EDDYSTONE

MODEL "680" COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER



A high grade instrument with wide frequency coverage for PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS requirements

The "680" is a fifteen valve superheterodyne receiver embodying advanced technique. New features in the design add to the outstanding and reliable performance of which the receiver is capable. The appearance is impressive, whilst the construction and general workmanship is of the finest in the Industry.

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE

- Continuous coverage from 30 Mc/s to 480 Kc/s.
- Two Radio-Frequency stages.
- Two I.F. stages.
- · Crystal Filter.
- · Beat frequency Oscillator.
- Push-pull output stage.
- Variable Selectivity.
- "S" Meter.
- Noise Limiter.
- · Standby switch.
- · Stabilised H.T. voltage to Oscillator, etc.
- Provision for relay operation of transmitter.
- High signal-to-noise ratio and sensitivity.
- Highly attenuated Image response.
 Very effective A.V.C.
- Large accurately calibrated dial.
- Provision for twin feeder and single aerial.
- Adjustable dial illumination.
- Modern miniature all-glass valves.
- Flywheel loaded tuning 140 to I reduction ratio.
- · Mechanical bandspread logging device.
- All controls separate and conveniently arranged.
- Robust construction.
- · Finished for tropical service.



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THE EDDYSTONE "680" COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER.

The Eddystone "680" is a high grade communications receiver, offered for use by professional services and the discriminating amateur expert. The basic circuit is a 15 valve (including rectifier and stabiliser) superheterodyne, incorporating several design features which add to the outstanding and reliable performance of which the receiver is capable.

The majority of valves are of the all-glass type. Each has been selected with care, to ensure maximum performance with an excellent signal-to-noise ratio.

Frequency Coverage.

The five switched coil assemblies give a continuous coverage from 30 Mc/s to 480 Kc/s (10 to 625 metres). The individual ranges are:-

Band	1	30 to 13 Mc/s.
Band	2	13 to 5.5 Mc/s.
Band	3	5.8 to 2.5 Mc/s.
Band	4	2.5 to 1.12 Mc/s.
Band	5	1120 to 480 Kc/s.

Tuning Dial.

The gear driven, flywheel controlled tuning drive has a reduction ratio of approximately 140 to 1, permitting very fine tuning on all ranges. The scale is clearly marked in frequency, with additional markings for the major broadcast and amateur bands.

The mechanical bandspread device greatly assists in the accurate logging of particular stations. It consists of a rotating scale, in the top right hand corner of the dial. One complete revolution of this scale corresponds to a movement of the main pointer over one division of the small inner scale on the main dial. The fine tuning scale is read against the vertical hair-line on the window. The actual scale length of a complete range is equivalent to ninety inches

Circuit and Valve Sequence.

The circuit comprises: - two RF stages, ensuring high sensitivity with an excellent signal-to-noise ratio; frequency-changer with a high conversion factor; separate oscillator, for maximum efficiency and freedom from drift; two high gain IF stages on 450 Kc/s, with manually phased crystal filter in first stage; double-diode for detection and AGC; another double-diode as noise limiter; audio frequency amplifier; phase inverter; two pentode valves in the push-pull output stage; beat frequency oscillator; full wave rectifier; gaseous voltage stabiliser.

The valves used are as follows:- (refer to Fig.1 circuit diagram and Fig.3 top plan drawing).

Position.	Function.	Type.	Make.
Vl	lst RF Amplifier	6BA6	Brimar
V2	2nd RF Amplifier	6BA6	Brimar
V3	Frequency-Changer	787 or X81	Brimar, Osram
V4	Oscillator	6AM6 (8D3)	Brimar
V5	lst IF Amplifier	6BA6	Brimar
V6	2nd IF Amplifier	6BA6	Brimar
V7	AGC & Detector	6AL5	Brimar
V8	lst Audio Amplifier	6AU6	Brimar
Λ9	Phase Inverter	6AU6	Brimar
Vlo	Push-Pull)	6AM5	Brimar
Vll	Output)	or EL91	Mullard
V12	BFOscillator	6BA6	Brimar
V13	Noise Limiter	6AL5	Brimar
V14	Full Wave Rectifier	5 Z4 G	Brimar
V15	Voltage Stabiliser	VR150/30	Brimar

Controls.

