# Restoring Old Electronics

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#### Radio receivers

Household: AM, FM, both

Short wave & communications

TV receivers

Audio/Hi-Fi equipment

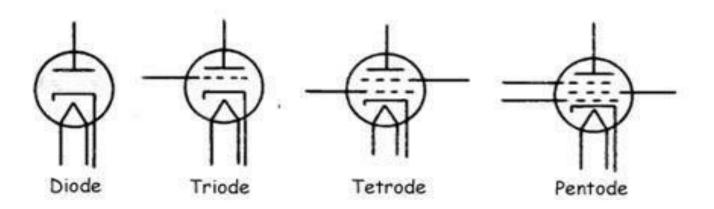
Phonographs

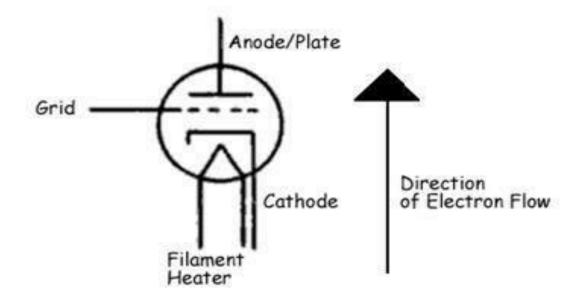
Tuners, AM, FM, both

Preamps, Power amps

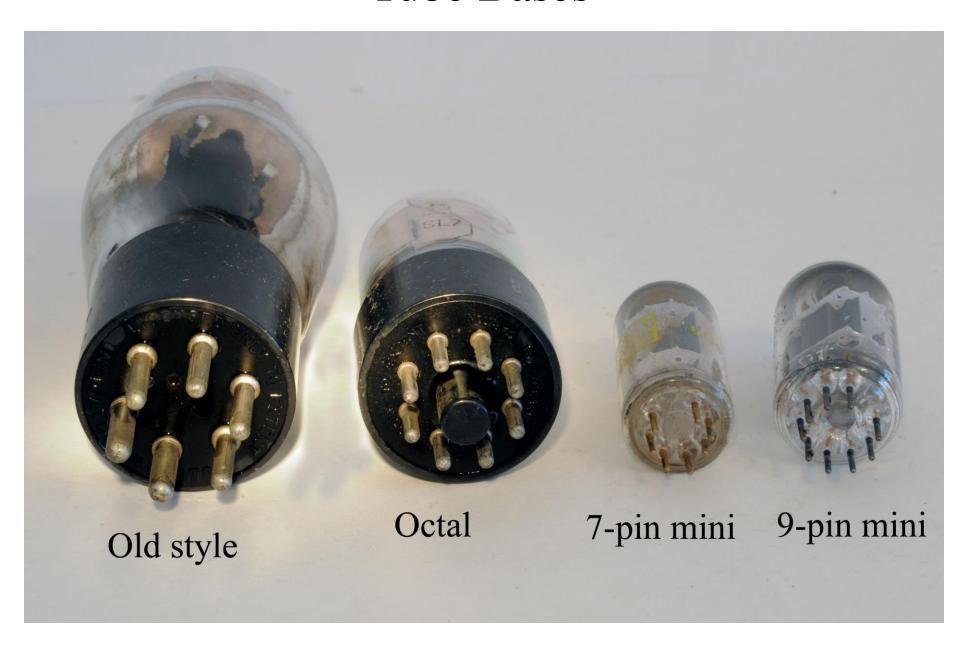
(Test Equipment & Lab instruments, Mil. Surplus)

