

Hallicrafters, Inc.

Model: SP-44

Chassis:

Year: Pre 1949

Power:

Circuit:

IF:

Tubes:

Bands:

Resources

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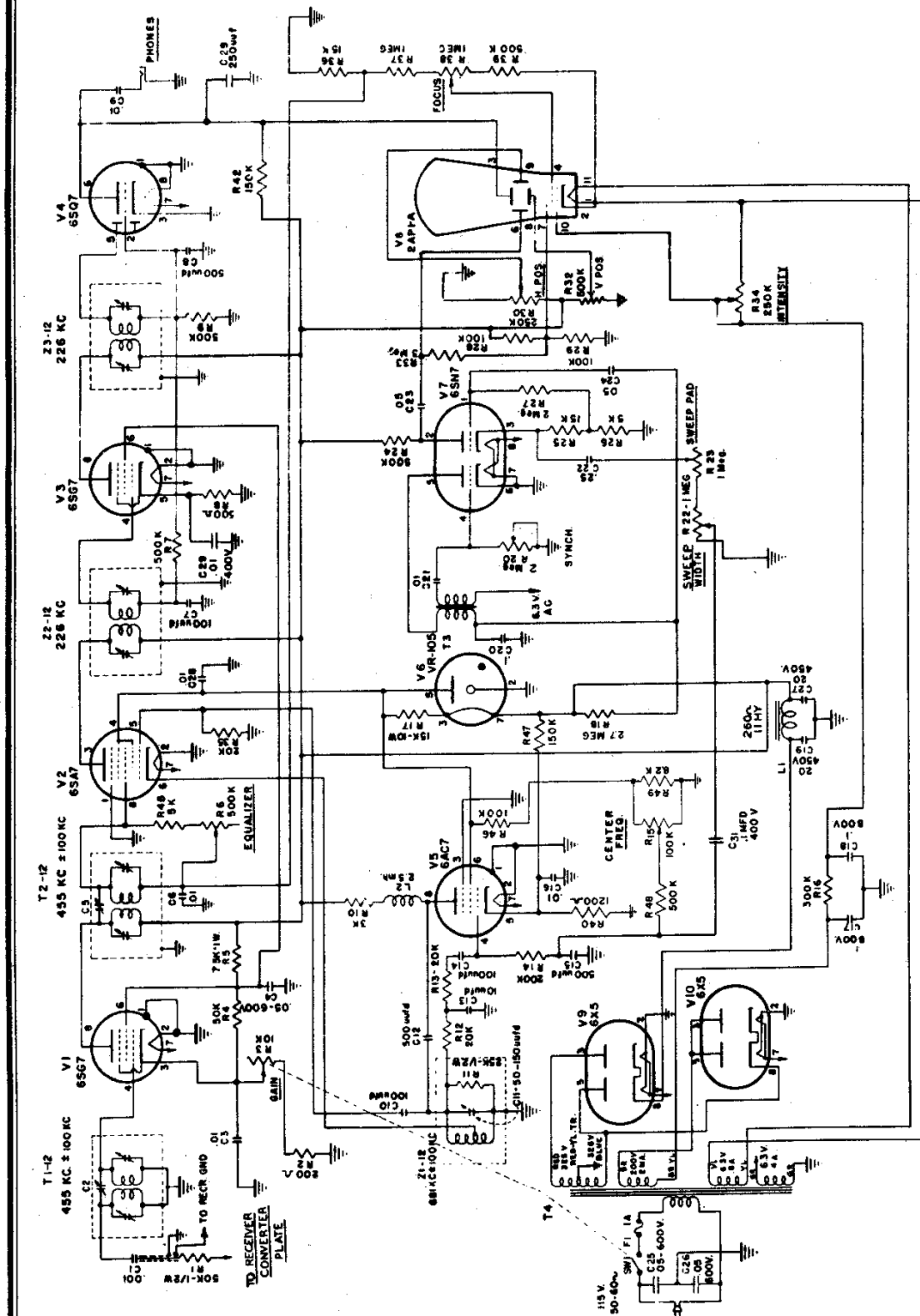
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MODEL SP-44
SKYRIDER, PANORAMIC


- NOTES
1. ALL CONDENSER VALUES ARE IN μ D, EXCEPT AS NOTED.
 2. RESISTOR VALUES DESIGNATED "K" ARE IN THOUSANDS (OHMS).
 3. C19 AND C27 CAN BE 22 μ MFD - 450V.

