



Artifact Showcase

General Electric Model G-53

There is nothing particularly rare or special about this sturdy 1937 GE radio, but it is a good example of an attractive late-1930s wood table model.



This transformer-operated radio has five tubes, which is the minimum number for decent performance. It features the regular AM broadcast band (lower band on the dial) and shortwave coverage from 5.5 to 18 MHz (upper band), which would have covered the most popular frequencies for international shortwave reception in the 1930s.

The vertical row of six pushbuttons would have been set by the dealer to the owner's favorite broadcast band stations. The knobs adjust Volume, Tone, Tuning, and Band.

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