## Vacuum Tubes





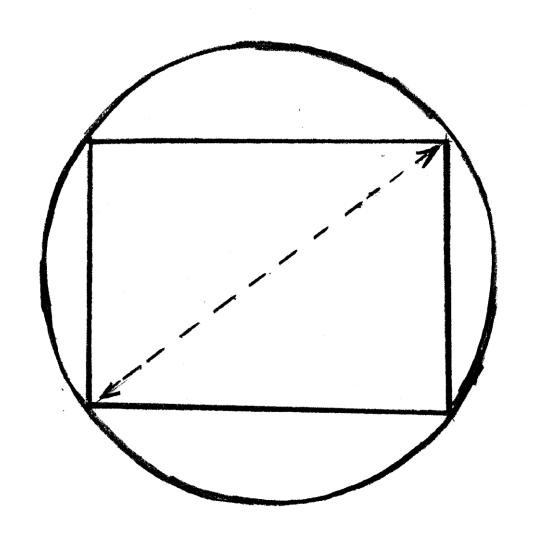
#### Tube Bases



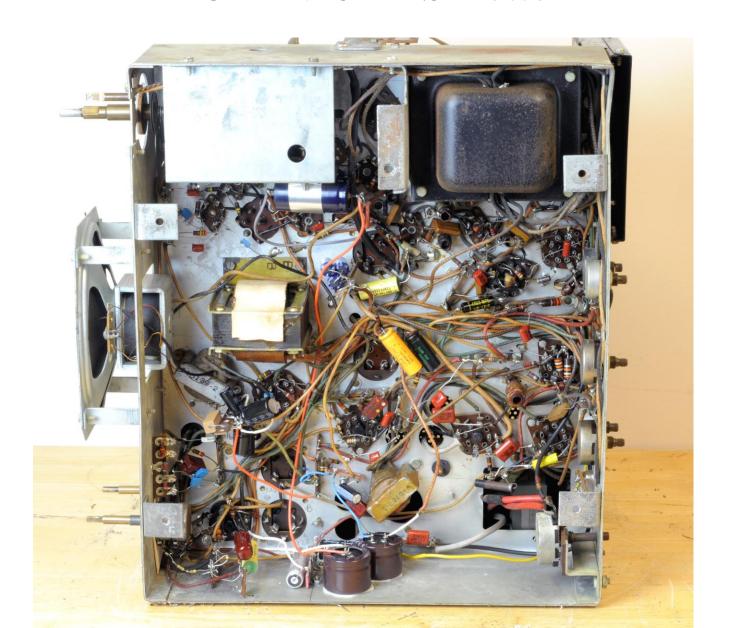
# RCA 621TS (1946)



