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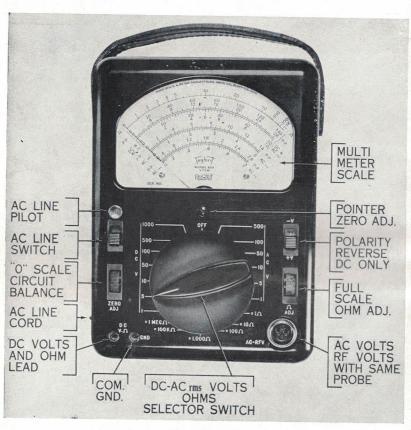
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# MODEL 650 VACUUM TUBE VOLTMETER

THE TRIPLETT ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO. BLUFFTON, OHIO



Model 650

#### Power

115 Volts AC 50-60 cps power consumption 61/2W.

#### Ranges

DC Volts 0-1-5-10-50-100-500-1000 AC & RF Volts 0-1-5-10-50-100-500

Peak to Peak (P-P) Volts 0-2.8-14-28-140-280-700

Peak to Peak (P-P) value of sine wave to 1400 Volts.

Ohms, six ranges, 0-1000-10,000-100,000-1 Meg.-100 Meg.-1000 Meg.

Decibels—Table on page 17 for different impedances.

Galvanometer center mark "—O+" for discriminator alignment on all DCV ranges —.5 to +.5 volts on 0-1 DCV range.

### Frequency Range AC-RF

15 CPS. to 150 MC.

### Input Impedance

DC Volts 11 Megohms—AC-RF Volts 1.4 Megohm 13 mmf at 100 MC.

#### Accuracy

DC Volts = 3%, AC-RF = 5% at 60 cps, ohms = 3% of linear scale.

#### Meter

DC Current for full-scale deflection 200 µa. Meter 51/2 inch type with 43/8 inch scale length.

DC- $\overline{AC}$  rms scale black on white. 1 V. AC and 5 V. AC Scales black on white (Separated scales for greater accuracy).

Ohms scale black on white Peak to Peak (P-P) scale red on white.

### Tube Complement

1-12AU7, 2-6AL5.

### Construction

Insulated case; dimension outside  $33/4'' \times 51/2'' \times 71/2''$  with removable black leather strap handle. Panel black molded with white markings and one selector switch for all ranges.

### Weight

5 pounds, (Complete with battery and accessories).

## Accessories supplied with Model 650

l AC Power Cord l DC Volt and ohms lead (shielded) l AC Volt tube probe (shielded) l Common ground lead l Short ground lead for R. F. Probe 2 Alligator clips for probe tips

l Instruction book

#### Accessories Available

DC High Voltage probe 50 KV 500 DC Volt range. Part No. T-79-107. DC High Voltage probe 10 KV 100 Volt range. Part No. T-79-107. DC High Voltage probe 5 KV 50 DC Volt range. Part No. T-79-107. Leather carrying case. Part No. 659. Leather carrying case with sponge rubber lining. Part No. 659.

Stand for holding tester at about a 45° angle. Part No. T-255A-33.

The Vacuum Tube Voltmeter is one of the most useful instruments in the electronic field, both in the laboratory and for service. Its high input impedance and wide frequency ranges give it considerable advantage over other types of volt meters. The versatility of a Triplett Model 650 is greatly increased by the skill of the operator.

Triplett Model 650 Vacuum Tube Voltmeter has been designed with all the principal features generally required in a Vacuum Tube Voltmeter plus a Single Selector Switch giving you full control of all ranges—AC-DC and OHMS with one control. This knob is flush with the panel. Also as a time saver all AC voltages up to and including RF are measured with one probe. By adding color to the various ranges the meter dial is easily read. Your Model 650 is designed with added protection for the highly sensitive meter. You will notice the selector switch has an OFF position. With the selector switch in the OFF position, the meter is out of the circuit adding greater damping to the meter and avoiding violent swinging of the pointer during transit. The OFF position on the selector switch has no relation to the 115 Volts AC power supply. AC power supply is controlled only by the slide switch located under the AC line pilot. For more convenient portability the power cord is detachable.

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### General

To place the Model 650 in operation—connect the AC line cord to the connector provided on the left side of the unit and plug into a 115 volt 60 cycle power outlet.

