligibility.
3. Should the signal still not be intelligible, rotate the CW TONE control to 2 on the other side of zero.
4. Carefully adjust the BAND SPREAD control for greatest clarity.

It is often a great help to use the LIMITER in short-wave reception.

TUNING RANGES

Band	Frequency	Meters Wave Length
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CIRCUITRY

PRESELECTION

The antenna input coupling and RF amplifier stage provide the necessary preselection and gain for high performance and rejection of undesired signals. The high signal level at the mixer grid, V3, contributes to

use of a separate mixer (6BE6), V3, and an independent oscillator (6C4), V1.

The output signal from RF amplifier, V2, is heterodyned with the output of the local high frequency oscillator, V1, and electronically combined within the mixer tube, V3. On the four lower frequency ranges



CRYSTAL FILTER AND PHASING NETWORK

uated by the advancement of the PEAK control ap-
With the switch in the NUT.



ditions where the use of the crystal filter and/or the Q Multiplier (as the result of the increased selectivity they achieve) may make it possible to eliminate adjacent channel interference.

For example, if two short-wave broadcasting stations are operating on almost the same frequency, the additional selectivity provided by either the crystal filter or the Q Multiplier may make it possible to minimize, if not eliminate entirely, the undesired signal. It is wise to remember however that as a result of increasing the selectivity by narrowing the band width.

settings. By limiting the control of these functions to the PEAK/NULL switch and the FREQUENCY CONTROL, the operation of the Q Multiplier is greatly simplified. Usually the proper position of the NULL control will be found more critical for maximum rejection than adjustment of the PEAK control. Once the best possible adjustment is obtained in the NULL position, the crystal filter may be brought into play, and additional rejection of the undesired signal obtained by the use of the crystal phasing control.

It must be realized in view of the many variables in-



in order to maintain stability. Iron core permeability-tuned transformers improve performance and add to the ease of adjustment. The intermediate frequency is 455 KC, the RTMA standard.

AVC SYSTEM

Automatic Volume Control minimizes fading and signal strength variations by controlling the gain of the RF stage V2 and the IF stages V4 and V5. As a result, a comfortable and constant level of audio is maintained.

The Automatic Volume Control is operative only when the MAN-AVC-BFO switch is in the AVC position. With AVC, greatest signal-to-noise ratio will result with the SENSITIVITY control set at maximum. It may be necessary to reduce sensitivity slightly for unusually strong signals.

"S" METER (CARRIER LEVEL)

The "S" or Tuning Meter is provided to assist in tuning and to give an indication of relative signal strength. Because the meter readings are proportional to AVC voltage, it is operative only when the MAN-AVC-BFO switch is in the AVC position.

The meter, which is calibrated to 20 db over S-9, is factory adjusted so that a signal input of approximately 50 microvolts gives a reading of S-9. Each "S" unit indicates a 6 db increase, equivalent to doubling signal strength. Should meter readjustment be necessary:

1. Set front panel SENSITIVITY control to "10" and CRYSTAL SELECTIVITY to "OFF".
2. With receiver off, mechanically zero pointer with a fine screwdriver.
3. With AVC on and the 1st IF tube V4 removed, zero pointer with ZERO ADJ potentiometer R-19.
4. With AVC on and V4 replaced adjust meter sensitivity with SENS potentiometer P-22.

only operates efficiently in AVC ON position or MANUAL position but not in BFO position.

BEAT FREQUENCY OSCILLATOR (BFO)

The Beat Frequency Oscillator, which employs one section of the 12AX7 (V8), is designed to provide reception of CW or unmodulated code signals also for reinserted carrier SSB. The CW TONE control permits selection of the desired audio tone. Each calibration division represents approximately 1000 cycles.

The BFO is only operative when the MAN-AVC-BFO switch is in the BFO position.

CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR

The Crystal Calibrator is a highly stable 100 KC crystal oscillator. It is provided with an adjustable trimmer capacitor for accurately adjusting the oscillator frequency against a standard frequency, such as WWV. It provides signal markers at 100 KC intervals throughout the tuning range of the receiver.

