

## DESCRIPTION

Hallicrafters Model S-38B is a table model, all-wave superheterodyne radio receiver which provides reception of the standard broadcast band and three shortwave bands with continuous coverage from 540 kilocycles (KC) to 32 megacycles (MC). The receiver employs five tubes including rectifier and provides AM (voice) and CW (code) reception over its entire frequency range.

FREQUENCY COVERAGE

| BAND | FREQUENCY RANGE  |
|------|------------------|
| 1    | 540 KC - 1650 KC |
| 2    | 1.65 MC - 5.1 MC |
| 3    | 5 MC - 14.5 MC   |
| 4    | 13 MC - 32 MC    |

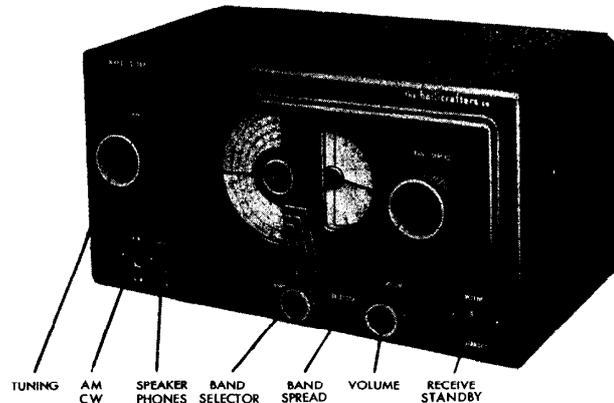


Fig. 1. Radio Receiver Model S-38B

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A bandswitch is provided for selecting any of the four ranges of reception which are indicated on the left hand or TUNING dial. An individual dial scale is provided for each of the four bands. The locations of the amateur bands and important shortwave channels are clearly marked on the TUNING dial. The BAND SPREAD dial is provided for fine tuning of the shortwave bands.

The RECEIVE/STANDBY switch permits disabling of the receiver for standby periods, the tube heaters being maintained at operating temperature for immediate operation.

The receiver is equipped with a built-in 5 inch permanent magnet speaker. Provision is also made in the receiver for the optional use of headphones.

The receiver is designed to operate from a 105-125 volt DC or 60 cycle AC power source. Before connecting the receiver to a wall outlet, carefully read the INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS which follow.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**UNPACKING** - Check all shipping labels and tags for instructions before removing or destroying them.

**LOCATION** - The receiver is equipped with rubber mounting feet for table top or shelf mounting. When locating the receiver, avoid excessively warm locations and recessed installations which prevent proper air circulation.

**POWER SOURCE** - The receiver is designed for operation from a 105-125 volt DC or 60 cycle AC power source. The power consumption is approximately 30 watts. If in doubt as to the frequency or voltage rating of your power source, contact the local power company representative to avoid damage to the receiver. When operating on DC, reverse the line cord plug at the wall outlet if the receiver does not operate after a one minute warm-up period. Operation from a 210-250 volt AC or DC source is possible by using a special line cord adapter available as an accessory from your Hallicrafters dealer (Hallicrafters part number 87D1566).

**HEADPHONES** - Tip jacks are provided on the rear apron of the chassis for headphone connection. Any standard pair of headphones with an impedance of 500 to 2000 ohms can be used with the receiver. For headphone operation, set the SPEAKER/PHONES switch located on the front panel at PHONES.

**ANTENNA** - A three terminal strip, marked A1, A2 and G, is provided on the rear apron of the chassis for antenna connection. Very satisfactory results can be obtained throughout the tuning range of the receiver with a conventional single wire antenna. In some instances, a length of wire strung about the room may suffice. However, it is recommended that a doublet antenna installation be employed on the shortwave bands for improved reception. Refer to page 3 for the construction and installation details of the single wire and doublet antennas.

### SINGLE WIRE ANTENNA

1. Construct the antenna as shown in Fig. 2 and connect it to A1.
2. Connect the jumper between A2 and G.
3. Erect the antenna as high as possible and free of surrounding objects.
4. In some instances, a wire connected between G and a suitable ground such as a cold water pipe or outside ground rod may improve reception.

