

## RCA VICTOR



## MODEL VRB-62

# Six-Tube, Two-Band, Battery Superheterodyne Radio-Phonograph Combination

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND SERVICE DATA

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#### GENERAL SERVICE DIVISION

#### RCA VICTOR COMPANY LTD.

#### **Specifications**

Frequency Ranges
Standard Broadcast—S.B.       540-1600 Kc.         Short Wave 31-25-19M       9.3-16.0 Mc.         Intermediate Frequency       455 Kc.
RADIOTRON COMPLEMENT
(1) Type 1T4       R.F. Amplifier         (2) Type 1R5       Converter         (3) Type 1T4       I.F. Amplifier         (4) Type 155       2nd Det., A.V.C. & 1st A.F.         (5) Type 1A5GT       A.F. Amplifier         (6) Type 1G6GT/G       Power Output
Power Output
Undistorted0.50 Watts Maximum0.58 Watts
LOUDSPEAKER
Type 4 x 6 elliptical P.M.  Voice coil impedance3.4 ohms at 400 cycles
Batteries Required
Eveready battery pack number 758 or one 1.4 volt ir cell or 1.5 volt dry cell and two 45 volt heavy duty 'B'' batteries.
CURRENT CONSUMPTION
A" of 14 volts



CABINET DIMENSIONS
Height 113/4 inches
Width 173/8 inches
Depth $16^{\text{I}}/4$ inches
PHONOGRAPH
Type Manual
Motor Spring Wound
Turntable Speed78 R.P.M.
PICKUP
Type Crystal
Impedance100,000 Ohms at 1000 Cycles
Average Output 1 Volt at 1000 Cycles Across 1 Megohm Load

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The VRB-62 is a six-tube, two band superheterodyne radio-phonograph combination receiver, housed in a table type cabinet of pleasing appearance. This receiver is designed to cover the standard broadcast band and the 31-25-19 meter short wave bands. Features of the design

"B" at 90 volts (minimum) \_\_\_\_\_ 14 MA

(maximum) \_\_\_\_\_ 26 MA

include:— Low-drain, high efficiency miniature tubes; Ironcore RF coils, Oscillator coils and I.F. transformers; Automatic volume control; Straight line dial; Spring-wound phonograph motor; Crystal type phonograph pickup with semi-permanent stylus; Four by six inch dust-proof elliptical P.M. loudspeaker.