AUDIO AMPLIFIER

The first audio stage is a resistance coupled voltage amplifier using the other section of the 12AX7 (V8). The audio output stage, a 6V6GT/G beam power amplifier (V9) provides an undistorted output of at least 2 watts.

The output transformer impedance is 6 ohms to match the voice coil of the Hammarlund or other suitable permanent magnet speaker. The phone jack is



REALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

IF AMPLIFIER ALIGNMENT

The intermediate-frequency transformers are iron-core permeability-tuned and resonated with fixed silver mica capacitors. A high degree of stability results.

a stage-by-stage alignment, starting with the last IF transformer (Z4) and continuing back through the first IF transformer (Z1).

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED



CONTROL SETTINGS

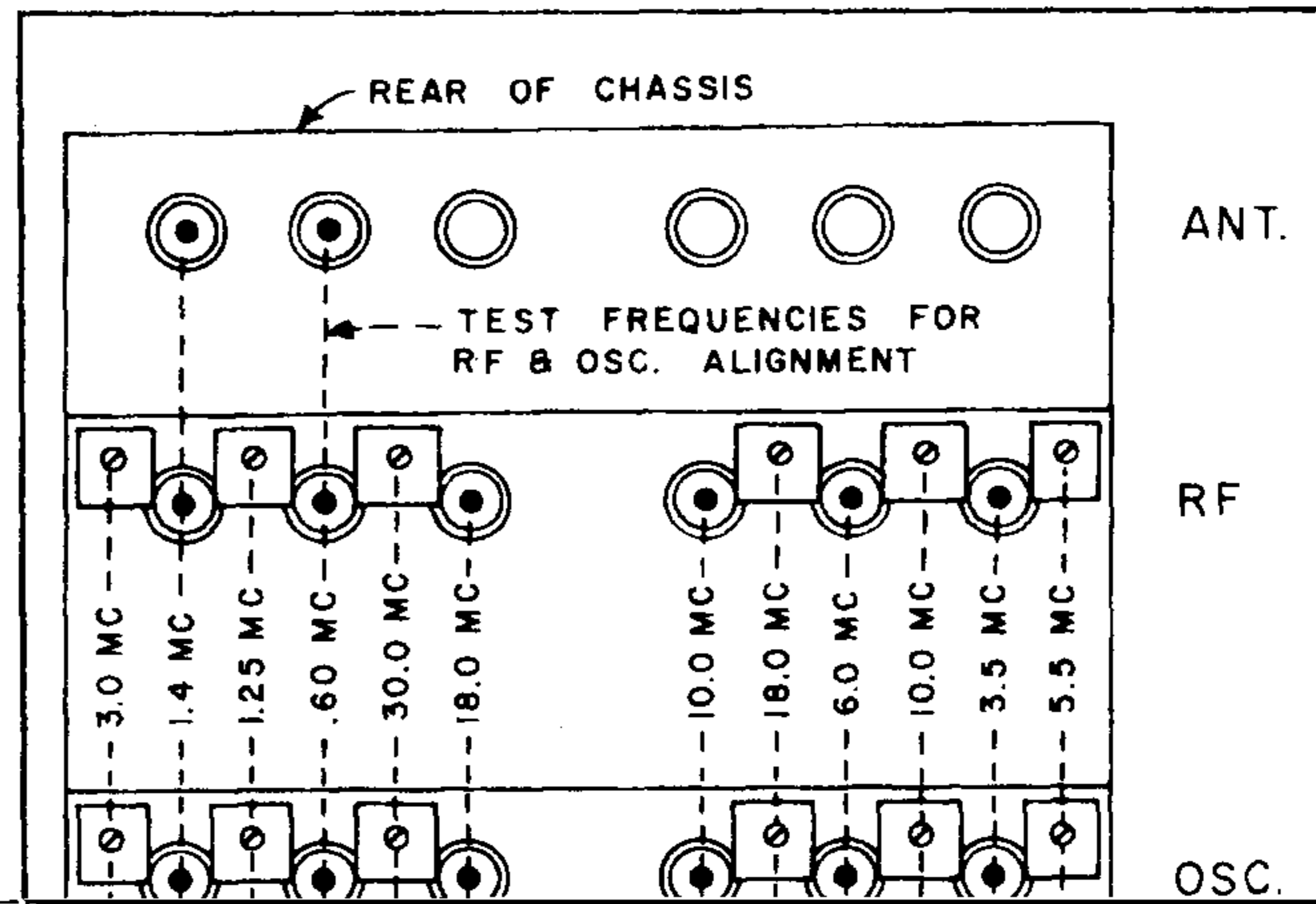
Set receiver controls as follows:

