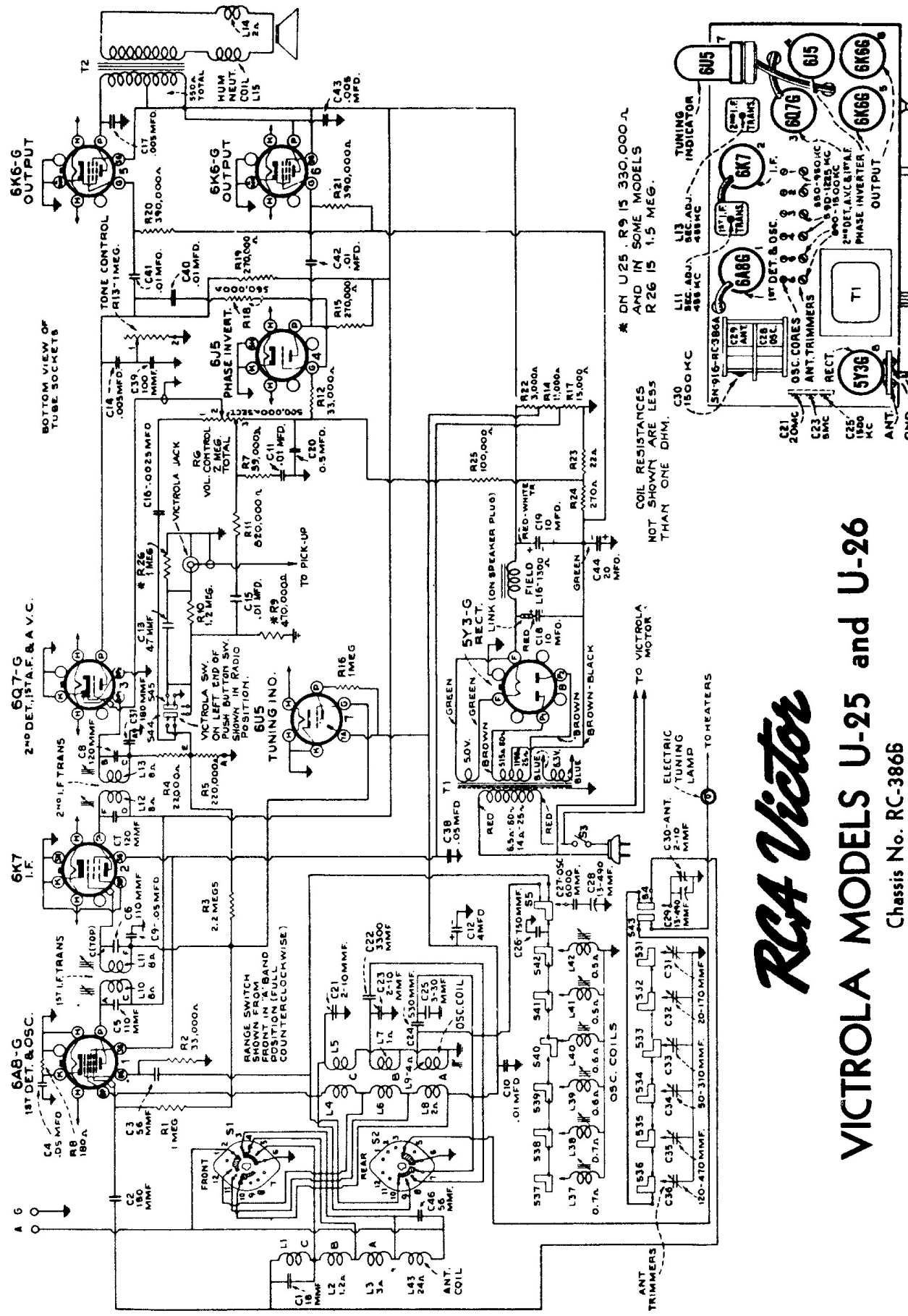
RCA Victor
VICTROLA MODELS U-25 and U-26
Chassis No. RC-386
6K6-G OUTPUT
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6J5 PHASE INVERT.
6Q7-G 2ND DET., 1ST A.F. & A.V.C.
6K7 I.F.
6A8-G 1ST DET. & OSC.
6U5 TUNING IND.
5Y3-G RECT.
TONE CONTROL R13-1 MEG.
VOL. CONTROL 2 MEG. TOTAL
VICTROLA JACK
VICTROLA SW. ON LEFT END OF PUSH BUTTON SW. SHOWN IN RADIO POSITION.
TO PICK-UP
TO VICTROLA MOTOR
TO HEATERS
ELECTRIC TUNING LAMP
RANGE SWITCH SHOWN FROM FRONT IN 'A' BAND POSITION (FULL COUNTERCLOCKWISE)
OSC. COILS
OSC. COIL
ANT. COIL
ANT. TRIMMERS
BOTTOM VIEW OF TUBE SOCKETS
COIL RESISTANCES NOT SHOWN ARE LESS THAN ONE OHM.
* ON U25 R9 IS 330,000Ω AND IN SOME MODELS R26 IS 1.5 MEG.
6U5
6Q7-G
6K7
6A8G
6K6G
6K6G
5Y3G
TUNING INDICATOR
1ST I.F. TRANS
2ND DET. & OSC.
2ND DET. A.V.C. & 1ST A.F. PHASE INVERTER
OUTPUT
POWER CORD
VICTROLA JACK
SPEAKER CABLE
T1
RECT.
OSC. CORES
ANT. TRIMMERS
ANT.
GND.