Turn on AC with "AC Line Switch", see page 2. The pilot will indicate when power is on.

The meter can be used after a five minute tube warm-up on the higher ranges, but to obtain maximum accuracy it is best to allow a ten minute warm-up period.

The meter is so designed that it may be left turned on continuously during your working hours without damage to the instrument. With the power consumption only 61/2 watts, the cost of operation is very small.

When the VTVM is warmed-up—balance the pointer to zero by lower left thumb control marked "ZERO ADJ".

All instruments are completely adjusted and balanced at the factory so no interior adjustments should be necessary when putting a new VTVM into service. Read carefully maintenance instructions.

The following pages will illustrate each type of common measurement. Other applications will become apparent as you gain preficiency in the operation of your Model 650 Vacuum Tube Voltmeter.

### AC Voltage Peak to Peak

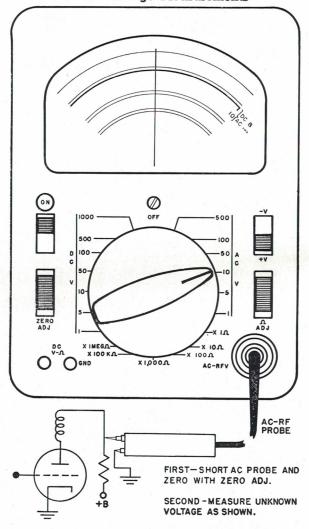
Your 650 will read peak to peak voltage. This type of voltage measurement has become very popular in TV servicing. Due to variation in wave forms found in a TV receiver a VTVM reading peak to peak voltage is necessary for good TV service. Peak to Peak Voltage can also be read on the Triplett 3440 and 3441 Oscilloscope plus the fact you can view the wave form with the same connections.

All AC voltages are measured with one probe regardless of frequency from 15 cps to 150 MC. The lead with polystyrene tip probe is used for all AC and RF measurements. Connect this lead to the 650 at connector marked AC-RFV. Select the desired AC voltage range with the selector switch and read peak to peak voltage on red scale following guide on the bottom of this page. Short probe to ground and balance pointer over "0" scale by ZERO ADJ. Remove short and make test. You will notice there are two tips on the end of the AC-RF probe. The long tip is hot for AC voltage readings. The short tip is ground for reading high frequency where short leads are necessary.

Polarity reverse switch should always be in the +V position on AC and Ohm readings.

Peak to Peak (P-P) Voltage Range		Scale to Read			Selector Switch		
0-2.8		Red	scale	2.8 PP	1	AC V	
0-14		Red	scale	14 PP	5	AC V	
0–28		Red	scale	28 PP	10	AC V	
0-140		Red	scale	140 PP	50	AC V	
0–280	add 0	red :	scale	28 PP	100	AC V	
0-700	add 0	0 red	scale	140 PP	500	AC V	

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AC-RF Voltage Measurements



### AC-RF Voltage (RMS)

With your 650 VTVM you now read AC or alternating current two ways, one RMS and the other Peak to Peak. Peak to Peak reading is explained under heading "AC Peak to Peak." AC power current as commonly known is RMS meaning Root Mean Saugre value which is the effective value of an alternating current. It corresponds to the equivalent direct current value which will produce the same heating effect. Unless otherwise specified, alternating current values are always RMS values and will be read on RMS scales.

All AC voltages are measured with one probe for all frequencies from 15 cps to 150 MC. (If there is zero shift between the 1 AC and 500 V. AC see paragraph 2 under

Maintenance).

The lead with Polystyrene tip probe is used for all AC-RF measurements. Connect this lead to the instrument with the two prong connector at the point marked AC-RFV. That is the only place it will fit. Select the desired AC voltage range with the Selector Switch. Short probe to meter ground and balance pointer over "O" scale by ZERO ADJ. Remove short and make voltage measurement. You will notice there are two tips on the end of the AC-RF probe. One tip which is longer than the other, being the hot tip. The shorter of the two is ground for reading very high frequency voltage. A short ground lead is supplied for reading low frequency RF voltage. For AC voltages of power line frequency, the common DC ground lead, or the short tip on the AC probe; can be used. Both are common meter ground.