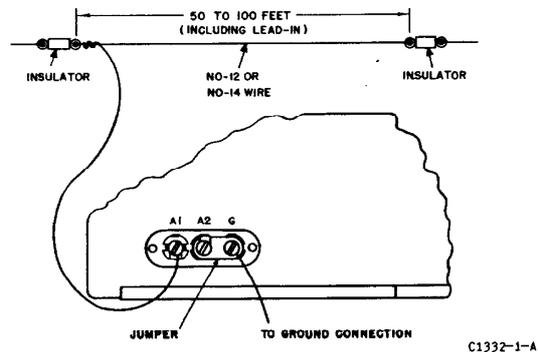


Fig. 2. Single Wire Antenna Installation

### DOUBLET ANTENNA

1. The overall length (in feet) of the antenna is determined by dividing 468 by the frequency (in megacycles) at the high end of the range to which you wish to listen.
2. Construct the antenna as shown in Fig. 3.
3. A doublet antenna is directional broadside to its length and should be so oriented with respect to a desired station for maximum signal pickup.
4. When feeding the antenna with a twisted pair or ribbon type transmission line, connect the line to A1 and A2. The jumper between A2 and G should be disconnected.
5. When feeding the antenna with a coaxial transmission line, connect the inner conductor to A1 and the outer conductor to A2. Connect the jumper between A2 and G.
6. See Step 4 under SINGLE WIRE ANTENNA.

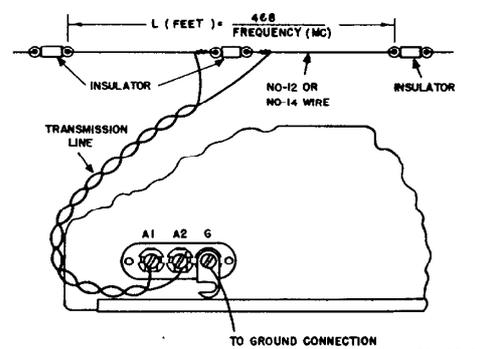


Fig. 3. Doublet Antenna Installation  
Using Twisted Pair Lead-In

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### STANDARD BROADCAST RECEPTION

1. Set the **BAND SELECTOR** at 1 for the standard broadcast band.
2. Set the **AM/CW** switch at **AM** and the **SPEAKER/PHONES** switch at **SPEAKER**.
3. Set the **RECEIVE/STANDBY** switch at **RECEIVE**. When set at **STANDBY**, the receiver is inoperative but the tube heaters remain at operating temperature.
4. Set the **BAND SPREAD** dial pointer at 0. **IMPORTANT** - The calibration of the **TUNING** dial scales will be correct only when the **BAND SPREAD** dial pointer is set at 0.
5. Turn the receiver **ON** by rotating the **VOLUME** control clockwise to a well advanced position. When operating on **DC**, reverse the line cord plug at the wall outlet if the receiver does not operate after a one minute **warm-up** period. The **VOLUME** control will have to be reset for the desired volume level after the station has been tuned in.
6. Tune in the desired station with the **TUNING** control. Read the station frequency from the dial scale which corresponds to the setting of the **BAND SELECTOR**.
7. To turn the receiver **OFF**, rotate the **VOLUME** control counterclockwise until the switch click is heard.

### SHORT WAVE RECEPTION

1. Follow the procedure outlined for **STANDARD BROADCAST RECEPTION** but set the **BAND SELECTOR** at 2, 3 or 4 for the desired shortwave band. For code reception, the **AM/CW** switch must be set at **CW** and the **TUNING** control must be adjusted for the desired pitch of the code signal when tuning in the station.
2. For fine tuning of the shortwave bands, refer to **BAND SPREAD TUNING** below.

### BAND SPREAD TUNING

1. The **BAND SPREAD** control is a fine tuning adjustment which electrically spreads out any narrow range of frequencies in the tuning range of the receiver. Band spread tuning is not necessary on the standard broadcast band.
2. To use the **BAND SPREAD** control for fine tuning: (1) Set the **BAND SPREAD** dial pointer at 0 (2) Set the **TUNING** dial pointer at the high frequency end of the amateur band or group of shortwave stations to be covered and (3) Tune in the stations with the **BAND SPREAD** control.
3. Logging of shortwave stations is possible by recording the settings of the **TUNING** and **BAND SPREAD** dials. See inside of back cover for the shortwave station log.

## SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

### GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Tubes . . . . . 5 including 1 rectifier  
 Speaker . . . . . 5 inch PM  
 Voice Coil Impedance . . . . . 3.2 ohms  
 Headphone Output Impedance . . . . . 15 ohms  
 Antenna . . . . . Provision for use of either a  
 single wire or doublet antenna  
 Intermediate Frequency . . . . . 455 KC  
 Frequency Coverage . . . . . See page 2  
 Power Supply . . 105-125 volts DC or 60 cycles AC  
 Power Consumption . . . . . 30 watts

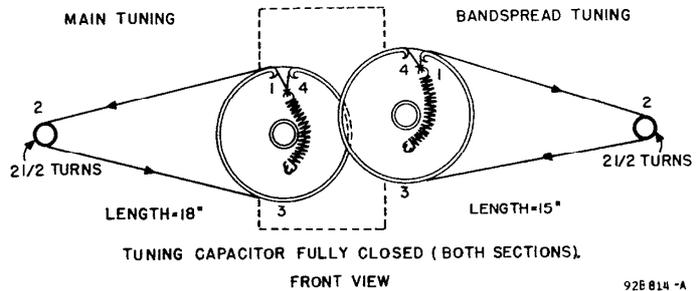


Fig. 4. Dial Cord Stringing Diagram

### ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

#### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. Signal generator, with amplitude modulated output, covering 455 KC to 30 MC. Use a modulated output for every step except step 2.
2. Output meter. Connect the meter across the speaker voice coil.
3. Standard RMA dummy antenna consisting of a 200 mmf. capacitor in series with a 20 microhenry choke which is shunted by a 400 mmf. capacitor in series with a 400 ohm carbon resistor.
4. Non-metallic alignment tool.

**REMOVING THE CHASSIS** - The antenna and oscillator trimmers are accessible through the holes provided in the bottom cover. However, for complete alignment the chassis must be removed from the cabinet. To remove the chassis, proceed as follows: (1) Remove the cabinet back (2) Remove the four rubber mounting feet and the bottom cover (3) Remove the two screws at the bottom rear of the cabinet (4) Remove the front control knobs and (5) Remove the four screws which are located near the switches on the front panel.

**CONTROL SETTINGS** - BAND SPREAD control at 0, AM/CW switch at AM, SPEAKER/PHONES switch at SPEAKER, VOLUME control fully clockwise and RECEIVE/STANDBY switch at RECEIVE. For the settings of the remaining controls, see the ALIGNMENT CHART below. See Figs. 5 and 6 for the location of the alignment adjustments.

### ALIGNMENT CHART

| Step | Signal Generator Connections  | Signal Gen. Frequency | Band Selector Setting | Receiver Dial Setting | Adjust   | Instructions   |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
| 1    | High side to stator plates of front section of TUNING gang through a .01 mfd. capacitor. Ground side to G on antenna strip. | 455 KC                | 1                     | 1.0 MC                | A,B, C,D | Adjust for maximum audio output at the speaker voice coil. Use just enough signal generator output to obtain a 50 milliwatt reading on the output meter.   |
| 2    | Same as Step 1  | 455 KC (No Mod.)      | 1                     | 1.0 MC                | E        | Set the AM/CW switch at CW. (Reset the switch at AM when Step 2 is completed.) For correct BFO operation, vary the coupling between wire E and pins 4 and 8 of the 12SK7 tube for a maximum beat note. Pushing wire E toward pin 4 increases the strength of the beat. |
| 3    | High side to A1 on antenna strip through the RMA dummy antenna. Ground side to G. Connect jumper between A2 and G.          | 30 MC                 | 4                     | 30 MC                 | F,G      | Maximum output as in Step 1.   |
| 4    | Same as Step 3  | 14 MC                 | 3                     | 14 MC                 | H,J      | Maximum output as in Step 1.   |
| 5    | Same as Step 3  | 5 MC                  | 2                     | 5 MC                  | K,L      | Maximum output as in Step 1.   |
| 6    | Same as Step 3  | 1500 KC<br>600 KC     | 1<br>1                | 1.5 MC<br>.6 MC       | M,N<br>P | Maximum output as in Step 1.   |

