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Figure 1. Hallicrafters Model SX-110

SECTION I GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1-1. INTRODUCTION

Your new Hallicrafters Model SX-110 is a precision built, highly sensitive, communications receiver providing complete coverage in the frequency range of 538 kilocycles to 34 megacycles. Eight tubes. including one rectifier, are employed in the latest superheterodyne circuit and provision is made for the reception of AM or CW signals over the entire tuning range.

For ease and flexibility of operation, two tuning dials are provided. The circular dial provides the general frequency coverage, while the slide rule type dial (the bandspread dial) is specifically calibrated for the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

For the ultimate in selectivity, a variable crystal filter system and crystal phasing control can be peak adjusted to receive those "hard to get signals". In addition, an automatic noise limiter circuit can be switched into operation. This combination provides the means of receiving many signals that would be lost in background noise with ordinary receiving equip-

A new smartly styled "S" meter provides a professional aid for accurate tuning and a means of determining the relative strength of received signals.

Other special features include full range TONE control. SENSITIVITY control with provision for the optional use of AVC, a STANDBY-RECEIVE switch that permits silencing the receiver while maintaining it ready for instant use, without waiting for the tubes to warm up, output connections to match either an external speaker or 500 ohm line, and a headphone (PHONES) jack mounted on the front panel. To permit adjustment for optimum performance with a variety of antenna systems, a special ANTENNA TRIMMER control has been included on the front panel.

IMPORTANT

Your careful attention is especially invited to the "INSTALLATION" and "OPERATION" instructions. They have been provided to insure the satisfaction you have a right to expect from any Hallicrafters "Precision Built" product. Your receiver has an unusually high degree of sensitivity necessary to receive weak and distant stations. Careless operation of a high sensitivity receiver may result in excess noise or background hiss. These undesirable effects can be held to a minimum by careful adjustment of the SENSITIVITY, TUNING, and TONE controls as well as the proper selection and arrangement of the antenna.

SECTION II INSTALLATION

2-1 HNPACKING

After unnacking the receiver, examine it closely for damage which may have occurred intransit. Should any sign of damage be apparent, file a claim immediately with the carrier stating the extent of damage. Carefully check all shipping labels and tags for inetructions before removing or destroying them.

2-2. LOCATION

The receiver is equipped with rubber mounting feet for table or shelf mounting. When locating the receiver avoid excessively warm locations such as those near radiators and heating vents. Allow at least one inch of clearance between the back of the receiver and the wall for proper ventilation.

2-3 POWER SOURCE

The SX-110 receiver is designed to operate from a 105-125 volt. 50-60 cycle AC power source. Power consumption is 75 watts.

IMPORTANT

If in doubt about your power source, contact your local power company prior to inserting the power cord into an AC power outlet. Plugging the power cord into the wrong power source may cause extensive damage to the unit, requiring costly repairs.

2-4 ANTENNAS

The RF input of the receiver is designed for operation from either a single-wire antenna, or a halfwave doublet or other tuned antenna with transmission line impedances from 52 to 600 ohms. Antenna connections are made to a three-terminal strip at the rear of the receiver marked "A1", "A2", and "G".

A. SINGLE WIRE ANTENNA

The simplest antenna and one which will provide satisfactory results throughout the entire tuning range is a conventional single-wire antenna. In most localities, good results can be obtained with just the 15foot length of antenna wire supplied with the receiver. Simply attach one end of this wire to terminal "A1". connect the jumper link between terminals "A2" and "G" and then run the wire about the room in any convenient manner. (See Fig. 2.), If the receiver is operated in a steel constructed building or where receiving conditions are exceptionally poor, an outside antenna should be erected as high as possible and kept free from surrounding objects. In some locations, reception may be improved by connecting a ground wire (ordinary copper wire) from terminal "G" to a cold water nine or outside ground rod. While the use of an outside ground rod installed in accordance with Incurance Underwriter's Laboratories requirements is adequate protection against lightning, we strongly recommend an additional connection to the nearest cold water nine to eliminate any shock hazard.