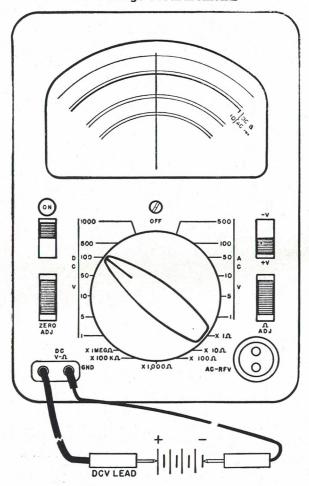
Separate 1 volt AC rms and 5 volt AC rms scales assure

greater accuracy.

(The meter is protected from DC voltage by a condenser in the tip of probe. Superimposed AC voltage can be measured on a DC circuit because the DC is blocked by this condenser and allows only AC to pass to the meter.)

AC	RMS Volta	ge	Scale to read
	0-500	Add 0 to	0-50 Black DC-RMS
	0-100	Add 0 to	0-10 Black DC-RMS
	0-50		0-50 Black DC-RMS
	0-10		0-10 Black DC—RMS
	0-5		0-5 Black 5 RMS-ONLY
	0-1		0-1 Black 1 RMS-ONLY

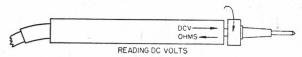
# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS DC Voltage Measurements



FIRST: SHORT D.C. LEAD AND ZERO WITH ZERO ADJ. SECOND: MEASURE UNKNOWN VOLTAGE AS SHOWN.

DC Voltage Measurements

All DC voltage measurements are made with a combination probe that is designed for Volts and Ohms. When reading DC Volts, turn the green sleeve counter clockwise to the stop, as illustrated below. This places a one megohm resistor in series with the probe tip.



Plug in the double plug end of the DCV-OHM lead making sure that the open jack side is on the ground side. Plug the common ground lead into the open jack. Now short probe and ground lead and adjust ZERO ADJ so pointer rests over "0" on meter scale. Select proper DC range. If voltage to be measured is unknown, use high range first then reset selector switch to range that will give approximately two-thirds scale deflection.

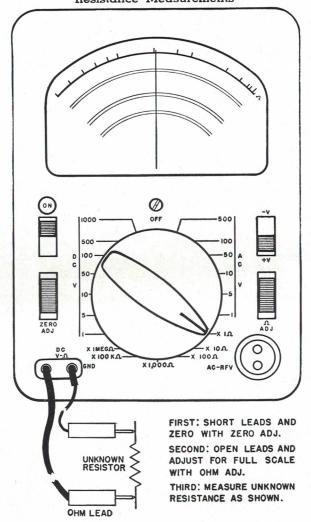
The polarity reverse switch when in +V position makes your DC test probe positive and GND negative. By sliding polarity switch to -V your DC test probe becomes negative and GND positive. This switch becomes very useful when a common ground lead is connected to a chassis while taking plate voltage reading. If you wish to take a grid voltage reading which is negative, slide polarity reverse switch to -V and take the reading without changing your common ground lead.

Polarity reverse switch should always be in the+V position

so Ohms will read up scale.

Selecting Correct Scales	
	Scale to read
Add 00 to	0-10 Black DC
Add 0 to	0-50 Black DC
Add 0 to	0-10 Black DC
	0-50 Black DC
	0-10 Black DC
	0-50 Black DC
Divide by 10	0-10 Black DC

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS Resistance Measurements



### Resistance Measurements DC

First: Check polarity reverse switch. It must be in the  $+\mbox{\em V}$  or down position.



Second: Set the SELECTOR SWITCH on an OHM range covering the value you estimate the unknown resistor to be. When reading ohms the green sleeve must be turned in ohms position which is obtained by turning green sleeve to the right or clockwise to stop as illustrated above. This shorts out the one megohm resistor which is necessary for reading DC Volts.

Third: Short leads and set pointer over "0" with ZERO ADJ. (Do not touch metal part of leads.)