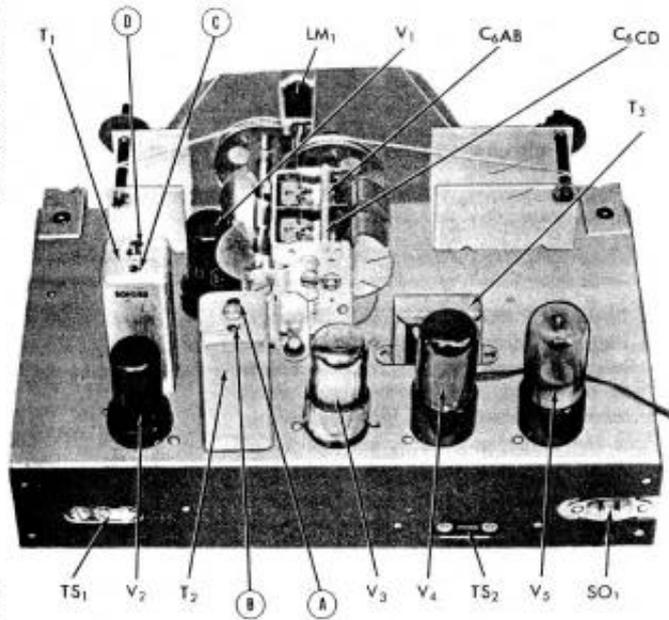
⊙ Step 2 is usually unnecessary. Adjustment should be made ONLY if a weak beat note is obtained on strong CW signals indicating lack of coupling between wire E and pins 4 and 8 of the 12SK7.

**SERVICE OR OPERATING QUESTIONS** - For further information regarding operation or servicing of the receiver, contact your dealer. Make no shipments directly to the factory as the factory will not accept responsibility for unauthorized shipments. Factory type service is available at any **HALLICRAFTERS AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER** which displays the sign shown below. For the location of the **SERVICE CENTER** nearest you, consult your dealer or telephone directory.



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Fig. 5. Top View of Chassis Showing Location of Alignment Adjustments and Components

