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ULTRA 102

(AND 97 RADIO-GRAMOPHONE)

A 3-VALVE (plus rectifier) superhet chassis is fitted in the Ultra 102 A.C./D.C. receiver, which is suitable for mains of 195-255 V (40-100 c.p.s. in the case of A.C.). The valve arrangement consists of a triode-pentode frequency changer, a variable-mu pentode I.F. amplifier and a double diode output pentode. Provision is made for an extension speaker and a plug and socket device allows the internal speaker to be cut out, if desired.

The chassis of the 97 radio-gramophone is somewhat similar, except for the addition of the pick-up circuit. The differences are explained under "General Notes."

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Aerial input via blocking condenser C1 and coupling coils L1, L2 to inductively coupled band-pass filter. Primary L3, L4 tuned by C19; secondary L6, L7 tuned by C21.

First valve is a triode-pentode (V1, Mazda metallised TP2620) operating as frequency changer with cathode injection. Triode section forms separate oscillator with anode coils L10, L11 tuned by C24 and coupling coils L8, L9 in common cathode circuit. Tracking by specially-shaped condenser plates and additional fixed condenser C8 (L.W.).

Second valve, a variable-mu H.F.

pentode (V2, Mazda metallised VP1321) operates as intermediate frequency amplifier with tuned-primary tuned-secondary transformer couplings L12, L13 and L14, L15.

Intermediate frequency 456 KC/S.

Diode second detector forms part of double diode output pentode (V3, Mazda Pen./DD./4020). Audio frequency component in rectified output is developed across load resistance R12, and passed via coupling condenser C11, I.F. stopper R9, manual volume control R10, and I.F. stopper R11 to control grid of pentode section. Tone correction in anode circuit by fixed condenser C13. Provision for connection of external low-impedance speaker across secondary of output transformer T1. Plug and socket enable internal speaker speech coil circuit to be broken.

Second diode of V3 fed from V2 anode via condenser C15 provides D.C. potential which is developed across load resistance R16, R17 and fed back through decoupling circuits as G.B. to F.C. and I.F. valves giving automatic volume control. Delay voltage is obtained from drop along V3 cathode resistances R13, R14.

When the receiver is used with A.C. mains, H.T. current is supplied by a half-wave rectifying valve (V4, Mazda U4020) which, with D.C. supplies, behaves as a resistance of low value. Smoothing is

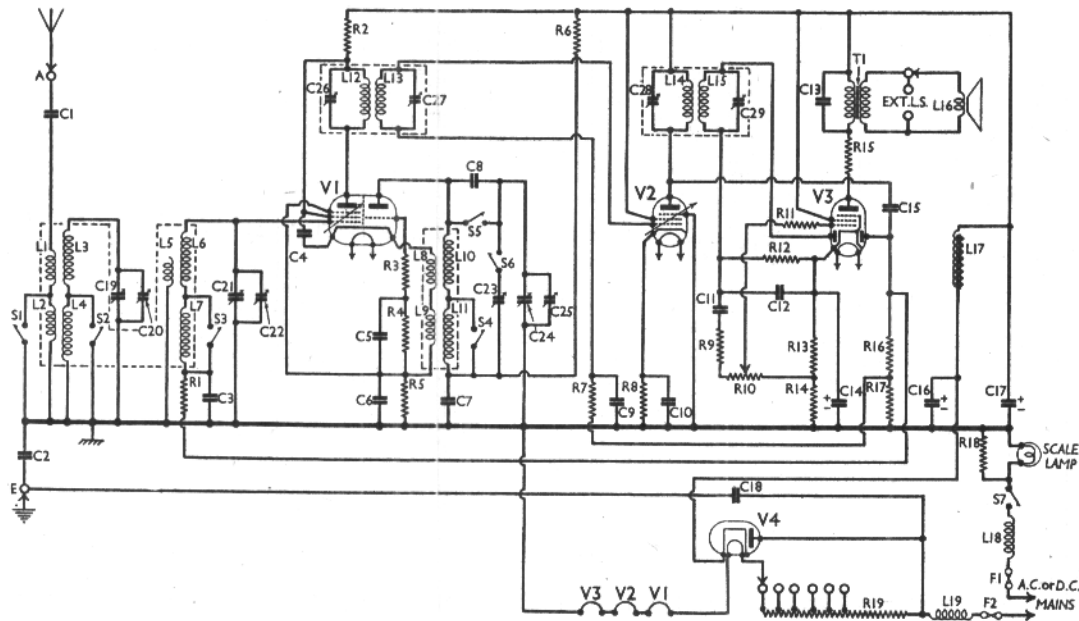
effected by an iron-cored choke L17 and dry electrolytic condensers C16, C17.

