

PHILCO RADIO MODELS 48-141 AND 48-145

Circuit Description

Philco Models 48-141 and 48-145 are four-tube, battery-operated superheterodynes, providing reception on the standard broadcast band, 540–1720 kc. Manual tuning is employed. Both models are identical except for the cabinets, knobs, and dial scales, as indicated in the parts list. A 100-foot (over-all), outdoor aerial, such as Philco Part No. 45-1469, is recommended.

The converter stage employs a type 1LA6 pentagrid converter tube; in this tube, the oscillator signal is fed to the mixer section through the electron stream within the tube.

A type 1LN5 pentode tube is used in the i-f amplifier stage. The diode section of the 1LH4 tube provides detection and a-v-c voltage, and the triode section functions as the first audio amplifier.

The first audio stage is resistance-coupled to the type 3LF4 output tube, which drives the permanent-magnet dynamic loud-speaker.

Philco TROUBLE-SHOOTING Procedure

For rapid trouble shooting, the radio circuit is divided into four sections, with test points specified for each section; these sections and test points are indicated in the schematic diagram. The trouble-shooting procedure given for each section includes a simplified test chart and a bottom view of the chassis showing the locations of the test points and the components of that section.

In each chart, the first step is a master check for determining whether trouble exists in that section, without going through the entire test procedure.

Failure to obtain "NORMAL INDICA-TION" in any given step indicates trouble within the circuit under test.

After isolating the trouble to a single stage, the defect is located by: first, testing the tube; second, measuring tube electrode voltages;



third, measuring circuit resistances; fourth, substituting condensers. The trouble revealed should be corrected before testing further.

Preliminary Checks

The following preliminary checks should be made before turning on the radio:

1. Carefully inspect the top and bottom of the chassis. Make sure that all tubes are secure in the proper sockets, and look for any broken or shorted connections, burned resistors, or other obvious sources of trouble.

2. Disconnect the battery, and measure the resistance between B+ (red lead of battery plug) and chassis, with the ohmmeter polarity such that the highest resistance reading is obtained. If this reading is lower than 10,000 ohms, check condensers C100, C203, and C404 for leakage or shorts.

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Figure 1. Bottom View, Showing Section 1 Test Points

For the tests in this section, use a d-c voltmeter, connecting the leads between the chassis, test point C, and the test points indicated in the chart. The voltages indicated were obtained from a fresh battery pack, and were measured with a 20,000ohms-per-volt meter, with the radio turned on.

Section 1

If the "NORMAL INDI-CATION" is obtained in the first step, proceed with the tests for Section 2; if not, isolate and correct the trouble in this section.

STEP	TEST POINT	NORMAL INDICATION	ABNORMAL	POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL INDICATION
1	A B D	85 volts 1.5 volts Negative 5 volts		Trouble within this section. Isolate by the following tests.
2	A	85 volts	No voltage Low voltage	Open battery cable. Defective S100. Open R100. Shorted C100. Weak battery. Change in value of R100. Leaky C100. Exces- sive current drain in Sections 2, 3, or 4.
3	В	1.5 volts	No voltage Low voltage	Open battery cable. Defective S100. Weak battery.
4	D	Negative 5 volts		Change in value of R100. Open R100. Excessive current drain in Sections 2, 3, or 4.

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Section 2



For the tests in this section, use an audio signal. Connect the signal-generator ground lead to the radio chassis, test point C; connect the output lead through a .1-mf. condenser to the test points indicated in the chart. Set the radio volume control to maximum.

If the "NORMAL INDICA-TION" is obtained in the first step, proceed with the tests for Section 3; if not, isolate and correct the trouble in this section.

Figure 2. Bottom View, Showing Section 2 Test Points

STEP	TEST POINT	NORMAL INDICATION	POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL INDICATION
1	A	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Trouble within this section. Isolate by the following tests.
2	В	Normal, clear signal with strong signal input.	Defective 3LF4 tube, T200, or LS200. Shorted or leaky C203 or C201.
3	D	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Defective 1LH4 tube. Open R202 or C202.
4	A	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Defective R200. Shorted C301D. Open C200.

Listening Test: Distortion may be caused by leaky C201, C202, C203, or C200, or by open R203 or R201.

