Warranty Policy

The Gonset Company warrants its equipment, when properly registered, against defects in workmanship, materials, and construction under normal use and service for a period of 90 days from the date of original purchase. Under this warranty our obligation is limited to repairing or replacing any defective parts.

This warranty does not apply to any equipment which has been tampered with in any way, or which has been misused or damaged by accident or negligence, or which has had the serial number removed, altered or effaced.

On equipment employing a vibrator, all components are covered by the warranty with the exception of the vibrator itself.

This warranty is valid only when the enclosed card is properly filled in and returned within ten days from purchase date.

**DO NOT SEND EQUIPMENT TO THE FACTORY WITHOUT FIRST SECURING AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO AND FROM THE FACTORY.**

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G-77 TRANSMITTER

(Consists of Model 3116 RF Section, Model 3117 Modulator-Power Supply)

TYPE OF EMISSION: AM phone, CW

FREQUENCY RANGE:
3.5 — 4.0 mc
7.0 — 7.3 mc
14.0 — 14.35 mc
21.0 — 21.45 mc
28.0 — 29.7 mc

PLATE POWER INPUT: 50-60 watts, nominal

FREQUENCY CONTROL: self-contained variable-frequency oscillator
optional quartz crystal

ANTENNA REQUIREMENTS: 50-ohms unbalanced

TUBE FUNCTIONS: 6CL6 vfo, 6CM6 multiplier, 6J46 final amp, 12AT7
speech amp, 12AU7 driver, (2) 6BQ6-GA class-B
modulator, OA2 voltage reg.

MICROPHONE REQUIREMENTS: high-impedance dynamic or reluctance

POWER REQUIREMENTS: 13.5 v dc at 3 amp (standby) 9 amp (opr) or
8.3 v dc at 5 amp (standby) 17 amp (opr)

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 4 1/2” h x 6 1/2” w x 9” d (transmitter)
7” h x 7 3/4” w x 10” h (modulator)

WEIGHT: 8 lb. (transmitter)
17 1/2 lb. (modulator)
The GONSET G-77 Transmitter, consisting of the Model 3116 RF Section and the Model 3117 Modulator-Power Supply, is designed primarily for the mobile transmission of AM-phone signals in the 10 through 80-meter amateur bands. The unit features a highly-stable variable-frequency oscillator, full band-switching, generous bandspreading, and high-level class-B modulation. Provision for the optional use of a crystal for frequency control is included. A meter is provided which, through a meter switch, monitors important circuits of the transmitter.

The Model 3117 Modulator-Power Supply operates from either a 6 or 12-volt d-c power source and furnishes all required operating and modulating power. A high-gain speech amplifier permits full modulation of the transmitter from a high-impedance dynamic or reluctance microphone of average output level. The modulator employs optimized integral speech clipping. This increases "talk power" without danger of over-modulation splatter of the "buckshot" type.

High-frequency non-thermionic rectifiers in the power supply combined with class-B operation of the modulator provide an unusually low battery drain during both standby and transmitting periods.

An installation kit consisting of all necessary plugs, cables (except battery cables) and fuses for a normal 12-volt installation is supplied. Sufficient cabling is furnished to locate the modulator-power supply up to 20 feet from the transmitter.
MOUNTING

Brackets and other hardware are furnished for mounting the Model 3116 RF Section under the dashboard of an average automobile. Mounting details for a typical installation are given in the accompanying illustration. Since the point at which the mounting bracket attaches to the transmitter will vary with different automobiles, no holes are provided in the transmitter case for bracket attachment. These holes (\(\frac{3}{8}\)) must be drilled and the 10-32 binding-head attaching screws fastened to the case. Note that these screws are to be fastened with the heads inside the case to provide adequate clearance for the transmitter chassis. With the mounting bracket secured to the dashboard, fasten the case to the bracket with the wing nuts furnished. After the firewall brace is installed as shown, insert the transmitter chassis into the case and secure with the three bottom screws.

The Model 3117 Modulator-Power Supply is normally located in the trunk of the automobile. Other locations should be considered only if they provide protection from dust and grease and do not get excessively hot. Proper ventilation of the unit is important; operation in ambient temperatures above 135° F will shorten the life of the vibrator, filter capacitors, and rectifiers.

Eight No. 10 x 3\(\frac{1}{4}\)" self-tapping screws are furnished for securing the modulator-power supply to the vehicle. Do not use the packing screws for this purpose. When drilling the mounting-screw holes, use no larger than a No. 28 drill bit.