MAIN TUNING DIAL54 MC
Bandswitch (TUNING RANGE)54 - 1.32 MCS
STANDBY-RECEIVE	RECEIVE
LIMITER	OFF
MAN-AVC-BFO	MAN
CRYSTAL SELECTIVITY	OFF

PROCEDURE

Observe the following steps when realigning the IF amplifier stages:

- With generator set at 455 KC apply signal to the grid (pin No. 1) of the 3rd IF tube (V6). Adjust





The middle row of adjustments control RF alignment and the rear adjustments are for antenna alignment.

PROCEDURE

NOTE

Each band is adjusted for maximum response

CONTROL SETTINGS



a. With signal generator connected to the receiver ANTENNA terminals through a series resistor equal to 100 ohms minus the signal generator output impedance, and output meter connected to the SPEAKER terminals, adjust L17 until maximum deflection is obtained on the meter.

d. Change signal generator to 3 MCS, and set MAIN TUNING dial to 3 MCS to correspond. Adjust C64 to tune in signal and C58 for maximum response.

NOTE

This procedure is followed for each band and should be repeated until calibration and tracking are as desired.



MAINTENANCE

The HQ-150 is designed to give years of trouble-free service without need for repairs. Tube failure is the most common source of trouble. The second most common cause of difficulty is component failure among small resistors and fixed capacitors.

The following charts give voltages and resistances between tube socket terminals and chassis. Voltages indicated are those measured with a vacuum tube voltmeter; resistances with a vacuum tube ohmmeter. Slight variations from voltages indicated may be disregarded.

With the aid of the chart and the schematic diagram, defective components can usually be located. The parts list in the back of this manual gives values and Hammarlund part numbers.

Standard items may be purchased locally. Non-standard components are available on order from the factory.

A sensitive communications receiver should be entrusted only to a qualified technician. Should difficulty be experienced, please write the company for advice or to arrange for factory service.

TUBE SOCKET VOLTAGES TABLE HQ-150

LINE VOLTAGE 117 Vac SENSITIVITY AND AUDIO GAIN CONTROLS MAX. NO SIGNAL, LIMITER OFF, SEND RECEIVE SWITCH ON RECEIVE															MAN-AVC-BFO SWITCH ON		
DIAL AT 4.9 mc		MAN-AVC-BFO SWITCH ON MAN. VOLTAGES MEASURED WITH TUBE VOLTMETER													MAN		BFO
Pin No. to Gnd.	RF 6BA6	Mixer 6BE6	Osc 6C4	1st IF 6BA6	2nd IF 6BA6	3rd IF 6BA6	Det Avc 6AL5	Output 6V6/GT	Rect. 5U4GB	Volt. Reg. 0C3/VR105	Calibrator 1/2 6BZ6	Q Multiplier 12AX7 on Min Null	1st Audio 1/2 12AX7	BFO 1/2 12AX7			
Pin 1			97				-.38			Tiepoint 215	-30	100	70				
Pin 2		1.35		1.0	1.35	2.45	-.76		310		9.7						
Pin 3	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	6.2 ac	265		109		.75	.6				
Pin 4								280 ac	280 ac				6.2 ac				
Pin 5	205	212	97	195	210	205				109	90		6.2 ac				
Pin 6	105	96		100	105	125		Tiepoint 215	280 ac		80	220		170			
Pin 7	1.25			1.0	3.1	2.45	-.38	6.2 ac			9.7			-15			
Pin 8								14.5	310			2.3					
Pin 9											6.2 ac	6.2 ac					