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MODEL SP-44

Skyrider Panoramic

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VOLTAGE CHART.

Voltmeter 1,000 ohms per volt.
Line voltage 115V

Circuit Symbol	Type	Function	PIN NUMBER									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
V1	6SG7	R. F. Amplifier	0	0	17	0	17	115	6.3AC	380	3	11
V2	6SG7	Converter	0	0	380	105	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V3	6SG7	I. F. Amplifier	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V4	6SQ7	Det. Video Amp	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V5	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V6	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V7	6SN7	Video Reg.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V8	2AP1-A	Sawtooth Gen. and Am.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V9	6X5	CRT Indicator	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V10	6X5	L. V. Rectifier	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0

Notes:—GAIN at minimum, SWEEPWIDTH at maximum, all other controls at normal position. SL indicates slight movement.

VOLTAGE CHART.

Voltmeter 25,000 ohms per volt.
Line voltage 115V.

Circuit Symbol	Type	Function	PIN NUMBER									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
V1	6SG7	R. F. Amplifier	0	0	20	0	20	120	6.3AC	380	0	0
V2	6SG7	Converter	0	0	380	105	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V3	6SG7	I. F. Amplifier	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V4	6SQ7	Det. Video Amp	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V5	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V6	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V7	6SN7	Video Reg. and Am.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V8	2AP1-A	Sawtooth Gen. and Am.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V9	6X5	CRT Indicator	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0
V10	6X5	L. V. Rectifier	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.3AC	380	0	0

Notes:—GAIN at minimum, SWEEPWIDTH at maximum, all other controls at normal position. *Voltage reading varies according to scale used.

RESISTANCE CHART.

Circuit Symbol	Type	Function	PIN NUMBER									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
V1	6SG7	R. F. Amplifier	0	0	200	30	200	40K	0	15K	0	0
V2	6SG7	Converter	0	0	50K	70K	20K	5	0	50K	0	0
V3	6SG7	I. F. Amplifier	0	0	500	1 Meg	500	40K	0	50K	0	0
V4	6SQ7	Det. Video Amp	0	0	500K	0	500K	250K	0	0	0	0
V5	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	300K	1K	70K	0	53K	0	0
V6	6AC7	Reactor	0	0	0	50K	70K	50K	0	0	0	0
V7	6SN7	Video Reg. and Am.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V8	2AP1-A	Sawtooth Gen. and Am.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V9	6X5	CRT Indicator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V10	6X5	L. V. Rectifier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:—GAIN and SWEEPWIDTH at maximum, all other controls at normal position. K=1,000 ohms, Meg.=megohms, all other resistances are in ohms.

TRUBLE SHOOTING CHART.

Symptom	Causes and Cures	Symptom	Causes and Cures
No illumination of the cathode ray tube, V8.	1. AC power is off. 2. See if tubes are lit. 3. Check if power is present beyond on. 4. Check if power is present beyond on. 5. Check if power is present beyond on.	Baseline remains at top of the screen regardless of tuning.	1. IF amplifier may be oscillating. Check V3, V4. 2. Check V3 voltage against voltage chart. 3. Check V4 voltage against voltage chart.
Defective cathode ray tube, or rectifiers V9, V10.	1. Defective cathode ray tube, or rectifiers V9, V10.	Low gain. Able to hear weak signals but not strong ones.	1. Check all valves. Most likely to be weak V3, V4. 2. Check voltages especially screen voltage of V4. 3. Misaligned I.F. transformers. Note: Do not attempt alignment until after the above has been checked for faults. Be sure that alignment is at fault.
Defective high voltage power supply.	1. Defective high voltage power supply. 2. Tubes not seated properly in sockets. 3. Shorted filter condenser C17, C18. 4. Open resistors R16, R34.	Stationary spot on the screen.	1. Check V7. 2. Trace the sawtooth voltage with an oscilloscope to V7. 3. Check R18, R20.
Baseline trace cannot be made to coincide with screen baseline.	1. AC power input below 115V. 2. Check high voltage power supply (V10). 3. Check condition of INTENSITY and FOCUS controls for possible opens. 4. Check resistance of R16, R36, R37 and R39.	Jumpy baseline or flickering image.	1. Sawtooth Generator is not synchronized. Check V7. Check the value of the resistors and condensers R18, R19, R20, R21, C20, C21. 2. Feed the AC voltage from pin No. 7, of V4 through the sync and sync delay lines to the sync delay tube. Adjust synchronization potentiometer under the chassis until two stationary peaks appear on the screen. If the sync delay line is completed, remove the AC voltage from pin No. 2.
No signal.	1. Check connection to receiver. 2. Turn up GAIN control. 3. Check operation of the receiver.		