B. HALF-WAVE DOUBLET ANTENNA

For top performance, a half-wave doublet or other type of antenna employing a 52 to 600-ohm transmission line is recommended. A typical doublet antenna installation is shown in Fig. 3. The doublet antenna should be cut to the proper length for the most used frequency or band of frequencies. The overall length in feet of a doublet antenna is determined by the following formula:

When erecting the doublet antenna, it should be remembered that it displays directional properties broadside to its length and should be so oriented with respect to a desired station for maximum signal pickup.

The doublet antenna may be fed with either a balanced or unbalanced transmission line. When a balanced transmission line such as "twin-lead" or a twisted pair is used, the transmission line connects to terminals "A1" and "A2", and the jumper link between terminals "A2" and "G" is disconnected. When using an unbalanced transmission line such as coaxial cable, the inner conductor connects to terminal "A1", the outer braid connects to terminal "A2", and the jumper



Figure 2. Single Wire Antenna



Foure 3. Doublet Antenna Usina Twin-Lead Transmission Line

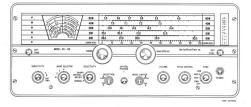


Figure 4. Operating Controls

link connects between terminals "A2" and "G". A ground wire may improve reception when using an unbalanced transmission line.

The doublet antenna provides optimum performance only at the frequency for which it is cut. Therefore, it may be desirable for reception on frequencies remote from the antenna frequency to utilize the antenna as a single wire type. This is accomplished by connecting the two transmission line leads together and connecting them to terminal "A1". The jumper link in this case should be connected between terminals "A2" and "G".

In an installation where the receiver is used in conjunction with a transmitter, it may be advantageous to use the same antenna for receiving as for transmitting. This is especially true when a directive antenna is used since the directive effects and power gain of the transmitting antenna are the same for receiving as for transmitting. Switching of the antenna from the transmitter to the receiver may be accomplished with a double-pole, double-throw antenna changeover relay or knife switch connected in the antenna leads.

For further information regarding antennas, refer

to the "Radio Amateur's Handbook" or the "A, R, R, L. Antenna Book", both published by the American Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

2-5. SPEAKER CONNECTION

Three screw type terminals, marked "3.2". "500". and "G", are provided on the rear apron of the chassis for connection to an external "3,2" or "500" ohm speaker. It is recommended that the Hallicrafters R-46B or R-47 speaker be employed. Either speaker may be connected to the terminals marked "3, 2" and "G"

2-6. HEADPHONES

The headphone tack, marked "PHONES", is located on the front nanel of the receiver and is wired so that the speaker is automatically disabled when the headphones are plugged in. The headphone output impedance is not critical and any commercial headphones may be used, including crystal types, as no direct current flows in the headphone circuit. For maximum headphone output, the use of low-impedance magnetic phones (50 to 1000 ohm) is recommended.

SECTION III **OPERATION**

3-1. GENERAL

Each control of your receiver performs a definite function which contributes to its outstanding reception capabilities. Full appreciation of the receiver is to be expected only after you have become familiar with each of the controls and the effect each control has on the performance of the receiver. ception are marked with a dot.

As a special convenience for those not yet familiar with the full advantages of the various controls, the control settings commonly used for broadcast re-

3-2. SENSITIVITY CONTROL & AVC SWITCH

The SENSITIVITY control is used in combination with the VOLUME control to regulate the level of receiver output. The Automatic Volume Control circuit is turned "ON" when the SENSITIVITY control is set to its maximum clockwise position. The AVC switch has a definite "snap type" action and a click will be heard as the "AVC ON" position is reached.

The setting of the SENSITIVITY control determines the shilty of the receiver to pick up weak or manner than the setting of the receiver to pick up weak or "AVC ON" position, when receiving AM signals, and at some other position when receiving the signals. Maximum or setting a signal, secessive background has or distroy, a signal, secessive background has or distroy, a signal, secessive background has or distroy, as a signal section of the second control and the consection of the consected size directions of the second section of the s

by "thumping" (overloading).

The BAND SELECTOR control should be set for the band you wish to tune. The four positions of this control correspond to the band numbers at either side of the main tuning dial.

