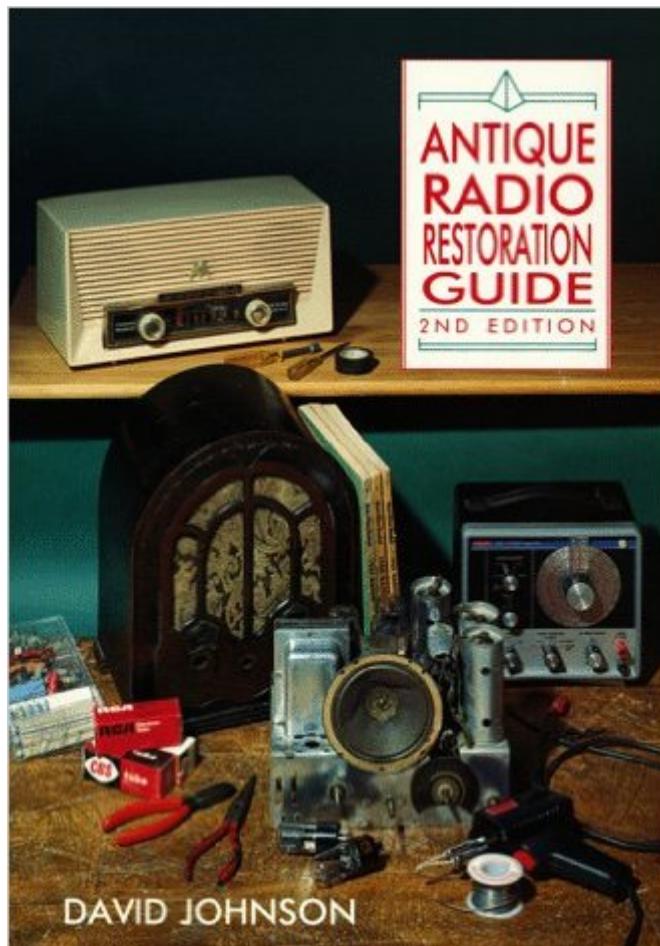


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# Antique Radio Restoration Guide



## **Synopsis**

Explains how to restore an antique radio while using safety precautions to clean, repair, and replace parts as well as refinishing cabinets.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

For those who are relatively new to the hobby of collecting and restoring antique radios, the frustration stemming from the lack of material devoted to the beginner in this field is all too often the cause of those with high initial enthusiasm to give up prematurely. If you are one of the many who may have found their entry into this potentially facinating pastime to be a bit daunting, take heart. Now in its second edition the "Antique Radio Restoration Guide" provides an abundance of information for the beginning to intermediate antique radio enthusiast. Throughout its twelve chapters the reader is guided through the basics of choosing a radio, the fundamentals of radio theory and repair as well as cosmetic and cabinet restoration. There is also a section on setting up your own repair shop including resources for obtaining test equipment and instructions for actually building some of your own. Though beginners may find some of the technical material in a few of the chapters a bit challenging, this book is nonetheless a fine reference work that, providing the reader's enthusiasm for the subject prevails, he will likely refer to often and will grow into in no time.

This book starts off on an extremely elementary tone. In fact, people who know what a resistor is may find themselves wondering whether they should be reading this book at all. However, later in the book, there are detailed descriptions of how certain circuits work and how radios work - in a fair

amount of detail for an elementary book. Unfortunately, there is very little middle ground. That is, after the first few chapters, terminology is used that has not been defined, nor is it found in the glossary. Consequently, the truly novice reader may need to look elsewhere for the missing information. Some chapters describe, in detail, what could go wrong with an old radio and how to fix the problems. This makes for rather heavy reading, unless one is actually trying to fix a radio that has one of those particular problems; in such a case, these sections could be quite valuable. Radio cabinet refinishing is also covered and suggestions are made on acquiring equipment, parts and further references. Overall, I found this book to be very interesting and written in a style that is clear, authoritative and quite engaging, although, as mentioned, a bit dense in some areas. I intend to refer to it extensively in restoring my old radios.

As a beginner in this craft, I found this guide very helpful, though it is not without highly technical bits. As this book is very visual, I've attached a video so you can get a better idea of its contents. If you restore radios or love antiques, this book is a joy.

I found the book to be a very good guide to restoring tube radios. I agree with one of the other reviews that transistor radio fundamentals would be a handy guide for those of us that can't remember how to biase a transistor anymore. The book is about everything that a person would need to restore tube radios. Thanks.

I inherited two old radios and decided that I would like to restore, use and display them. This book provides a logical and detailed process to follow in restoring old radios. The book also stresses safety. I recommend this book but I would also recommend looking on the internet for other radio repair books and articles on repairing and restoring radios.

A great book for re-introducing myself to radio's basic principles. It set me up, nicely, for the Ham Radio Technician Class license exam. After 50 years away from the hobby, I now have a call sign again: KD9CNP. It also helped me rebuild my late mother's 1942 Westinghouse table radio.

This book is very informative to the beginner for repair and restoration of older Radio equipment. I highly recommend getting the book for the beginner and for reference purposes providing you find one a lot less pricy. What I fail to understand is its present day price. I bought this book from , NEW in 2004 for \$11.87 including the shipping. How it arrived to its present price escapes me. Unless I'm

missing something I would continue to search for a better source of information and there are many in the under \$50.00 range. I believe I'll hold on to my copy a little bit longer; its increase in value has far exceeded the rate of increase of your average antique radio. Who new.

Great for the beginner and the seasoned as well. Basic and still very helpful even after using now for 3 or 4 years.

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