The major controls (all clearly marked) are conveniently grouped on the front panel. They consist of:-

Band Selector
Main Tuning
RF Gain
AF Gain
BFO Pitch
Crystal Phasing

Mains On/Off Switch
Standby Switch
AGC On/Off Switch
Noise Limiter On/Off Switch
BFO Switch
Crystal In/Out Switch
Variable Selectivity

At the rear is a knob-operated rheostat for varying the dial illumination. Also at the rear is the "S" Meter zero adjuster, fitted with a screw-on cover.

Variable Selectivity

The pointer knob controls the coupling between the IF transformer windings. Four positions are provided, giving a wide range of selectivity, as follows:-

Minimum position 27 db down, 10 Kc/s off resonance 5 Kc/s " Intermediate " 12 db " 5 Kc/s 2nd " 11 11 11 24 db Maximum 17 11 11 30 db 4 Kc/s

Switching in and suitably phasing the crystal enables extreme selectivity (for CW) to be obtained, with a 45 db drop 1 Kc/s off resonance.

The "S" Meter will be found useful as a tuning device, particularly when the selectivity switch is in the broad position, where a bandpass effect is evidenced. When switching from one degree of selectivity to another, a slight readjustment of the tuning may be necessary.

Sensitivity (refer also to curves in Fig 6)

The following average sensitivity figures are based on a 15 db signal-to-noise ratio and 50 milliwatts output, 30% modulation.

Range	1	Better	than	5	microvolts
Range	2	11	11	5	11
Range	3	11	11	5	5.0
Range	4	11	11	5	11
Range	5	. 11	11	15	11

Image Attenuation (refer also to curves in Fig 6)

Average figures are given below:-

30 db down at 24 Mc/s 60 db " " 14 Mc/s 70 db " " 8 Mc/s 100 db " " 2.5 Mc/s

Greater than 100 db at lower frequencies

Automatic Gain Control (refer also to curves in Fig 6)

The AGC characteristic is such that a signal is maintained within 9 db for a change of input of 100 db (above 1 microvolt).

Aerial Input (refer to Fig 2)

The approximate impedance of the aerial circuit is 400 ohms but good results are obtainable with aerials of widely varying impedance. The terminals at the rear are arranged to take either a single wire aerial or balanced feeders.

Output Impedance.

An output transformer is fitted internally, the secondary winding being brought out to terminals at the rear, to take a speaker with a coil impedance of 2 to 3 ohms. A jack is provided on the left hand side of the receiver to take high resistance telephones (2000 - 4000 ohms). The Eddystone Cat.No.688 Diecast Speaker is recommended. It matches the "680" Receiver physically and electrically.

Gramophone Pick-up.

The two terminals situated below the L.S. terminals are for the connection of a gramophone pick-up, which may be of either the crystal or the lightweight magnetic type. The A.F. gain control remains operative. In addition to varying the I.F. transformer couplings, the variable selectivity control affects the audio response, and this feature can be taken advantage of and used as a tone control, to correct recording characteristics.

Power Supply.

The "680" Receiver operates off A.C. mains of 110 volts and 200/240 volts 40/60 cycles. The consumption is approximately 80 watts. Protecting fuses are incorporated. (Fuse rating is 1 amp)

"S" Meter.

The sensitive moving-coil microammeter is calibrated in divisions up to S9 and in decibels above S9. The current passing through the meter is limited by one half of a double diode valve, which also prevents reverse current flowing when the R.F. gain is reduced. To adjust, short out the aerial and earth terminals and, by means of the adjuster at the rear, bring the needle coincident with zero on the meter scale.

Reception of Telephony.

The panel controls should be set as follows:-

A.V.C. "on"
B.F.O. "off"
Crystal "out" (to the left)
Phasing Knob White spot at 3 o'c.
R.F.Gain full on
A.F.Gain about one third on.

With the range switch set to the required band, tuning is then carried out normally. It may be mentioned that if the aerial is a long one, a local broadcast station may overload the first stage, necessitating a reduction of R.F. gain.

Reception of C.W.

Panel controls:-

A.V.C.