3-4 SELECTIVITY CONTROL

Set this control to the "NORMAL" position. If a greater degree of selectivity is required to overcome noise or separate close signals, turn this control to either of the crystal positions as required. It will then be necessary to adjust the CRYSTAL PHASING CONTROL. See "USE OF CRYSTAL PHASING CONTROL" for details (par. 3-6.1)

3-5. RECEPTION SWITCH

Set this switch at "AM" to listen to voice broadcasts. Set it at "CW" only, if you wish to hear code signals.

3-6. USE OF CRYSTAL PHASING CONTROL

This control permits the discrimination of intering signals whose frequencies are very near the desired signal. To attain single signal reception (first set the SELECTIVITY control to either REGOLD CRYSTAL or SHARP CHYSTAL. Choose a strong commercial station is likely to remain on long enough for you to complete the phasing adjustment for single signal reception.

You will find, on tuning across this signal, that it has two amplitudes. Turn the CRYSTAL PHASING control until the weaker of the two amplitudes is reduced to a minimum. Then, tune to the stronger of the two amplitudes and adjust the PITCH control (for CW reception) to a tone most pleasing to you. This adjustment for single signal selectivity will require no turther adjustment, unless you change the CRYSTAL.



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Figure 5. Single Signal Operation

PHASING control. See Fig. 5 for an illustration of

3-7 NOISE LIMITER SWITCH

This switch should normally be set at "OFF". If severe electrical disturbances, ignition noise, or other types of pulse-type noise interfere with reception, set the switch at "ON" to place the Automatic Noise Limiter circuit in operation.

3-8. VOLUME CONTROL

single signal operation.

This control is used to regulate receiver volume.

Clockwise rotation increases volume; counterclock-

3-9. PITCH CONTROL

This control is used to vary the pitch of code signals, and should be set for the tone most pleasing to the operator. For this control to have any effect, the RECEPTION switch must be set at "CW".

3-10. TONE CONTROL

The TONE control is a combination receiver ON-OFF switch and 3-position TONE control. In the "PWR OFF" position, the receiver is inoperative. To turn the receiver on, simply rotate the control to any of its three remaining positions. For AM reception, set the control for the desired tonal quality. For CW reception, set the control at "LOW".

3-11. ANTENNA TRIMMER CONTROL

The ANTENNA TRIMMER control permits tuning of the antenna to provide the best possible reception. Antenna tuning is desirable, as the electrical characteristics of any antenna system will vary someton will vary control to the state over the wide range of frequencies: all placed in operation, his control should be set for maximum signal as indicated on the "S" meter and thereafter, may be used as the final tuning adjustment when changing stations.

3-12. TUNING AND BANDSPREAD CONTROLS

The TUNING and BANDSPREAD controls are used in conjunction with one another to tune in the desired signal. Wide tuning is performed with the TUNING control and fine tuning with the BANDSPREAD control.

A. MAIN TUNING DIAL

The main tuning or left-hand dial is operated by the TUNING control. This dial has four calibrated scales, one for each of the four frequency bands covered by the receiver. It also contains a 20 division logging scale for accurately logging and relocating stations of special interest. The main tuning dial should be set for the desired station frequency after the BANDSFRAD control has been set fully clockwise (minimum bandspread tuning capacity).

IMPORTANT

The receiver frequency readings or calibration on the main tuning dial will be correct only if the BANDSPREAD control has been set fully clockwise. If it is set at any other setting, the additional bandspread expactity added to the main tuning capacity will throw off the main tuning dial calibration, because the receiver has been calibrated with the bandspread unning capacitor set at minimum.

The dial settings for the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands are indicated on the midtand and a setting the setting that the setting the setting the setting the setting that the setting that the setting that the setting the setting

B. BANDSPREAD DIAL

The bandspread or right-hand dial is operated by the BANDSPREAD control. This dial contains five scales calibrated for the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. These five scales are calibrated to read receiver frequency directly when the main tuning dial has been set to the index dot of the desired band. For convenience in tuning, the AM phone bands are indicated on the bandspread dial by double-weight lines.