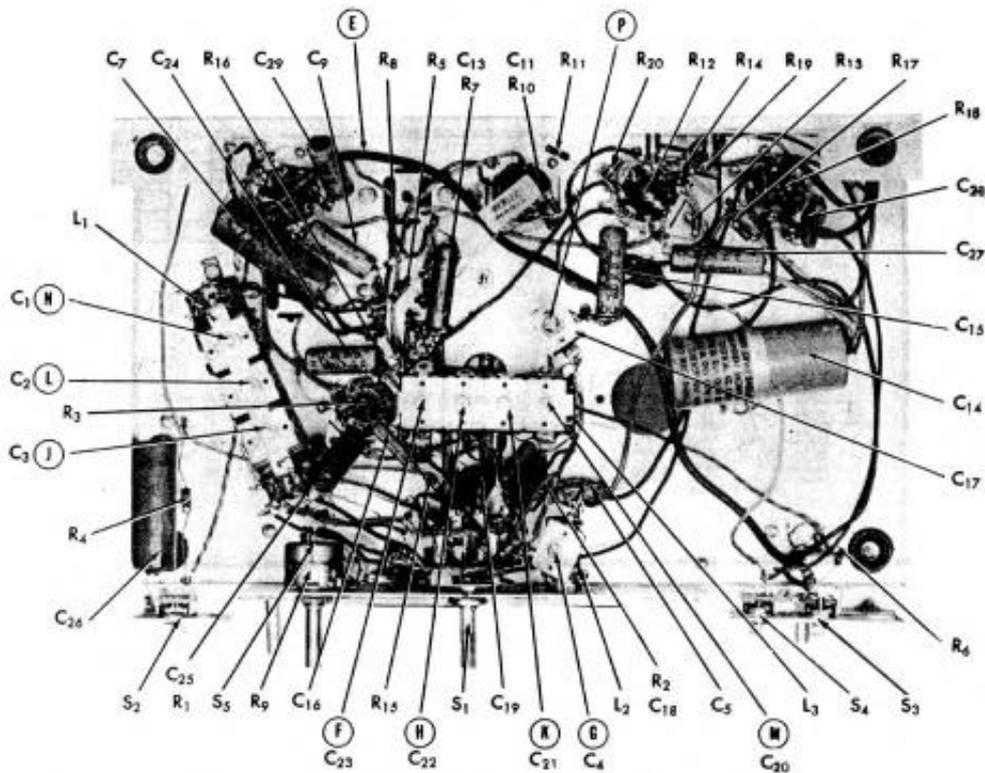


Fig. 6. Bottom View of Chassis Showing Location of Alignment Adjustments and Components

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**TUBE REPLACEMENT** - The tube types and their location in the receiver are shown in Fig. 7. To gain access to all tubes, remove the back cover from the cabinet. Before attempting to replace the 12SA7, set the BAND SPREAD control fully clockwise and the TUNING control fully counterclockwise to prevent damage to the tuning capacitor. To replace a tube: (1) Insert the center guide pin of the tube into the center hole of the tube socket (2) Rotate the tube until the key on the guide pin drops into the notch in the socket hole and (3) Push down on the tube until the base of