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H.M.V. 1424

2-waveband Portable



Appearance of the H.M.V. 1424

TWO printed circuit panels (one R.F. section and one audio section) provide the basis of the H.M.V. 1424 portable transistorized receiver. Designed to operate from a 9V battery it employs a high impedance 6in by 4in loudspeaker and has a power output of 600mW. Battery consumption is 20mA under average operating conditions.

Signal input is from an internal ferrite rod aerial, or from a car aerial which may be inserted into the socket provided for the purpose.

From a second socket the audio output direct from the detector is available and may be used to drive a tape recorder amplifier.

Waveband ranges are 183-556m (M.W.) and 1,136-2,040m (L.W.). Press-buttons are employed for waveband and battery on/off switching.

A total of seven transistors plus two crystal diodes are incorporated in a circuit which has a common negative (chassis) line.

Release date and original price: May 1961, £13 11s 8d. Purchase tax extra.

TRANSISTOR ANALYSIS

Voltage measurements normally made at transistor electrodes are not supplied by the manufacturer but a number of readings in various parts of the circuit are supplied and these are listed below. In most cases they refer to emitter potentials relative to the positive line and in these cases a correct reading will generally indicate that base and emitter potentials are in order. All measurements were made with a 20,000Ω/V meter. The receiver was connected to a new 9V battery. Voltage readings obtained were as follows: across R3, 1.0V; across R7, 740mV; across R8, 2.1V; across R12, 1.1V; across

R15, 340mV; across R17, 1.3V; across R21 150mV.

To check that the local oscillator is operating correctly, measure the voltages across R3 (TR1 emitter) and across R2 (TR1 base). TR1 emitter voltage should be approximately as in the list above (across R3) and its base voltage should be slightly more positive than the emitter. Failure to oscillate is indicated if the base is more negative than the emitter.

Total current consumption under no signal conditions is approximately 12mA. When a signal is applied this will rise to approximately 20mA at average listening level. No other current measurements should be attempted.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

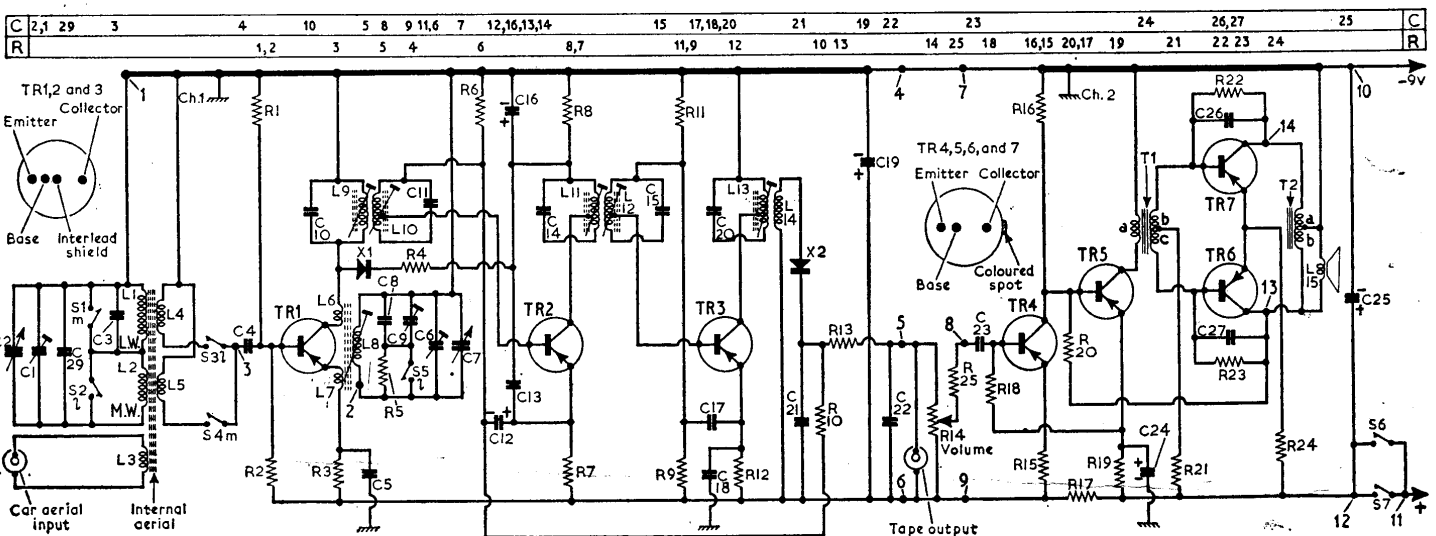
TR1 operates as a self-oscillating mixer and receives the signal input from the internal aerial L1 and L2, or from an external aerial via coupling winding L3. S1 to S4 select the appropriate coils for M.W. or L.W. reception. Base bias for TR1 is derived from R1 and R2.