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Figure 3. Bottom View, Showing Section 3 Test Points

For the tests in this section, use an r-f signal generator with frequency set at 455 kc. (modulated output). Connect the generator ground lead to the chassis, test point C; connect the output lead through a .1-mf. condenser to the test points indicated in the chart. Set the radio volume control to maximum.

Section 3

If the "NORMAL INDICA-TION" is obtained in the first step, proceed with the tests for Section 4; if not, isolate and correct the trouble in this section.

STEP	TEST POINT	NORMAL INDICATION	POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL INDICATION
1	A	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Trouble within this section. Isolate by the following tests.
2	В	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Defective 1LN5 or 1LH4 (diode section) tube. Defective or misaligned Z301. Open C302.
3	A	Loud, clear signal with moder- ate signal input.	Defective or misaligned Z300.

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Section 4



Figure 4. Bottom View, Showing Section 4 Test Points

For the tests in this section, use an r-f signal generator with modulated output. Connect the generator ground lead to the chassis, test point C; connect the output lead through a .1-mf. condenser to the test points indicated in the chart. Set the generator and radio dials as noted in the chart.

Inspect the tuning condensers for bent plates, dirt, or poor wiper contacts; any of these conditions will cause noise.

If the "NORMAL INDICA-TION" is not obtained in the first step, isolate the trouble by following the remaining steps.

STEP	TEST POINT	DIAL SETTINGS			POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL	
		SIG. GEN.	RADIO		INDICATION	
1	A	540 kc.	540 kc.	Loud, clear signal with low signal input.	Trouble within this section. Isolate by the following tests.	
2	В	540 kc.	540 kc.	Loud, clear signal with moderate signal input.	Defective 1LA6 tube, C401, C401A, or oscillator circuit. Shorted C404. Misaligned Z300.	
3	D Osc. test (See Note below.)		540 to 1720 kc.	Negative voltage (at least 1.5 volts) over com- plete range.	Defective 1LA6 tube, T401, C401, or C401B. Open R401, R402, C402, or C403. Shorted or leaky C402 or C403.	
4	A	540 kc.	540 kc.	Loud, clear signal with low signal input.	Defective T400 or C401.	

NOTE: Connect positive lead of 20,000-ohms-per-volt meter to the chassis, test point C; connect prod end of negative lead through 100,000-ohm isolating resistor to test point D (oscillator grid, pin 4 of 1LA6 tube).



FIGURE 5. PHILCO RADIO MODELS 48-141 AND 48-145, COMPLETE SEC

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145, COMPLETE SECTIONALIZED SCHEMATIC, SHOWING ALL TEST POINTS

ALIGNMENT PRO

TURN ON RADIO POWER, AND SET VOLUME

DIAL—Alignment points should be marked on the dial backplate. Measurements for these points are shown in the composite dial-and-backplate photo, figure 8. With tuning condensers fully meshed, set dial pointer to index mark.

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	SIGNAL GENERAT	OR				
STEP	CONNECTIONS TO RADIO	DIAL SETTING DIAL SETTIN		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	- ADJUST	
1	Through .1-mf. con- denser to stator of aerial tuning con- denser.	455 kc.	Tuning condenser fully meshed.	Adjust trimmers, in order given, for maximum output.	C301A	
2	Through 200-mmf. condenser to ex- ternal aerial con- nector.	1700 kc.	1700 kc.	Adjust for maximum output.	C401B	
3	Same as Step 2.	1500 kc.	1500 kc. (approx.)	Tune radio to generator signal, and adjust trimmer for maxi- mum output.	C401A	

SYMBOLIZATION AND TERMINOLOGY

All components in the radio circuit are symbolized and located as follows:

C-condenser	LA—loop aerial	S-switch
I—pilot lamp	LS-loud-speaker	T-transformer
L—choke or coil	R—resistor	Z-electrical
		assembly

- 100-series components are in Section 1—the power supply.
- 200-series components are in Section 2—the audio amplifier.
- 300-series components are in Section 3—the i-f amplifier, detector, and a-v-c circuits.
- 400-series components are in Section 4—the aerial and oscillator circuits.

PROCEDURE VOLUME CONTROL TO MAXIMUM

SIGNAL GENERATOR—Connect ground lead to chas-sis; connect output lead as indicated in chart.