B.F.O.

Crystal

Phasing Knob

R.F.Gain

A.F.Gain.

B.F.O. pitch control knob.

white spot at 3 o'c.
adjust as
necessary.
white spot slightly to one side of centre.

Then tune normally, varying the settings of the R.F. and A.F. gain controls for maximum signal intelligibility.

When severe fading is in evidence, the A.V.C.may be brought into circuit, resulting in a levelling off of signal strength. Switching on A.V.C. will have no noticeable effect on the sensitivity, when receiving weak signals.

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Use of Crystal Filter.

The controls will be as for C.W. reception. On switching in the crystal, it will be noted that the noise level decreases somewhat, due to the increased selectivity permitting a narrower band of frequencies to pass. Rotation of the phasing control will result in the suppression of signals to a degree dependent upon their frequency separation from the desired signal.

Noise Limiter.

A highly effective series type of noise limiter is incorporated. The constants associated with it have been chosen carefully to give efficient limiting action without detriment to signal strength.

Standby Switch.

The standby switch on the front panel breaks the H.T. supply and is for use during periods when the associated transmitter is in operation. Additional contacts in this switch are brought out at the rear of the receiver to permit control of the transmitter, through an auxiliary relay (see Fig. 2).

Installation.

The receiver has been aligned, calibrated and thoroughly tested before despatch and the only adjustment that may be necessary, before putting the receiver into use, is the mains voltage supply. A readily accessible selector panel is fitted on top of the mains transformer. The screw is normally inserted in the 230 volt position, where it may remain for mains voltages between 220 and 250 volts. Where the mains voltage is between 195 and 215 volts, the 200 volt tapping should be selected. The third position is for mains of 110 volts or near.

Should it be necessary to obtain access to the interior, the cabinet can be easily removed after withdrawal of the four large screws at the rear. The holders for the lamps which illuminate the dial are sprung into place. To change a lamp, all that is necessary is to press the holder and pull out. The lamp is of the miniature beyonet fixing type, rated at 6.3 volts, 0.3 amps.

ALL GNMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

I.F. Amplifier.

The alignment of a modern variable selectivity I.F. amplifier requires the use of a frequency modulated signal generator ("Wobbulator") and an oscilloscope, presenting a visual display to the operator.

Should a fault develop in the receiver, it is unlikely to lie in one of the I.F. transformers and the adjustment of these should not be disturbed unless absolutely necessary. For check purposes, however, the following information and sensitivity figures may occasionally be useful. To obviate unsoldering the grid leads to the I.F. valves, the figures have been taken with these wires connected and are therefore not strictly true ones. Nevertheless, they are quite adequate for comparison purposes. Refer to Fig. 3 and Fig. 5 for locations of I.F. valves and transformers.

The intermediate frequency is 450 Kc/s (±1 Kc/s ± crystal tolerance). The following conditions apply when taking measurements:-

"680" Receiver

Wavechange Switch Range 1.
A.V.C., B.F.O., N.L. off.
Crystal out.
Selectivity max.
Phasing Control "3 o'c")

The intermediate frequency is 450 Kc/s (= 1 Kc/s = crystal tolerance). The following conditions apply when taking measurements:-

680 Receiver

Wavechange Switch Range 1
AGC, BFO, NL off
Crystal out
Selectivity max.
Phasing Control 3 o'c.

Sig. Gen.

30% Modulation
Direct output
Output meter across and matched
to Speaker Terminals

Input for 50mW output Between grid V6 & chassis 13 millivolts. (approximate) V5 " 220 microvolts.

To measure the overall sensitivity of the IF amplifier from the mixer valve signal grid (V3), it will be necessary to unsolder a lead in the frequency changer compartment of the coil box. The lead is identified in Fig.4 by an arrow and cross. The sig.gen. leads are connected between this lead and chassis, The sensitivity at this point should be in the region of 13 microvolts.

Alignment of RF Section

All receiver controls are left as for IF check. The dummy aerial of the signal generator is connected between aerial and earth terminals at the rear of the coil box. It will be found helpful to connect the speaker as well as the output meter for the first stage of the following procedure, which is calibration. For this, a 1000/100 Ke/s crystal oscillator, with harmonics usable up to 30 Me/s, is essential, since the desired maximum calibration error on the dial of the receiver is 0.5%. As only the most expensive signal generators give an accuracy greater than some 1%, it is futile to use one as a calibration master.

