



Artifact Showcase

Emerson 779

This 1954 Emerson AC-DC table model is of a type called an “All-American Five” because it had five tubes and its standardized electrical design was a one used by most American radio manufactures in the post-WWII era.



Most 1950s table models were AC-DC sets, which meant they would work on either alternating or direct current. AC-DC sets did not have a power transformer, which meant that they were considerably lighter in weight and cheaper to manufacture.

During the 1930s, wood cabinets were the norm, but most postwar table model radios came with plastic cabinets. While the gold front of this unusual set is plastic, its main cabinet is wood.

Emerson had a reputation for offering small modestly priced radios in attractive designs.

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