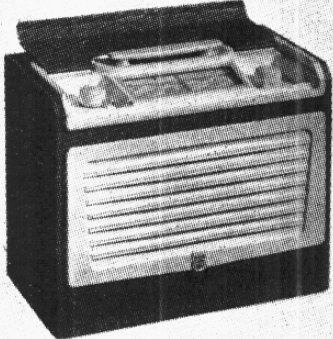


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INCORPORATING a battery "revitalising" circuit, which enables the life of the H.T. battery to be increased, the Philips 523UB is a 5-valve (plus metal rectifier) 2-band portable superhet, designed to operate from self-contained batteries or from A.C. or D.C. mains of 200-250V. A set of safety contacts isolates the chassis when the back is opened.

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CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Tuned frame aerial input by **L1**, loading coil **L3** and **C33** (M.W.) or **L1**, **L2**, loading coils **L3**, **L4** and **C33** (L.W.). Provision is made for the connection of an external aerial and earth, aerial coupling on L.W. being via **C1** and **S2**, and on M.W. via **C1**, **S3**, and the capacitance of a metal foil strip on frame aerial **L1**.

First valve (**V1**, Mullard **DK91**) is a variable-mu R.F. pentode operating as R.F. amplifier. I.F. filtering by **L5**, **C8**. Aperiodic resistance-capacitance coupling by **R4**, **C9**, **R6** to second valve (**V2**, Mullard **DK92**), a heptode operating as frequency changer with electron coupling.

Third valve (**V3**, Mullard **DF91**) is a variable-mu R.F. pentode, operating as intermediate frequency amplifier with tuned transformer couplings **C10**, **L10**, **L11**, **C11** and **C21**, **L12**, **L13**, **C22**. Intermediate frequency 470 kc/s.

Diode signal detector is part of diode pentode valve (**V4**, Mullard **DAF91**).

Resistance-capacitance coupling by **R18**, **C26** and **R21** between **V4** pentode anode and output pentode (**V5**, Mullard **DL94**). Tone correction in anode circuit by **C28**. Extra bias is obtained for **V5** on mains by the insertion of **R12** in the filament circuit.

For battery operation power supplies are carried by switches **S13(B)**, **S15(B)** and **S17(B)**, which close in that position, as indicated by the suffix (**B**). For mains operation **S14(M)**, **S16(M)** and **S18(M)** close.

S19, **S20** are the battery charge switches. When the receiver is operating from mains, with

the battery charge switch control in the mains position, **S19** is closed and **S20** open, and H.T. and filament current is supplied in the normal way through **R27**. When the control is switched to battery charge however, **S19** opens and **S20** closes to trickle-charge the H.T. battery through **R33**.

H.T. current is supplied by half-wave metal rectifier (**MR1**, SenTerCel **RM2**) consisting of two units joined in series for 250V mains coverage. Smoothing by **R27**, voltage adjustment resistors **R28**, **R29**, **R30**, **R31**, **R32** and electrolytic capacitors **C29**, **C30**. Filament is taken from the H.T. circuit, the filaments being connected in series and fed via **R25**, **R26**. The latter is pre-set in the factory to give a filament current of 46.4 mA when the receiver is operated from 241 V A.C. mains, the voltage adjustment being set to 245 V.

The filaments remain series-connected for battery operation. Bias is obtained from the filament voltage drop. **R5**, **R8**, **R22**, **R23** and **R24** are filament shunts to by-pass H.T. current.