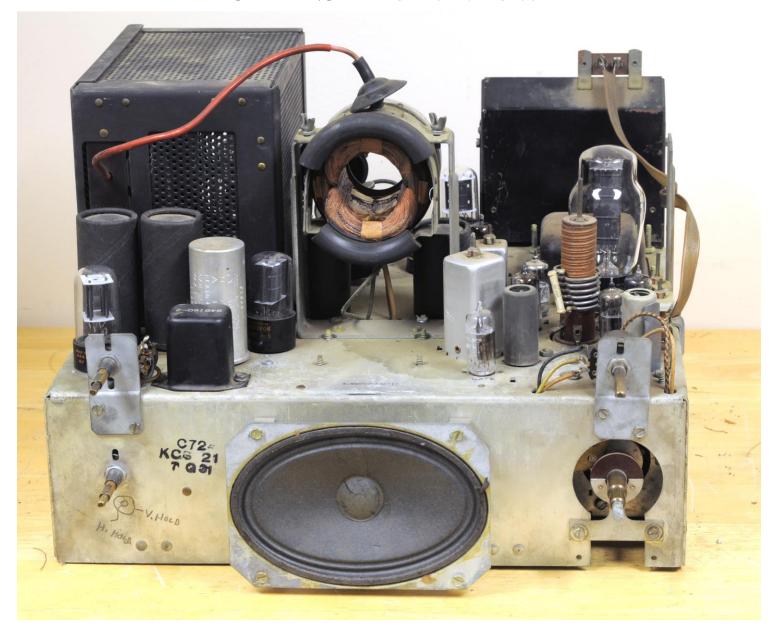
# Why Screens Use Diagonal Measure



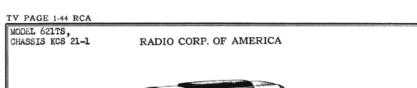
#### RCATV 621TS Bottom

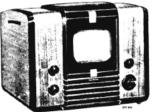


#### 621TS Front View



#### Rider Service Manual Sample Pages





Model 621TS

#### ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

١	١	~ .	Picture	Sound	Receiver		ENSIONS (	
١	Channel Number	Channel Freg. Mc	Carrier Freq. Mc	Carrier Freq. Mc	R-F Osc. Freq. Mc		Cabinet (Outside) Chassis Base (Out	
1		44-50	45.25	49.75	71		uis Overall.	
١	1 2	54-60	55.25	59.75	81	Спаз	dis Overall.	
1	3	60-66	61.25	65.75	87	RCA	TUBE CO	
١	4	66-72	67.25	71.75	93		Tube Used	
١	5	76-82	77.25	81.75	103	(1)	RCA 6J6	
١	6	82-88	83.25	87.75	109	(2)	RCA 616	
١	7	174-190	175.25	179.75	201	,-,		
١	8	180-186	181.25	185.75	207	(3)	RCA 616	
1	.9	186-192	187.25	191.75	213	(4)	RCA 6BA6	
1	10 11	192-198 198-204	193.25 199.25	197.75 203.75	219 225	(5)	RCA 6AU6.	
1	12	204-210	205.25	209.75	231	(6)	RCA 6ALS*	
1	13	210-216	211.25	215.75	237	(7)	RCA 6AT6	
1	10	210-210	211.20	210.10	201	4-7		
1	FINE TU	(8)	RCA 6K6-G					
1			l and plus	(9)	RCA 6AG5			
1	Plus and minus approximately 300 kc on channel 1, and plus and minus approximately 750 kc on channel 13. POWER-SUPPLY RATING						RCA 6AG5.	
1							RCA 6AG5	
١							RCA 6H6	
1	115 Volts. 60 cycles, 220 watts					(12)		
1	110 Volta.				e, 220 Hatta	(13)	RCA 6SN7-0	
1	AUDIO POWER-OUTPUT RATING Undistorted						RCA 6SN7-0	
1							RCA 6SN7-0	
١						(15)		
١	Maximum.				S Walls	(16)	RCA 6SN7-0	
1	LOUDSPI							
1				Electro Magn	at Domania	(17)	RCA 6BG6-	

PICTURE SIZE ...... 41/4" x 55%"-11/6" radius at corner

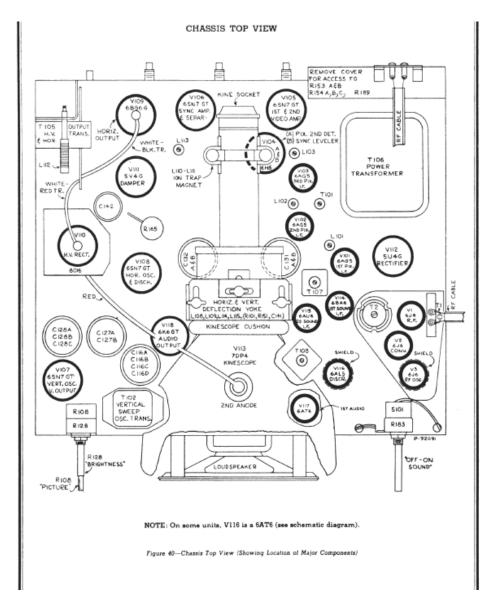
 Chassis with Tubes in Cabinet
 60 lbs.

 Shipping Weight
 75 lbs.