DeWald 418

This model is the same as model 414 appearing on page 11-2 of *Rider's Volume XI*.

Electronic Laboratories 2811

This model, shown on page 16-8 of *Rider's Volume XVI*, uses the Webster model 56 record changer, which is shown on page RCD.CH.15-10 of *Rider's Volume XV*.

Emerson BF-169, BF-204, And BF-207

These models are the same as Model BF-191 appearing on pages 9-1 and 9-2 of *Rider's Volume IX*.

Emerson 567, Chassis 120016

This model is the same as Model 560, Chassis 120016, appearing on pages 17-30 to 17-32 of *Rider's Volume XVII*.

FM Specialties Model Fidelotuner

This model is shown on pages 17-1 to 17-4 of *Rider's Volume XVII*. Three terminals are shown in Fig. 5, page 17-4; the first labelled 3, and the third terminal (not labelled in this figure) should be labelled 4. The ground from the phonograph connection to the receiver should be made to this third terminal (terminal 4).

Farnsworth AC-55, Chassis C2-3

This model is the same as model ACL-55, Chassis C 2-3, shown on pages 11-7 and 11-10 in *Rider's Volume XI*.

Farnsworth ACL 55, ACL56, AKL58, AKL 59

These models shown on pages 11-7 and 11-10 of *Rider's Volume XI* are erroneously listed as ATL.

Farnsworth GK-140

Slippage of the dial-drive cable on the early production sets can be corrected by replacing the cable with part number 05096. This cord is softer and smaller than the one used previously.

If the push buttons bind on the front panel of the cabinet, the ganged capacitor may not be properly positioned. This may be corrected by installing a flat metal washer under each of the mounting grommets. This may be done without removing the gang from the chassis.

Oscillation or low sensitivity on f.m. may be due to poor ground connections from the gang to the r-f shelf. When aligning the f-m band, oscillation may occur with certain signal generators. Changing the value of the resistor in series between the generator and the chassis will prevent oscillation. With some generators more than 400 ohms are required, with others less.

In some preliminary sets a 200- μ f capacitor was placed in series with the short-wave converter-trimmer. If

for any reason this trimmer requires replacement, removal of the capacitor is suggested. This capacitor is not shown on the schematic.

In some of the preliminary 14-tube sets, Belden braid was used to ground the ganged capacitor to the r-f shelf. In certain instances too much solder flowed into the braid and as a result some joints break loose or the set becomes microphonic. This braid should be replaced with soft copper strips.

General Electric A51, A56

These models are the same as model A54 shown on pages 7-4 to 7-6 of *Rider's Volume VII*.

General Electric H639AC-DC

The r-f alignment instructions of these models found on page 11-80 of *Rider's Volume XI*, should read as follows: With gang condenser plates completely meshed, set dial to the first mark at the left end of scale. Then set dial to 1500 kc. Apply a 1500-kc signal either through a standard I.R.E. dummy to the antenna terminal or through an additional loop connected to the generator output which can be magnetically coupled to the receiver Beam-A-Scope. Align C2 and C1 at 1500 kc for maximum output. Set dial to 580 kc and peak C3 on 580 kc while rocking the gang condenser. Retrim at 1500 kc.

GE YRB 60-12

This receiver is the same electrically as the YRB 60-2 appearing on page 15-5 of *Rider's Volume XV* but the cabinet is different.