The bandspread dial may also be utilized as a fine tuning adjustment over any portion of the receiver tuning range. Two methods of fine tuning are described below.

(1). The first method of fine tuning is used when it is desired to tune in a single signal with precision accuracy. First the BANDSFREAD control is set a few degrees from its full clockwise position, then the desired signal is located with the TUNING control, and finally the sigter of the property of the signal is located with the BANDSFREAD control (turning it alightly to the left and right) until the signal is loudest and clearest. (2). The second method of fine tuning is used when it is desired to tune through a group of signals. With the BANDSPREAD control set fully clockwise, adjust the TUNING control to tune in the highest frequency signal in the group. The other signals can then be heard by slowly counter tickwise direction.

3-13. STANDBY-RECEIVER SWITCH

This switch, normally set at "REC", permits you to silence the receiver without turning it off. To silence the receiver, settle switch at "STBY". In this position, the RF and IF stages are cut off, but the tube heaters remain at operating temperature for instant use. To resume reception at any time, simply return the switch to the "REC" position.

3-14. USE OF THE "S" METER

The "S" meter is normally useful only when the SENSITIVITY control is set to the "AVC ON" position. Sharp accurate tuning can be easily accomplished by carefully observing the meter and tuning for maximum indication. The meter is calibrated in "S" units and DB over S-9. The calibration serves as a method of comparing the relative strength of received signals.

3-15. SERVICE OR OPERATION QUESTIONS

For any further information regarding operation or servicing of your receiver, contact your fall-crafters dealer. The Hallicrafters Co. maintains an extensive system of authorized service centers where any required service will be performed promptly and fritiently at a nominal charge. All Hallicrafters below. For the location of the one nearest you, consulty your dealer or telephone directory.



Do not make any service shipments to the factory unless instructed to do so by letter. The Hallicrafters Company will not accept the responsibility for any unauthorized shipments.

The Hallicrafters Company reserves the privilege of making revisions in current production of equipment and assumes no obligation to incorporate these revisions in earlier models.

SECTION IV

A-1 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

4-4. "S" METER ADJUSTMENTS A. MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENT

TUBES Eight including rectifies
HE ADDRIONE OUTPUT Low impedance
(See Par. 2-6
ANTENNA INPUT For single wire or 52-600 ohn
balanced or unbalanced line.
POWER SOURCE 105-125 volts, 50-60 cycles AC
POWER CONSUMPTION75 watts
DECEDTIONAM and CV
INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY455 KG
AUDIO OUTPUT IMPEDANCE Matches 3.2 ohm
or 500 ohm
DIMENSIONS 18 3/4" wide x 10 1/4" deep x 8" hig

Turn the receiver "OFF". See "CHASSIS REMOVAL" and slide the chassis part way out of the cabinet. Locate the adjustment screw on the side of the "S" meter. Carefully rotate this adjustment until the pointer is in line with the top index mark on the meter scale.

B. FLECTRICAL ADJUSTMENT

Short the antenna terminals to the chassis.

Store the METANDEY-RECEIVE switch at "REC",
RECEPTION switch at "AM", SERSITIVITY
switch fully clockwise (AVC ON) position,
and the NOISE LIMITER switch at "OFF".
Turn the receiver on and turn the "S" meter
adjustment, that is located on the recar apron
of the chassis (see Fig. 7), until the pointer
indicates zero.

Band	Frequency Range	Calibrated Band Spread	
1	.538 - 1.6 MC	80M	
2	1.55 - 4.6 MC	40M	
3	4.6 - 13.0 MC	20, 15, and	
4	12.0 - 34.0 MC	10M	

4-5. DIAL CORD RESTRINGING

To restring the TUNNIQ or BANDEPERAD disals, first remove the chanists from the cabinet. See "CHASSIS REMOVAL". Remove the front panel from the cabinet by semoving the control knobs, the two toggie switch and PHONES jack decorative mats, the move the main tuning disal togain access to the drive pulleys. For stringing details, refer to Fig. 6. Note that stringing is do doe with the TUNNIQ and BAND-SPERAD pages fully meshed. After attringing its desired to the control of the control

4-2. TUBE AND DIAL LAMP REPLACEMENT

To gain access to the tubes and dial lamps, see "CHASSIS REMOVAL". The tube locations, as well as their functions, are shown in Fig. 7.