RADIO FREQUENCY RANGES

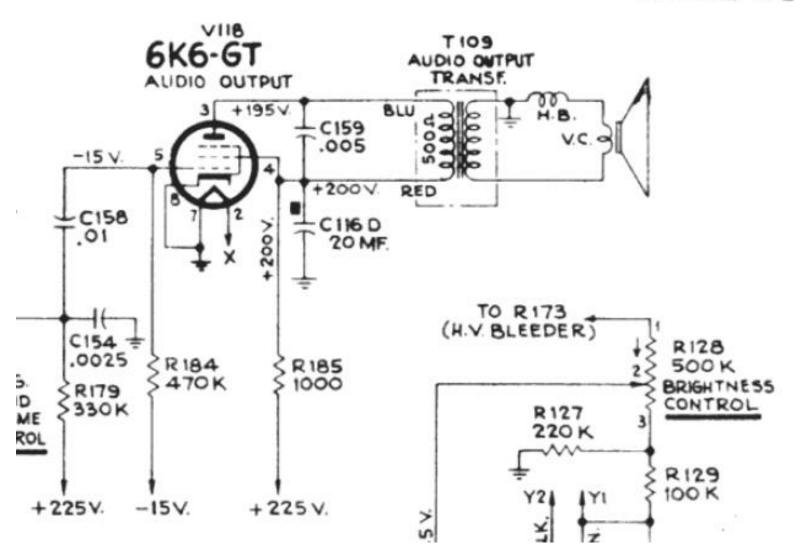
PFC	PIUPD ANTENNA								
RECEIVER ANTENNA INPUT IMPEDANCE300 ohms balanced									
DIMENSIONS (inches)   Length   Height   De									
RCA	TUBE COMPLEMEN	T							
	Tube Used			nction					
(1)	RCA 6J6		RF	mplifier					
(2)	RCA 6J6		R-F C	Scillator					
(3)	RCA 6J6		c	onverter					
(4)	RCA 6BA6	lst 2	Sound I-F A	<b>Amplifier</b>					
(5)	RCA 6AU6								
(6)	RCA 6AL5*,		Sound Discr	iminator					
(7)	RCA 6AT6		lst Audio A	Amplifier					
(8)	RCA 6K6-GT		Audie	Output					
(9)	RCA 6AGS	lst I	icture I-F	<b>Amplifier</b>					
(10)	RCA 6AG5	2nd F	icture I-F	<b>Amplifier</b>					
(11)	RCA 6AG5	3rd I	icture I-F	mplifier					
(12)	RCA 6H6 Picture	2nd Detecto	r and Sync	Leveler					
(13)	RCA 6SN7-GT								
(14)	RCA 6SN7-GT Sy	nc Amplifier	and Sync S	eparator					
(15)		d Vertical S	weep Outpo	at					
(16)	RCA 6SN7-GT	and D	ischarge						
(17)	RCA 6BG6-G	Horiz	ontal Sweet	Output					
(18)	RCA 5V4-G								
(19)	RCA 1B3-GT/8016								
(20)	RCA 5U4-G	Por	wer Supply	Rectifier					
(21) • In =	RCA 7DP4		K	inescope					

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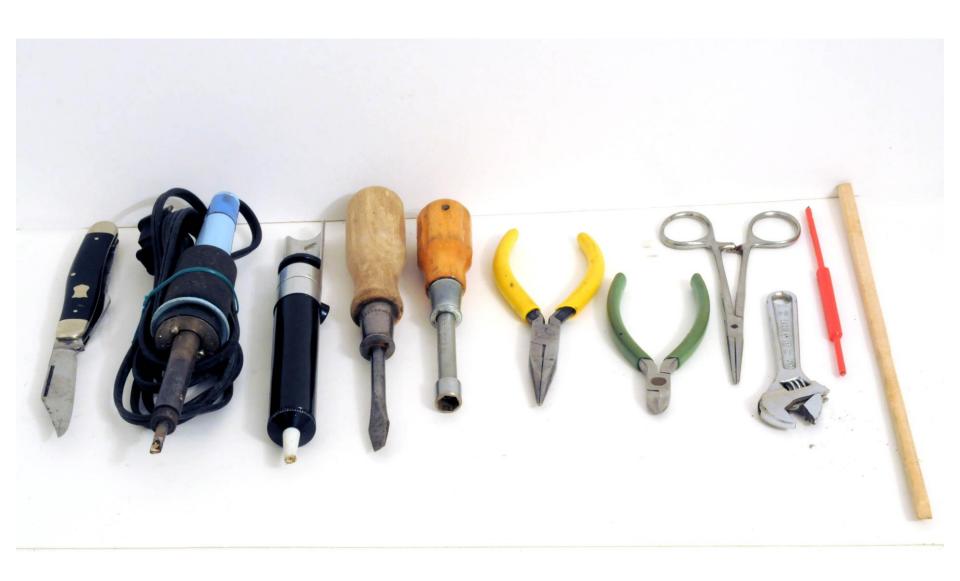


#### Svc. Manual Shows Correct Circuit Voltages

MODEL 621TS



## Basic Tool Kit



#### Test Instruments

VOM (Multimeter) or DMM (Manual may specify 20k/v or VTVM)