the tube rests firmly on the socket. Handle all tubes with care as they are fragile and will not withstand mechanical abuse.

**DIAL LAMP REPLACEMENT** - Refer to Fig. 7 for the location of the dial lamp used in the receiver. To gain access to the lamp, remove the back cover from the cabinet. To prevent damage to the tuning capacitor, set the BAND SPREAD control fully clockwise and the TUNING control fully counterclockwise before attempting to replace the lamp. Remove the dial lamp socket by compressing the side springs. The socket and defective lamp can then be brought out into the open. Make replacement with a 6-8 volt, Mazda #47 (brown bead) pilot lamp or equivalent.

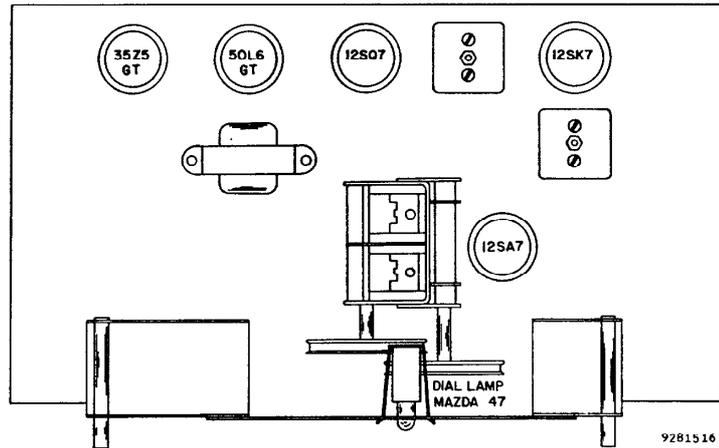
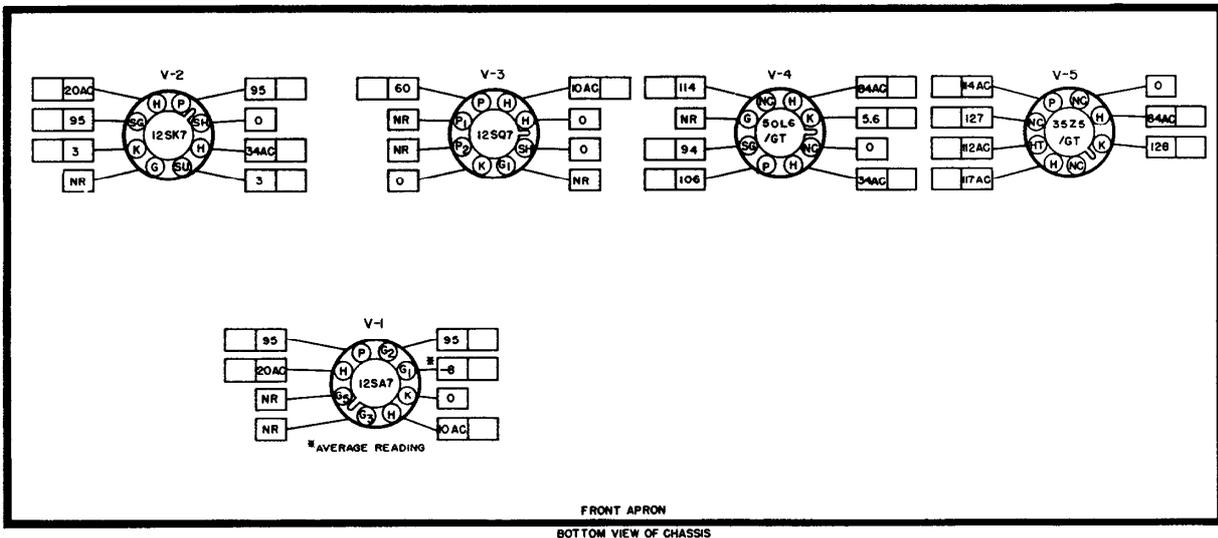


