PHILCO RADIO SERVICE BULLETIN No. 352



Models 41-280, 41-285, 41-287, 41-290; Code 121

SPECIFICATIONS

Models 41-280, 41-285, 41-287 and 41-290 are alternating cur-rent (A. C.) operated super-heterodyne radios incorporating Electric push button and Manual tuning, and the New Philco Built-in American and Overseas Loop Aerial System. In addition these models are designed to receive the sound of a television program tuned in by special type Philco Television Radios.

In general, these models are similar with the exception of the audio circuits, number of tubes used and cabinet design. Model 41-280 is an eight (8) tube radio; Models 41-285 and 41-287 are nine (9) tube radios employing the same chassis but assembled in different cabinets, and Model 41-290 consists of a ten (10) tube chassis. These differences are shown in the schematic diagram and parts lists.

Other features of design included in these models are: Three tuning ranges covering the frequencies listed below; contin-uously variable tone control; audio bass frequency compensation at low volume; Push-pull pentode audio output circuit with screen Phase inversions; New Type (12) twelve inch speaker and illuminated push button indicators.

ELECTRIC PUSH BUTTON TUNING: The automatic tuning mechanism of each model is identical and consists of eight (8) electric tuning push buttons, seven (7) of the push buttons are used for selecting broadcast stations, and one as the power control (On-Off switch).
The lowest frequency station push button labeled "Television" can be adjusted for reception of the sound channel of a television program received by Philco television sets. This push button may also be used in conjunction with a Philco Wireless Record Player. Record Player.

AERIAL CONNECTIONS: The built-in loop aerial system is designed to operate without an outside aerial or ground, and to give exceptionally sensitive receiving performance of sta-tions on standard and shortwave frequencies. Another fea-ture is its noise-reducing characteristic. The loop can be turned to the position in which it picks up a minimum amount of interference, or if interference is not present the loop may be set in the position where best reception is obtained obtained.

When operating the radio in steel reinforced buildings and other shielded locations, the Philco 1941 Outdoor Aerial, Part No. 45-2817, is recommended for maximum receiving perform-ance. The outdoor aerial can be easily connected to the radio by inserting the plug attached to the transformer unit into the socket provided at the rear of the chassis. This aerial can be obtained from your local Philco distributor. A ground con-nection is not required with either type of installation. **POWER SUPPLY:** 115 volts, 60 cycle A. C. These models can also be operated on 25 cycle current. To do this it is necessary to replace the 60 cycle power transformer with a 25 cycle transformer as indicated in the parts lists.

POWER CONSUMPTION: Model +1-280, 41-285-287, 41-290, 60 watts

FREQUENCY TUNING RANGES: 540 to 1720 K. C.: 2.3 to 7.0 M. C.: 9.0 to 12.0 M. C.

INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY: 455 K. C.

AUDIO OUTPUT: 2 watts.

PHILCO TUBES USED: Model 41-280; XXL, R. F. mixer; XXL, oscillator; Two 7B7, I. F. amplifiers; 7C6, 2nd detector; 1st audio, A. V. C. Two 41 audio output and a 84, rectifier. Model 41-285, 41-287; XXL, R. F. mixer; XXL, oscillator; Two 7B7, I. F. amplifiers; 7A6, 2nd detector; 7C6, 1st audio, A. V. C.; Two 41 audio output, and an 84 rectifier. Model 41-290; 10 Tubes—XXL, R. F. mixer; XXL, oscillator; Two 7B7, I F. amplifier; 7A6, 2nd detector; 7C6, 1st audio, A. V. C.; 37, audio phase inverter; Two 41 audio output, and an 84 rectifier.

CABINET DIMENSIONS:

Model	Height	Width	Depth
41-280	391/2"	28 5% "	13 3/4 "
41 - 285	401/2"	30"	141/6"
41-287	36 3/4 "	31 1/4 "	12 7% "
41-290	41″	30 5% "	15 % "

ADJUSTING ELECTRIC PUSH BUTTON TUNING

To adjust the electric push buttons accurately for reception of broadcast stations, a vacuum tube voltmeter such as Philco Models 027 and 028 should be used. In addition, an insulated padding screw driver, Part No. 45-2610, and Loktal aligning adapter, Part No. 45-2767, are required. With this equipment at hand proceed as follows:

Select seven of the most popular stations received in the locality. Insert the station call letters into the spaces above the buttons. The station with the lowest frequency is placed in the second button on the left and the highest frequency is placed in the eighth push button on the right. Each push button is adjusted by two adjusting screws located on the rear of the chassis. Each set of screws is numbered and labeled "Ant.", "Osc." and covers a frequency range as follows:

Push Button		Frequency Range
1, 2, 3	5 B	540-1060 K. C.
4, 5		650-1110 K. C.
6, 7		920-1600 K. C.