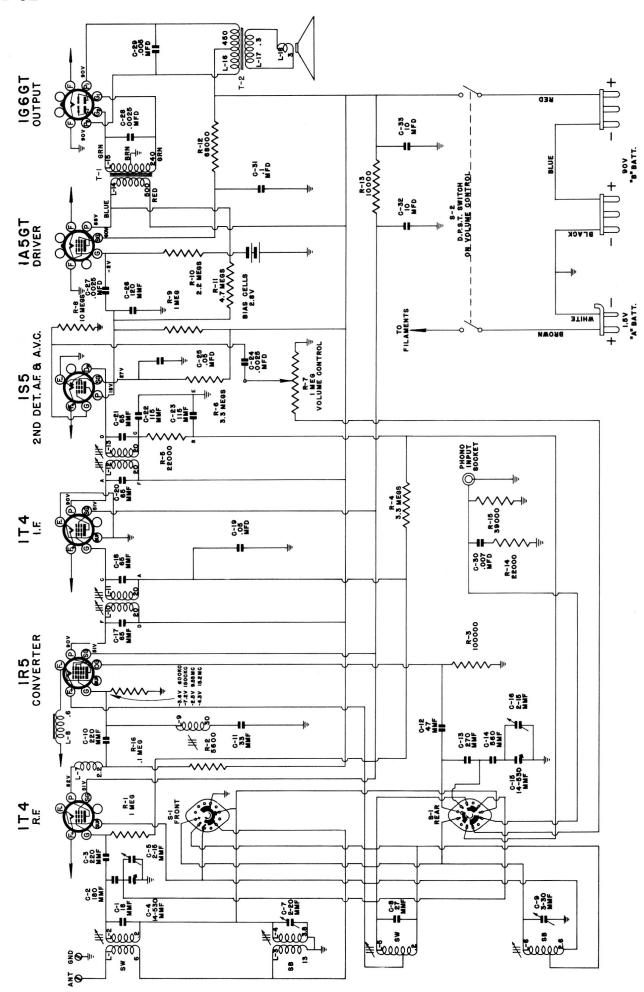


Fig. 1—Schematic Diagram—range switch shown in phono position

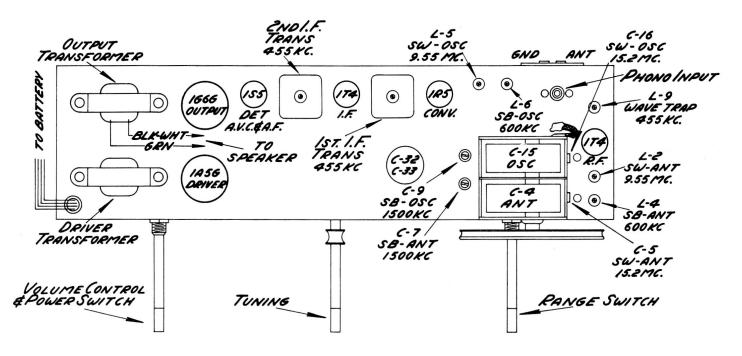


Fig. 2-Chassis Layout and Alignment Adjustments

#### ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

Before aligning set, completely mesh the gang and set the dial pointer on the mechanical maximum calibration point at the extreme left hand end of the dial.

When making a complete alignment follow in proper

sequence the tabulated form below.

If only a portion of the circuit is to be aligned select the portion required, followed by the remaining steps in the chart. For "S.B." and 31-25-19M band alignment use output meter across voice coil keeping Test Oscillator output as low as possible to prevent AVC action.

Cathode-ray oscilloscope and sweep signal generator alignment of the 455 kc. A.M. I.F. transformers is the preferable method. Connect oscilloscope across the volume control. If the required equipment is not available use the method outlined below.

#### ALIGNMENT CHART

ORDER OF ALIGNMENT			TEST OS	CILLATOR			RECEIVER	TO		NOTES		
		CONNECT "HI" SIDE TO	"LO" SIDE TO	DUMMY ANTENNA	FREQUENCY SETTING	RANGE SELECTOR	DIAL SETTING		ADJUSTMENT Symbols			
A.M. I.F. ALIGNMENT	1	IT4 Ist I.F. Grid	Ground	.OI mfd.	455 KC 30% mod. 400 Cy.A.M.	S. B.	High Freq. end of Dial	2nd l.F. Trans.	L-12 and L-13	Adjust for max. Voltage across Voice Coil.		
	2	IR5 Mixer Grid	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	st  .F. Trans.	L-10 and L-11	Same		
	3	IT4 R.F. Grid	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Wave Trap	L-9	Adjust for min. Voltage across Voice Coil.		
	4	"A" on Ant. Ter.Board	Ground	300 Ohms	9.55 MC 30% Mod. 400 Cy.A.M.	31-25-19M	9.55 MC Cali- bration point on dial.	Oscillator	L-5			
K	5	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Ant.	L-2	Same		
1 ALIGNMENT	6	Same	Same	Same	15.2 MC 30% Mod. 400 Cy. A. M.	Same	15.2 MC Cali- bration point on dial.	Oscillator	C-16	Sa me		
	7	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Sa me	Ant.	C-5	Same		
6	8	Repeat steps	4 to 7 for	maximum ou	tput.							
31-25-19M		NOTE: - To guard against the possibility of alignment of L-5 and C-16 to image frequency, tune the test oscillator and receiver to 15.2 MC, then set test oscillator to 16.11 MC (image frequency). Increase the test oscillator output; A signal should be heard. Then tune test osc. and receiver to 9.55 MC. Reset test osc. to 10.46 MC (image frequency) and increase test osc. output; A signal should be heard. If these image frequencies cannot be heard, the receiver is incorrectly aligned. Therefore repeat steps 4 to 8.										
S. B. A L I GN MENT	9	"A" on Ant. Ter. Board	Ground	200 mmf.	600 KC 30% Mod. 400 Cy.A.M.	S.B.	600 KC Cali- bration point on dial.	0scillator	L-6	Sa me		
	10	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Ant.	L-4	Same		
	П	Same	Same	Same	1500 KC 30% Mod. 400 Cycles	Same	1500 KC Cali- bration point on dial	Oscillator	C-9	Same		
s.	12	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Ant.	C-7	Same		
	13	Repeat steps	9 to 12 fo	r max. outp	ut.							