TUBE SOCKET RESISTANCE TABLE HQ-150

POWER PLUG OUT, SENSITIVITY AND AUDIO GAIN CONTROLS MAX. SEND RECEIVE SWITCH ON RECEIVE															MAN-AVC-BFO SWITCH ON-		
RESISTANCE MEASURED WITH V. T. OHMMETER															MAN		BFO
MAN-AVC-BFO SWITCH ON MAN																	
Pin No. to Gnd.	RF 6BA6	Mixer 6BE6	Osc 6C4	1st IF 6BA6	2nd IF 6BA6	3rd IF 6BA6	Det Avc 6AL5	Output 6V6/GT	Rect. 5U4GB	Volt. Reg. 0C3/VR105	Calibrator 1/2 6BZ6	Q Multiplier 12AX7 on Min Null	1st Audio 1/2 12AX7	BFO 1/2 12AX7			
Pin 1	470K	22K	78K	10K	480K	1.4	242K			Tiepoint 74K	470K	294K	570K				
Pin 2	0	150		130	270	240	550K	0	73K	0	4700	2.2 MEG.	250K				
Pin 3								73K	73K	76K		1500	2200				
Pin 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73K		90	0	0					
Pin 5	74K	74K	78K	74K	74K	74K	0	500K		76K	540K	0					
Pin 6	78K	78K	47K	78K	78K	105K	0	Tiepoint 75K	85		170K	131K		86K			
Pin 7	52	47K	0	30	570	240	242K			76K	4700	2.2 MEG.		33K			
Pin 8								360	73K	74K		6800		0			
Pin 9																	

PARTS LIST HQ-150

Schematic Designation	Description	Hammarlund Part No.
CAPACITORS		
C1, A-F	Main Tuning, variable. (Part of 20840-G1)	
C2, A-I	Band Spread, variable. (Part of 20840-G1)	
C3, 4, 5	Ceramic disc, .02 mf W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C6	Silver mica, 51 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23003-87C
C7, 8, 9	Ceramic disc, .02 mf W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C10	Silver mica, 240 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z1, I. F. Transformer Assembly #26121)	23071-56
C11	Silver mica, 260 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z1, I. F. Transformer Assembly #26121)	23003-112
C12, 13, 14, 15	Ceramic disc, .022 mf W. V. D. C.	23034-24
C16	Silver mica, 220 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	23071-55
C17, 18	Silver mica, 100 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	23003-94
C19	Crystal phasing variable, (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	11776-G1
C20	Silver mica 75 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	DM15C750J
C21	Silver mica 3900B mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	23015-51
C22, 23, 24	Ceramic disc, .022 mf W. V. D. C.	23034-24
C25	Ceramic, NPO 1.5 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23022-2
C26	Silver mica, 240 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z3, I. F. Transformer Assembly #26123)	23071-56
C27	Silver mica, 260 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z3, I. F. Transformer Assembly #26123)	23003-112
C28, 30, 31, 32	Ceramic disc, .02 M. F. D. 600 W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C29	Silver mica 51 mmf 500 V. D. C. W.	23003-87C
C33, 34	Silver mica, 95 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z4, Final I. F. Transformer Assembly #26112)	23071-62
C35, 36	Mica, 100 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	DM15-C101K
C37	Ceramic disc, .001 mf 600 V. D. C. W.	23034-4
C38	Paper tubular, .02 mf 600 W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C39	Discap .01 mf 1000 W. V. D. C.	23034-8
C40	Ceramic disc, .02 mf W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C41	Silver mica, 170 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23006-8
C42	Silver mica, 240 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z5, B. F. O. Assembly #26105)	23071-56
C43	B. F. O. variable, (Part of Z5, B. F. O. Assembly #26105)	11735-G42
C44	Silver mica, 220 mmf 500 W. V. D. C. (Part of Z5, B. F. O. Assembly #26105)	23071-55
C45	Ceramic disc, .01 1000 W. V. D. C.	23034-8

