

# PHILCO RADIO MODEL 48-150

#### **Circuit Description**

Philco Model 48-150 is a five-tube, battery-operated, superheterodyne radio providing reception on the standard broadcast band, 540 to 1720 kc. For best performance, the radio should be operated with an external aerial, such as Philco Part No. 45-1469.

A type 1LG5 pentode is used as the r-f amplifier and a type 1LA6 pentagrid converter as the mixer and oscillator, to provide high sensitivity and high signal-to-noise ratio. The r-f stage is coupled to the mixer by a transformer, and the oscillator is coupled to the mixer by the electron stream within the converter tube.

The 455-kc., i-f amplifier stage employs a type 1LN5 pentode. This stage is coupled to the output of the mixer by a double-tuned i-f transformer, and is coupled to the detector-diode section of the 1LH4 diode-triode by a single-tuned i-f transformer. The diode circuit of the 1LH4 rectifies the i-f signal and produces the audio signal and a-v-c voltage.

Two a-v-c filter circuits are used; one circuit couples the a-v-c voltage to the r-f amplifier; the other couples the a-v-c voltage to the mixer.

The audio output of the detector is resistancecoupled to the triode section of the 1LH4, which, in turn, is resistance-coupled to the type 3LF4 beamtetrode output stage. Fixed bias is supplied to the output stage from a resistor in series with the negative return to the battery plug. The permanent-magnet, dynamic loud-speaker is transformer-coupled to the output stage.

### 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 INDICATION" 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. Be sure that all tubes are securely mounted in the proper sockets. Look for bad connections, burned resistors, or other obvious signs of trouble.

2. Disconnect the battery and measure the resistance between B+ (red lead of battery plug) and chassis. Use the ohmmeter polarity that gives the highest reading. If the resistance is lower than 10,000 ohms, check condensers C100, C203, C201, and C403 for leakage or shorts.



Figure 1. Bottom View, Showing Section 1 Test Points

Make the tests for this section with a d-c voltmeter. The voltages indicated in the chart were measured with a 20,000-ohmsper-volt meter, with a fresh battery pack installed, and with the radio turned on. Set the volume control to minimum and the dial pointer to 540 kc. Connect the meter between the radio chassis,

Section 1

indicated in the chart. If the "NORMAL INDICA-TION" is obtained in step 1, proceed with the tests for Section 2; if not, isolate and correct the trouble within this section.

STEP	TEST POINT	NORMAL INDICATION	ABNORMAL	POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL INDICATION
1	A B D	85 volts 1.5 volts Negative 5.5 volts		Trouble within this section; isolate by the following tests.
2	A	85 volts	No voltage Low voltage	Open battery cable or R100. Defective S100. Shorted C100. Weak battery. Change in value of R100. Leaky C100. Excessive 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 5.5 volts		Change in value of R100. Open R100. Excessive current drain in Sections 2, 3, or 4.

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### Section 2



Make the tests for this section with an audio-frequency signal generator. Connect the ground lead to the radio chassis, test point C, and the output lead through a .1-mf. condenser to the test points indicated in the chart. Set the volume control to maximum. If the "NORMAL INDICATION" is obtained in step 1, proceed with the tests for Section 3; if not, isolate and correct the trouble within 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 moderate signal input.	Trouble in this section; isolate by the following tests.	
2	В	Moderate, clear signal with strong signal input.	Defective 3LF4, T200, or LS200. Shorted C203 or C201. Leaky C203 or C201.	
3	D	Same as step 1.	Defective 1LH4. Open R202 or C202.	
4	A	Same as step 1.	Open C200. Defective R200.	

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Figure 3. Bottom View, Showing Section 3 Test Points

#### **Section 3**

Make the tests for this section with an r-f signal generator (modulated output); set the generator to 455 kc. Connect the ground lead to the radio chassis, test point C, and the output lead through a .1-mf. condenser to the test points indicated in the chart. Set the volume control to maximum. If the "NORMAL INDI-CATION" is obtained in step 1, proceed with the tests for Section 4; if not, isolate and correct the trouble within this section.

STEP	TEST POINT	NORMAL INDICATION	POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ABNORMAL INDICATION	
1	A	Loud, clear signal with moderate signal input.	Trouble in this section; isolate by the following tests.	
2	В	Same as step 1.	Defective 1LN5 or 1LH4 (diode section). Defective or misaligned Z301.	
3	A	Same as step 1.	Defective or misaligned Z300.	

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Figure 4. Bottom View, Showing Section 4 Test Points

#### **Section 4**

Make the tests for this section with an r-f signal generator (modulated output); set the frequency as noted in the chart. Connect the 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.

Inspect the tuning condensers for bent plates, dirt, or poor wiper contacts; any of these conditions will cause noise. If the "NORMAL INDICATION" is not obtained in step 1, isolate and correct the trouble within this section.

STED	TEST BOINT	DIAL SETTINGS			POSSIBLE CAUSE OF ADMODILAL	
JIEF	TEST POINT	SIG. GEN.	RADIO	NORMAL INDICATION	INDICATION	
1	Α	540 kc.	540 kc.	Loud, clear signal with low signal in- put.	Trouble in this section; isolate by the following tests.	
2	E Osc. test (Seenotebelow.)		540 to 1720 kc.	Negative voltage (at least 1.5 volts) over complete range.	Defective 1LA6, T402, R401, R402 or C405. Shorted C403 or osc. section of C401.	
3	B	540 kc.	540 kc.	Same as step 1.	Same as step 2.	
4	D	540 kc.	540 kc.	Same as step 1.	Defective 1LG5 or T401. Shorted ant. or r-f section of C401.	
5	A	540 kc.	540 kc.	Same as step 1.	Defective T400. Open C402.	

