

## Otava Country of origin: Czechoslowakia

## DATA SUMMARY

**Organisation:** ŠTB - Štátna bezpečnost (Secret State Police) and Správa 1 - rozviedka (Government,

Department 1, espionage).

**Design/Manufacturer:** Správa 6 - spojovacia technika (Government, Department 6, communication technics).

Year of Introduction: 1966-67.

Purpose: Agents.

Receiver:

Circuit Features: Mix, CO, 2nd Mix, LO, 2nd IF, Det,

AF (2x), BFO, Cal. (AM R/T and CW)

Frequency Coverage: 3-20MHz. (16 subbands of

1MHz)

Intermediate Frequency: Dual conversion.

Transistor types: Unknown.

Power Supply: Dry battery 9V (2x 4½V). Size (cm): Height 4, Length 16, Width 9.

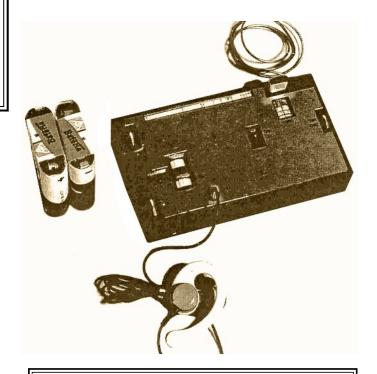
Accessories: Power lead with two crocodile clips. Aerial

wire, earpiece.

## **REMARKS**

The Otava (named after a river in the Slovak Republic) was a fully transistorised miniature agents receiver. It was designed by Správa 6 - spojovacia technika 1, under project number TI 627.

A crystal could be inserted in a socket on the front panel for tuning to a transmit frequency without connecting up the transmitter. The set was powered by two external 4½V flashlight batteries connected in series. The design was, at the time, advanced for an agent's receiver



## References:

- Scan and general (technical) information was kindly provided by Miro Hornik, OM3CU, Slovak Republic.
- More information on Miro's website: www.om3cu.sk
- Colour photo by Detlev Vreisleben, Germany.