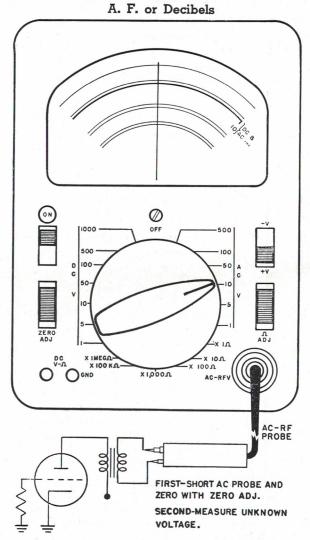
Fourth: Open shorted leads and adjust for full scale reading with OHMS ADJ. Full scale being the (  $\infty$ ) infinity mark over 50 DC-AC rms scale. You are now ready to measure unknown resistance. Watch that your finger is not touching resistor leads or probe tips or a false reading will result.

Ohm	Add to		lector
Range	Reading		vitch
0-1,000 0-10,000 0-100,000 0-1,000,000 0-100,000,000 0-1,000,000,000 (or 1,000 Meg.)	0 00 000 00000 00000	X X X X X	1Ω 10Ω 100Ω 1000Ω 100ΚΩ 1MEGΩ

TO MEASURE	SET SELECTOR SWITCH AT TEST LEAD TO USE		
DC Volts	Thumb Nut in Volt Position		
0-1 0-5 0-10 0-50 0-100 0-500 0-1000	1 DC V 5 DC V 10 DC V 50 DC V 100 DC V 500 DC V 1000 DC V	Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead	
AC-RMS			
0-1 0-5 0-10 0-50 0-100 0-500	1 AC V 5 AC V 10 AC V 50 AC V 100 AC V 500 AC V	AC Probe	
Ohms		Thumb Nut in Ohm Position	
0-1000 0-10,000 0-100,000 0-1,000,000 0-100 Meg. 0-1000 Meg.	X 1 Ohm X 10 Ohms X 100 Oms X 1000 Ohms X 100K Ohms X 1 Megohm	Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead Volt-Ohm-Lead	
Decibels			
See Chart  -26 to +44  See pages 16-17	1 AC V 5 AC V 10 AC V 50 AC V 100 AC V	AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe	
Peak To Peak			
0 - 2.8 0 - 14 0 - 28 0 - 140 0 - 280 0 - 700	1 AC V 5 AC V 10 AC V 50 AC V 100 AC V 500 AC V	AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe AC-RF Probe	

READ ON SCALE	SCALE	REMARKS
Black Scales		
0-10 DC 0-50 DC 0-10 DC 0-50 DC 0-10 DC 0-50 DC 0-10 DC	10 10 Read direct Read direct X 10 X 10 X 100	Be sure the green sleeve is in the DC position on test probe.  DC Volts, see pages 10-11.
Black Scales		
0-1 DC-RMS 0-5 DC-RMS 0-10 DC-RMS 0-50 DC-RMS 0-10 DC-RMS 0-50 DC-RMS	Read direct Read direct Read direct Read direct X 10 X 10	See instructions for AC-RMS reading on pages 8-9.
Top Scale "Ohm"		
0-1000 Ohms 0-1000 Ohms 0-1000 Ohms 0-1000 Ohms 0-1000 Ohms 0-1000 Ohms	Read direct X 10 X 100 X 1000 X 1000 X-100,000 X 1 Megohm	Be sure the green sleeve is in the Ohm position. See instructions for resistance measurements on pages 12-13.
Black AC Scales		See instructions for Decibel measurements on pages 16-17.
Red Scales		
0-2.8 P. P. 0-14 P. P. 0-28 P. P. 0-140 P. P. 0-28 P. P. 0-140 P. P.	Read direct Read direct Read direct Read direct X 10 X 10	See instructions for Peak to Peak voltage reading on page 7.

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



#### A. F. or Decibels

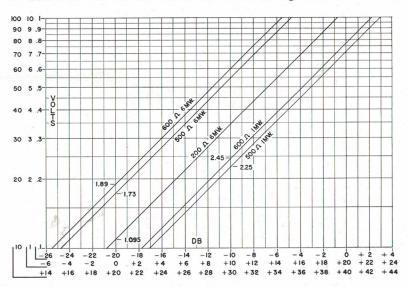
Audio output generally is measured in units called the Decibel, a terminology used to indicate audio power levels in an amplifier or telephone work. Zero DB is set at .775 Volts, this being the voltage developed across a 600 Ohm line when .001 Watts is dissipated in the line.

