

RR-48A Country of origin: USA/Germany W

DATA SUMMARY

Organisation: Central Intelligence Agency. (Germany W) Design/Manufacturer: Unknown USA production. Year of Introduction: Estimated mid 1970s.

Purpose: Agents short wave receiver.

Receiver:

Circuit features: Superheterodyne with BFO. Four crystal controlled frequencies. AM and CW. **Frequency coverage:** 3.1 - 7.5MHz. Six transistors, two diodes and IC AF module.

Power Supply: 1.5V type AA dry battery.

Size (cm): Height 3, length 11.5, width 7.

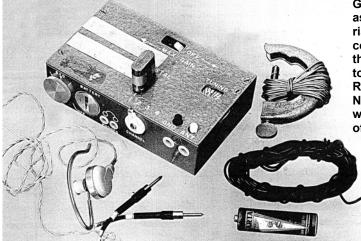
Accessories: Earphone, 6m aerial wire, earth clamp and wire, optionally an extra receiving crystal.

REMARKS

The RR-48A also known as 'KKG', short for *Kopfhörerkleinstgerät* (headphone mini set) was a miniature receiver for listening to shortwave (number) stations by agents operating in East Germany. The receiver was transistorised and had an integrated circuit in the AF stage. It operated on a single 1½V standard AA battery.

Reception was fixed on four crystal controlled fixed frequencies, selected by a switch. Three crystals were mounted on the circuit board, the other (type HC-6U) crystal could be plugged into a socket on the top panel assigned to channel position 1.

The tuning scale range indicated 20 to 25, subdivided in 25 divisions; possibly arranged as a deception. The approximate setting of the dial was indicated on a printed tape attached on the top panel. All components of the RR-48A were of USA manufacture and its construction revealed a USA maker.



General view of a RR-48A agents receiver with associated accessories. Though the type and serial number has been removed it is believed that considering a slightly different construction of the top plate attachment (countersink screws on top as opposed to side attached screws of the RR-48A) this might be an earlier RR-48 model. Note the two tapes at the left hand top side which were used for indicating the approximate settings of the tuning dial for two frequencies.

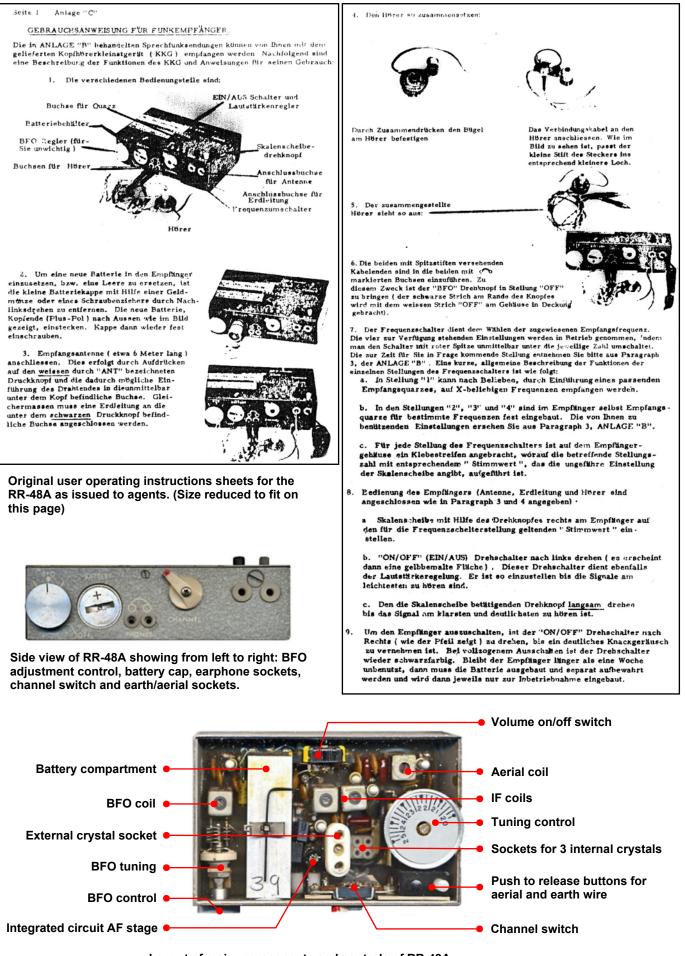
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Layout of major components and controls of RR-48A.

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