GE YRB 92-2 and 81-3

These models are the same electrically as the YRB 82-1 appearing on pages 15-53 to 15-54 of *Rider's Volume XV*, but they have different cabinets.

General Electric L604

This model is the same as Model L600 appearing on page 13-40 of *Rider's Volume XIII*.

General Electric 202

This receiver is the same electrically as the model 200 as shown on pages 15-54 to 15-56 in *Rider's Volume XV*, except that it has a different cabinet.

General Electric 219, 220, 221

A few cases of hum which cannot be reduced in the normal manner from these models shown on pages 15-28 to 15-31 of *Rider's Volume XV*, may be corrected by cathode degeneration in the output tube, 35L6GT/G, cathode circuit. Remove R17 and C29-C from the circuit. This can be done by disconnecting one end of R17.

General Electric 260

This model appears on pages 16-7 to 16-12 of *Rider's Volume XVI*. It has been found that late production 1LC6 tubes, coded H7E, will oscillate at another frequency in addition to the desired frequency, causing unsatisfactory operation. To remedy this condition, the oscillator grid capacitor, C17, should be changed from 100 μ f to 56 μ f.

GE 254

This model is illustrated on pages 16-3 to 16-5 of *Rider's Volume XVI*. The suffix letters after 254 indicate only the cabinet styling. All versions are electrically identical.

Firestone 7402-4

This model is the same as model S7426-6 shown on page 10-5 of *Rider's Volume X*.

Firestone 7423-5

This model is the same as model S7402-5 shown on page 13-38 of *Rider's Volume XIII*.

Goodrich R655W

This model uses the Admiral record-changer model RC161 or RC161A, which are to be found on Admiral RCD. CH. pages 17-1 to 17-7 of *Volume XVII*.

Hallcrafters S-40A

This model is the same as Model S-40, second revision, on pages 15-67 to 15-68 of *Rider's Volume XV*, except for the following changes. C18 has been changed in value from 100 μ f to 68 μ f. A 10-ohm resistor (R30) has been connected between the center tap of oscillator coil T10 and terminal C. R30 has been removed from its previous position between C16 and the junction of C26, C6C, C7C, and switch S1F. C55 has been changed in value from 100 μ f to 47 μ f, and is now connected to the top of the 470- μ f capacitor (C54). The coil T17 is connected directly across C54, with one end going to ground. The center tap of this coil is connected to the cathode of the 6J8 tube. The 0.01- μ f capacitor (C53) is connected from the plate of the 6J8 tube directly to ground.

The parts list should be changed to read as follows:

Ref.	Description	Hallcrafters Part No.
C18	68 μ f, $\pm 10\%$, 500 vdcw; neg. temp. coeff.	
	0.0075 μ f/ μ f/ μ f/deg.C;	CC25UK680K ceramic
C55	47 μ f, $\pm 20\%$, 500VDC,	CM20A470M Mica
T17	BF0 coil; 455 kc;	54B033-2 shielded