The location of the various trimmers and cores is shown in Fig. 4.

Connect the crystal oscillator in shunt with the dummy aerial, switch on the BFO with its spot at "12 o'c", and using the RF gain only as volume control, check on Range 1. Should the 28 Mc/s and 14 Mc/s harmonics be appreciably off their marks when tuned to zero beat, proceed to correct the 14 Mc/s harmonic by means of the Range 1 oscillator coil core. The 28 Mc/s harmonic is corrected by means of the trimmer. With these two points accurately fixed, the rest of the calibration will automatically conform to the desired 0.5% accuracy. The same procedure is used on all other ranges, the two setting points on each range being as follows:-

Range 1 28 Mc/s and 14 Mc/s
Range 2 13 Mc/s and 6 Mc/s
Range 3 5.8 Mc/s and 2.5 Mc/s
Range 4 2.5 Mc/s and 1.2 Mc/s
Range 5 1100 Kc/s and 500 Kc/s

Always, as on Range 1, adjust the trimmers at the high frequency ends of the bands and the cores at the low frequency end. This hard and fast rule applies also in the alignment of the RF and FC coils.

Remove the crystal oscillator leads and use only the signal generator with its attenuator set to give about 10 microvolts. Switch cff BFO. Then proceed as follows:-

Inject a 13.3 Mo/s modulated signal into the receiver and tune in on Range 1 for maximum deflection on the output meter, using the RF gain to keep the needle on the scale. Now proceed to adjust the cores only of the two RF coils and the one FC coil for highest output as indicated on the output meter. Next, inject a 28 Mc/s signal and peak this by

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means of the three appropriate trimmers. Repeat the whole procedure until no improvement is possible. Use the same procedure on all the other ranges. The high and low frequency alignment points on each range are as follows:-

Range	1	28 Mc/s and 13.3 Mc/s
Range	2	12.3 Mc/s and 6.1 Mc/s
Range	3	5.4 Me/s and $2.6 Me/s$
Range	4	2.5 Me/s and $1.2 Me/s$
Range	5	1050 Kc/s and 520 Kc/s

Graphs

The average sensitivity of each range on a standard "680" Receiver is indicated in the curves shown in Fig.6. Also given are typical selectivity curves for each position of the selectivity control switch, including (at maximum selectivity) crystal rejection curves.

Further curves show the audio frequency response and the AGC characteristic.

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COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER

TYPE 680/2A

COMPONENT VALUES

C1 C2 C3	3-20pF Air Trimmer lopF Silvered Mica 3-20pF Air Trimmer	051 052 053	15-45pF Ceramic Trimmer 15-45pF " " 15-45pF " "
C4	3-20pF " "	C54	200pF Silvered Mica 2%
C5	3-20pF " "	C55	10-367.75pF
C6	3-20pF " "		(Osc. section Tuning Condr.)
C7	100pF Silvered Mica.	C56	50pF Silvered Mica
C8	10-367.75pF	C57	.lmfd Tub. Paper.
	(1st RF Tuning Condenser)	C58	.lmfd " "
C9	25pF Silvered Mica ± 5%	C59	400pF Silvered Mica ±2%
C10	.lmfd Tub. Paper	C60	800pF " ±2%
C11	.01lmfd Tub.Paper	C61	800pF " ±2%
	(in parallel)	C62	Crystal Phasing Condenser
C12	.lmfd Tub. Paper.	C63	20pF Silvered Mica
C13	.lmfd " "	C64	500pF " ±2%
C14	20pF Silvered Mica.	C65	400pF Silvered Mica ±2%
C15	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C66	.lmfd Tub.Paper
C16	6pF Silvered Mica	C67	400pF Silvered Mica ±2%
C17	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C68	.Olmfd Tub. Paper
C18	3pF Silvered Mica	C69	.lmfd ""
C19	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C70	400pF Silvered Mica 12%
C20	3pF Silvered Mica	C71	400pF Silvered Mica ±2%
C21	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C72	8pF " ±2%
C22	3-20pF " "	C73	.002mfd Moulded Mica
C23	100pF Silvered Mica	C74	8mfd Tub.elect.350v DC Wkg.
C24	10-367.75pF	C75	.Olmfd Moulded Mica
	(2nd RF sect. Tuning Condr.)	C76	.Olmfd Tub. Paper
C25	25pF Silvered Mica ± 5%	C77	.lmfd Tub. Paper
C26	.Olmfd Tub.Paper	C78	.lmfd Tub. Paper
C27	.lmfd " ""	C79	.lmfd Tub. Paper
C28	.lmfd ""	C80	.lmfd Tub. Paper
C29	.lmfd " "	C81	.lmfd Tub. Paper
C30	20pF Silvered Mica	C82	100pF Silvered Mica
C31	3-20pF Air Trimmer.	C83	100pF " "
C32	6pF Silvered Mica	C84	.Olmfd Tub. Paper
C33	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C85	.4mfd.Tub.elect.350v DC wkg.
C34	3pF Silvered Mica	C86	Olmfd Moulded Mica
C35	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C87	25mfd Tub.elect.25v.DC wkg.
C36	3pF Silvered Mica	C88	Olmfd Moulded Mica
C37	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C89	6pF Silvered Mics
C38	3-20pF " "	C90	100pF Silvered Mica
C39	10-367.75pF	C91	BFO Pitch Condenser
	(FC sect. Tuning Condenser)	C92	100pF Silvered Mica
C40	25pF Silvered Mica ± 5%	C93	.Olmfd Tub. Paper
C41	.lmfd Tub. Paper	C94	16mfd Tub.elect.450v DC Wkg.
C42	• Imt u	C95	40mid 000v bo wag.
C43	10pF Silvered Mica	C96	.0005mfd Moulded Mica
C44	2,400pF Silvered Mica ± 1%	097	· OOODINI a
C45	2,500pF " " 1/2	098	• CIMI d
C46	1,625pF " " ± 1%	099	.olmfd Tub. Paper
C47	900pF " 1%	0100	· ULLILL U
C48	- 1/0	0101	6pF Silver Mica
C49	3-20pF Air Trimmer	C102	opr.
C50	3-20pF "	C103	100pF " "