DO NOT confuse the DB with the VU (volume unit). The VU is also based on .001 watt dissipated in a 600 ohm line but is measured with a meter having special ballistic characteristics. In addition the "O" VU point is equal to +4 DB.

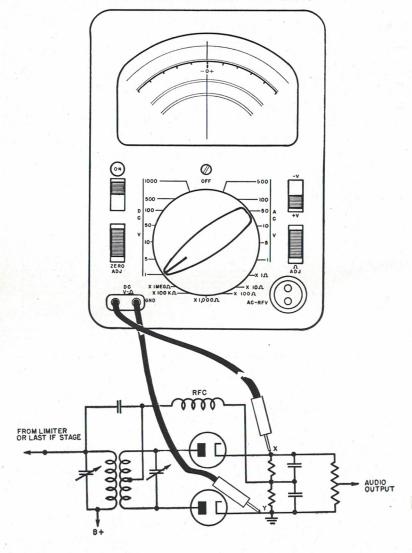
Decibels are measured by means of the gray lead with Polystyrene tip which was used to measure AC voltage.

Set SELECTOR SWITCH for correct range of level to be measured. Balance pointer to "0" with ZERO ADJ.

Read all DB on the Black AC scale using this chart.



# Galvanometer Zero Center Scale



### Galvanometer Zero Center Scale

Zero center scale is available for lining up the discriminator in FM circuit.

When it is desired to use the Zero center scale as a galvanometer set the SELECTOR SWITCH at 1 Volt DC range. Adjust pointer to center zero or to Red -0+ in the center of 0-10 DC scale with the ZERO ADJ. The meter will now read -.5, 0, +.5 Volts.

Higher ranges are available. Note the table below.

Read on Center Zero	Selector Switch Range
- .5 0 $+$ .5	1 V. DC
-2.50+2.5	5 V. DC
-50+5	10 V. DC
-25 0 + 25	50 V. DC
-50 0 + 50	100 V. DC
<b>-250</b> 0 <b>+250</b>	500 V. DC
-500 0 $+500$	1000 V. DC

Illustration on opposite page suggests use of center zero scale in realignment of FM discriminator circuit.

### Pointer "0" Adjustment

Set SELECTOR SWITCH on OFF position, adjust pointer to "0" with zero adjustment screw just above the word OFF on the selector switch.

### Pointer Shift DC to AC Ranges

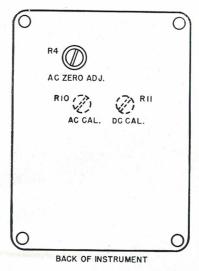
Insert both AC-RF and DCV probes and short all tips to ground. Allow instrument to warm up for 10 minutes. Set SELECTOR SWITCH to 1 V DC range, balance pointer to "0" with Zero Adj.. Now set SELECTOR SWITCH to 1 V AC. (Do not reset the ZERO ADJ.) With a small screwdriver adjust the potentiometer through the hole in the back of the tester so that the pointer is over "0" on all ACV and DCV ranges when switching from 1 DCV to 1 ACV through DCV and ACV ranges. In general this adjustment is not necessary and should be used only if the line voltage varies more than 10%.

When replacing AC probe the above adjustment should be made.

### Recalibrating DC Voltage Ranges

The DC ranges can be adjusted by a potentiometer adjustment marked DC CAL. inside the case. The seal on this adjustment should not be broken unless you have some means of accurate standard known voltage for recalibration. To recalibrate, set SELECTOR SWITCH at 50 Volt DC range and apply accurately 50 Volts DC to the DC test probes. Adjust potentiometer marked DC CAL. so the meter reading is 50 Volts full scale. Then reseal potentiometer with glyptol.

### Recalibrating AC Voltage Ranges



The AC ranges can be recalibrated by a potentiometer adjustment marked AC CAL inside the case. The seal on this adjustment should not be broken unless you have some means of accurate standard known voltage for recalibration. To recalibrate, set SELECTOR SWITCH at 5 Volt AC range and apply accurately 5 Volts AC to the AC test probe; adjust potentiometer marked AC CAL so the meter reading is 5 Volts full scale. Then reseal potentiometer with glyptol.

In case of damage to AC-RF probe send to factory for repair. Replacements are also available.