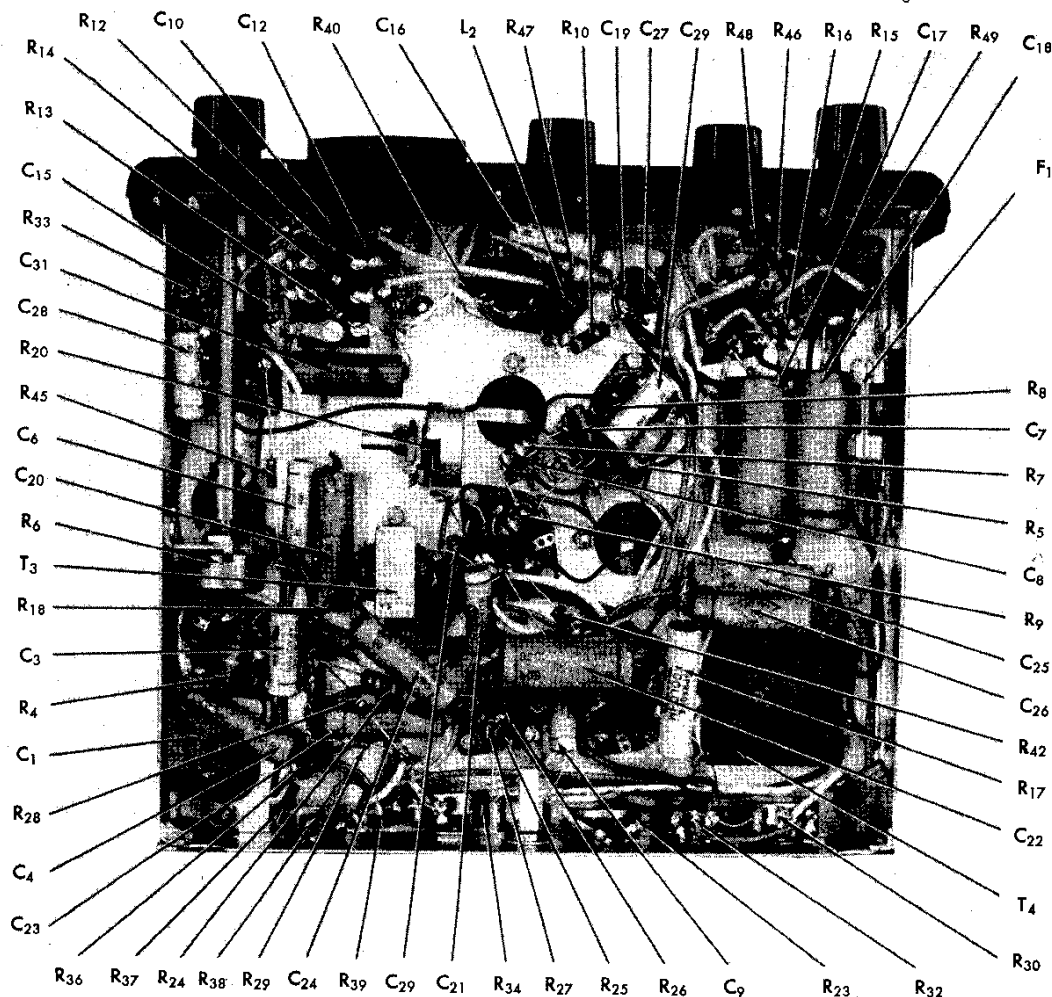
Hallcrafters SP-44 AND SX-42

These models appear on pages 17-1 to 17-5 and 17-6 to 17-16 respectively of *Rider's Volume XVII*. When the SX-42 is used with the SP-44 Panadaptor on the low-frequency band, it appears to motor boat. To correct this condition, do the following.

The connecting cable between the SP-44 and the SX-42 is shielded and the shield is connected to the SX-42 ground. Disconnect the shield from the SX-42 ground and place a 50- μ f capacitor between the shield and the SX-42 chassis. Be sure that the SX-42 chassis is well grounded. A shielded antenna lead, or a balanced antenna, on the SX-42 may also help.

The following modifications should be made on the SP-44 unit. A strip of bonding braid, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide, may

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Bottom view of chassis showing components location

REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS: Consists of a line cord with plug, phone jack for monitoring purposes, and R-F coupling cable to companion receiver.

POWER SUPPLY DATA: 105-125 volts AC, 50-60 cycles, power drain is approximately 55 watts.

TUBE TYPES AND FUNCTIONS: 6SG7 R-F amplifier, 6SA7 converter, 6SG7 I-F amplifier, 6SQ7 detector-video amplifier, 6AC7 reactor, VR-105 voltage regulator, 6SN7 saw tooth generator and amplifier, 2AP1 cathode ray tube, 6X5 low voltage rectifier, 6X5 high voltage rectifier.



Compensates for varying preselector characteristics of receiver.

Controls bandwidth coverage from 200 kc down to zero.

Controls height of cathode ray tube deflections and audio output level.

Maintains "pip" of signal heard through receiver over center zero mark also tunes adapter through 200 kc.

Skyrider Panoramic Model SP-44, view showing operating controls.

