

Clandestine Midget receiver #13
Country of origin:
Norway

DATA SUMMARY

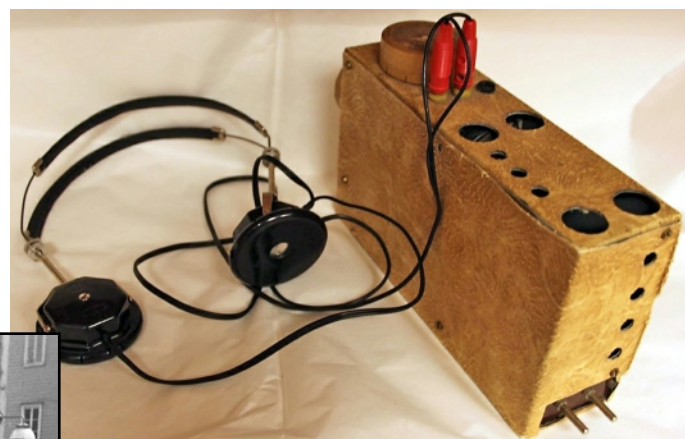
Design/Manufacturer: Home made.
Year of Introduction: WW2 after 1941.
Purpose: Illegal listening to Allied broadcasts.
Receiver: No technical details are known of its design and frequency coverage. Headphone reception.
Power Supply: AC mains.
Size (cm): Height 12, length 25, width 6.

Remarks

In September 1941 all broadcast radio receivers in Norway were confiscated by the German occupying forces. Listening to the news from London was strictly forbidden and heavy penalties were inflicted upon those caught in the possession of a radio receiver. As an alternative, small, simple and easy to conceal illegal radios were constructed by radio amateurs. The receiver pictured in this chapter was constructed for Arne Andersen from Kristiansand by his brother in law in Bryggebakken. The radio receiver, headphones and original aerial were discovered hidden in a wall in 1990; these are now in the collection of Arkivet. Technical details of this illegal radio receiver are currently not known.

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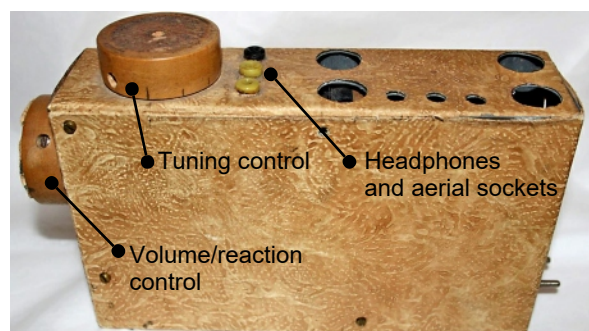
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- Photo of gathering broadcast receivers courtesy Finnmark Fylkesbibliothek, Vadsø. www.finnmarkfylkesbibliothek.no



General view of the illegal homemade broadcast receiver complete with original headphones and aerial.



Handing in of broadcast receivers to the Germans in Sept. 1941. A long line of men standing on the sidewalk near Knudsen skibshandel in Hammarfest. Crated and boxed radios are among the men and two hand-drawn carriages standing in front of the men. (fbib.03010-302)



Detail view of the receiver front panel and explanation of controls. Note the homemade wooden knobs.