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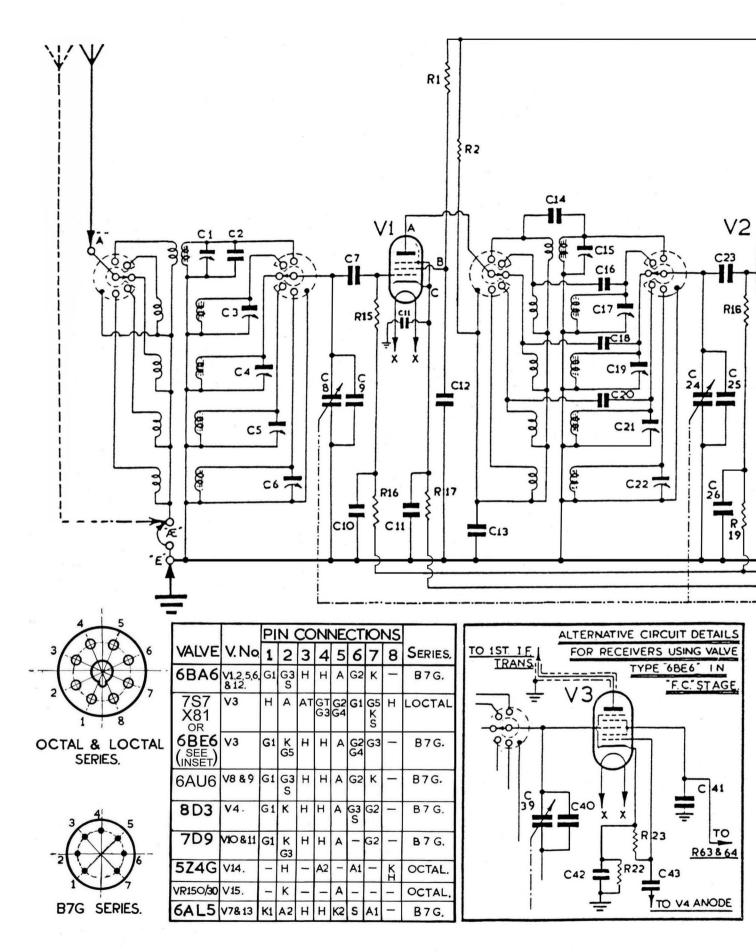
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R3	33,000 ohms	1.1	R38	1.0 megohm
R4	1,000 ohms		R39	.5 megohm Pot.
R5	1,000 ohms	1111	R40	560 ohms W
R6	15,000 ohms	Z _{vv}	R41	
R7	15,000 ohms	211	R42	
R8	1,000 ohms	7.187		560 ohms $\frac{1}{2}$ W
R9	33,000 ohms	lW	R43	.47 megohm
R10	2,700 ohms	+ -1	R44	620 ohms 1W ± 5%
R11	.l megohm	± 5%	R45	.47 megohm
R12	.18 megohm	± 10%	R46	7,500 ohms ± 5%
R13	10,000 ohms		R47	$3.0 \text{ megohm} \pm 5\%$
R14	.1 megohm	± 5%	R43	2,200 ohms
R15	.47 megohm		R49	2,200 ohms
R16	.47 megohm		R50	10,000 ohms
R17	68 ohms		R51	1,000 ohms
R18	.47 megohm		R52	22,000 ohms
R19	.47 megohm		R53	27,000 ohms 1W
R20	68 ohms		R54	5,000 ohms Pot.
R21	150 ohms		R55	$12,500$ ohms $\frac{1}{2}$ W
R22	200 ohms	± 5% ₺₩		(Two 25,000 ohms in parallel)
R23	.1 megohm		R56	2.2 megohms
R24	.47 megohm		R57	47,000 ohms
R25	68 ohms		R58	560 ohms W