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REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST FOR MODEL SP-44 PANORAMIC ADAPTOR

Ref. No.	Description	Hallcrafters Part No.	Ref. No.	Description	Hallcrafters Part No.	
RESISTORS			CAPACITORS, MICA			
R2	200 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE201J	C13	10 uuf	CM20A100J	
R8	500 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE510J	C7, 10, 14	100 uuf	CM20A101M	
R40	1200 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE122J	C29	250 uuf	CM20A241J	
R10	3000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE302J	C8, 12, 15	500 uuf	CM20A511J	
R26, 45	5000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE512J	C1	.001 mfd	CM25A102M	
R25, 36	15,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE153M				
R49	8200 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE822J				
R12, 13	18,000 ohm, 1/2 W., 10%	RC20AE183J				
R35	20,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE203J				
R11	25,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE273K				
R1, 4	50,000 ohm, 1/2 W., 10%	RC20AE513J	C3, 6, 9, 16, 28, 30, 21	.01 400 VDC	46AW103H	
R28, 29	100,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE104M	C4, 23, 24, 25, 26	.05 400 VDC	46AW503H	
R42	150,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE154K	C20, 31	.1 400 VDC	46AV104E	
R14	200,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE204J	C17, 18	.1 800 VDC	46A081	
R16	300,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE304J	C22	.25 600 VDC	46AV104H	
R7, 9, 48, 39 and 24	500,000 ohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE514J	C19, 27	20-20 MFD		
R37	1. megohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE105M		450 VDC electrolytic	45A117	
R27	2. megohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE205J				
R18	2.7 megohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE275J				
R33	3. megohm, 1/2 W.	RC20AE305J				
R47	150,000 ohm, 1 W.	RC35CE154J				
R46	100,000 ohm, 1 W.	RC35CE104J				
R5	75,000 ohm, 1 W.	RC35CE753J				
R17	15,000 ohm, 10 W. ww	24BG153E				
POTENTIOMETERS			TRANSFORMERS			
R3	10,000 ohms, W./sw	25B678	L1	Choke, RF	53A120	
R15	100,000 ohms	25B679	L2	Choke, power filter	56B087	
R22	100,000 ohms, no slot	25B677	T3	Sawtooth generator transf.	51B978	
R6	500,000 ohms, no slot	25B680	T4	Power transformer	52C150	
R30, 34	250,000 ohms	25B682	T1, 2	RF transformer	51B979	
R22	1. meg	25B683	Z2, 3	IF transformer	50C219	
R23, 38	1. meg., slotted	25B684	Z1	Oscillator coil	51B980	
R20	2. meg., slotted	25B681				
POTENTIOMETERS			MISCELLANEOUS			
R3	10,000 ohms, W./sw	25B678				
R15	100,000 ohms	25B679				
R22	100,000 ohms, no slot	25B677	Fuseholder	6A287	RF cable	.87A960
R6	500,000 ohms, no slot	25B680	Phone jack	36A040	Spring clip connector	76A376
R30, 34	250,000 ohms	25B682	Knob	15A058	Octal socket	6A035
R22	1. meg	25B683	Screen, CRT	22A190	CRT socket	6A288
R23, 38	1. meg., slotted	25B684	Fuse, 1 amp.	39A321	Line cord and plug	87B1577
R20	2. meg., slotted	25B681	Alligator clip	76A375		

a. ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE. — Allow the PANADAPTOR to reach operating temperature to assure stable operation. This may require 10-20 minutes. Adjust the screwdriver controls, INTENSITY and FOCUS, for optimum brightness and sharpness of the baseline trace. Note: Reduction of the intensity and proper adjustment of the Focus control produces a sharp baseline. Bring the baseline trace in coincidence with the lowest horizontal line on the screen by means of the VERTICAL POSITION Control.