Looking at the front of the cabinet, the second button on the left is adjusted by adjusting screw No. 1. The next push button by adjusting screw No. 2 and the remaining push buttons in order.

Remove the 7C6 A. F. tube from its socket and insert 1. the aligning adaptor, then replace the tube in the adaptor. Connect the negative terminal of the vacuum tube voltmeter to the wire which protrudes from the side of the adaptor. Attach the positive terminal of the voltmeter to the chassis.

2. Press in "Off-On" push button. Turn "Bands" knob to broadcast.

3. Set up the Model 077 Station Setter near the receiver and connect a loop aerial (made from a few turns of wire 12 inch in diameter) to the high and ground output jacks of the signal generator. Turn the output controls to maximum and set the modulation control to "MOD. ON."

4. Manually tune in the station to be set up on the first push button. After doing this set the indicator of the 077 Signal Generator to the frequency of the station being received. As the indicator approaches the frequency of the station a whistle will be heard; leave the indicator at this point.

Turn "Bands" knob to push button position. Using the insulated screw driver, turn the "Osc." screw until the broadcast station identified by the signal generator is heard; at this point, turn the indicator of the signal generator away from the frequency of the station. Readjust No. 1 "Osc." and "Ant." screws for maximum deflection of the vacuum tube voltmeter pointer. The push button is adjusted properly to the station at this point.

After setting up the first station the same procedure as outlined above is used for the remaining stations. When these models are set up to receive the sound of a television program tuned in by the special type Philco Television Sets or if it is to be used in conjunction with a Philco Record Player, the lowest frequency push button should be used. To tune in these programs, the same procedure as given for broadcast stations above is used.

Further details for setting up this receiver for operation with Philco Television Sets or Record Players are supplied with the instruments.



with the exception of the 2nd detector, 1st audio A. V. C. wiring, Model 41-280 and the audio circuit, Model 41-290.

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M	SCELLANEOUS PARTS (CONT.) SCHE.	DESCRIPTION	PART No.		MOUNTING PARTS
SCHE No.	DESCRIPTION	PART No.	Rubber Gommet (Tuning Condenser Mtg.) Speaker (41-285 287 290)	27-4596	SCHE. No.	DESCRIPTION No.
	Clip (Osc. Coil Mounting). Clamp (Electrolytic Condenser) Dial Scale (All Models). Dial Scale Rubber Channel (two required Dial Pointer Dial Tuning Shaft Assembly	28-5003 56-1848 27-5655 54-4854 56-1516 76-1088	Speaker (41-280) Spring (Dial Background Plate Mtg.). Spring (Drive Cord). Socket (Dial Lighting). Socket Assembly (Band Indicator). Socket Assem. (Pilot Light, Push-buttons)	36-1514 28-8908 28-8913 76-1080 76-1079 38-9607		Felt Strip (Push-button).
	Dial Tuning "C" Washer. Dial Tuning Spring Washer. Drive Cord Drum Assembly (Drive Cord). Swoth Tuning Unit 1287X Cabinet). Kobb (Push-buttons). Rubber Washer (Chassis Mounting). Rubber Corner (Chassis Mounting).	28-2043 56-1659 31-2502 38-9856 27-4777 27-4987 54-4009 27-4571 27-4564	Socket (Rectifier) Socket Tube (41) Socket Tube (Rubber. Osiillator Tube). Socket Tube (Bakelite). Socket (3 prong, aerial) Tab (Of-OTab Tab (Otor Tab Tab Cover Tab Kit.	27-6035 27-6036 27-6129 27-6131 27-6145 27-5648 27-5648 27-5647 27-5629 40-6595		Palnut (Range Switch, Volume Control) W-2157 Sleeve (P. B. Switch Mounting)

ALIGNING R. F. AND I. F. COMPENSATORS

The following procedure is the same for all models.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. Signal Generator: Covering the frequency range of the receiver, such as Philco Models 077 or 177.