Automatic Record Changer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before servicing the automatic record changer, inspect the assembly to see that all levers, parts, gears, springs, etc. are in good order and are correctly assembled.

A bind or jam in the mechanism can usually be relieved by rotating the turntable in the reverse direction.

The changer can be conveniently rotated through its change cycle by pushing the index lever to "Reject" and revolving the turntable by hand. Six turntable revolutions are required for one change cycle.

ADJUSTMENTS

A. Main Lever.—This lever is basically important in that it interlinks the various individual mechanisms which control needle landing, tripping, record separation, etc. One adjustment is provided for the main lever. Rotate the turntable until the changer is out-of-cycle; and adjust rubber bumper bracket (A) so that the roller clears the nose of the cam plate by 1/16 inch.

B. Friction Clutch.—The motion of the tone arm toward the center of the record is transmitted to the trip pawl "22" by the trip lever "7" through a friction clutch "5." If the motion of the pickup is abruptly accelerated or becomes irregular due to swinging in the eccentric groove, the trip finger "7" moves the trip pawl "22" into engagement with the pawl on the main gear, and the change cycle is started. Proper adjustment of the friction clutch "5" occurs when movement of the tone arm causes positive movement of the trip pawl "22" without tendency of the clutch to slip. The friction should be just enough to prevent slippage, and is adjustable by means of screw "B." If adjustment is too tight, the needle will repeat grooves; if too loose, tripping will not occur at the end of the record.

C. Pickup Lift Cable Screw.—During the record change cycle, lever "16" is actuated by the main lever "15" so as to raise the tone arm clear of the record by means of the pickup lift cable. To adjust pickup for proper elevation, stop the changer "in-cycle" at the point where pickup is raised to the maximum height above turntable plate, and has not moved outward; at this point adjust locknuts "C" to obtain 1 inch spacing between needle point and turntable top surface.

D. & E. Needle Landing on Record. — The relation of coupling between the tone arm vertical shaft and lever "20" determines the landing position of the needle on a 10 inch record. Position of eccentric stud "E" governs the landing of the needle on a 12 inch record; this, however, is dependent on the proper 10 inch adjustment.

To adjust for needle landing, place 10 inch record on turntable; push index lever to reject position and return to the 10 inch position; see that pickup locating lever "17" is tilted fully toward turntable; rotate mechanism through cycle until needle is just ready to land on the record; then see that pin "V" on lever "14" is in contact with "Step T" on lever "17." The correct point of landing is 4-11/16 inches from the nearest side of the turntable spindle; loosen the two screws "D" and adjust horizontal position of tone arm to proper dimension, being careful not to disturb levers "14" and "17". Leave approximately 1/32 inch end play between hub of lever "20" and pickup base bearing, and tighten the blunt nose screw "D"; run mechanism through several cycles as a check, then tighten cone pointed screw "D".

After adjusting for needle landing on a 10 inch record, place 12 inch record on turntable; push index lever to reject and return to 12 inch position; rotate mechanism through cycle until needle is just ready to land on the record; the correct point of landing is 5-11/16 inches from nearest side of spindle. If the landing is incorrect, turn stud "E" until the eccentric end adjusts lever "14" to give correct needle landing. The eccentric end of the stud must always be toward the rear of the motor board, otherwise incorrect landing may occur with 10 inch records.

F. & G. Record Separating Knife. — The upper plate (knife) "25" on each of the record posts serves to separate the lower record from the stack and to support the remaining records during the change cycle. It is essential that the spacing between the knife and the rotating record shelf "27" be accurately maintained. The spacing for the 10 inch record is nominally .058 inch, and for the 12 inch record is .075 inch.