The valve heaters are connected in series, together with a tapped ballast resistance R19 across the mains input circuit which includes fuses F1, F2, filter chokes L18, L19, and the scale lamp with its shunt resistance R18.

COMPONENTS AND VALUES

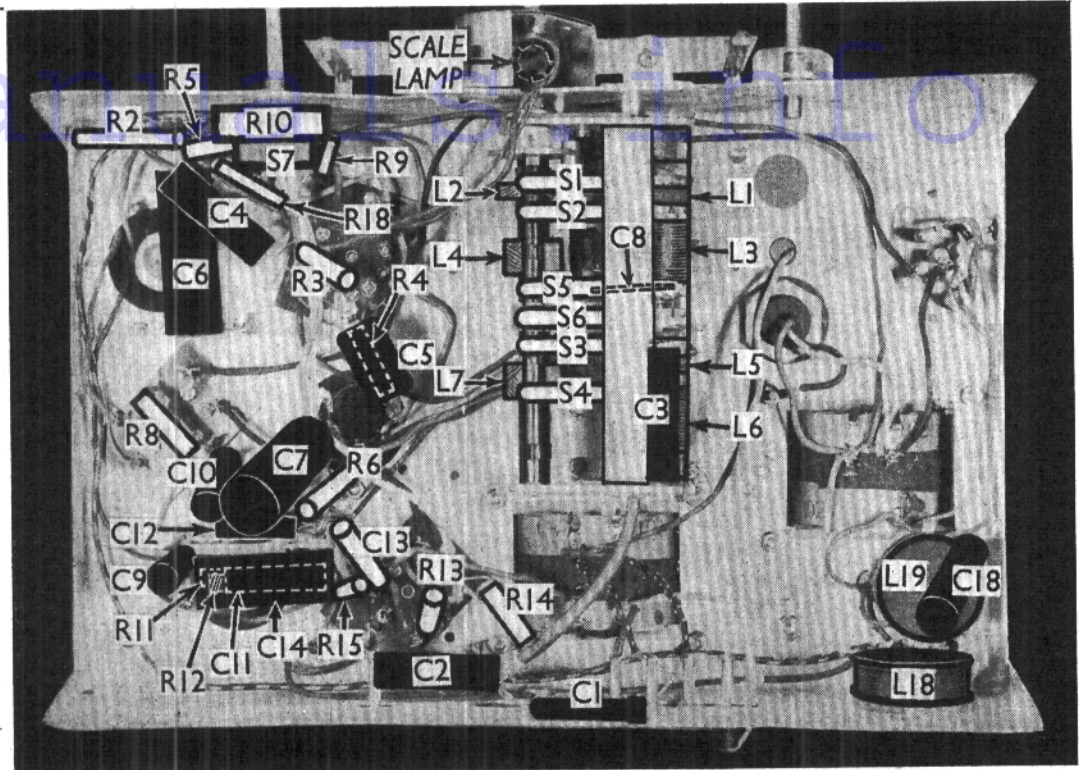
Resistances		Values (ohms)
R1	V1 pentode C.G. decoupling ..	1,000,000
R2	V1 pent. A and S.G. decoupling ..	7,000
R3	V1 osc. harmonic suppressor ..	1,000
R4	V1 osc. C.G. resistance ..	50,000
R5	V1 cathode resistance ..	660
R6	V1 osc. anode decoupling ..	50,000
R7	V2 C.G. decoupling ..	1,000,000
R8	V2 fixed G.B. resistance ..	30
R9	I.F. stopper ..	10,000
R10	Manual volume control ..	1,000,000
R11	V3 C.G. I.F. stopper ..	1,000
R12	V3 signal diode load ..	500,000
R13	V3 G.B. and A.V.C. delay voltage resistances ..	110
R14	V3 anode circuit stabiliser ..	60
R15	V3 A.V.C. diode load ..	250,000
R16	V3 A.V.C. diode load ..	750,000
R17	Scale lamp shunt ..	80
R18	Heater circuit ballast, total ..	625

