

Who would have thought that compiling a complete index of the Radio and Television Servicing Books would turn out to be more of an undertaking than at first thought?

For a good start, all I had to do was acquire the books, as listed by the publishers, from 1955 to 1987 and this I eventually achieved. It was not easy all the way, countless errors by the publishers (and me) with things like wrong page and model numbers and with over 12000 Xcel line entries it had to be done in small bites to preserve my sanity.

After 1987 the annual production of the book ceased though there was a loose leaf version produced (which I have somewhere) but after that I am sure it finally ended.

It was whilst compiling the volumes produced before the 1955-56 volume that gave me the most grief and why my work stopped before the men in White coats came.

What happened? If you read the publishers own Index you would be forgiven for thinking that the only volumes before those dates were the following which the publishers labelled (a) to (g):-

A Two volume set 1952:-

Volume 1 Radio Servicing (a),

Volume 2 TV Servicing (b).

A Five volume set 1955:-

Volume 1 Radio A to L (c),

Volume 2 Radio M to Z (d),

Volume 3 TV A to L (e),

Volume 4 TV M to Z (f),

Volume 5 1953 to 1954 Models (g).

I managed to acquire the above 1955 five volume set (c to g) and just recently I was given the confirmed data for the 1952 ones.

Then the Crash came! I acquired a spare copy of volume 1 (c) BUT it is for a FOUR volume set and not a five! It is titled Radio Servicing Part 1 and the contents are not in alphabetical order, it starts with Philips and ends with Ferranti.

This has meant opening up another search for the missing volumes 2, 3 and 4 of this set because they have to be included for a concise Index?

Inside this Part 1 book, all but one of the models is covered as in the 1955 five volume set but page numbers are obviously completely different.

Searching for the other three books of this set has so far drawn a blank but a hopeful Volume 2 arrived but was not the expected Radio Servicing Part 2!

This was volume two for the five volume set but hang on! This one is titled Radio Data pre-1953 Models (cont.) and Television Data pre-1953 Models.

So this volume 2 is from another five volume set and something I had not expected.

Volume 2 of the 1955 five volume set covers Radio M to Z (d), this volume 2 covers Radio M to Z and also Television A to F and is physically much thicker than the volume 2 of the 1955 set. No wonder the authors of the Radio & TV books were quick to drop references to earlier versions citing that all models were still covered by the five volumes given, but that is not very helpful in trying to compile a complete index! Did they know something else that I don't?

Books needed (as far as I know) to complete the Index:-

Three volumes from the four volume set.

Volume 2 Radio Servicing Part 2, Volume 3 TV Servicing Part 1 and Volume 4 TV Servicing Part 2.

Four volumes from a possible earlier five volume set.

Volume 1 Pre-1953 (Radio A to L), Volume 3 Pre-1953 (TV G to Z)?

Volume 4 Pre-1953? and Volume 5 Pre-1953?

Well I decided not to wait for the missing volumes, it may take years and I won't be around that long.

So I decided to make the Xcel sheet multi-tabbed.

1. MODELS ONLY. Lists all models and makes.
2. MODELS AND SUPPLEMENTARY. This shows the models and makes plus their supplementary information data page numbers where applicable.
3. SUPPLEMENTARY ONLY. This shows just this data for a quick look up.
4. TECHNICAL INFORMATION. This shows a list of the technical articles covered, mainly in earlier volumes.
5. EARLIER VOLUMES. This lists the missing volumes, no longer recognised by the publishers.
6. Tabs A to Z allow quicker looking up of a particular make and model, the supplementary data links are also provided here.

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[The Xcel spreadsheets:](#)