2. Aligning Indicator: Either a vacuum tube voltmeter or an audio output meter may be used as an aligning indicator. Philco Models 027 and 028. Circuit testers contain both these meters.

3. Tools: Philco Fiber Screw Driver, Part No. 45-2610.

CONNECTING ALIGNING INSTRUMENTS

Either a vacuum tube voltmeter or an audio output meter may be used as a signal indicator when adjusting the receiver.

Vacuum Tube Voltmeter: To use the vacuum tube voltmeter as an aligning indicator, make the following connections: Attach the negative (-) terminal of the voltmeter to any point in the circuit where the A. V. C. voltage can be obtained. Connect the positive (+) terminal of the vacuum tube voltmeter to the chassis.

Audio Output Meter: Terminal No. 1 is provided on the loop aerial panel for connecting one lead of the audio output meter to the voice coil of the speaker. The other lead of the meter is connected to the chassis. When using these connections, the lowest A. C. scale of the meter must be used. (0 to 10 volts).

The audio output meter can also be connected between the plate of the output tube and the ground of the chassis. Signal Generator: When adjusting the "I. F." padders, the high side of the signal generator is connected through a .1 mfd. condenser to terminal 4 of the loop aerial terminal panel at the rear of the chassis. The ground or low side of the signal generator is connected to the ground of the receiver.

When aligning the R. F. padders a loop is made from a few turns of wire and connected to the signal generator output terminals; the loop is then placed two or three feet from the loop in the cabinet. Do not remove the receiving loop from the cabinet. It is necessary when adjusting the padders, that the receiver be left in the cabinet.

After connecting the aligning indicator, adjust the compensators in the order shown in the tabulation below. Locations of the compensators are shown on the schematic diagram. If the output meter pointer goes off scale when adjusting the compensators, reduce the strength of the signal from the generator.

Opera- tions in Order	SIGNAL GENERATOR		RECEIVER			SPECIAL
	Output Connections to Receiver	Dial Setting	Dial Setting	Control Settings	Adjust Compen- sators in order	INSTRUCTIONS
1	High side to No. 4 terminal loop panel.	455 K. C.	580 K. C.	Vol. Max. Range Switch "S. W." Positions	32A, 32B 34A, 37D	
2	Use loop on generator	1500 K. C.	1500 K. C.	Vol. Max. Range Switch Broadcast	16, 10	Note A
3	Use loop on generator	580 K. C.	580 K. C.	Vol. Max. Range Switch Broadcast	17	Roll Tuning Condensers Note B
4	Use loop on generator	A				
5	Use loop on generator	6 M. C.	6 M. C.	Range Switch "Police"	16A	
6	Use loop on generator	12 M. C.	12 M. C.	Range Switch "S. W."	17A, 2	Note C

NOTE A — DIAL CALIBRATION: In order to adjust the receiver correctly, the dial must be aligned to track properly with the tuning condenser. To adjust the dial, proceed as follows: With the tuning condenser closed (maximum capacity), set the dial pointer on the extreme left index line at the low frequency end of the broadcast scale. The arrangement of the drive cable in this position is shown in the schematic.

NOTE B — When adjusting the low frequency compensator of Range One (Broadcast) or the aerial padders of the high frequency tuning range; the receiver Tuning Condenser must be adjusted (rolled) as follows: First tune the compensator for maximum output, then vary the tuning condenser of the receiver for maximum output. Now turn the compensator slightly to the right or left and again vary the receiver tuning condenser for maximum output. This procedure of first setting the compensator and then varying the tuning condenser is continued until maximum output reading is obtained.

NOTE C — To accurately adjust the high frequency oscillator compensator to the fundamental instead of the image signal, turn the oscillator compensator (17A) to the maximum capacity position (clockwise). From this position slowly turn the compensator counter-clockwise until a first peak is obtained on the output meter. Adjust the compensator for maximum output at this first peak.

If the above procedure is correctly performed, the image signal will be found (much weaker) by turning the receiver dial 910 K. C. above the frequency being used on any high frequency range.

The aerial padder (2) must be adjusted to maximum by rolling the tuning condenser. If two signal peaks occur when turning the padder, adjust to maximum output on the second signal peak from the tight position (screw all the way down) of the padder.

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