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Schematic Designation	Description	Hammarlund Part No.
CAPACITORS (Continued)		
C68	Trimmer, ceramic NPO 3-12 mmf	23059-2
C69	Trimmer, mica 1.5-9 mmf	16089-1
C70	Silver mica, 673 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23004-2
C71	Silver mica, 300 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23003-105
C72	Ceramic disc, .02 W. V. D. C.	23034-9
C73	Mica, 1500 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23015-20
C74	Mica, 1000 mmf 500 W. V. D. C.	23015-40
C75, 76	Ceramic disc, .02 mfd 500 V. D. C. W.	23034-9
C77	Trimmer, 8-50 mmf	23038-5
C78	Silver mica, 220 mmf.	DM15C221J
C79	Silver mica, 8 mmf	23034-11
C80, 81	Ceramic disc, .01 mfd	23034-5
C82, 83, 84, 85	Ceramic disc, .005 mfd.	23034-1
C86	Silver mica, 510 mmf	23003-74
C87	Silver mica, 2200 mmf +5%	23011-43

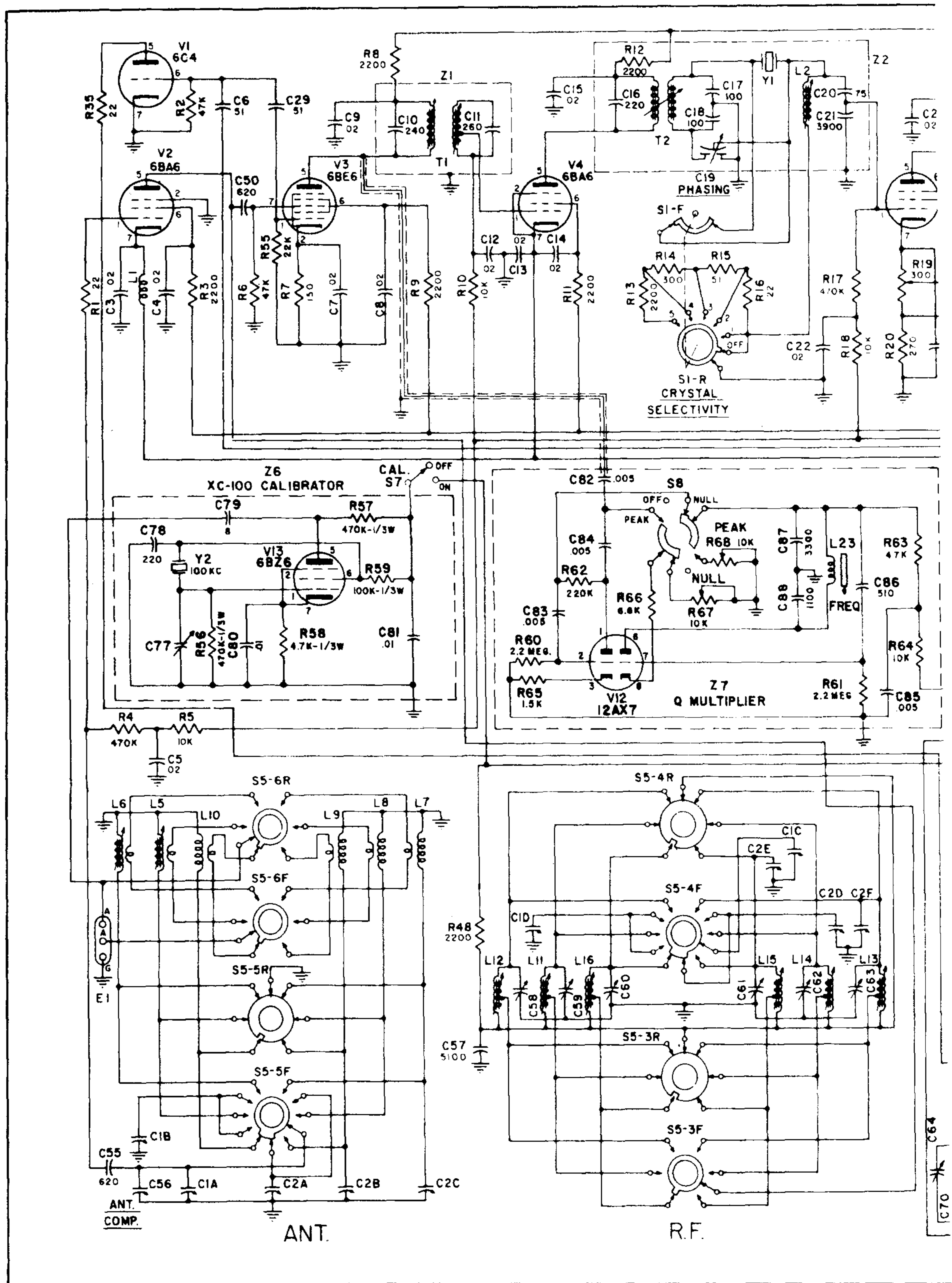
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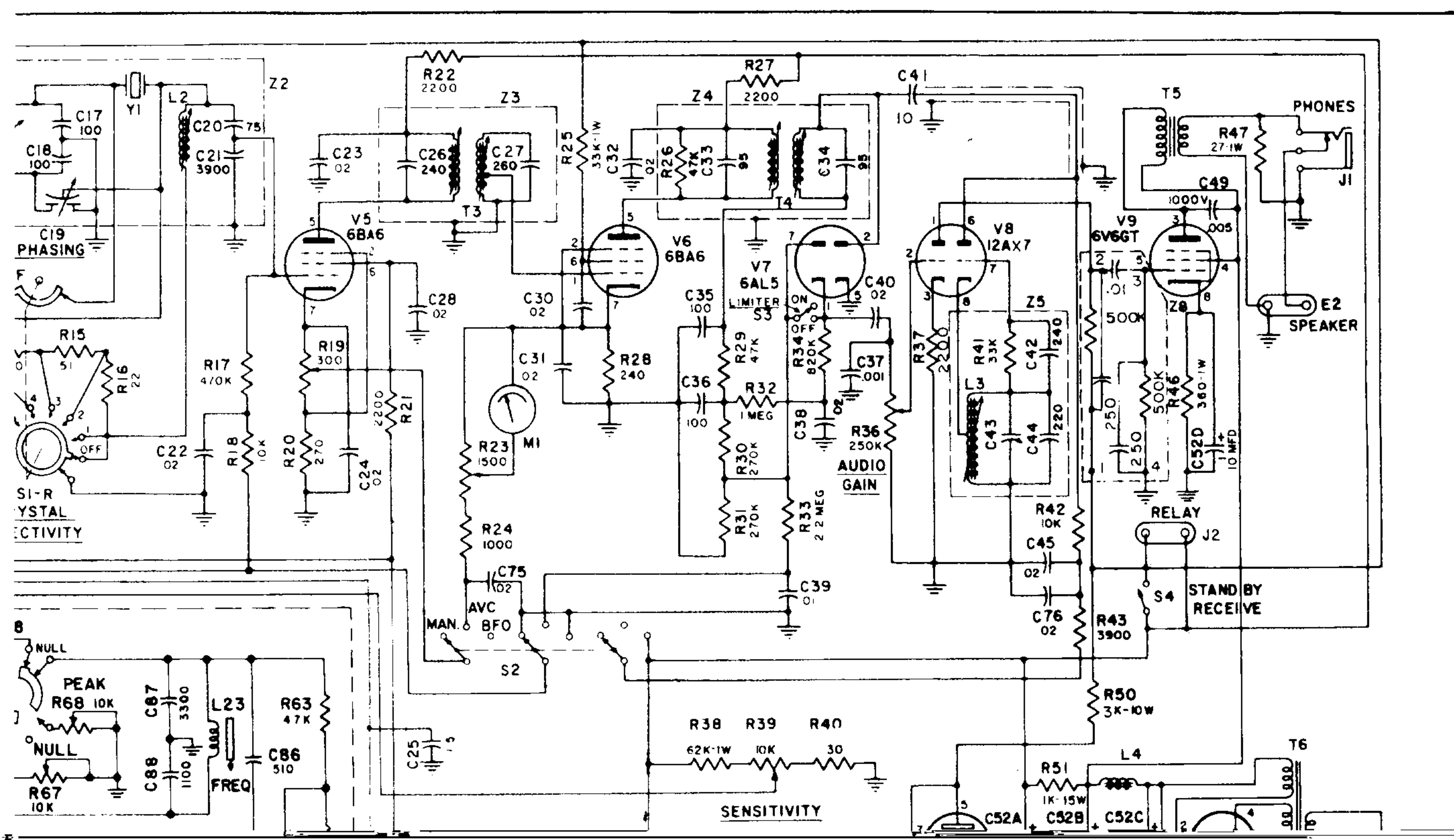
Schematic Designation	Description	Hammarlund Part No.
	RESISTORS (Continued)	
R11	2,200 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-57
R12	2,200 Ohms, 1/2 W (Part of Z2, Crystal Filter Assembly #26125)	19309-57
R13	2,200 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-57
R14	300 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-202
R15	51 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-193
R16	22 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-9
R17	470,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-113
R18	10,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-73
R19	Potentiometer, 300 Ohms	15368-1
R20	270 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-262
R21, 22	2,200 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-57
R23*	Potentiometer, 1,500 Ohms	15368-2
R24*	1,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-49
R25	33,000 Ohms, 1 W	19310-293
R26	47,000 Ohms, 1/2 W (Part of Z4, I. F. Transformer Assembly #26113)	19309-89
R27	2,200 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-57
R28	240 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-201
R29	47,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-89
R30, 31	270,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-107
R32	1 Meg Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-121
R33	2.2 Meg Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-129
R34	820,000 Ohms, 1/2 W	19309-119
R35	Resistor 22 Ohms 1/2 W	19309-9