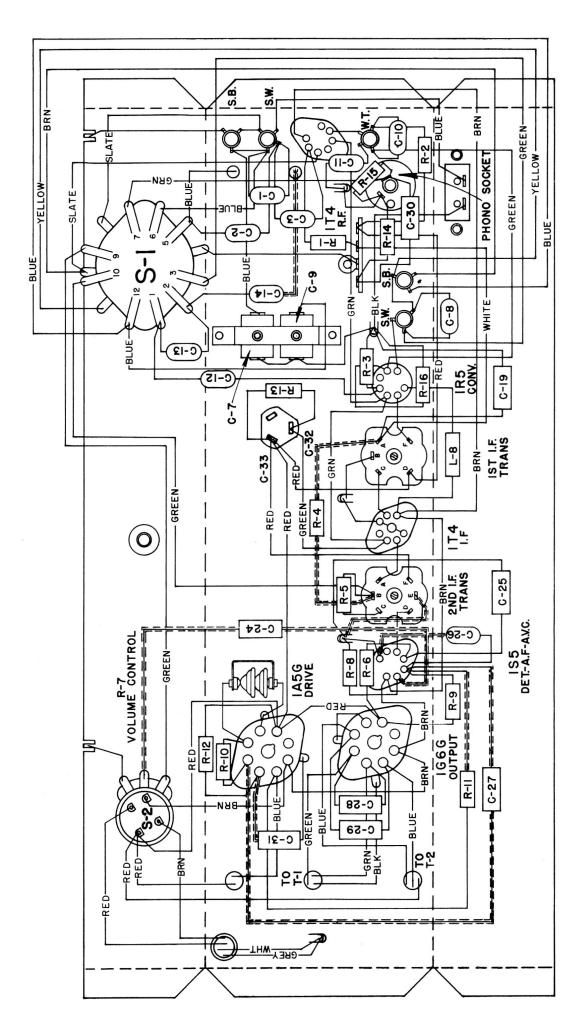


Fig. 3-Wiring Diagram.

Motor.—The drive motor is of simple design and substantial construction. It should require little or no service if properly maintained. Attention to lubrication of the moving parts and occasional cleaning of the mechanism will go far to prevent faulty operation. Should it become necessary to repair the motor, the following procedure should be applied: CAUTION.—Allow the motor mechanism to run down completely before attempting adjustment, repairs, or replacements.

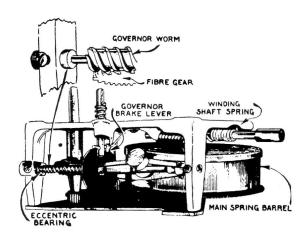
Removing Motor from Cabinet.—Remove the winding crank. Remove the four wood screws holding the base board in the cabinet. To dismount the motor, remove "C" washer from spindle shaft and remove turntable, slightly tapping the spindle while exerting an upward lift on the turntable. Loosen the screw holding the speed-regulating lever and remove the latter. The three screws holding motor to motor board should then be removed.

Replacing Main Spring Barrel.—In case of main spring failure, the entire spring barrel and gear should be replaced. Remove the spring-barrel spindle screw by unscrewing to right. Remove the C washer and two pillar screws holding bottom plate. Remove bottom plate, intermediate spindle shaft, and spring barrel. Reassemble parts in reverse sequence.

Winding Shaft Spring.—This spring functions as a friction ratchet. It may be removed as follows: remove pin holding winding worm on shaft; remove winding shaft; then remove screw holding spring. Replace in reverse sequence.

**Speed Regulator Lever.**—After assembly, adjust the speed regulator until the turntable rotates at 78 r.p.m.; loosen the speed regulator screw and set pointer to center of speed indicator scale; tighten screw and recheck turntable speed.

Lubrication.—All moving parts of the motor should be thoroughly cleaned and lubricated every six months to prevent excess wear and to assure proper operation. A small amount of grease should be applied to the worm gear of the governor, the gear of the winding shaft, and on the small pinion gear. All other points, including regulator friction pad, should be lubricated with light oil. All motor parts should be covered with a light film of oil to prevent rusting.



