National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact of the Week:

Philco 570 Grandfather Clock Radio



For a few years in the early 1930s, in addition to Philco, other companies (e.g., Crosley and Majestic) also made grandfather clock radios styled somewhat like this 1932 Philco Model 570.

In addition to their attractive appearance, these tall slender radios had the advantage of taking up less floor space than a typical console of the era. This handsome wood cabinet recreates the look of Early American furniture in the Queen Anne Style.

The electric clock was completely separate from the radio. The chassis in this model was exactly the same as the one in the Model 70 Philco “cathedral” style tabletop radio, which was one of the best selling radios of that era.

The Model 570 was introduced as a “1932” model late in 1931, by which time Philco had become the number one radio manufacturer in the United States.

We appreciate your support of the museum so that historical artifacts like this one, and the stories that go with them, can be preserved for future generations. THANKS!