Fig. 7. Top View of Chassis Showing Tube and Dial Lamp Location

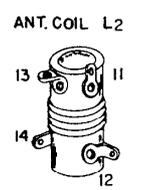
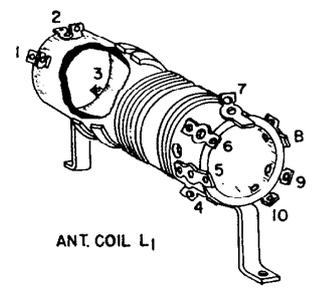
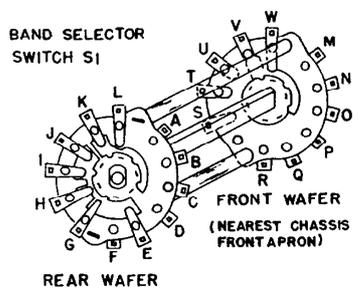
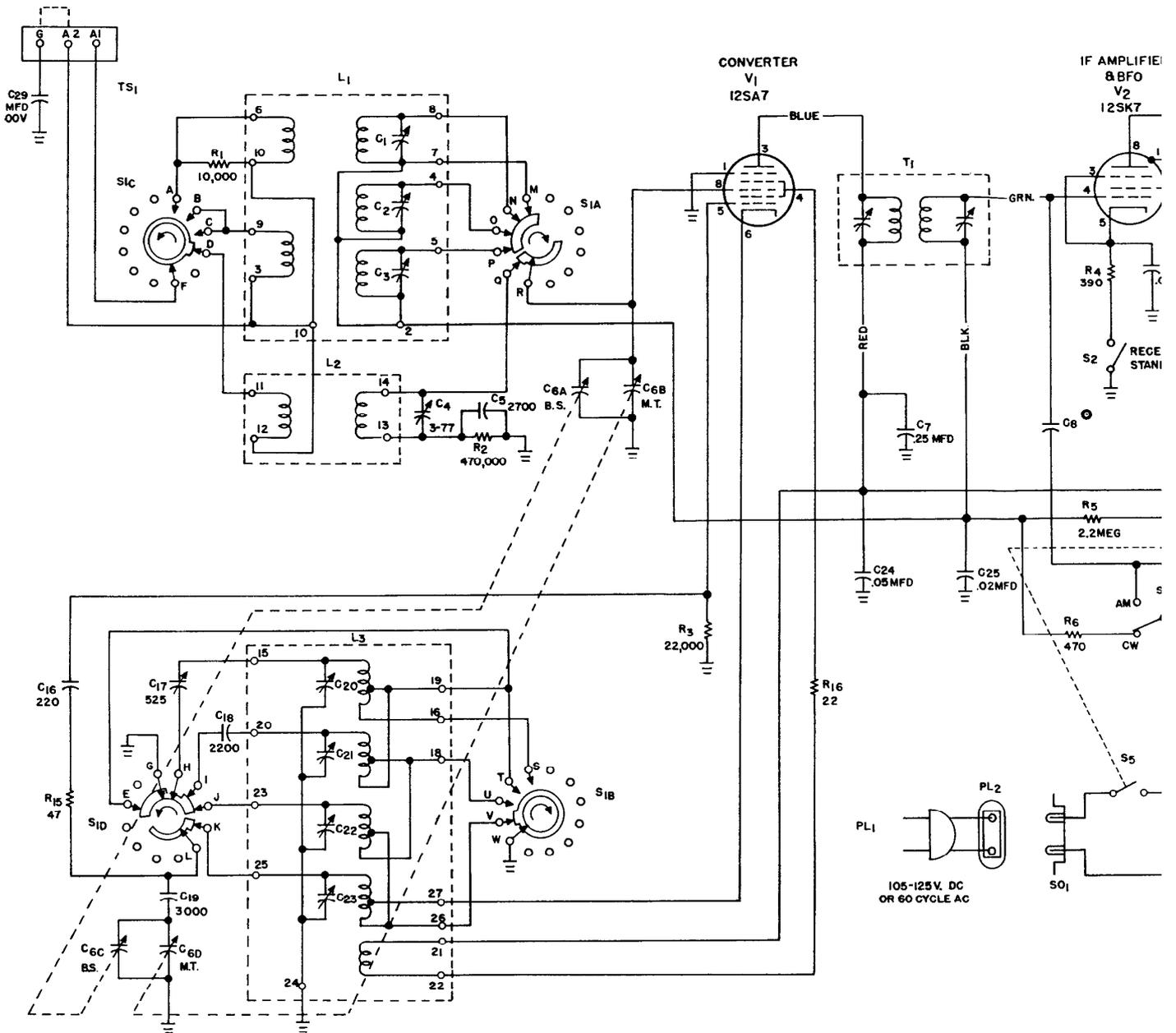


