Subject: airline radio
Posted by kary on Sun, 28 Dec 2008 04:29:42 GMT
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I have looked and looked and have no idea what kind year my wards airline cabinet radio is. Would the tube line up help? 6SK7, 6SA7, 6SQ7, 6V6, 5Y3 (?) Could been a 6. The chassis # is 0465579. Can you tell me where I can find more info? The cabinet is in fair condition and the radio works good.

Subject: Re: airline radio
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 31 Dec 2008 22:19:30 GMT
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I have radios with similar tube compliments and they're all made in the 1940's. Those tubes are fairly easy to get, but I still like to have a couple of them on hand to make sure I have spares.I have found little information on Airline brand radios, but one thing I know is they are the Montgomery Ward brand and they bought chassis from OEMs and had cabinets made for them. Because of that, if I need a schematic I usually have to dig through a Riders collection or Sam's photofacts to find chassis that look similar and have the right tube complement. One of my Airline radios had an RCA chassis, so when I found it, I made a copy of the schematic and placed it inside the radio cabinet for future reference.The truth is they rarely need service though. The tubes will go ouyt after a while, just like light bulbs. But they do tend to last a long time. The original capacitors go bad after sitting dormant for a few decades, so usually the caps need replacement but not always. But as long as the capacitors are good, these old radios tend to last a lifetime.I love these old tube radios. It's fascinating, knowing someone listened to history through them.
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