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The new RMA production source and date identifying code numbers assigned to manufacturers and suppliers in the radioelectronic industry.

DENTIFICATION OF THE SOURCE of production of many receiver parts, especially those in "Brand" name receivers, etc., has long been a headache to the Serviceman. Now a new RMA standard code that every serviceman should become familiar with has been designed to identify the source and date of production of all radio-electronic apparatus. This code consists of two parts, the production source code number and the production date code.

Assignment of an identifying threedigit production source code number has been made to every RMA manufacturer member and to a considerable number of their parts suppliers— 352 in all, to date. A numerical list of these assigned production source code numbers, together with the name and address of the manufacturer to which each registration number has been assigned, is presented herewith for reference.

The three digits of the production source code number will be followed by a figure to designate the *year* of production; for example, fourth figure 6 designates production in 1946, fourth figure 7 designates production in 1947, etc.

These will be followed by a date code consisting of another two digits to designate the particular *week* of production in that year. A tabulation of the date code numbers that have been assigned to the various weeks in the years 1946 and 1947 is presented herewith. Reference to this tabulation shows that for 1946 the date code 21 would signify production in the period between May 19 and May 25, etc.

The following examples illustrate use of the complete source, year, and date code marking:

Code Production Source Marking: and Date: 101615—Made by Admiral Corpora-

- tion, Chicago 47, Ill. Produced during period between April 7 and April 13, 1946.
- 274608—Made by RCA Victor Division of RCA, Camden, N. J. Produced during period between Feb. 17 and Feb. 23, 1946.

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By the use of these simple, uniform, production source and date and code symbols, a radio manufacturer may identify any radio equipment or component by simply stamping the proper series of numbers. The new RMA code is designed to standardize identification practice by eliminating the use of individual systems of identification previously used by various manufacturers in the industry-and to establish a uniform, identical system applicable to all items of any registered manufacturer's products. All non-RMA manufacturers are expected to be included eventually.

No recommendations have been made to the manufacturers as to where the code symbol should be placed on the article, as this would necessarily vary with the different types of equipment and parts.

Servicemen should keep this production *source* and *date* code tabulation on hand at all times, for many manufacturers are already using the system. It will make a handy "pinup" for the shop.

RMA Production Source Code Numbers Assigned to Companies (To April 1, 1946) oduction Source 'ode No. Company Admiral Corporation, Chicago 47, Ill. Aerovox Corporation, New Bedford, Mass. Airadio, Incorporated, Stamford, Conn. Aireon Manufacturing Corporation, Kansas City 15, Kan. Air King Products Company, Inc., Brooklyn 19, N. Y. Allen-Bradley Company, Milwaukee 4, Wis. The Alliance Manufacturing Company, Alliance, Ohio. American Codleser Company, Chicago 40, Ill. The American Steel Package Company, Defiance, Ohio Amperex Electronic Corporation, Brooklyn 1, N. Y. Amy, Acevees & Kins, Inc., New York 18, N. Y.	$\begin{array}{c} 115\\ 116\\ 117\\ 118\\ 119\\ 120\\ 121\\ 122\\ 123\\ 124\\ 125\\ 126\\ 127\\ 128\\ 129\\ 130\\ 131\\ 132\\ 133\\ 134\\ 135 \end{array}$	Ansley Radio Corporation, Long Island City 1, N. Y. A. R. F. Products, River Forest, Ill. The Arnold Engineering Company, Chicago 11, Ill. Arpin Manufacturing Co., Orange, N. J. The Audio-Tone Oscillator Company, Bridgeport 3, Conn. Automatic Manufacturing Corporation, East Newark, N. J. Automatic Manufacturing Congray, Chicago 40, Ill. The Bead Chain Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport 5, Conn. Bell & Howell Company, Chicago 40, Ill. Belmont Radio Corporation, Chicago 39, Ill. Bendix Radio, Towson 4, Md, Bentley Harris Mfg. Company, Conshohocken, Pa. The Benwood Linz Company, St. Louis 3, Mo. Billey Electric Company, St. Louis 3, Mo. Billey Electric Company, New York 10, N. Y. Browning Laboratories, Inc., Winchester, Mass. Call-A-Phone Mfg. Co., Chicago 23, Ill. C. F. Cannon Co., Springwater, N. Y. Centralab, Milwaukee 1, Wis. Chicago 40, Ill.
Amy, Aceves & King, Inc., New York 18, N. Y. Andrea Radio Corporation, Long Island City 1, N. Y.	$135 \\ 136$	Chicago Condenser Corporation, Chicago 40, Ill. Chicago Molded Products Corporation, Chicago 51, Ill.

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