To adjust, rotate the knife to the point of minimum vertical separation from the record shelf and turn screw and locknut "F" to give .055—.061 inch separation. Screw "G" must not be depressed during this adjustment. After setting screw "F" adjust screw "G" so that when its tip is depressed flush with top of record shelf, the vertical spacing between the knife, in its lowest rotational position, and the shelf, is .072—.078 inch.

H. Record Support Shelf.—The record shelf revolves during the change cycle to allow the lower record to drop onto the turntable. Both posts are rotated simultaneously by a gear and rack coupled to the main lever "15," and it is necessary that adjustments be such that the record is released from both shelves at the same instant. To adjust, place a 12 inch record on the turntable, rotate mechanism into cycle to the point where tone arm is at maximum distance outward from turntable; lift record upward until it is in contact with both separating knives, then loosen screws "H" and shift record shelves so that the curved inner edges of the shelves are uniformly spaced at least 1/16 inch from record edge. Tighten the blunt nose screw "H," run mechanism through cycle several times to check action, then tighten cone pointed screw "H".

If record shelves or knives are bent, or not perfectly horizontal, improper operation and jamming of mechanism will occur.

J. Tone Arm Rest Support (not shown).—When the changer is out-of-cycle, the front lower edge of the pickup head should be 5/16 inch above surface of motor board. This may be adjusted by bending the tone arm support bracket, which is associated with the tone arm mounting base, in the required direction.

K. Trip Pawl Stop Pin.—The position of the trip pawl stop pin "K" in relation to the main lever "15" governs the point at which the roller enters the cam. By bending the pin support either toward or away from trip pawl bearing stud, the roller can be made to enter the cam later or earlier, respectively. This adjustment should be made so that the roller definitely clears the cam outer guide as well as the nose of the cam plate.

Lubrication.—Petrolatum or petroleum jelly should be applied to cam, main gear, spindle pinion gear, and gears of record posts.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE HINTS

Incorrect adjustment of a particular mechanism of the changer is generally exhibited in a specific mode of improper operation. The following relations between effects on operation and the usual mis-adjustments will enable ready adjustment in most cases.

1. For any irregularity of operation, the adjustment of the main lever "15" should be checked first as in "A".
2. Needle does not land properly on both 10 and 12 inch records—Make complete adjustments "D" and "E".
3. Needle does not land properly on 12 inch record but correct on 10 inch—Effect adjustment "E".
4. Failure to trip at end of record—Increase clutch "5" friction by means of screw "B". Also, see that levers "7" and "12" are free to move without touching each other.
5. Pickup strikes lower record of stack or drags across top record on turntable—Adjust lift cable per adjustment "C".
6. Needle does not track after landing—Friction clutch "5" adjustment "B" may be too tight; bind in tone arm vertical bearing; levers "7" and "12" fouled; or pickup output cable twisted.
7. Cycle commences before record is complete—Record is defective, or adjustment "B" of friction clutch "5" is too tight.
8. Wow in record reproduction—Record is defective; flexible coupling between motor and changer mechanism not correctly assembled; or instrument is not being operated at normal room temperature (65° F).
9. Record knives strike edge of records—Records warped; record edges are rough; or knife adjustments "F" and "G" are incorrect.
10. Record not released properly—Adjust record shelf assemblies in respect to shaft by means of adjustment "H".
11. Needle lands in 10 inch position on 12 inch record or misses record when playing both types mixed—Increase tension of pickup locating lever spring "34".