Condensers		Values (µF)
C1	Aerial isolating condenser ..	0.004
C2	Earth blocking condenser ..	0.1
C3	V1 pentode C.G. decoupling ..	0.05
C4	V1 pent. A and S.G. decoupling ..	0.1
C5	V1 osc. C.G. condenser ..	0.0002
C6	V1 cathode by-pass ..	0.5
C7	V1 osc. anode decoupling ..	0.5
C8	Oscillator L.W. tracker ..	0.0003
C9	V2 C.G. decoupling ..	0.05
C10	V2 cathode by-pass ..	0.1
C11	L.F. coupling to V3 pentode ..	0.01
C12	I.F. by-pass ..	0.0002
C13	Tone corrector ..	0.01



Circuit diagram of the Ultra 102 universal superhet. The 97 radio-gramophone has a basically similar circuit, but with certain additions described in "General Notes."

Under-chassis view. The cover over the switch and coil unit has been removed. In case the positions of the components on the paxolin panel towards the bottom left of the illustration are not clear, they are described in "General Notes." R4 is beneath C5.



DISMANTLING THE SET

A detachable bottom is fitted to the cabinet and upon removal (four counter-sunk-head wood screws) gives access to most of the under-chassis components.

Removing Chassis.—If it should prove necessary to remove the chassis from the cabinet, remove the back (six counter-sunk-head wood screws) and the three control knobs (recessed grub screws). Now remove the three bolts (with washers) holding the chassis to the bottom of the cabinet and free the speaker leads from the electrolytic condenser round which they are coiled. The chassis can now be withdrawn to the extent of the speaker leads, which is sufficient for normal purposes.

When replacing, replace the speaker leads round the electrolytic condenser and cover the heads of the chassis fixing bolts with wax.

To free the chassis entirely unsolder the leads from the speaker terminal panel.

Removing Speaker.—To remove the speaker from the cabinet, remove the nuts and lock washers from the three bolts holding the clamps, and remove the clamps. When replacing, see that the speaker terminal panel is at the bottom.

VALVE ANALYSIS

Valve voltages and currents given in the table below are those measured in our receiver when it was operating on A.C. mains of 230 V, using the 225-235 V tapping on the mains resistance. The volume control was at maximum and the receiver was tuned to the lowest wavelength on the medium band, but there was no signal input.

Voltages were measured on the 1,200 V scale of an Avometer, with chassis as negative.

Valve	Anode Volts	Anode Current (mA)	Screen Volts	Screen Current (mA)
V1 TP2620*	165	3.8	165	1.7
V2 VP1321	210	14.0	210	3.7
V3 Pen/DD/4020	190	40.0	210	8.3
V4 U4020†	—	—	—	—

*Osc. anode 82 V, 2.3 mA.
†Cathode to chassis, 245 V D.C.

GENERAL NOTES

Switches.—S1-S6 are the waveband switches in a single unit beneath the chassis. The cover over this and the signal frequency coils has been removed in our under-chassis view. All the switches, except S6 should be closed on the M.W. band and open on the L.W. band. S6 closes on the L.W. band and opens on the M.W. band.

S7 is the Q.M.B. mains switch, ganged with the volume control R10.

Coils.—L1-L7 are mounted beneath the chassis, between the switch unit and chassis. A screening cover fits over the whole assembly. Note that L1 and L5 are wound over L3 and L6 respectively.

