



Artifact Showcase

GE Model 14P1212 Portable TV

Early TV sets were very expensive and so it was rare for a family to have more than one, usually in a place of honor in the living room. But by the mid-1950s when this 14-inch picture tube black and white GE set was sold, prices had dropped such that the idea of having a second TV set for another room was not unheard of.



This one was called a “portable” set and had a carrying handle on top. It was sufficiently heavy that you would not want to lug it very far or move it often. It might have resided in a bedroom.

This model was designed to be inexpensive. The unadorned stamped metal cabinet was much cheaper to make than one made of wood. The circuitry was designed to minimize the number of tubes needed. A built-in rabbit-ear antenna sufficed for urban reception.

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