#### Motor Adjustments:

Speed variations or WOWS may be experienced with these instruments due to a variety of causes. Some of the troubles and corrections are listed below:

## 1. A regular WOW occurring on every revolution of the turntable, or every few revolutions.

(a) A frequent cause of this difficulty is faulty adjustment of the governor springs. If the governor weights seem to oscillate in and out when the motor is in operation, the spring tension of the three weights may not be evenly balanced. Loosen the spring clamping screws and position the springs so that all three weights are held with the same tension. (b) Another possible cause of this trouble is faulty adjustment of the governor bearings. To adjust these bearings:

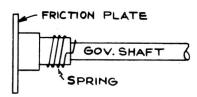
**First:** Set the speed regulator lever so that the face of the felt friction pad is accurately parallel to the governor friction plate.

**Second:** Loosen both governor bearing set screws and position the governor so that the motor revolves at rated speed (78.4 rpm).

Third: Adjust the mesh of the worm and the fiber drive gear by turning the eccentric bearings. These should be set so that the worm meshes properly with the fiber gear without binding.

Fourth: Adjust the distance between bearings so that the governor turns freely with a minimum of end-play.

- (c) A take-up spring is mounted on the governor friction plate shaft to ensure against lost motion and erratic operation of this plate. It is essential that this spring be in place and adjusted to provide adequate tension. It should be positioned as indicated in the sketch below.
- (d) Marred or broken teeth on either gear on the turntable shaft or on the intermediate gear shaft may cause this trouble. If inspection shows this to be the case, the defective gear should be replaced.



Correct Position of Take-up Spring

## 2. The turntable loses speed or WOWS on the louder parts of a record:

- (a) This may be caused by failure of the governor to respond accurately to speed changes, due to excessive or irregular friction between the sliding friction plate and the governor shaft. When this occurs it may be corrected by removing the weights and working the plate back and forth until it frees up. If the governor shaft does not have a smooth surface it may be necessary to smooth it down slightly using "Crocus Cloth" or to replace the governor.
- (b) This condition may also be caused by excessive friction in any part of the motor. Be sure that the governor bearings are properly adjusted as described in section 1 (b). Lubricate all bearings in the motor using a high grade light oil. The governor shaft, friction plate, and felt friction pad should also be lubricated with this oil. Lubricate the worm with a light grease such as RCA Stock No. 10975 Electric Motor Grease. Remove the main spring and pack it with a graphite lubricant.

## 3. The turntable speed changes erratically over long periods of time.

- (a) This may be caused by binding of the main spring due to improper lubrication. To correct this condition pack the spring with graphite grease as described in section 2 (b).
- (b) Make sure that the top of the main spring housing does not rub on the end of the winding shaft.
- (c) Inspect the gear teeth on the main spring gear. If these are marred or broken, it may be necessary to replace the spring assembly.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR MODEL VRB-62

Insist on genuine factory tested parts, which are readily identified and may be purchased from authorized dealers