4-3. CHASSIS REMOVAL

The chassis and front panel assembly are removed from the cabinet as a unit by removing the three screws at each side of the front panel and the five screws on the underside of the cabinet. When removing the chassis from the cabinet, care should be taken not to damage or disturb any of the variable adjustments.

With the TUNING and BANDSPREAD gangs fully meshed, replace the dial so that the index marks at the low frequency end of the dial are in line with the hairline on the dial window.

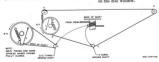


Figure 6. Dial Cord Stringing Diagram

SECTION V ALIGNMENT

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5-1. GENERAL

This receiver has been carefully aligned at the factory by specially trained personnel using precision equipment. Alignment of the receiver should not be attempted until all other possible causes of faulty operation have been investigated. Alignment should not be required unless the receiver has been tampered with or component parts have been replaced in the RF or Pringer. Alignment should only be made by persons principle of the principle of t

5-2. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Signal generator covering 455 KC to 28 MC.
- 2. Output meter (or AC scale of VTVM). Con-

nect meter from 500 ohm speaker terminal to ground,

- 3. Non-metallic alignment tool.
- Standard RTMA dummy antenna shown in Fig.
 9.
- 5. .02 mfd. capacitor.

5-3. INITIAL CONTROL SETTINGS

NSITIVITY	Maximum	but with AVC off
LUME		Maximum
ISE LIMITER		OFF
ANDBY-RECEIVE		RECEIVE
NE		HIGH

Other controls to be set as indicated by the alignment chart.

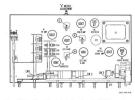


Figure 7. Top View Chassis Tube Locations And Alignment Points

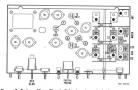


Figure 8. Bottom View Chassis Tube Locations And Alignment Points

5-4 ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

The local oscillator frequency is higher than the signal frequency on 20 UH bands 1, 2, and 3, and lower than the signal frequency on band 4.

RF alignment can be made with chassis in cabinet. Holes in bottom LOOMMF of rabinet provide access in all RF adjustments. For IF alignment, remove chassis from cabinet. For IF alignment, remove chassis from caminet.
 Use tust enough generator output to maintain a 500 milliwant read-

ing on the output meter.

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Adjust the generator frequency for maximum output. This will be the exact frequency of the cry-

	IF ALIGNMENT					
Step	Signal Generator Coupling	Signal Gen. Frequency	Receiver Control Settings	Receiver Dial Settings	Adjust	Remarks
*1	Connect gen, to stator of gang (center section) through a _02 mfd, capacitor.	455 KC No Modu- lation	BAND SELECTION at 2. SELECTIVITY switch at BROAD CRYSTAL. RE- CEPTION switch at CW.	TUNING: 50 on logging scale BANDSPREAD: 30 on outer scale	BPO Slug	**Remove PITCH control knob an act shaft for a zero beat. Do no replace knob.
*2	Same as Step 1	455 KC (approx.) No Modu- lation	Adjust PITCH for a 400- 1000 cycle note. Other con- trols same as Step 1.	Same as Step 1	A	While turning the slag very slowly is one direction, slowly "rock" the signal generator. As the adjust- ment passes through the response of the crystal filler, the output
*NOTE: The crystal filter IF transference secondary visiding fullyationed. A) in carefully adjusted at the factory for the frequency of the crystal. A signal generator which may be accessfully set to width, 1.28 for day frequency for the crystal to a distal adjustment. Ence the average service signal experience to the distal adjustment. Since the except service signal special content is available. Short the IF siligeness with Rep 3 when a standard type of signal generator is available. Short the IF siligeness with Rep 3 when a standard type of signal generator is available.						of the crystal filter, the owns goes through a maximum, dip down, and starts going up again The correct setting of this slog in in the center of the observed dip A swishing note, in contrast the sharp crystal tone will be ap parent when the correct adjust ment has here reached.