CABLING

After the r-f section and modulator-power supply have been mounted, the power and microphone cables are routed between the two units and cut to correct length. Connections to plugs are given in the accompanying cabling diagram. When wiring the microphone disconnect plugs, make certain that the cable shield is not connected to the plug shells; hum may appear in the modulated output if the cable shield is grounded at any point other than the modulator-power supply chassis. The disconnect plug may be located at any convenient point near the r-f section and does not require mounting holes to be drilled in the vehicle. It is merely necessary to tape the plug to any nearby object.

For those who object to the cost of automotive battery cable for power leads between the battery and the modulator-power supply, a satisfactory substitute for 12-volt installations is RG-8 U coaxial cable or the older, obsolete "PT-5" 50 ohm cable. The center conductor of this cable is adequate for the "hot" battery lead and the outer braid may be used as the return. Regardless of the type cable used, a "cold" battery lead should be run from the modulator-power supply to the grounded terminal of the battery. Do not trust the frame of the automobile for this circuit; anti-rattle inserts and motor mounts often cause the grounding of various parts of the vehicle to be unreliable.
It is advisable to locate the 15-amp main fuse at a point near the battery since this protects against accidental grounding of the "hot" battery lead at any point along the route to the modulator-power supply. It is recommended that the filament and control battery lead be connected to the ignition switch or to an "accessory" terminal since this prevents operation of the equipment in the owner's absence.

If the installation is to be made in a 6-volt automobile, several modifications are necessary. The main fuse must be changed to one with a 30-amp rating. Also, since current consumption is doubled when operating from a 6-volt source, heavier battery cabling is required. Here again, RG-8/U cable may be used but the center conductor and outer braid must be paralleled to form the "hot" lead. The return lead may be another length of RG-8/U or aluminum TV grounding wire.

Several jumper changes must be made in both the r-f section and modulator-power supply for 6-volt operation. To convert the r-f section, make the following changes:

a. Locate the small five-connection terminal strip immediately forward of the T/R relay. Disconnect the jumper between terminals D and E. Connect jumpers between terminals A and B and between terminals C and D.

b. Locate the 30-ohm, 5-watt resistor (R26) on the four-connection terminal strip immediately below key jack J2 on the rear vertical chassis. Shunt this resistor with a wire jumper.

To convert the modulator-power supply, make the following changes:

a. Remove the jumpers connected between the following pairs of terminals: A and B, E and F, H and I.

b. Connect jumpers between the following pairs of terminals: B and C, D and E, I and J, K and L, M and N.

RECEIVER DISABLING AND FREQUENCY SPOTTING VOLTAGE

Receiver disabling contacts on the T/R relay of the r-f section are available at connector J4. Depending upon the type of disabling circuit used, connect either the contacts that make or break to the receiver through short lengths of insulated wire. It should be noted that the relay contacts are "floating" with respect to ground and are heavy enough for practically any disabling scheme.

If the frequency spotting feature of the transmitter is desired, connect a lead from the receiver plate supply to pin 4 of connector J4. This voltage should be in the range 200-250 volts and capable of delivering 25 ma. Most receiver power supplies will safely deliver this additional current for short periods of time.

ANTENNA CONNECTIONS

The transmitter is designed primarily to operate into a resonated whip antenna through RG-8/U coaxial cable. For satisfactory operation it is imperative that the antenna present a non-reactive impedance of about 50 ohms at the point of connection to the coaxial cable. Various methods for obtaining this condition are outlined in the mobile handbooks published by ARRL and CQ magazine. When installing the antenna cable, be sure that the outer braid is securely grounded near the point of connection to the antenna. Do not trust the antenna-base mounting bolts for this purpose.
OPERATION

GENERAL

The number of controls used in the G-77 Transmitter has been reduced to a minimum while retaining flexibility of adjustment under various antenna loading conditions. All circuits except the final-amplifier plate and load adjustments are gang tuned so that tuning the transmitter consists merely in setting the slide-rule dial to the desired frequency and adjusting the final amplifier for the correct load condition.