PARTS LIST HQ-150 (cont)

Schematic Designation	Description	Hammarlund Part No.
SWITCHES		
S1, F, R,	Crystal Selectivity	
S2	MAN-AVC-BFO	26161-1
S3	Limiter	15864-2
S4	Standby-Receive	15864-2
S5-1F, R	H. F. Osc. plate	6331
S5-2F, R	H. F. Osc. grid	6332
S5-3F, R	Detector grid tap	6064
S5-4F, R	R. F. plate	6063
S5-5F, R	R. F. grid	6063
S5-6F, R	Antenna	6062
S6	Power (Part of R36, Potentiometer #6095)	
S7	Calibrator	6098
S8	Q Multiplier	26217-1
TRANSFORMERS AND IMPEDANCE ASSEMBLIES		
T5	Audio Output Transformer	6086-3
T6	Power Transformer	26109-1
Y1	Crystal, 455 kc	6338-1
Y2	Crystal, 100 kc	38661-1
Z1	1st I. F. Assembly, includes C10, C11, and T1	26121-G1
Z2	Crystal Filter Assembly (2nd I. F.), includes C16, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, L2, R12, T2, and Y1	26125-G1
Z3	3rd I. F. Assembly, includes C26, C27, and T3	26123-G1
Z4	Final I. F. Assembly, includes C33, C34, R26, and T4	26112-G1
Z5	B. F. O. Assembly, includes C42, C43, C44, L3, and R41.	26105-G1
Z6	Crystal Calibrator Assembly, includes C77, C78, C79, C80, C81, R56, R57, R58, R59 and Y2	38653-G4
Z7	Q Multiplier Assembly, includes C82, C83, C84, C85, C86, C87, C88, L23, R60, R61, R62, R63, R64, R65, R66, R67, R68 and S8	26219-G1
Z8	Audio RC Printed Network	38846-1

*Resistor R24, in some models of the HQ-150, will be a 2.5K Variable Resistor, in substitution for





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