Same as Step 1

stal. A slight reduction in output will be noted when switching from BROAD to SHARP CRYSTAL. Same as Step 1 Same as Step 1 BEO Botate shaft of PITCH control un-Same as Step 1 Same as Step 3 til a zero beat is obtained. Re-place knob with zero in line with the panel index mark. Same as Step 1 Same as SELECTIVITY switch at NORMAL, RECEPTION switch at AM. Other con-Same as Step 1 Step 3 Maximum outsut (Modulatrols same as Step L. After removing the PITCH control knob (with the knob set at zero) loosen set screw attaching the sleeve **NOTE: Repeat above steps for maxi-

SELECTIVITY switch at

SHARP CRYSTAL. Other controls same as Step 1.

shaft to the BFO iron core adjustment screw. The position of the flat on the sleeve shaft must be main-

Crystal

Frequency

	tained while adjusting for a zero beat.				
	RF S	EXER, & OSCILLATOR	ALIGNMENT		
The fol	Sowing adjustments are made with VOLUME, TONS SELECTIVITY switch at NORMAL, and RECEPTIO	E, and SENSITIVITY cost N switch at AM. Refer	rois fully clock to Fig. 8 for lo	wise, but with AVC off, cation of all adjustment	NOISE LIMITER Switch at 6.
Step	Signal Generator Coupling	Receiver Dial Settings	Band Selector Setting Band	Adjust	Remarks
T	High side thru RTMA dammy antenna (Fig. 9) to antenna terminal "A1"; low side to "A2". Jumper between "A2" and "G".	TUNING: 28.0 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	4	C19 (osc. trimmer) C12 (mixer trimmer)	Adjust for maximum out
6		TUNING: 14.0 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	4	L7 (osc. slug) L4 (mixer slug)	Same as Step 6
		TUNING: 11.0 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	3	C20 (osc. trimmer) C13 (mixer trimmer)	Same as Step 6
7	Same as Step 6	TUNING: - 5.1 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	3	L8 (osc. slug) L5 (mixer slug)	Same as Step 6
		TUNING: 4.0 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	2	C21 (osc. trimmer) C14 (mixer trimmer)	Same as Step 6
8	Same as Step 6	TUNING: 1.8 MC BANDSPREAD: st extreme right position	2	L9 (osc. slug)	Same as Step 6
		TUNING: 1.4 MC BANDSPREAD: at extreme right position	1	C22 (sec. trimmer) C15 (mixer trimmer)	Same as Step 6
9	Same as Step 6	TUNING: .6 MC BANDSPREAD: at	1	C25 (osc. padder)	Same as Step 6

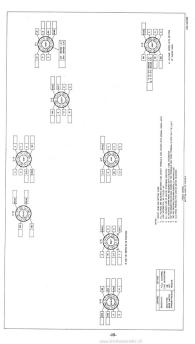
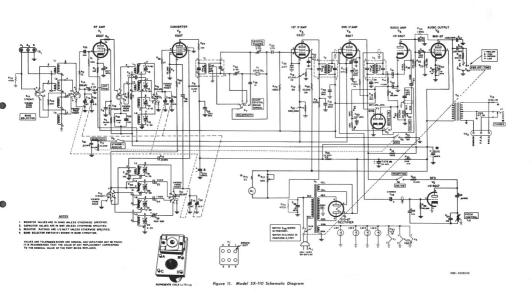


Figure 10. Voltage Chart



Warranty

The Hallenfler's Company sourcest each new radio product manufactured by it to be for from defection entertial and workstanding and agrees to remarky any such defect or to furnish a new part in exchange from your of our off its manufacture which under manufacture, was need service decisions not defect, protected the unit to distress desirate and the control of the

Any part of a unit approved for remedy or exchange hereunder will be remedied or exchanged by the authorized radio dealer or wholesaler without charge to the owner.

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liability is connection with the sale of our radio products."

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