STOCK	misist on genuine ractory tested parts, which are	· -	OCK		
NO.	DESCRIPTION		0.	DESCRIPTION	
	RECEIVER ASSEMBLIES				
12930	Board-Antenna terminal board				
	Capacitor-Trimmer assembly (C7,C9)	S-43	313	Cord-Drive cord	
	Capacitor-18 MMF Ceramic(C1)5%	S-42	248	Cable-Battery cable	
39616	Capacitor-33 " Mica 10% (C11)	S-43	38	Dial-Dial scale	
39620	Capacitor-47 " " 10% (C12)			Decal	
12724	Capacitor-120 " " 20% (C26)	S-42	21.3	Knob-(Range)	
39634	Capacitor-180 " " 5% (C2)	S-42	214	Knob-(tuning and volume)	
39636 39638	Capacitor-220 " " 10% (C3,C10)	S-23	398	Plug-Battery cable plug "A"	
39646	Capacitor-270 " " 5% (C13) Capacitor-560 " " 5% (C14)	1282	27	Plug-Battery cable plug "B"	
S-3647	Capacitor 007 Mfd. (C30)			Rest-Pick-up arm rest (Pkg.2) Support-Lid support (LH)	
	Capacitor005 Mfd.(C29)	3141	.8	Spring-Drive cord tension(Pkg.2)	
	Capacitor0025 " (C24,C27,C28)	3090		Spring-Knob retaining spring(Pkg.5)	
	Capacitor05 " (C19, C25)				
28114	Capacitor1 " (C31)			MOTOR ASSEMBLIES	
	(C32,C33)				
S-3731	Condenser, Variable with drum(C4, C15,			Governor spring screw (Pkg.3)	
	C5,C16)			Metal handle escutcheon Screw to attach Governor to shaft.	
	Coil-Antenna coil B.C. (L3,L4)			Felt for speed regulating lever	
5-4238	Coil-Ahtenna coil S.W. (Ll,L2)			(Pkg.3)	
	Coil-Oscillator coil S.W. (L5)			Spring barrel cover	
S-3695	Choke-Filament choke (L8)	S-39	64	Governor bearing set screw(Pkg.3).	
S-3940	Indicator: Station selector pointer	8-39	05	Steel washer for mounting screw (Pkg. 3)	
	Resistor-5600 ohms 1/2 watt (R2)	S-39	66	Screw for attaching bottom plate	
3078 30 <b>4</b> 92	Resistor-10,000 ohms,1/2 watt (R13). Resistor-22,000 ohms,1/2 watt(R5,R14)			to motor frame (Pkg.3)	
30147	Resistor-39,000 ohms,1/2 watt (R15).	S-39	67	Washer used under speed regulator	
14138	Resistor-68,000 ohms,1/2 watt (R12).	0.00	160	post (Pkg.3)	
3252	Resistor-100,000 ohms,1/2 watt(R3,	8-38	69	Winding shaft gear Motor bottom plate	
30652	R16)	S-39	70	Speed indicator pointer	
30649	Resistor-2.2 megohm, 1/2 watt (R10)	S-39	71	Speed regulating lever with felt	
31417	Resistor-3.3 megohm, 1/2 watt (R6)	S-39	73	Tension spring used on speed	
30931	Resistor-4.7 megohm, 1/2 watt (R11)	S- 30	74	regulating post	
	Resistor-10. megohm, 1/2 watt (R8)	S-39	75	Tubular rivet for attaching reg-	
71037	Switch-Range switch (S1, S2)	- 1		ulating lever to motor frame	
31319	Socket-Tube socket (octal)	0.00	76	(Pkg.3)Spring barrel, complete	
36069	Socket-Tube socket (miniature with	S-39	77	Mainspring	
26.500	centre shield)	S-39	79	Governor spring and weight	
36500	Socket-Tube socket (less centre shield)	∥ S <b>-3</b> 9	980	Spring barrel shaft winding gear	
S-4202	Socket-Phono socket	8-39	180	Governor tension spring Spring barrel shaft used with S-3980	
S-4336	Shaft-Drive Shaft	S-39	84	Fibre handle escutcheon	
S-3526	Transformer-1st I.F. (L10,L11,C17,	S-39	85	Winding shaft	
9-3507	C18)	S-44	101	Winding handle 4-1/2"	
S-4242	Transformer-2nd 1.F.(L12,L13,C20,C21) Transformer-Driver(L14,L15) (T1)	S-39	788	Clip to hold spring barrel shaft to bottom plate	
S-4239	Trap-Wave trap (L7,L9)			Turntable brake	
S-4335	Volume Control (R7,S2)	S-39	90	Spring barrel shaft rivet	
		S-39	97	Rubber washer for mounting screw	
		S-4]	.53	(Pkg.3)	
	SPEAKER ASSEMBLIES	∥ S-39	999	Governor shaft	
	50	S-40	000	Intermediate gear, complete	
S-3556	Dust Cap (Pkg.3)			Governor bearing(smaller dia.centre) Governor bearing	
S-3867	Cone-Cone and Voice Coil Assembly	S-4]	56	Speed indicator dial	
0.0500	(L18)	S-44	121	Turntable shaft	
5-3502	SpeakerTransformer-Output (T2) (L16,L17)			Turntable holding clip (Pkg.3)	
0-4440	Transformer-output (12) (Drogni)	S-40	03	Governor	
				PICK-UP ARM ASSEMBLIES	
	MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLIES			Arm-Pick-up arm shell	
				Crystal-Crystal cartridge  Base and pivot shaft	
	,			Needle-Plug-in type	
S-4403	Clamp-Dial clamp (Pkg.2)	3108	54	Grommet-Pick-up base	
31581	Cell-Bias cell			Spring-Cable retaining spring(Pkg.2)	
S-4402	Cloth-Grille cloth	S-34	162	Screw-Crystal retaining screw(Pkg.2)	