National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact Showcase:

RCA Model 5QR73



The styling of this mid-1950s RCA model is nearly identical to European radios of the era from companies such as Telefunken and Emud. Similarities include its large area of grille cloth, a horizontal slide-rule dial featuring station names, and a row of white pushbuttons below the dial.

This radio was made in West Germany for RCA by Graetz. Many American GIs were stationed at bases in West Germany in the 1950s. Most likely these radios were marketed to American servicemen who bought them at a PX and took them home when their tours of duty were over. They could be used on either 110 volts or 220 volts.

Internet reports say that these radios have excellent sound.

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