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



FIGURE 5. PHILCO RADIO MODEL 48-150, SECTIONALIZED SCHEMA

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# ALIGNMENT PRO

### TURN ON RADIO AND SET VOLUME CO

**DIAL**—Alignment points should be marked on the dial backplate as shown in figure 8. Turn tuning gang until fully meshed, and set dial pointer to index mark.

OUTPUT METER—Connect meter to voice-coil lugs on loud-speaker. Set meter to 2.5-volt or similar range. SIGNAL chassis; c

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.1-mf. con- to stator of uning con-	455 kc.	Tuning condenser fully meshed.	Turn C300B fully clockwise. Ad- just trimmers, in order given, for maximum output.	C301A C300A C300B 
200-mmf. ser to aerial	600 kc.	600 kc.	Adjust for maximum output.	C405
step 2.	1700 kc.	1700 kc.	Same as step 2.	C401C
step 2.	1500 kc.	1500 kc. (approx.)	Tune radio to generator signal and adjust trimmers for maxi- mum output.	C401B C401A
step 2.	600 kc.	600 kc. (approx.)	Adjust trimmers for maximum output while rocking tuning control.	C405
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6 Repeat steps 3 and 5 until no further increase in output is noted.

# 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
I—choke or coil	R—resistor	Z—electrical
L—choke or coll	n-resistor	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, r-f, and oscillator circuits.

# ENT PROCEDURE

#### ND SET VOLUME CONTROL FULLY ON

lugs on **SIGNAL GENERATOR**—Connect ground lead to radio r range. chassis; connect output lead as indicated in chart.

**OUTPUT LEVEL**—During alignment, adjust signal-generator output to maintain output-meter indication below 1 volt.



Figure 6. Top View, Showing Trimmer Locations

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Figure 7. Drive-Cord Installation Details

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Figure 8. Composite Dial and Backplate, Calibration Details

# **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 S	Symbol Description	Service Part No.
BA100	Battery pack	P-60D-11L
C100	Condenser, electrolytic, 10 mf.	
R100	Resistor, bias, 470 ohms	66-1473340*
S100	Power switch	Part of R200
W100	Battery-cable assembly	

### SECTION 2

C200	Condenser, d-c blocking, .0015 mf 45-3500-6*
C201	Condenser, r-f by-pass, 100 mmI. 60-10103407*
C202 C203	Condenser, tone compensation,
CNUU	.004 mf
LS200	Loud-speaker
R200	1 megohm
R201	Resistor, grid return, 4.7 megonms. 66-5473340*
R202	Resistor, plate load, 1 megonm66-5103540*
R203	Resistor, grid return, 2.2 megonms. 00-5225340
T200	Output transformer

#### **SECTION 3**

C300A	Condenser, trimmerPart of Z300
C300B	Condenser, trimmerPart of Z300
C201A	Condenser, trimmer
COOLE	Condenser, i-f filter, 150 mmfPart of Z301
Canto	Condenser, i-f filter, 150 mmfPart of Z301
03010	Condenser, r-f hy-pass 05 mf
C302	Condenser, 1-1 by pass, .00 million 61-0122*
C303	Condenser, a-v-c inter, .00 int
C304	Condenser, coupling, 100 mmin., 60-10105407*
	part of 2501
R300	Resistor, grid return, 1 megonm66-5103340*
R301	Resistor, a-v-c filter, 10 megohms66-6103340*
R302	Resistor, a-v-c filter, 10 megohms66-6103340*
R303	Resistor, i-f filter, 47,000 ohms,
	part of Z301
Z300	Transformer, 1st i.f., includes
and the second	C300A and C300B32-3949-1
7.901	Transformer, 2nd i.f., includes C301A,

Z301 Transformer, 2nd 1.f., includes C301A, C301B, C301C, C304, and R303...32-3897-2

### **SECTION 4**

Reference Svn	bol Description	Service Part No.
C400	Condenser, coupling, 4.7 mmf	30-1221-5*
C401	Condenser, three-section tuning	
C401A	Condenser, trimmer	.Part of C401
C401B	Condenser, trimmer	. Part of C401
C401C	Condenser, trimmer	.Part of C401
C402	Condenser, a-v-c filter, .05 mf	61-0122*
C403	Condenser, r-f by-pass, .05 mf	61-0122*
C404	Condenser, coupling, 10 mmf	. Part of <b>T401</b>
C405	Condenser, oscillator trimmer	31-6473-7
C406	Condenser, oscillator coupling,	
0100	100 mmf	60-10105407*
R400	Resistor, a-v-c filter, 4.7 megohi	ms.66-5473340*
R401	Resistor, grid return, 220,000 ohn	ms.66-4223340*
R402	Resistor, screen dropping,	
LULON	47.000 ohms	66-3473340*
T400	Transformer, aerial	32-3919-3
T401	Transformer, r-f	32-3974-2
T402	Transformer, oscillator	32-3385-3

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Description	Service Part No.
Cabinet, less accessories	
Baffle-and-felt assembly	
Felt foot	W2190
Knob	
Scale, dial	
Scale strap	
Scale plate, flag-and-upright assembly	
Com plate	56-2700-1FA3
Drive cord flag and pointer (25-foot sp	0001)45-8755
Drive cord tuning gang (25-foot spool	)45-8760
Lover assembly	76-1655-1
Dointer	
Spring gang and pointer drive	28-8913FA3
Spring, gang and pointer arrestore	
Spring, hag unve	.57-0701FA1
Spring, call plate	57-1468FA1
Spring, retaining	97 6198
Socket, Loktal	
Tuning Shaft	31-2484-2