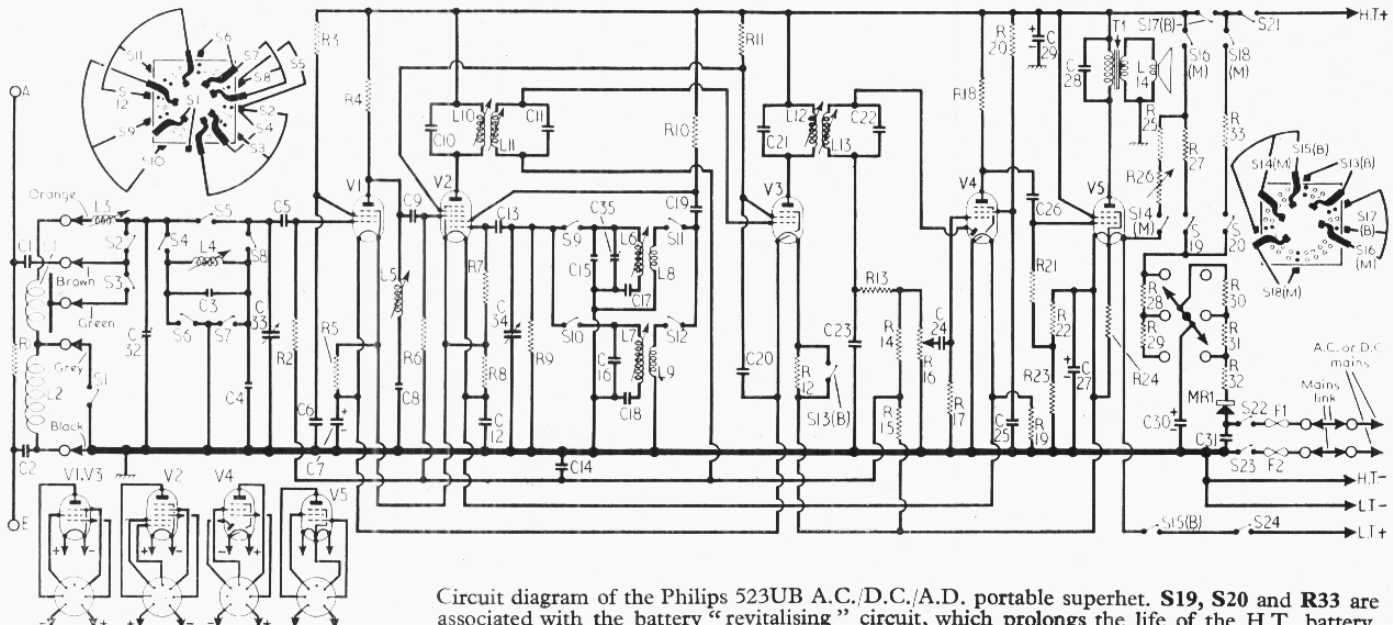
COMPONENTS & VALUES

CAPACITORS			RESISTORS		
	Values	Locations		Values	Locations
C1	150pF	—	R1	1MΩ	—
C2	0.0047μF	—	R2	820kΩ	G4
C3	10pF	G8	R3	68kΩ	G4
C4	97pF	G3	R4	18kΩ	G4
C5	100pF	G4	R5	560Ω	G4
C6	0.047μF	G4	R6	820kΩ	G4
C7*	100μF	E3	R7	27kΩ	G4
C8	18pF	G4	R8	330Ω	G4
C9	100pF	G4	R9	33kΩ	G4
C10	110pF	A2	R10	33kΩ	G4
C11	110pF	A2	R11	39kΩ	F4
C12	0.1μF	E4	R12	18Ω	C2
C13	100pF	G4	R13	47kΩ	E4
C14	0.047μF	F3	R14	5.6MΩ	E4
C15	12pF	F3	R15	8.2MΩ	F4
C16	148pF	F3	R16	1MΩ	D4
C17	530pF	F3	R17	10MΩ	E4
C18	195pF	G3	R18	1MΩ	E3
C19	470pF	G4	R19	220Ω	E4
C20	0.047μF	F4	R20	4.7MΩ	E3
C21	115pF	B2	R21	1MΩ	D4
C22	115pF	B2	R22	620Ω	D4
C23	100pF	E4	R23	250Ω	D4
C24	0.0022μF	D4	R24	380Ω	E4
C25	0.047pF	E3	R25	1.5kΩ	B2
C26	0.0022μF	E4	R26	550Ω	B2
C27*	250μF	C1	R27	*1,432Ω	B2
C28	0.0022μF	B1	R28	263Ω	C2
C29*	100μF	C1	R29	180Ω	C2
C30*	50μF	B1	R30	68Ω	C1
C31	0.01μF	D3	R31	33Ω	C1
C32†	30pF	G3	R32	175Ω	C2
C33†	500pF	A1	R33	†23-5kΩ	D3
C34†	500pF	A1			
C35†	30pF	G3			

* Electrolytic. † Variable. ‡ Pre-set.

* Two resistors, 1,645Ω and 10kΩ, in parallel.

‡ Two 47kΩ resistors in parallel.



Circuit diagram of the Philips 523UB A.C./D.C./A.D. portable superhet. **S19**, **S20** and **R33** are associated with the battery "revitalising" circuit, which prolongs the life of the H.T. battery.