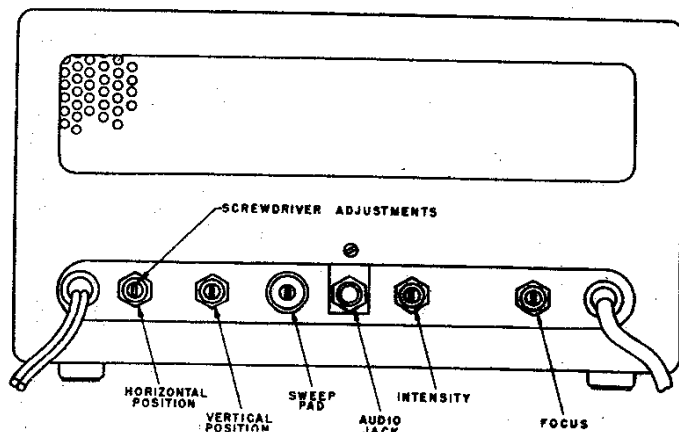
Adjust the HORIZONTAL POSITION Control

so that the baseline is approximately centered along the horizontal axis.

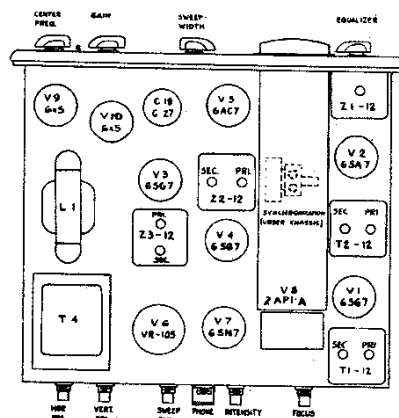
Determine whether the horizontal sweep is synchronized to half the line of frequency by introducing hum into the grid (pin #2) of the 6SQ7 (use finger or screwdriver). A double hump should appear on the baseline if the circuit is operating correctly. If it does not, refer to the Troubleshooting Chart.

The Panoramic screen is used as the alignment indicator. Signals should be kept below the saturation level by limiting the signal generator output voltage.

continued



View showing operating control functions



Top View of Chassis.

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Alignment of	Signal Generator Output	Position of Controls	Procedure
I.F. Amplifier	226KC unmodulated to pin #8 of V2.	SWEEPWIDTH at zero position. CENTER FREQ. turned extreme counter-clockwise.	Entire baseline deflects upward. Adjust the trimmers in the I.F. transformers (Z2-12, Z3-12) for maximum deflection.
F.M. Oscillator	455KC (or I.F. of the receiver) unmodulated to pin #8 of V2.	SWEEPWIDTH at maximum. SWEEP PAD set half way. CENTER FREQ. at center or zero position.	A "pip" will appear on the screen. Adjust the trimmer in the oscillator transformer Z1-12, to bring "pip" to the center of the screen. Turn the SWEEPWIDTH control to almost zero for more accurate indications of proper trimmer adjustment. Return the SWEEPWIDTH control to maximum and adjust the HORIZONTAL POSITION control so that the "pip" is directly over the zero mark on the screen.
Linearity of Sweep	355KC - 555KC (or I.F. of the receiver ± 100 KC) unmodulated to pin #8 of V2.	SWEEPWIDTH at maximum. CENTER FREQ. at center or zero position.	Set the signal generator for 555KC (or receiver I.F. +100KC) and bring the "pip" to the -100KC mark by means of the SWEEP PAD. Shift the signal generator frequency to 355KC (or receiver I.F. -100KC). The "pip" should be at the +100KC mark. If the linearity is incorrect, the deflections appear more than 10KC or $\frac{1}{2}$ division from each end with 455KC or I.F. deflection in the center of the screen. Some correction is possible by trial and error adjustment of the oscillator trimmer (Z1-12) and the CENTER FREQ. control. If after the adjustment is made the CENTER FREQ. control knob is off center for a 455KC (or receiver I.F.) deflection at the zero mark on the screen, unscrew and reset the knob to the center position.
R.F. Bandpass Amplifier	365KC - 545KC (or I.F. of receiver) ± 90 KC) unmodulated to a 50K resistor in series with the full length of input cable to the PANADAPTOR.	Set GAIN to maximum. Turn EQUALIZER fully clockwise. Set CENTER FREQ. control to zero.	Set the signal generator at 545KC (or receiver I.F. +90). Back off the side side trimmers on both R.F. transformers (T1-12, T2-12) and align the top trimmers for maximum deflection. Shift signal generator to 365KC (or receiver I.F. -90) and tune the two side trimmers for maximum deflection. Repeat both adjustments. The ratio of the peak to center heights (peak to valley) should be greater than 20:1.