R26	.47 megohm		R59	10,000 ohms 1W
R27	750 ohms	± 5%	R60	10,000 ohms Pot.
R28	4,700 ohms		R61	5 ohms Pot.
R29	8,200 ohms		R62	2,700 ohms w.w. ± 5%
R30	68 ohms		R63	$4,700$ ohms $\frac{1}{2}W$
R31	1.0 megohm		R64	15,000 ohms 1W
R32	.1 megohm		R65	1,500 ohms
R33	47,000 ohms	± 5%	R66	100,000 ohms ½W
R34	22,000 ohms	± 5%	R67	6,800 ohms ½W
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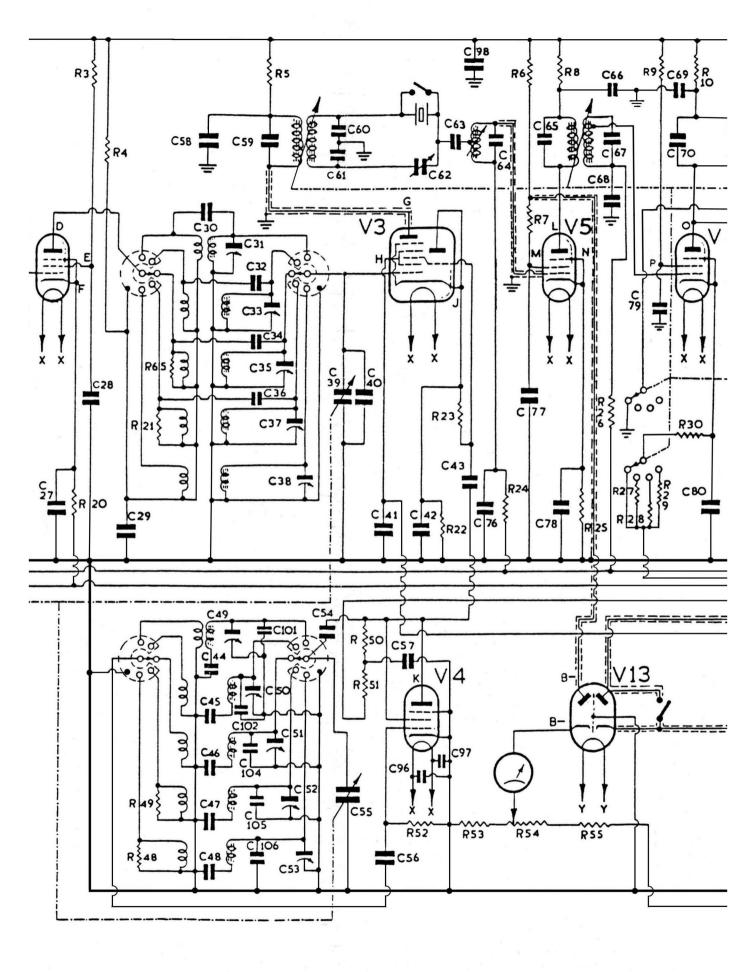
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ABCDEFGHJKLMNOP	210 82 88 85 1 215 100 1.3 100 210 82 9	218 90 8 210 90 1.2 218 104 1.3 104 212 90 1.0 200 90	Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D (AC)	1.0 9.5 35 30 7 38 7 220 222 9.5 80 150 260 250 150	1.0 10.2 60 40 .9 62 .9 220 222 10.2 85 150 260 250 150
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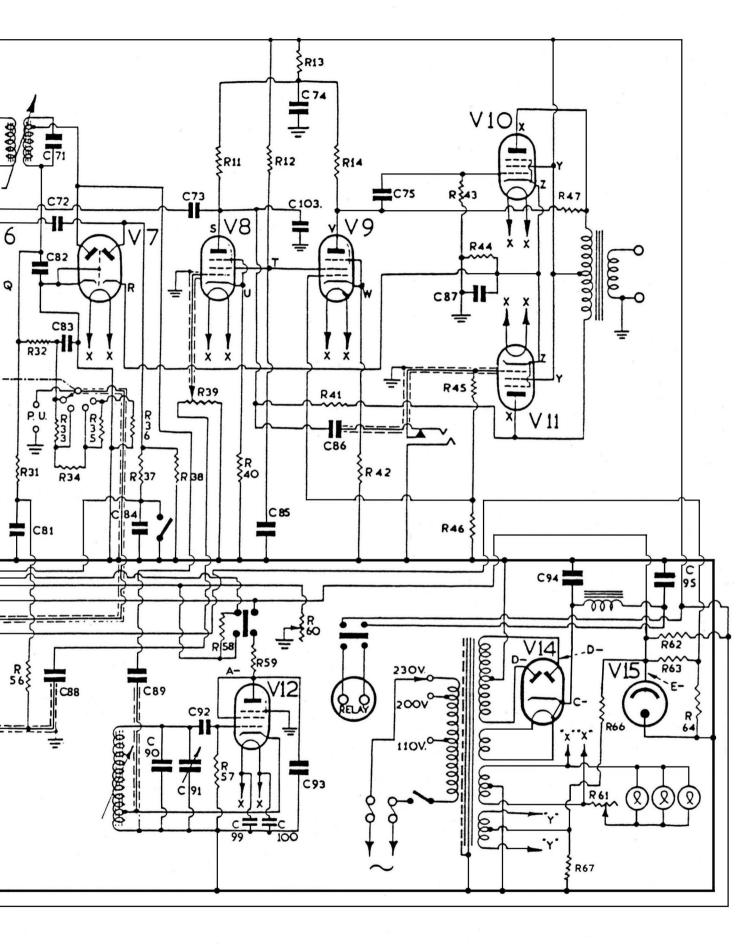
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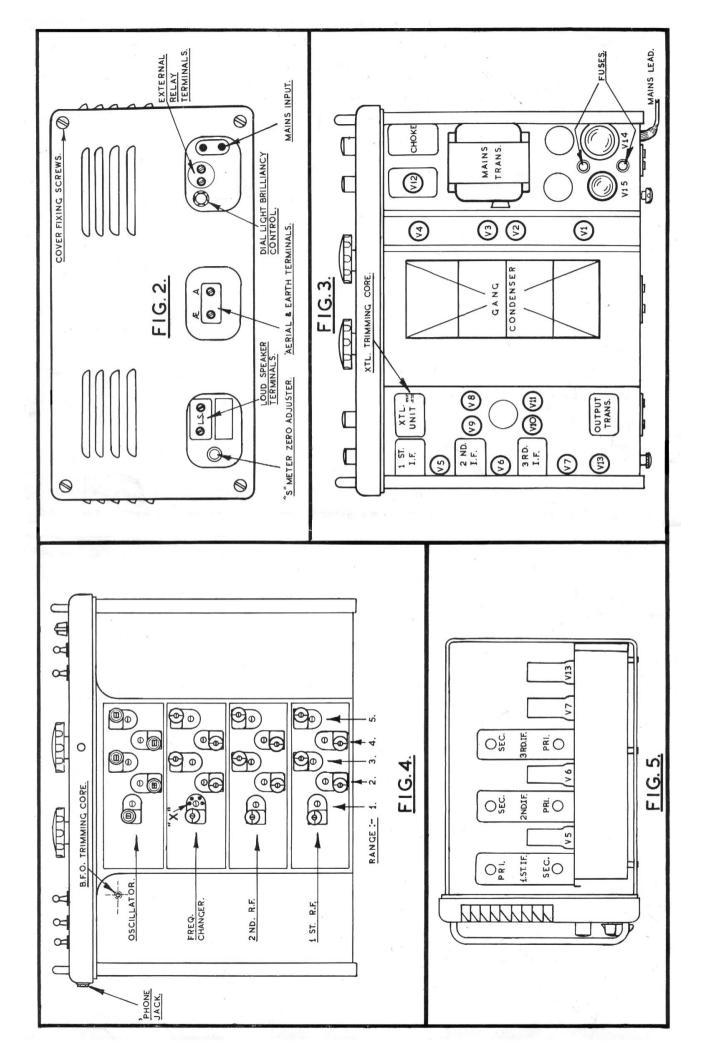