OTHER COMPONENTS		Approx. Values (ohms)	Locations
L1	M.W. frame aerial	1-0	—
L2	L.W. frame aerial	1-0	—
L3	M.W. loading coil	3-0	A1
L4	L.W. loading coil	34-0	A1
L5	I.F. filter	28-0	A2
L6	Oscillator tun. coils	10-0	A1
L7		20-0	A1
L8	Oscillator reaction coils	9-0	A1
L9		15-0	A1
L10	1st I.F. trans. {Pri.	7-5	A2
L11		{Sec.	7-5
L12	2nd I.F. trans. {Pri.	12-0	B2
L13		{Sec.	12-0
L14	Speech coil	3-0	—
T1	O.P. trans. {Pri.	580-0	B2
	{Sec.		B2
S1-S12	Waveband switches	—	G4
S13(B) to S18(M)	Mains/battery switches	—	C2
S19	Batt. recharge sw.	—	D3
S20	On/off switch	—	D3
F1, F2	160mA fuses	—	C1

VALVE ANALYSIS

Valve voltages and currents given in the table below are derived from the manufacturers' information and are the average of readings taken on a number of receivers, which were operated from 241 V A.C. mains, the voltage adjustments being set to the 245 V tapings.

Voltages were measured with a valve voltmeter, and as this type of instrument has a high internal resistance, allowance should be made for the current drawn by other types of meter. Chassis was the negative connection in each case. Total input current on mains was 185 mA.

Valve	Anode		Screen	
	V	mA	V	mA
V1 DF91 ...	61	1.5	43	0.7
V2 DK92 ...	88	0.7	56	1.65
	* Oscillator 0-15			
V3 DF91 ...	88	1.5	56	0.6
V4 DAF91 ...	20	0.07	18	0.2
V5 DL94 ...	82	5.9	88	1.5

*No reading quoted.

GENERAL NOTES

Switches.—S1-S12 are the waveband switches, ganged in a single unit beneath the chassis. Its position is indicated in our under-chassis illustration, and a detailed drawing of the unit is inset in the top left-hand corner of the circuit diagram overleaf. The associated switch table in column 2 gives the switch positions for the two control settings, starting from the fully anti-clockwise position of the control lever. A dash indicates open, and C closed.

S13(M)—S17(B), S18(M) are the mains/battery change-over switches, ganged in a second lever-operated unit, mounted on a bracket at

Switches	M.W.	L.W.
S1 ...	C	—
S2 ...	—	C
S3 ...	C	—
S4 ...	—	C
S5 ...	C	—
S6 ...	—	C
S7 ...	C	—
S8 ...	—	C
S9 ...	C	—
S10 ...	—	C
S11 ...	C	—
S12 ...	—	C

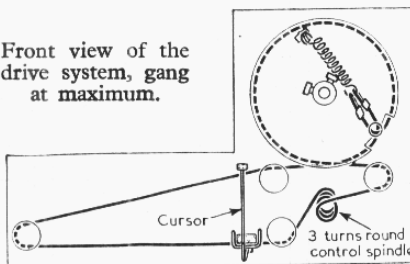
Waveband switch table. The diagram is overleaf.

the rear of the chassis. This is indicated in our plan view of the chassis, and shown in detail at the right of the circuit diagram. The unit is spring-loaded and in its normal position (lever fully anti-clockwise when viewed from rear) the receiver is switched to mains operation, and all the switches with the suffix (M) close. When the lever is turned fully clockwise, the (B) switches close for battery operation.

To hold the unit in this position, the mains plug is inserted in the "Mains Plug Receptacle" which we indicate in the plan view of the chassis, when the pins lock the switch in position. By this device the mains cannot be connected to the receiver while it is switched for battery operation. The receptacle will accept a standard 5A 2-pin plug.

S19, S20 are the battery charge switches comprising a Q.M.B. unit mounted on the volume

Front view of the drive system, gang at maximum.

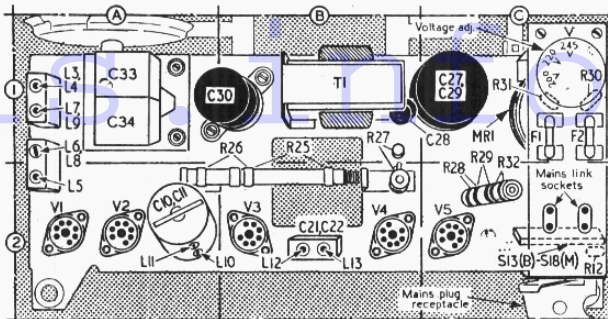


control spindle, and operated by a control lever concentric with the volume control knob. In order to prolong the life of the H.T. battery the charge circuit is brought into operation by switching the receiver to mains operation and turning the charge control lever to "Batt. Charge" (fully clockwise). The receiver can then be switched on, and the H.T. battery trickle-charged.

In order to operate the receiver normally from mains, the recharge switch should be set to "Mains." When the receiver is operated from batteries, it does not matter in which position the control is set.

S21-S24 are the Q.M.B. "on/off" switches, ganged with the volume control R16.