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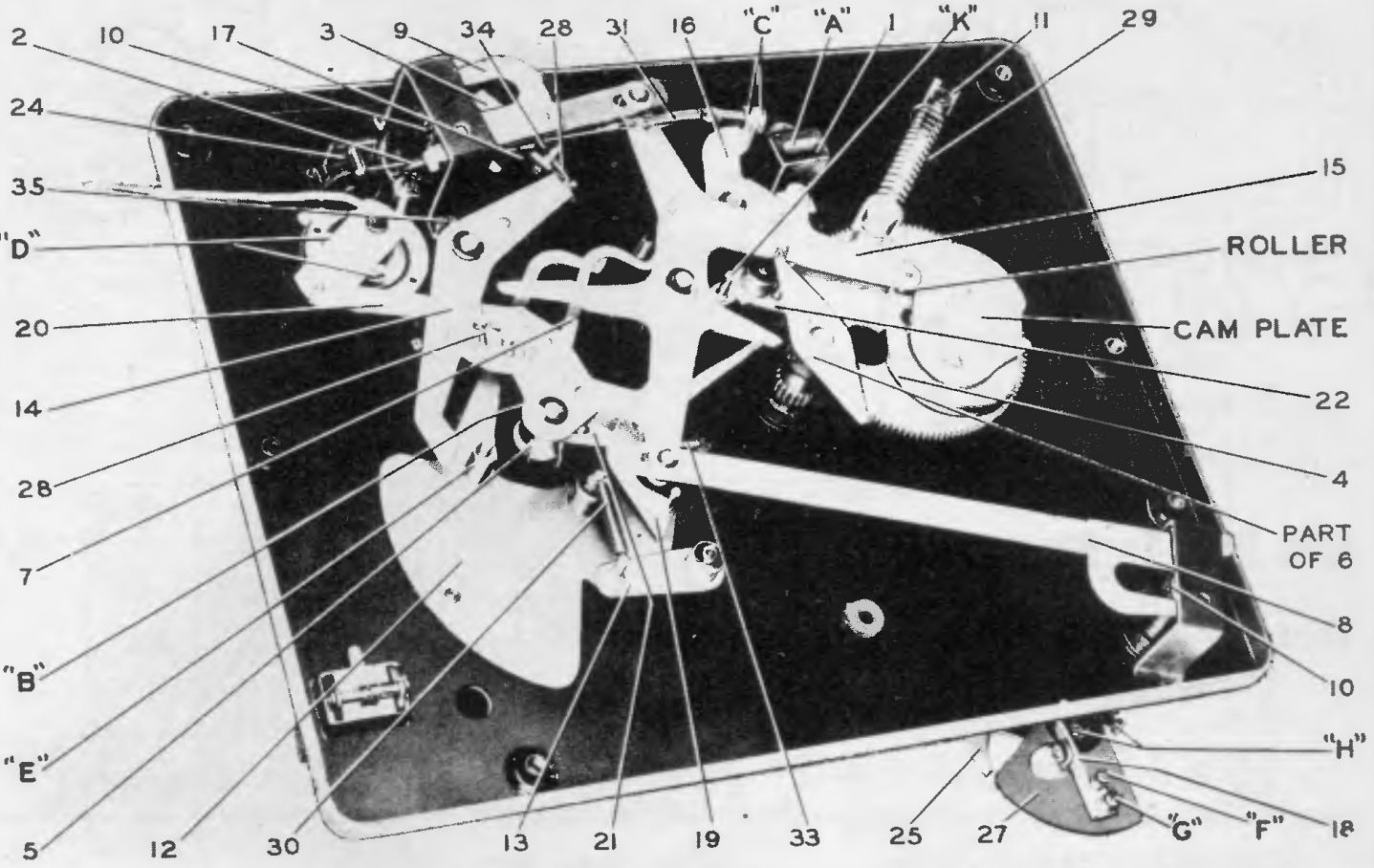
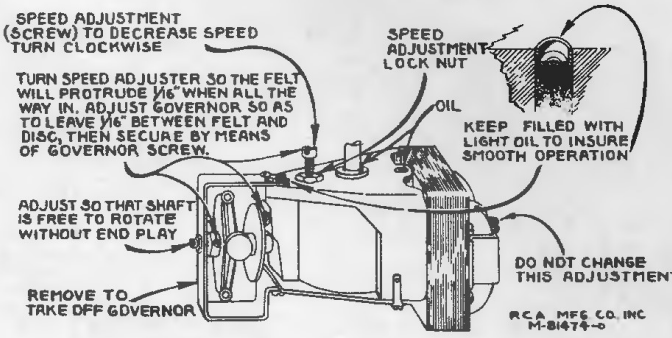
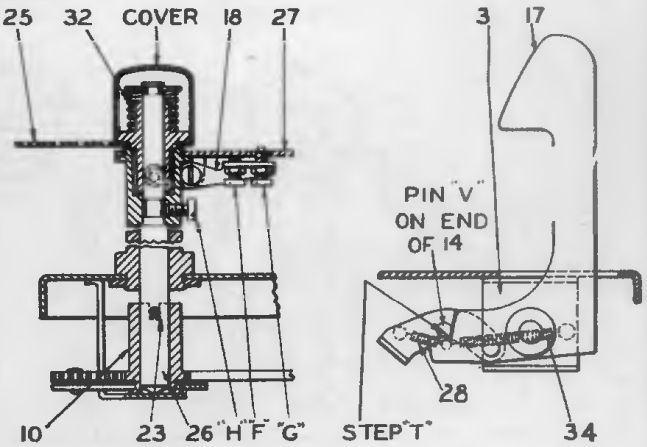


Bottom View of Automatic Record Changer

NOTE: Numbers refer to parts—letters refer to adjustments.





Details of Record Shelf Posts, and Locating Lever Assemblies