INITIAL ADJUSTMENT

After installation has been completed the transmitter should be checked for proper operation. With the car engine running at a fast idle, set the meter switch to L and the FIL. switch to ON position. The dial lamps and the modulator filaments should light. Adjust the band change switch to the desired band and the tuning control to frequency. Then set the LOAD control to a position near the clockwise end of rotation. Press the microphone button and quickly adjust the PLATE control for resonance as indicated by a pronounced dip on the meter.

Do not press the button for more than a few seconds at a time during this adjustment since it is possible to permanently damage the final-amplifier tube by prolonged periods of improperly-loaded operation. Note the meter reading as the PLATE control is resonated. If the reading is less than 120 ma., set the LOAD control to a more counterclockwise position and retune the PLATE control. The meter reading at resonance should be somewhat higher. Repeat this procedure until the meter reads 120 ma. with the PLATE control adjusted for minimum current. The final-amplifier plate circuit is now properly adjusted.

NOTE: When operating on the 80-meter band it may be found impossible to reduce the meter reading to 120 ma. even with the LOAD control at the full clockwise position. If this condition is encountered, connect a 500 mmf mica capacitor across terminal board J3 at the rear of the transmitter and readjust the LOAD and PLATE controls as before to obtain the correct meter reading. The added capacitor has no effect on bands other than 80 meters.

Turn the meter switch to L position. Press the microphone and note the meter reading. With the vehicle motor running and the battery charging at its normal rate, the reading should be approximately 2.5 ma. If the reading is less than 2.0 ma. or greater than 3.0 ma., adjust potentiometer R6 at the rear of the transmitter as required. Never attempt to operate the transmitter with an L reading greater than 3 ma.; reduced output and possible tube damage will result. The transmitter has been factory adjusted to provide the correct amount of grid current on all bands under average battery-voltage conditions. If, due to abnormally high battery voltage, it is found that the grid current cannot be reduced to 3 ma. by adjusting potentiometer R6, remove the transmitter from its case and remove the jumper connected across resistor R5. This resistor is located adjacent to the 6CM6 multiplier tube socket.

With the transmitter properly loaded and adjusted for correct grid current, turn the meter switch to L position. Adjust the GAIN control on the modulator-power supply until the meter swings to approximately 80 ma. on peaks when speaking directly into the microphone in a normal tone. Higher readings will increase distortion without any substantial improvement in "talk power." Lower readings indicate that the transmitter is not being modulated to full capacity.

The SPOT function of the meter switch may be checked at this time. Set the meter switch to SPOT position and tune the receiver to the transmitter frequency. A strong carrier signal should be heard. Note that it is not necessary to press the microphone button to obtain the spotting signal. Return the meter to L position. This completes the initial adjustment of the transmitter.

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CRYSTAL CHART
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Although the G-77 Transmitter contains an extremely stable variable-frequency oscillator, provisions are included for crystal-controlled operation. Crystal operation is obtained by plugging a suitable crystal into the socket immediately below the meter and switching the XTAL-VFO switch to XTAL position. Set the tuning dial to the crystal frequency or the desired harmonic (refer to the crystal chart) and turn the meter switch to I position. Now press the microphone button and adjust the tuning dial for maximum meter indication. Finally, adjust the PLATE and LOAD controls for proper final-amplifier loading. As with VFO operation, make these adjustments quickly since sustained off-resonance operation may damage the final-amplifier tube.

CW operation of the transmitter without addition of a suitable key-click filter is not recommended except in emergencies. Information on keying filters is given in THE RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK.
GENERAL

The Model 3116 RF Section contains a 6CL6 variable-frequency oscillator, a 6CM6 frequency multiplier, and a 6146 final amplifier. All tuned circuits with the exception of the final-amplifier plate circuit are gang tuned by a single front-panel control. Likewise, a single control accomplishes all circuit switching as the transmitter is changed from one band to another.

A multi-purpose switch provides for phone or CW operation, frequency spotting, and metering of amplifier grid current, amplifier cathode current, and modulator cathode current.

OSCILLATOR

The variable-frequency oscillator is connected in a modified Colpitts circuit with capacitors C24 and C25 providing the voltage division required for oscillation. The oscillator operates at various sub-multiples of the final output frequency as shown in the chart below. On 80 and 40 meters an r-f choke, broadly resonant at 2500 kc, is inserted in the oscillator plate circuit and the fundamental frequency of oscillation is applied to the next stage. On all other bands the plate circuit is tuned to the second harmonic of the oscillator frequency.