1. SOCKET VIEWS ARE BOTTOM VIEWS.
2. ALL VOLTAGES ARE MEASURED BETWEEN TUBE SOCKET TERMINALS & CHASSIS, WITH ZERO SIGNAL INPUT.
3. LINE VOLTAGE—117 V. AC. AC VOLTAGES WILL BE DC VOLTAGES WHEN OPERATING FROM A DC SOURCE.
4. ALL VOLTAGES SHOWN ARE DC UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
5. DC VOLTAGES SHOWN WERE MEASURED WITH AN ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER.
6. "NC" NO CONNECTION. (VOLTAGES SHOWN FOR THIS TERMINAL ONLY WHEN TERMINALS ARE USED AS A TIE LUG.)
7. "NR" NOT READABLE. (READING GENERALLY MEANINGLESS)
8. □ SPACE PROVIDED FOR SERVICE METER READINGS.

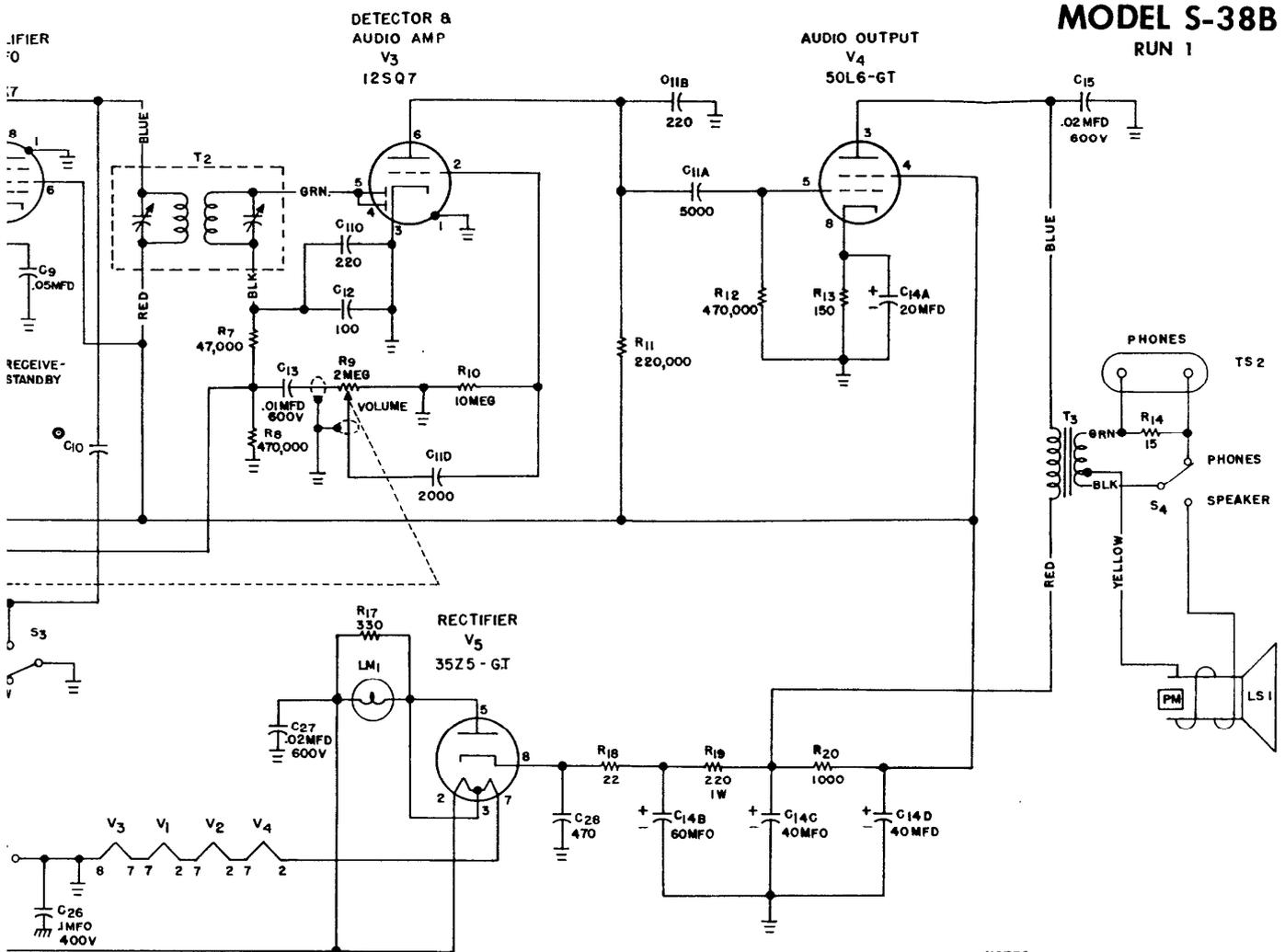
Fig. 8. Tube Socket Voltage Chart

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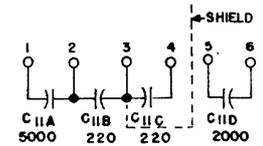
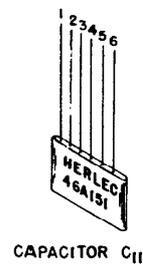
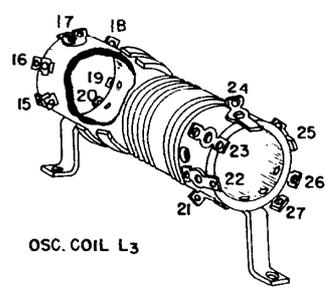




**NOTE:** VALUES & TOLERANCES SHOWN ARE NOMINAL. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE VALUES OF THE PARTS BE TO THE NOMINAL VALUE OF THE PART BEING USED.



- NOTES**
1. RESISTANCE VALUES ARE IN OHMS.
  2. CAPACITOR VALUES ARE IN MMF UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
  3. RESISTOR RATINGS ARE 1/2 WATT UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
  4. BAND SELECTOR SWITCH (S1) SHOWN IN BAND 4 POSITION.
- CHASSIS GROUND  
 CABINET GROUND  
 WIRE GIMMICK
- LAST CAPACITOR SYMBOL C-29  
 LAST RESISTOR SYMBOL R-20



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MINOR VARIATIONS MAY BE FOUND.  
IF ANY REPLACEMENT CORRESPONDS TO THE ORIGINAL BEING REPLACED.

Fig. 9. Schematic Diagram