L8-L11, the oscillator coils, are in a screened unit on the chassis deck, which also contains the trimmer C23. The I.F. transformers L12, L13 and L14, L15 are in two further screened units on the chassis deck, which contain the I.F. trimmers. In addition, the L14, L15 unit contains R1, R7, R16, R17 and C15.

The filter chokes L18 and L19 are beneath the chassis.

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Condensers (continued)		Values (μF)
C14*	V3 cathode by-pass ..	50.0
C15	Coupling to V3 A.V.C. diode ..	0.0002
C16*	H.T. smoothing ..	8.0
C17*		16.0
C18	V4 anode by-pass ..	0.1
C19†	Band-pass primary tuning ..	—
C20†	Band-pass primary trimmer ..	—
C21†	Band-pass secondary tuning ..	—
C22†	Band-pass secondary trimmer ..	—
C23†	Oscillator L.W. trimmer ..	—
C24†	Oscillator tuning ..	—
C25†	Oscillator trimmer ..	—
C26†	1st I.F. trans. pri. tuning ..	—
C27†	1st I.F. trans. sec. tuning ..	—
C28†	2nd I.F. trans. pri. tuning ..	—
C29†	2nd I.F. trans. sec. tuning ..	—

* Electrolytic. † Variable. ‡ Pre-set.

Other Components		Approx. Values (ohms)
L1	Aerial coupling coils ..	1.5
L2		65.0
L3		4.7
L4		11.3
L5		1.3
L6		4.7
L7		11.3
L8	Oscillator coupling coils, total	0.8
L9		0.8
L10	Oscillator tuning coils	9.2
L11		9.8
L12	1st I.F. trans. { Pri. ..	6.0
L13		Sec. .. 6.0
L14	2nd I.F. trans. { Pri. ..	6.0
L15		Sec. .. 6.0
L16	Speaker speech coil ..	2.0
L17	H.T. smoothing choke ..	500.0
L18	Mains filter chokes ..	1.0
L19		1.0
Tr	Output transformer { Pri. ..	380.0
	Sec. ..	0.2
S1-S6	Waveband switches ..	—
S7	Mains switch, ganged R10 ..	—
F1, F2	Mains circuit fuses, 0.5 A ..	—

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Scale Lamp.—This is an Osram M.E.S. type, rated at 4.5 V, 0.3 A. It is in series with the valve heaters, but is shunted by **R18**. Should the lamp fail, the receiver will continue to operate, though with slightly lower heater voltages.

Fuses F1, F2.—These are two Bulgin 1½ in. glass tubular types, rated at 0.5 A each. They are mounted in clips behind the mains connector.

External Speaker.—There is provision for the connection of a low resistance (about 20) external speaker to two sockets at the rear of the chassis. An Ultra 30 (chassis model) or Ultra 45 (cabinet model) is recommended. A plug and socket arrangement is also provided at the rear of the chassis, to silence the internal speaker when desired. It does this by breaking one of the connections from the secondary of **T1** to the internal speaker speech coil **L16**.

Condensers C16, C17.—These are two dry electrolytics in a tubular metal case on the chassis deck. There is a common negative (black lead), while the yellow lead is the positive of **C16** and the red the positive of **C17**.

Components C11, C14, R11, R12.—These are mounted on a vertical paxolin panel, on the side facing the back of the chassis. As their positions may not be quite clear in the under-chassis view, it should be noted that the large tubular condenser **C14** is at the top, then come **C11, R12** and **R11**, in that order.

Components R1, R7, R16, R17, C15.—

These are all inside the second I.F. transformer unit, and the resistances may be identified by their colour coding. It will be noted that both **R1** and **R7** are 1 MO resistances, and of the two **R1** is mounted vertically and **R7** horizontally.