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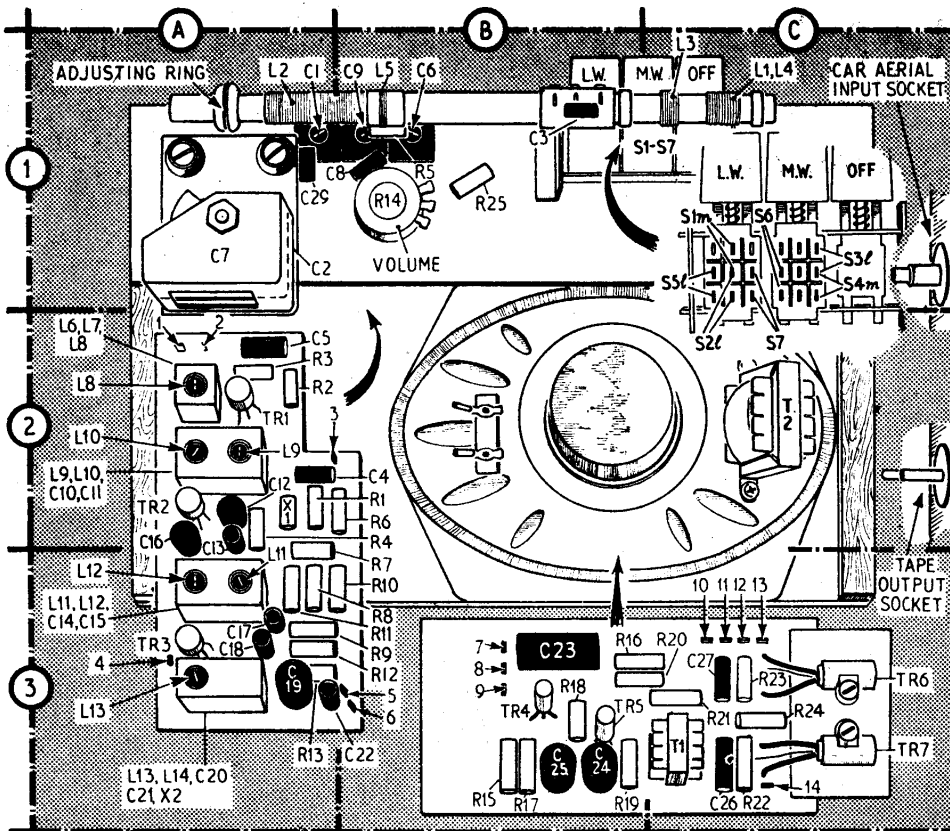
COMPONENT VALUES & LOCATIONS