Frame Aerials.—The M.W. (outer) frame winding L1 and the L.W. (inner) winding L2 are mounted on the back cover of the carrying case, together with C1, C2 and the A and E sockets. A piece of copper foil secured beneath the lower



Plan view of the chassis.

half of L1 provides a small coupling capacitance by which to inject a signal from an external aerial for M.W. operation. On L.W. the external aerial socket is coupled to the junction of L3 and L4.

Connections from the chassis to the back cover are made by five coloured leads to sockets bearing similarly coloured paint spots. Reading from top to bottom, the frame sockets are: 1, orange; 2, grey; 3, black; 4, green; 5, brown.

Batteries.—The L.T. batteries recommended are two Ever Ready All Dry 28's rated at 4.5 V each, or the equivalents in other makes, making 9 V. The H.T. batteries recommended are two Ever Ready B104's rated at 45 V each, or the equivalents in other makes, making 90 V. G.B. is automatic. All the batteries fit into the base of the carrying case, H.T. batteries at the bottom, and L.T. batteries on top, where they are secured by the metal battery clip and thumbscrew.

Voltage Adjustment.—Three positions of voltage adjustment are provided on a special rotary plug, the voltage setting being that adjacent to the "V" embossed in the top of the mounting panel.

Drive Cord Replacement.—About 3 feet of cord is required, and it should be made up with a loop at each end to measure 32in overall, using special metal collars to clamp the ends. Run on as shown in the sketch (col. 2), starting anti-clockwise round the drum.

CIRCUIT ALIGNMENT

I.F. Stages.—Remove chassis from cabinet and stand it on its metal rectifier end. Switch receiver to M.W. and turn gang to minimum capacitance. Connect signal generator output, via an 0.047 μF capacitor in the "live" lead, to control grid (pin 6) of V2 and chassis. Feed in a 470 kc/s (638.3 m) signal and adjust the cores of L13, L12 (location reference B2) and L11, L10 (A2) for maximum output. Repeat these adjustments.

I.F. Filter.—Transfer "live" signal generator lead, and 0.047 μF capacitor, to control grid (pin 6) of V1. Feeding in a 470 kc/s signal, adjust the core of L5 (A2) for minimum output.

Oscillator Stage.—Check that with the gang at maximum capacitance the cursor coincides with the "m" at the high wavelength end of the L.W. tuning scale. With the signal generator "live" lead connected to V1 control grid, carry out the following adjustments.

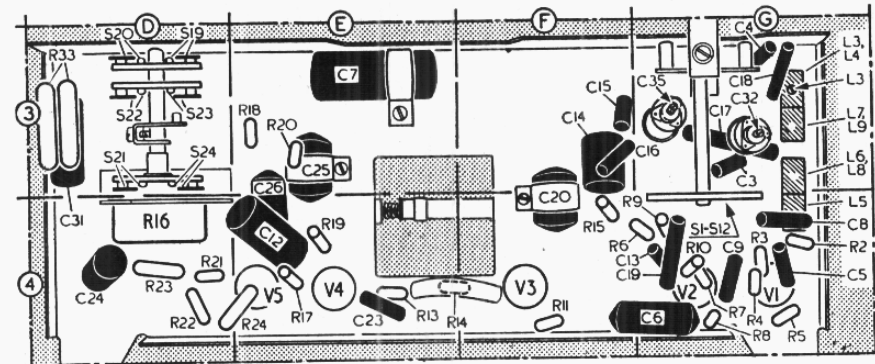
M.W.—Switch receiver to M.W. and turn gang to maximum capacitance. Feed in a 540 kc/s (555.5 m) signal and adjust the core of L6 (A1) for maximum output. Turn gang to minimum capacitance, feed in a 1,585 kc/s (189.3 m) signal and adjust C35 (G3) for maximum output. Repeat these adjustments.

L.W.—Switch receiver to L.W. and turn gang to maximum capacitance. Feed in a 140 kc/s (2,143 m) signal and adjust the core of L7 (A1) for maximum output.

R.F. Stage.—Connect the frame aerials and place the back cover 3/4in from the rear of the chassis, with the batteries arranged in their normal positions relative to the frame aerials. Transfer signal generator leads to a loop of wire taped in position on the back cover (a fairly large generator output will be needed).

M.W.—Switch receiver to M.W., feed in a 600 kc/s (500 m) signal, tune in receiver and adjust the core of L3 (G3) for maximum output. Feed in a 1,500 kc/s (200 m) signal, tune in receiver and adjust C32 (G3) for maximum output. Repeat these adjustments.

L.W.—Switch receiver to L.W., feed in a 150 kc/s (2,000 m) signal and adjust the core of L4 (A1) for maximum output.



Underside view of the chassis. R14 is hidden in a plastic sleeve.

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