Radiogram Modifications.—In the model 97 radio-gramophone chassis there are six condensers, three fixed resistances and two switches additional to those shown in the 102 circuit diagram and chassis pictures. The pick-up feeds into the I.F. amplifier valve **V2** which, on gramophone, operates as a triode L.F. amplifier R.C. coupled to the output pentode **V3**. Pick-up isolation is effected by means of a 0.5 μ F earth blocking condenser and a 0.1 μ F coupling condenser, which feeds the control grid of **V2** via the secondary winding of the first I.F. transformer. The screening grid of **V2** is used as the triode anode and has a 10,000 Ω load resistance and a 15,000 Ω decoupling resistance working in conjunction with a 2.0 μ F by-pass condenser. A 0.1 μ F condenser couples the S.G. via change-over switches to the manual volume control **R10** in **V3** control grid circuit, and a further 0.002 μ F condenser is used as an anode-chassis by-pass. The remaining condenser (0.0002 μ F) and resistance (50,000 Ω) are connected in the control grid return circuit of **V2**.

CIRCUIT ALIGNMENT

First adjust the scale pointer to cover the horizontal line above 2,000 m. on the scale when the gang condenser is at maximum.

Line up the I.F. transformers by means of the trimmers **C29, C28, C27, C26**, for

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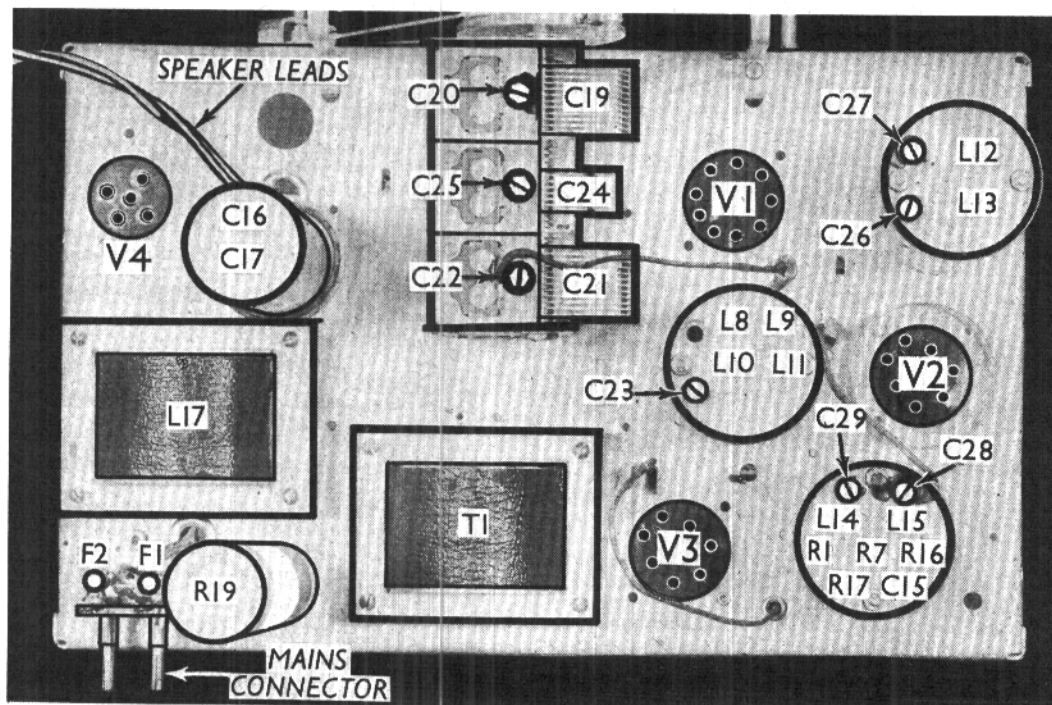
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maximum output with an input of 456 KC/S from an oscillator. Reduce the input as the circuits come into tune.

Set the signal generator to 200 m., switch set to M.W. and tune until pointer indicates 200 m. on scale. Adjust **C22, C20** and **C25** for maximum output. If a heterodyne whistle occurs just above London Regional station, re-adjust **C20** and **C25** until it disappears.

Feed in a 1,500 m. signal, switch set to L.W., tune to 1,500 m. on the scale, and adjust **C23** for maximum output.



Plan view of the chassis. Note that the **L14, L15** I.F. transformer contains, in addition to the two trimmers, five other components (See "General Notes.") **C16** and **C17** are two dry electrolytic condensers in a single tubular metal can. **R19** is the adjustable heater circuit ballast resistance