



Artifact Showcase:

World Globe Transistor Radio

Transistor novelty radios come in many different shapes and sizes. This wooden model with a rotating world globe is only seven inches tall. The maps are not modern ones. It has no brand name. An Internet search turns up several similar looking world globe radios from a company called Electrol that appear to have been made in Hong Kong, around the 1960s.



Transistor radios began in the United States in 1954. By the 1960s, production had largely shifted to Japan, then to Hong Kong, and eventually to mainland China, where most of today's modern consumer electronic items are made.

The two small knobs are On-off/Volume (left), and Tuning (right). With its tiny speaker, its performance is unimpressive.

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