Due to the compact construction of the transmitter, a number of compensating capacitors are required to stabilize the oscillator frequency against changes in temperature. These capacitors are physically located in various parts of the oscillator and their placement is quite critical.

Switch SW2, when in XTAL position, converts the oscillator to crystal-controlled operation. The crystal appears as a parallel-resonant tuned circuit and capacitors C26 and C29 supply the voltage division for the modified Colpitts configuration.

MULTIPLIER

Output from the oscillator plate circuit is applied to the grid of the 6CM6 multiplier stage. On all bands except 15 meters, this stage doubles the frequency of the signal appearing on the plate of the oscillator tube. On 15 meters the stage operates as a frequency tripler.

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FREQUENCY MULTIPLICATION CHART

Resistor R5 and potentiometer R6 in the cathode of the multiplier tube adjust the overall output of the stage. The potentiometer provides a limited range of adjustment to insure that the final amplifier will not be overdriven or underdriven. Switch SW1-D in the screen grid circuit of the multiplier sets the screen voltage of the tube so that equal drive is delivered to the final amplifier on all bands. The voltages selected by this switch are obtained from voltage divider R8 through R17. Adjustment of this circuit is made at the factory and should not require changing.

FINAL AMPLIFIER

Output from the 6CM6 is capacity coupled to the grid of the 6146 which operates as a straight amplifier on all bands. Since excitation is never removed from this tube when the transmitter is operating, no protective bias is required.

Jack J2 in the cathode of the final amplifier permits keying of the stage when CW operation is desired. It should be noted that objectionable key clicks may be produced in nearby receivers when keying the transmitter unless a key-click filter of the inductance-capacity type is inserted in the key lead. No filter was included in the transmitter since the relatively small amount of CW operation encountered in mobile applications would not justify the additional cost and space required. The exciter portion of the transmitter operates continuously when the function switch is in CW position. Therefore, it is necessary to turn the switch to IG during periods between transmissions.

To prevent any possibility of instability in the final amplifier under the various load conditions encountered in mobile applications, a neutralizing circuit is included in the amplifier design. A small amount of signal from the plate of the tube is returned through capacitors C49 and C50 to the bottom end of the multiplier plate coil to cancel the voltage developed by the grid-to-plate capacity of the final-amplifier tube. The neutralizing capacitor is set at the factory and should require no further adjustment.

Pi-section coupling is used to match the amplifier plate to the antenna. A section of the bandswitch adjusts the amount of inductance in this network to obtain correct loading on each band with a nominal 50-ohm antenna impedance. Connector J3 at the rear of the transmitter chassis permits additional capacity to be added to the output side of the pi-section network on 80 meters if required. This added capacity is automatically removed from the circuit when the transmitter is operated on any of the other bands.
T/R RELAY

In addition to transferring the antenna from the transmitter to the receiver, the transmit-receive relay REL-1 performs several other functions. As the relay becomes de-energized, resistor R25 is shunted across the 250-volt exciter supply and this voltage drops to a very low value. This causes the excitation to be removed from the final amplifier and the increased current drawn by this stage quickly discharges the power-supply filter capacitors. Thus, the transmitter is cut off quickly and without "hangover."

MODULATOR-POWER SUPPLY

The Model 3117 Modulator-Power Supply has been carefully designed to provide high efficiency with minimum battery drain. The speech amplifier passes only those audio frequencies that contribute to intelligibility. Low audio frequencies are attenuated by the short time constants of the interstage coupling circuits, and high frequencies are rolled off by shunt capacities. The design not only conserves audio power but also reduces the background noise usually encountered in mobile installations.

The class-B modulator is operated with control grids grounded and audio signal applied to the screen grids. Connected in this manner, the tubes operate at very low resting plate current even though no bias is applied. Meter shunt R210 in the cathodes permits metering of the modulator current. Modulation transformer T3 presents a high plate-to-plate load impedance to the modulator tubes which provides a speech-clipping characteristic at modulation percentages approaching 100%. This permits the gain control to be advanced beyond the point that would ordinarily produce overmodulation, thus increasing the transmitter "talk power." High-frequency components generated by this clipping action are attenuated by the leakage inductance of the transformer in conjunction with the secondary shunt capacity.

Power-supply vibrator VIB1 is the center-testing type with separately-connected armature coil. When the armature coil is not energized the battery supply voltage is disconnected from the power supply. Therefore, a heavy on-off relay is not required in the battery circuit. The power-supply rectifiers are connected in a full-wave voltage-doubler circuit. Since these rectifiers require no filament current and exhibit practically no voltage drop they contribute to the low battery drain of the unit.