Resistors			Capacitors			Coils*			Transformers*			Miscellaneous		
R1	33kΩ	A2	C1	40pF	A1	L1	—	C1	T1	a	260-0	X1	OA79	A2
R2	6.8kΩ	A2	C2	420pF	A1	L2	—	A1	T1	b	55-0	X2	OA90	A3
R3	1kΩ	A2	C3	100pF	B1	L3	—	C1	T1	c	55-0	S1-S7	—	C1
R4	680Ω	A2	C4	5,000pF	A2	L4	—	C1	T2	—	—			
R5	150kΩ	B1	C5	0.02μF	A2	L5	—	B1						
R6	56kΩ	B2				L6	—	A2						
R7	680Ω	A3				L7	—	A2						
R8	2.2kΩ	A3												
R9	4.7kΩ	A3												
R10	8.2kΩ	B3												
R11	22kΩ	A3												
R12	1kΩ	A3												
R13	470Ω	A3												
R14	5kΩ	B1												
R15	330Ω	B3												
R16	6.8kΩ	B3												
R17	270Ω	B3												
R18	18kΩ	B3												
R19	820Ω	B3												
R20	150kΩ	C3												
R21	47Ω	C3												
R22	8.2kΩ	C3												
R23	8.2kΩ	C3												
R24	4.7Ω	C3												
R25	8.2kΩ	B1												
C6	40pF	B1												
C7	149pF	A1												
C8	300pF	B1												
C9	40pF	B1												
C10	500pF	A2												
C11	500pF	A2												
C12	8μF	A2												
C13	0.04μF	A2												
C14	500pF	A2												
C15	500pF	A3												
C16	2μF	A2												
C17	0.02μF	A3												
C18	0.02μF	A3												
C19	350μF	A3												
C20	250pF	A3												
C21	0.01μF	A3												
C22	0.04μF	A3												
C23	0.25μF	B3												
C24	100μF	B3												
C25	100μF	B3												
C26	0.01μF	C3												
C27	0.01μF	C3												
C28	—	†												
C29	10pF	A1												
L8	—	A2												
L9	—	A2												
L10	—	A2												
L11	3.0	A3												
L12	3.0	A3												
L13	3.0	A3												
L14	3.5	A3												
L15	35.0	A3												
TR1	AF117	A2												
TR2	AF117	A2												
TR3	AF117	A3												
TR4	OC71	B3												
TR5	OC81D	B3												
TR6†	OC81	C3												
TR7†	OC81	C3												

*Approximate D.C. resistance in ohms.
†Matched pair.
‡No component.



Circuit diagram of the H.M.V. 1424 with R.F. and A.F. transistor codings inset. To preserve the grounded emitter appearance of the circuit, the diagram has been drawn with the common negative (chassis) line at the top. Decoupling capacitors C5, C18 and C24 are connected to this line



View from the rear of the receiver showing the I.F. and audio printed circuit panels lifted from their mountings and turned component side uppermost, as indicated by arrows. The press-button switches have also been moved out of position to illustrate their contacts.

Circuit Description—continued

Local oscillator coil L8 is tuned by C8, C9, C6 and C7, and is inductively coupled to L6 and L7 which provide feedback from collector to emitter. The 475kc/s intermediate frequency signal which appears in TR1 collector is tuned-transformer coupled via L9, L10 to the base of first I.F. amplifier TR2. Output from TR2 is again tuned-transformer coupled via L11, L12 to second I.F. amplifier TR3 and the output from TR3 is applied to detector diode X2.

Receiver overload protection is provided by diode X1. This is biased to conduct on large signal excursions in TR1 collector effectively damping the collector circuits of TR1 and TR2, in addition to A.G.C. action.

Audio Stages

X2 operates with slight forward bias to reduce its impedance at low signal level. This bias and the standing base bias for TR2 is derived from the same potential divider network R6, R10, R13 and R14. The positive D.C. potential developed across R13, R14 due to diode signal current is fed back to TR2 as A.G.C. bias. Also developed across R14 which serves as the volume control is the rectified audio output from X2 and this is passed on via stopper resistor R25 and isolating capacitor C23 to TR4 which operates as audio amplifier. Bias for TR4 is obtained from the potential developed across TR5 stabilizing resistor R19, to provide correct operating conditions for the output stage.

Amplified output from TR4 is applied to TR5 which drives the push-pull output stage TR6 and TR7 via phase-splitting transformer T1. TR6 and TR7 receive negative feedback tone correction from collector to emitter via R22, C26 and R23, C27. High impedance speaker coil L15 functions as part of the load impedance.

CIRCUIT ALIGNMENT

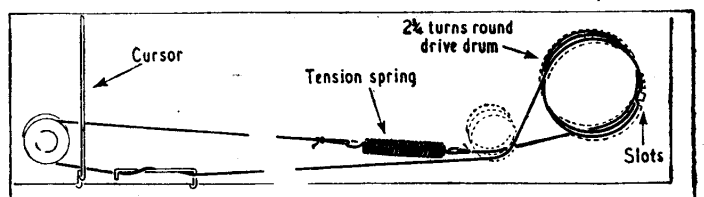
Equipment Required.—An A.M. signal generator, 30 per cent modulated; an output meter with an impedance of 30-40Ω or an A.C. voltmeter with a suitable impedance (a model 8 Avometer would be suitable); an aerial coupling loop; a 0.1μF capacitor and a screwdriver trimming tool.

