Subject: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by PakProtector on Sat, 17 Jun 2006 22:48:06 GMT
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hey-Hey!!!,I'm looking for somebody who's seen one of MQ's new production(in comparison to the Altec/Peerless originals). I'm looking for a description of one of the physical attributes of the S-271's core. Exactly, how thick is the stack of Ni lamination in its core? I thought I'd seen a picture of one of these big outputs, but I don't remember where, and it was a homogeneous core.cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 14:58:55 GMT
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I think he has a thirty day return policy.

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by PakProtector on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 20:02:55 GMT
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Hey-Hey!!!,I suppose I could ask, but I don't think there's any trusting the answer. I want to see what has already been done. That way, it's right there in black and silver(or as I suspect, just black).cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 20 Jun 2006 13:24:50 GMT
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That's a riot! I can see Douglas placing the order - I'll bet Mike'll just send one right over.

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by PakProtector on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 13:34:49 GMT
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Hey-Hey!!!,The acquisition process is not likely to be easy, but I don't see the return process to be nearly as easy...:) It isn't like I need anything but a picture of one of MQ's so-called exact copies to know the answer. I have recieved some private correspondence that tells me there is no Ni in the new ones, that for some reason it was left out. Considering all the claims MQ makes about how good putting a few slices of Ni into a core stack, you'd think that for a $1k2 output TX, it would get the Ni. Seems like deciet on his part if it's left out while claiming a true reproduction.
cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 14:41:10 GMT
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You could have a neighbor buy one and see. Are you saying the transformer is advertised as being superior by having nickel in it but it doesn't?

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by PakProtector on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 02:29:41 GMT
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I think mikey has advertised the Ni pinstriping as being superior. The stuff he claims to be exact replicas appears to be a corners-cut attempt at that. I found a bit of Ni in the S271S I took apart, and I've not found any evidence which supports the idea that MQ ever put any in their so-called exact replicas. Actually I've found evidence which points to the opposite.I suppose mikey could weigh in and tell his side, but there looks like nothing but an admission of what I have already spelled out, and he seems to have more trouble saying 'I was wrong' than the Fonz.cheers,Douglas

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Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by gfederys on Thu, 06 Jul 2006 18:57:41 GMT
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Maybe he has friends?

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...

Posted by PakProtector on Sun, 09 Jul 2006 12:20:52 GMT
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Actually, the only thing I trust MQ to do is continue behaving as he always has. There will be none of my money flowing to him, through an intermediary, or directly. There is nothing he can do for me that I cannot do for myself at a far better price and quality level. Besides, most of what he wants to do for me, I don't want done in the first place....:)It's one thing to create a close copy. It is quite another to claim it is an exact and perfect copy. It is still up in the air as to how much it is going to cost me to have the 271 built w/o the Ni stripe. I have my doubts as to how much that stripe was helping/hurting the performance anyway. M4 or M3 should make for one very nice output. It is too bad there seems to be no way to get Ni done in that size.cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: To anybody that's seen a MQ S-271-A...
Posted by bretldwig on Tue, 26 Dec 2006 10:29:30 GMT
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I think the best policy is to copy the real Peerless product with as close precision as possible, to state that that is what has been done, and to adopt a policy of not even looking at the MQ versions. That way he cannot allege you have cobbed his necessary adaptations. Not that it would matter anyway.

Subject: Fine idea!
Posted by PakProtector on Thu, 28 Dec 2006 23:52:02 GMT
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Hey-Hey!!!,Your suggestion matches what I am doing. I asked the question after discovering it was going to be quite difficult to replicate its construction details. Seemed like a reasonable question to satisfy a rather idle curiousity: did MQ ever do a real job with their clones?My answer arrived at after discussing the topic with a few owners of the MQ product is that they did not. Seemed sort of ironic to me, as they are always selling the Ni stripe as an expensive upgrade. As long as there are few folks who bother to look at an original closely, he can leave out what ever he wishes. If I had to bet on the rest of that remarkably complex coil, I would bet against him there too.Either way, I am not going to attempt selling these output TX's. Anybody who wants one, need only pick up the phone and speak to Heyboer. I plan to publicize the winding details for anybody to pick up and examine.cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: Fine idea!
Posted by bretldwig@yahoo.com on Sun, 31 Dec 2006 06:03:04 GMT

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The question is, or one question is, WHICH S-271 is MQ purporting to clone, because it's my guess that over the years they varied. As time went on wire insulation and assorted materials probably changed. I would venture to state the differences had some impact on the part, but how much is an open question. It's safe to assume they all met all advertised specs, at least when Ercel Harrison was there. But put yourself in the position of the wind line. Various people were doing these things and when they got up to speed, each had her own style so to speak. Here's the thing: the "bogey" part is one wound at a time when someone good and fast was there. If someone isn't doing them all the time proficiency suffers badly, which is why one big order is preferential to several small ones. Most shops would do a big run of the coil structures at one go if it was a catalog part and not build them out until orders came. You only had the coils in inventory then, and in states with inventory tax you arbitrarily valued them at the cost of the wire, far less than the wholesale value of the part. If the orders never came, you could easily send them to the smelter for the copper value. In some cases those coils could have sat a long time before being lammed up and built out. A lot of times in those days, the docs did not match the part because the engineers would draw it up, it would be proto'd and found wanting, and the engineer would come out and make verbal changes and the people would follow along. They might or might not annotate their own copies. A lot of the time really tough parts went from proto, pilot, to production with the same assemblers and ROs and there were a hard core group that were considered key operators. Remember the situation in those days with what was from the 20s on a overwhelmingly female work force. Women married and/or with kids didn't work outside the home and so they'd have considerable turnover. Modern QC programs like ISO 9000 and TQM are designed to limit this sort of thing. But even so examples of production not remotely corresponding to drawings are legion. I think Bob Pease or Jim Williams have one story in their book where they invited a retired old gal to do one after all engineering effort had failed, and it turned out the drawing was left-for-right, which "everyone back then knew". (Pease of NatSemi and Williams of LT write books which should be read by all present IMO).

Subject: Re: Fine idea!
Posted by PakProtector on Sun, 31 Dec 2006 12:07:57 GMT
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Hey-Hey!!!,Which revision he's building is anybody's guess. I read some of his stories on one of the lists (joe perhaps), about how Bill Pearl bought the winding machines in CA and did not buy the TX prints because the story was circuilating that all the good audio was gone. Perhaps all the current revisions really were. I have additional anectdotal evidence which also suggests that MQ's library is far from complete across the Peerless line.I know that after I had the S265Q cloned he told me it was wrong because *HIS* drawings didn't show any mylar insulation. In between primary and secondary the insulation was mylar and paper. His 1948 drawings only showed paper...I wish I could have seen his reaction when I made a similar suggestion to your thesis: the drawings may be missing bits, either by accident or deliberate practice.Anyway, the 271 is a wicked bitch of a coil. I doubt that the original drawings would be of much use, compared to unwinding one carefully.cheers,Douglas