Oscilloscope

Signal generator

Variac

Isolation transformer (Especially for AC/DC sets)

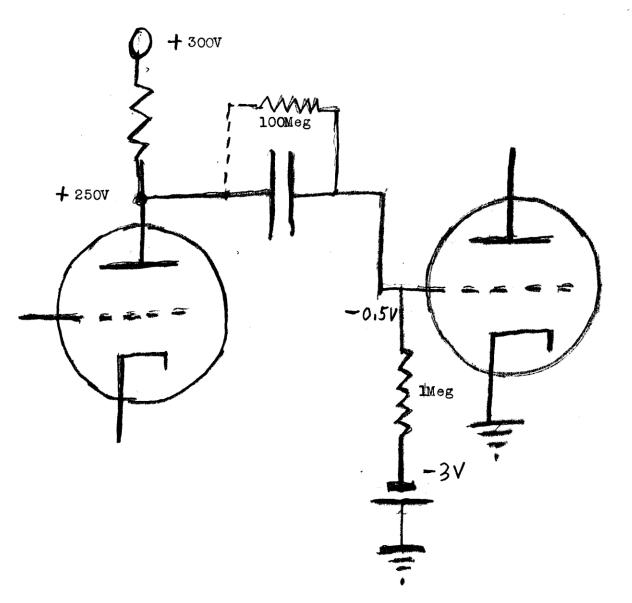
LCR meter or bridge

Tube tester (The best tube tester is a known-good tube.)

#### Tube Tester, Hickok 539B



#### Capacitor Leakage Current



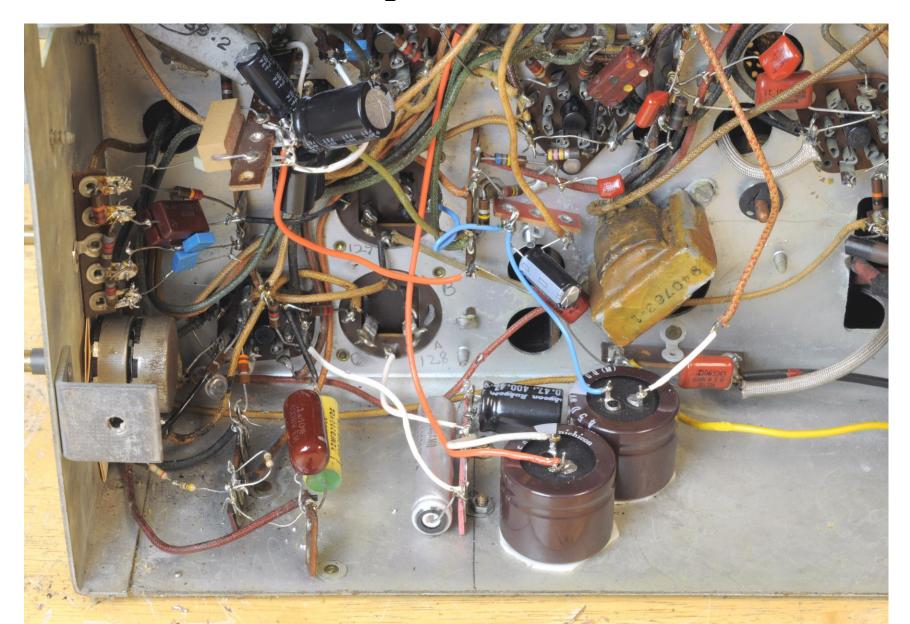
# Shrinking 'Lytics



## Shrinking Paper/Film Caps



# New Caps Under Chassis



#### Film Resistor to Replace Carbon Comp.



# **Hook Splice**





#### Hook-Spliced Component & Term Strip



# Caig DeoxIT Contact Cleaner



#### General Safety Rules

Tubes operate at hundreds of volts

Ground the chassis

Discharge filter capacitors

Work on wood bench, wood stool.

Keep hands off chassis when probing.

CRTs may implode, esp. old ones w/o safety glass

Use isolation transformer on all AC/DC sets.

Best not to work alone.





Safety gear for handling CRTs

#### "All American 5" AC/DC Radio



## "All American 5" Chassis



#### AC/DC Hot Chassis Hazard