Alignment Notes.—If a 30-40Ω output meter is used it should be connected in place of the speaker speech coil L15 but if an A.C. voltmeter is used as an output indicator, the speech coil should remain in circuit with the voltmeter connected across it.

The signal generator output should be adjusted throughout alignment so as to maintain the receiver output at approximately 50mW (1V A.C.) to prevent A.G.C. action. The R.F. tuned circuits are interdependent and M.W. adjustments should be made first.

- 1.—Switch receiver to M.W. and rotate tuning gang to minimum capacitance. Turn volume control to maximum. Connect the signal generator via the 0.1μF capacitor across C2 (location reference A1).
- 2.—Feed in a modulated 475kc/s signal and adjust L13 (A3), L12, L11 (A3), L10 and L9 (A2) in that order for maximum output. Repeat until no further improvement can be obtained.
- 3.—Disconnect the signal generator from the

Diagram of the completed scale drive assembly. Directions for replacement of the drive cord are given in col. 3.



receiver and connect its output leads directly across the coupling coil. Place the coil so that it is loosely coupled to the ferrite rod aerial.

- 4.—Tune receiver to 214m (calibration mark on scale). Feed in a 1,400kc/s signal and adjust C6 (B1) and C1 (A1) for maximum output.
- 5.—Tune receiver to 500m (mark on scale). Feed in a 600kc/s and adjust L8 (A2). Then adjust L2 by sliding adjusting ring (A1) along the ferrite rod for maximum output.
- 6.—Switch to L.W. and tune receiver to 1,364m (mark on scale). Feed in a 220kc/s signal and adjust C9 (B1) and L1 (C1) for maximum output. L1 is adjusted by sliding it along the ferrite rod.

GENERAL NOTES

Dismantling.—Remove three screws from the cabinet, two at the rear and one beneath. Remove two screws from top escutcheon plate, one at either end. The receiver is now freed from the cabinet and by carefully pulling the waveband press-buttons forward, the baffle and scale panel may be lowered flat on to the bench, and withdrawn as far as the leads to the car aerial socket and audio output socket will allow.

Switches.—S1-S5 are waveband switches, S6 and S7 are battery on/off switches. They are mounted in a press-button unit shown in location reference (C1). S6 is closed on M.W. and S7 is closed on L.W. When the off button is pressed, the depressed waveband button is released.

Suffix letter "m" or "l" following the switch number indicates that the switch closes on M.W. or L.W. respectively.

Battery.—Any one of following 9V batteries is suitable: Ever Ready PP9, Drycell DT9, G.E.C. BB29 or Vidor T6009.

Drive Cord Replacement.—Approximately 20 inches of nylon braided glass yarn is required for a replacement drive cord. The completed assembly will appear as illustrated in our diagram below when the new cord is fitted as follows:

Turn the tuning gang to maximum (fully meshed). Pull off volume and tuning knobs and remove scale by gently easing it forward. Remove scale backing plate by taking out two screws in the rear of the control panel. Tie one end of the cord to the tension spring and anchor the spring temporarily in the position shown in the illustration.

Guiding the cord round the underside of the inner one of the two adjacent small pulleys, make two and a half turns anti-clockwise round the drive drum, starting from the rear. On the final half-turn thread the cord inside the stud which is formed by two slots in the moulding. Continue out of the drive drum, round the underside of the outer small pulley and across to the left-hand small pulley. Pass the cord clockwise round the left-hand small pulley and return it to the tension spring. Tie the free end of the cord to the free end of the tension spring. Attach the cursor so that when the scale is replaced, it is in line with the calibration mark about 600m.

Modifications.—In some earlier receivers the following differences may be found: C3 is 110pF not 100pF, C8 is 320pF not 300pF, C19 is 100μF not 350μF. Also a 470pF capacitor may be shunted across M.W. coupling coil L5.