

The I-10

Ultra High Frequency Receiver

Tubes and Power Supply

THE Type "I-10" receiver employs a 4-tube circuit, consisting of one stage of tuned R.F., a self-quenching superregenerative detector, transformer coupled to a first stage of audio which, in turn, is resistance coupled to a power output stage.

The tubes employed are as follows:

- 954 — R.F.
- 955 — Detector
- 6C5 — First Audio
- 6F6 — Second Audio

The receiver is designed for operation from the National Type No. 5886 AB power unit, all voltage dividers, etc., being built in so that but one B-voltage lead is necessary. This power supply furnishes six volts at 1.6 amperes to the heater circuit and 180 volts at 35 milliamperes to the plate and screen circuits. If desired, the heaters may be supplied from a 6-volt battery and the B-circuits from B-batteries. Voltages in excess of 180 are not recommended and receiver performance will be unsatisfactory on the "A" range at voltages below 167. If lower voltages must be used, as in portable operation, the 20,000 ohm resistor connected between the B+ lead and the regeneration control and the 35,000 ohm screen dropping resistor of the R.F. stage, may both be shorted out. This will allow the receiver to function normally with a maximum voltage of 90, but with reduced audio output. A 3-volt C-battery is used to supply bias to the R.F. tube. This battery is mounted in the rear righthand corner of the R.F. compartment, being held in place by a spring clip. Two Eveready Type 915 cells, or equivalent, are needed. They are mounted in a bakelite tube and the positive (center) terminal of the upper cell is grounded at the top by a retaining bracket.

Antenna

The importance of an efficient antenna cannot be over emphasized. The antenna lead, or leads, should be brought directly to the antenna binding posts at the top of the receiver. They may be threaded through the hole in the cover and arranged so that the cover may be opened for changing coils.

A small flexible lead will be found connected to the front antenna post. This supplies a ground connection where a single-wire antenna is used. It should be disconnected from the binding post

when doublet feeders or two-wire lines are employed. An external ground connection is usually undesirable, but this point must be determined by experiment.

While the antenna primaries are of symmetrical construction, mechanical considerations prevent exact balance to ground, and there is some capacity coupling between the windings, especially at the higher frequencies.

Exact recommendations for antenna systems cannot be given, since the dimensions will depend upon the frequency at which best efficiency is desired, directional characteristics, etc. In general, however, the antenna proper should be tuned to the received signal. In many installations this condition may be satisfactorily realized by tuning the feeders with series or parallel condensers. The size of the tuning condensers will depend upon the frequency of the received signal and upon antenna dimensions. The transmission line must be efficient. As a rule, "twisted pair", or similar lines, are not satisfactory at frequencies much above 40 or 50 mc., especially where the length exceeds a full wavelength. The open wire or transposed line is much better.

Another general rule regarding antennae, is that any system which is found to be efficient in transmission will have good efficiency with the same directional characteristics, etc., in reception.

Output Circuit and Speaker

The plate circuit of the output tube is brought to the output jack, located at the rear lefthand side. There is no output transformer in the receiver. The speaker requirements are not at all critical, any good magnetic or dynamic speaker being satisfactory provided the input impedance is approximately 7000 ohms, and provided the speaker windings are capable of carrying the plate current of the output tube (about 25 ma.). Some magnetic speakers will require a filter system, such as a 1 to 1 transformer or a 30 henry choke and 1. mfd. condenser combination. There is no provision for the field excitation of a dynamic speaker from the Type No. 5886 AB power unit. For this reason, the permanent magnet type of dynamic speaker is recommended, no field excitation being required.

The headphone jack is located on the front panel, just below and to the left of the main dial. This jack is wired into the output of the first audio stage in such a way that when the phones