## Battery Replacement

The 1.5 Volt "C" cell is used for all resistance measurements only. If you are unable to adjust pointer to full scale as explained on page 13 replace the battery, or, if the ohms do not read a known resistor correctly, replace the battery.

### Tube Replacement

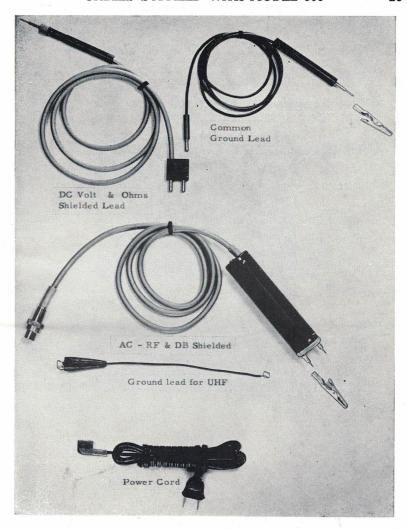
Should it become necessary to replace a tube, the following procedure should be followed. The three tubes in your Model 650 VTVM have been aged and selected. It will also be necessary for you to select a suitable tube as only 75% of the tubes supplied for general use are suitable for accurate measuring instruments. The 12AU7 tube must be aged 100 hours. This can be done in your Model 650 unit.

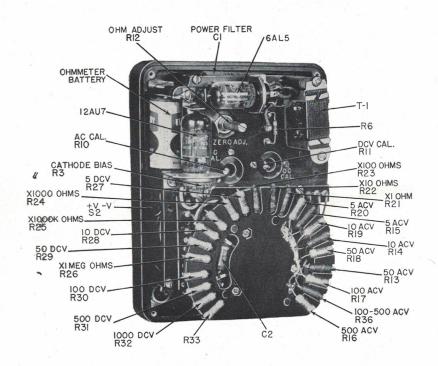
l—Select a 12AU7 Tube that after a 15 minute warm-up period is fairly stable when changing SELECTOR SWITCH from 1 Volt DC to 1000 Volt DC stopping on each DC range. If the pointer changes more than 3/4 of one division on the 10 Volt DC scale, the tube is not suitable to age.

Now that the replacement tube has been selected, age it in your Model 650 with the AC line switch ON for 100 hours. Sometimes it is possible that a tube will prove unstable after being aged. In such case the procedure must be repeated.

The 6AL5 tube inside the tester needs no aging or adjustments made if replaced.

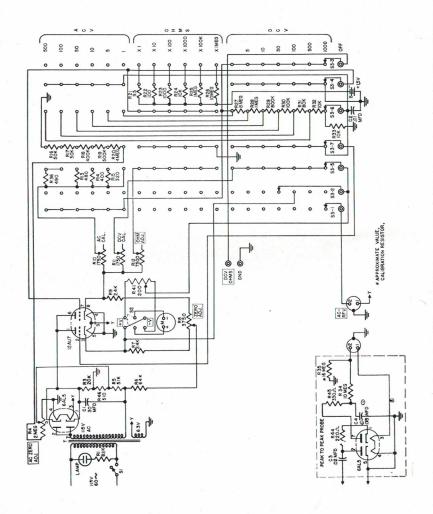
We recommend that all major recalibrating and repairs be done by the manufacturer. Our meter maintenance department is at your service. When necessary to return your instrument for repair, please write for return authorization.