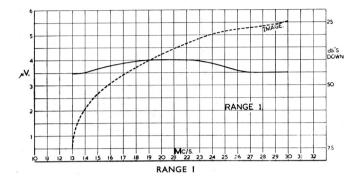
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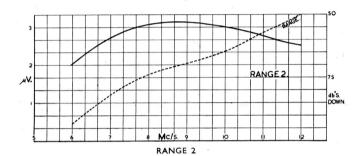


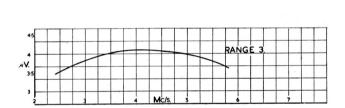
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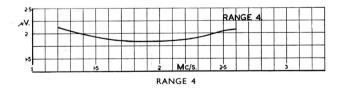


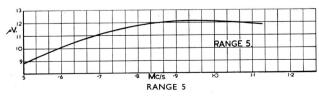
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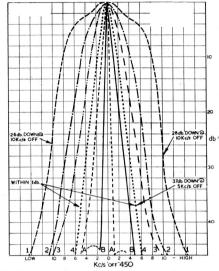




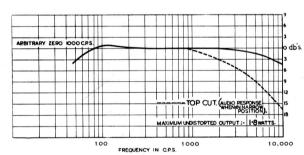




Above are sensitivity curves for an average "680" Receiver. They are based on a 15 db signal-to-noise ratio and an audio output of 50 milliwatts.

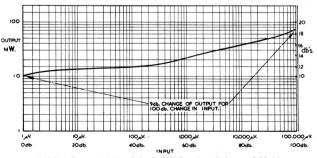


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Sele	ctivity	curves	for the	"'680'' Receiver.
(1)				minimum position.
(2) (3) (4)			_	first intermediate position.
(3)			• —	second intermediate position.
(4)				maximum selectivity.
(A)				maximum selectivity, with crysta
				filter in, and phased to reject
				signal on one side.
(B)				as "A", but with crystal phased on
				other side.



Response curve of the Audio Amplifier stages of the "680" Receiver. When the selectivity switch is at maximum, an additional top cut is introduced, the effect being indicated above by the dotted line curve.

The figure of 1.8 watts represents distortionless output, over a wide range of frequencies. Considerably more output power is actually available, without appreciable distortion.



A.V.C. Characteristic of the "680" Receiver (taken at 9 Mc/s).