OUTPUT LEVEL-During alignment, adjust signalgenerator output to maintain output-meter indication below 1 volt.



Figure 6. Top View, Showing Trimmer Locations



Figure 7. Drive-Cord Installation Details

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Figure 8. Composite Dial and Backplate, Calibration Details

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REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

NOTE: Part numbers marked with an asterisk (*) in the following parts list are general replacement items. These numbers may not be identical with those on factory assemblies; also, the electrical values of some replacement items may differ from the values indicated in the schematic diagram and parts list. The values substituted in any case are so chosen that the operation of the radio will be either unchanged or improved. When ordering replacements, use only the "Service Part No."

SECTION 1

Reference Syn	nbol Description	Service Part No.
BA100	Battery pack	P-60B-6L
C100	Condenser, electrolytic, 10 mf., and r-f by-pass	a-f 30-2540 *
R100	Resistor, 510 ohms, bias	66-1513340*
S100	Switch, power	Part of R200
W100	Battery-cable assembly	41-3477-1
	SECTION 2	
C200	Condenser, .0015 mf., d-c blockin	ng45-3500-6*
C201	Condenser, 100 mmf., r-f by-pas	s 60-10105407*

C200	Condenser, .0015 mf., d-c blocking45-3500-6*
C201	Condenser, 100 mmf., r-f by-pass 60-10105407*
C202	Condenser, .0015 mf., d-c blocking 45-3500-6*
C203	Condenser, .004 mf., tone compensation. 61-0179*
LS200	Speaker
R200	Volume control, 1 megohm
R201	Resistor, 4.7 megohms, d-c grid
	return
R202	Resistor, 1 megohm, plate load66-5103340*
R203	Resistor, 2.2 megohms, d-c grid
	return
T200	Output transformer

SECTION 3

C300A	Condenser, trimmer
C300B	Condenser, trimmerPart of Z300
C301A	Condenser, trimmerPart of Z301
C301B	Not used
C301C	Condenser, 150 mmf., i-f filterPart of Z301
C301D	Condenser, 150 mmf., i-f filterPart of Z301
C302	Condenser, .05 mf., a-v-c filter
C303	Condenser, 100 mmf., coupling,
	part of Z301
R300	Resistor, 10 megohms, a-v-c filter66-6103340*
R301	Resistor, 47,000 ohms, i-f filter,
	part of Z301
Z300	Transformer, 1st i-f, includes
	C300A and C300B
Z301	Transformer, 2nd i-f, includes C301A,
	C301C, C301D, C303, and R30132-3897

SECTION 4

C400	Condenser, 5 mmf., coupling30-1221-5
C401	Condenser, main tuning
C401A	Condenser, trimmer, aerial coil Part of C401
C401B	Condenser, trimmer, osc. coil Part of C401
C402	Condenser, 100 mmf., osc. grid 60-10105407*

SECTION 4 (Continued)

Service Part No.
45-3500-7*
61-0122*
66-5473340*
66-4223340*
66-3683340*
32-3919-2
32-3385-2

MISCELLANEOUS

Description	Service Part No.
Cabinet, Less Dial Scale	
Model 48-141	10618A
Model 48-145	10618D
Cabinet Hardware	
Baffle and cloth assembly	40-6910
Dial Scale	
Model 48-141	
Model 48-145	27-5951-1
Dial-Scale Hardware	
Band, rubber, dial scale	
Screw, strap mtg	.1W23129FA3
Strap, scale mtg., r.h.	56-2672FA3
Strap, scale mtg., l.h.	56-2671FA3
Knob	
Model 48-141	
Model 48-145	
Stud, baffle mtg.	. W2235-2FA9
Scale Plate, Flag and Upright Assembly	
Cord, drive (25-ft. spool), for flag	45-8755
Cord, drive (25-ft. spool), for pointer	45-8755
Pointer	
Spring, flag drive	28-9011FA3
Spring, cam plate, flag drive	57-0701FA1
Spring, retaining	57-1468FA1
Transfer-lever assembly	76-1655-1
Socket, Loktal	
Tuning-Condenser Hardware	
Cord, drive (25-ft. spool), for tuning cond	enser. 45-8760
Drum, drive assembly	
Mounts, rubber, tuning condenser	
Spring, tuning-condenser drive	28-8913FA3
Tuning-shaft assembly	31-2640