REF. NO.	QUAN.	PART NAME	DESCRIPTION	FRIPLETT PART NO.
C1 C2 R1 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7, R9	1 1 1 1 1 1 2	Capacitor Capacitor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor	Fixed, 30 MFD 150V DC, ±10% Fixed, 01 MFD 600V DC, ±10% Fixed, 82K ohms, 1/2W, ±20% Fixed, 20K ohms, 1/2W, ±5% Variable, 2 meg., ±20% Fixed, 51K ohms, 1/2W, ±10% Fixed, 68K ohms, 1/2W, ±5%	I-43-103 I-43-101 I-15-1745 I-15-1686 I-16-79 I-15-1079 I-15-1657 I-15-1738
R12{	2	Resistor	Variable, 7500 ohms, $1/10W$ , $\pm 10\%$	Г-16-60
R10) R11}	2	Resistor	Variable, 1750 ohms, ±5%	Г-16-62
R13 R14 R15	1 1 1	Resistor Resistor Resistor	Fixed, 480 ohms, Wirewound Fixed, 400 ohms, $\pm 1\%$ , Wirewound Fixed, 320 ohms, $\pm 1\%$ , Wirewound	T-15-2126 T-15-2125 T-15-2124
R16) R17) R18 R19 R20 R21 R22 R23 R24)	2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor Resistor	Fixed, 50K, ohms, $\frac{1}{2}W$ , $\pm 1\%$ Fixed, 400K ohms, $\frac{1}{2}W$ , $\pm 1\%$ Fixed, 500K ohms, $\frac{1}{2}W$ , $\pm 1\%$ Fixed, 4 meg. ohms, $\frac{1}{2}W$ , $\pm 1\%$ Fixed, 9.5 ohms, $\pm 1\%$ , Wirewound Fixed, 100 ohms, $\pm 1\%$ , Wirewound Fixed, 1000 ohms, $\pm 1\%$ , Wirewound	T-15-1274 T-15-1167 T-15-1203 T-15-1138 T-15-1733 T-15-1734 T-15-1735
R32 R33	3	Resistor	Fixed, 10K ohms $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 1\%$	T-15-1014
R25 R28 R26 R27 R29 R30 R31 R36 R46	1	Resistor Res	Fixed, 490 onms, ±1%, wirewound	T-15-1358 T-15-2178 T-15-1729 T-15-1137 T-15-1727 T-15-1728 T-15-2127 T-15-1410 T-52-619 T-23A-61 T-2426-2 T-22B-150 T-3024-2 T-22A-154 T-22-152 T-2455-59 T-2600-6AL5 T-34-30 T-2451-5 T-10-953 8944
	1 1	Cord Lead Probe Probe Lead	TEST LEADS  Power Cord Common Ground Lead DC Volt and Ohm Shielded Lead AC, RF and DB Shielded Probe Ground Lead (Used with RF shielded probe)	T-2566-47 T-79-108 T-79A-109A T-79B-101 T-79A-111

Model 650 Schematic Diagram



# WARRANTY FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION INSTRUMENTS AND TEST EQUIPMENT

(Including Maintaining Parts of Discontinued Models)

Adopted and Recommended by the Radio-ElectronicsTelevision Manufacturers Association, 1951

The Triplett Electrical Instrument Company warrants instruments manufactured by it to be free from defective material or factory workmanship and agrees to repair such instruments which under normal use and service, disclose the defect to be the fault of our manufacturing. Our obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing any instrument or test equipment which proves to be defective, when returned to us, transportation prepaid, within ninety (90) days from the date of original purchase and provided the serial number has been made known to us promptly for our records.

This warranty does not apply to any of our products which have been repaired or altered by unauthorized persons or service stations in any way so as, in our judgment, to injure their stability or reliability or which have been subject to misuse, negligence, or accident, or which have had the serial number altered, effaced, or removed. Neither does this warranty apply to any of our products which have been connected, installed, or adjusted otherwise than in accordance with the instructions furnished by us. Accessories including all vacuum tubes not of our manufacture used with this product are not covered by this warranty.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied and no representative or person is authorized to assume for us any other liability in connection with the sale of our products.

Parts will be made available for a minimum period of five (5) years after the manufacture of this equipment has been discontinued. Parts include all materials, charts, instructions, diagrams, accessories, et cetera, which have been furnished in the standard model.

# The Triplett Electrical Instrument Company Bluffton, Ohio

# 5" OSCILLOSCOPE 10 MV Sensitivity 4.5 MC Band Width Amp.



Model 3441-A



Model 631

Comb. VTVM & VOM
Battery operated
Self-contained



Model 630-NA

VOM-70 Ranges
Temp. & Freq. Compensated
Accuracy Plus

#### STAND

A metal stand that will hold your Model 650 in approximately 45° angle on your work bench for easier operation and accurate reading. This sturdy metal stand  $61/_6$ " x 4-19/32", made of  $1/_6$ " steel rod nickel plated, fits into the rear screw holes of the tester and is easily fastened to or detached from the tester.



Stand only Part No. T-255A-33

Available from Your Local Triplett Distributor—A complete line of testers for color TV and electronics—also panel meters.