Relay REL2 protects the vibrator and rectifiers from the heavy charging current that would normally flow when the power supply is first turned on. The relay is designed to close only when the voltage on filter capacitor C303 approaches full charge. Since R217 is in the circuit until this time, charging current is limited to a safe value, thus preventing excessive sparking and "flame" at the vibrator. As the relay closes, R217 is removed from the circuit and, simultaneously, the plate load of the final amplifier and modulator is connected to the power supply.

It may be noted that under normal loading conditions a prolonged whistle into the microphone causes the final-amplifier cathode current to decrease somewhat, while normal speech has little or no effect on the meter. This effect is due to the fluctuating plate current of the class-B modulators causing a slight drop in plate voltage. Under conditions of average speech, the additional power-supply drain due to modulator plate current has only a small effect on power-supply output voltage. However, with a prolonged whistle the output voltage drops, causing decreased final-amplifier current. An r-f indicator (such as a neon lamp) connected to the antenna will show that the transmitter is "modulating upward" under these conditions and the effect should not be considered detrimental to performance. It is not downward carrier shift as might occur from non-linearity in the final-amplifier stage.
LUBRICATION

All mechanical parts of the transmitter have been factory lubricated and further lubrication is not recommended until the need becomes obvious. The hand-switch and tuning mechanism can become stiff or erratic in operation after extended use and this may be remedied by the sparing application of Lubriplate or a similar lubricant. Clean the wiping parts thoroughly with carbon tetrachloride before applying new lubrication. An occasional dusting of the entire chassis with a small brush or dry compressed air is advisable. Make certain that no components are disturbed during this operation.

MALFUNCTIONING

Experience has shown that nearly 90% of the causes of malfunctioning are traceable to defective tubes. Therefore, when the reason for lack of performance is not immediately obvious, check all tubes before proceeding further. All component parts in the G-77 Transmitter are operated conservatively and parts failures will be very infrequent.

ALIGNMENT

Misalignment of the transmitter is evidenced by low amplifier grid current and faulty dial calibration. If, after extended use, it is found impossible to obtain at least 2.0 ma. grid current and all other indications are normal, the oscillator plate and multiplier plate coils should be checked for correct alignment. In all cases set the tuning dial to the center of the band and adjust appropriate slugs for maximum grid current. A General Cement No. GC-8606 or equivalent alignment tool is required for these operations.

If the dial calibration becomes faulty, first determine if all bands are in error and if the error is constant across the band. Also, before proceeding further, make certain that the dial pointer is correctly indexed. With the tuning capacitor turned to the maximum-capacity stop, the dial pointer should be aligned with the indexing mark at the low-frequency end of the 10-meter dial scale. If the calibration error appears to be constant at all points across the band and all bands are in error, a slight adjustment of trimmer C14 on the first wafer of the hand-switch may suffice to correct the error. If this adjustment is not sufficient, each band should be touched up with the individual band trimmers. Note that C14 is used to trim the 10-meter band but will affect the calibration on all bands. It is important, therefore, that the 10-meter band be corrected before attempting to adjust other bands.

If it is found that calibration error appears at one end of the tuning dial only, it will be necessary to readjust the oscillator-grid coil slugs in addition to the trimmer capacitors. This procedure is similar to the tracking adjustment required in receiver alignment and no specific instructions are needed for those familiar with that technique.

If it is found necessary to replace the 6BQ6 modulator tubes care should be taken that the replacement tubes are well matched. Tubes may be easily tested for proper matching by installing one new tube and noting the resting modulator current with the other socket empty. Then remove this tube and install the other new tube, again noting the current. For correct modulator performance the two currents should be equal within 10%.

TUNING CORD STRINGING DIAGRAM
PLATE TUNING DIAL CORD DIAGRAM

Holes in Pulley
End Cap

BANDCHANGE CORD STRINGING DIAGRAM
RF SECTION, LEFT SIDE VIEW
MODULATOR-POWER SUPPLY, TOP VIEW
NOTE: Shown jumpered for 6 volts

NOTE: Shown jumpered for 12 volts
POWER SUPPLY & MODULATOR

G-77 TRANSMITTER

Voltage Tests Made
With A 20,000 Ohms per Volt Meter