

Columbus and Courtenay radios

Produced by W. Marks Ltd (1931-1934) and Radio Corporation of New Zealand Ltd (1934-1956). This list was compiled by John Stokes during his research into the history of New Zealand radio. Any feedback, updates and additional information is always appreciated.

Courtenay 1931-1935

Model	Year	Valves	Remarks
5A	1932	5	Autodyne superhet
5B	1932	5	Autodyne superhet
5B1	1935	5	Battery superhet
5BS	1935	5	Battery superhet
5C	1933	5	Autodyne superhet
5C	1933	6	"Improved" with separate oscillator
5D	1935	5	"Stella" brand only
5DC	1934	4	DC mains (eg Auckland Central) superhet
5H	1934	5	"Troubadour" brand only
5V	1934	5	"Radioplayer" brand only
6	1931	3	TRF with separate speaker
6A	1934	6	"Stella" brand only
6BS	1933	6	Battery superhet
6DC	1934	5	DC mains (eg Auckland Central) superhet
6V	1934	6	"Troubadour" brand only
7A	1932	7	TRF with diode detector
7BD	1935	7	Dual wave, battery set
7BS	1934	7	Battery superhet
7B1	1935	7	Battery set (465 kHz IF)
8	1935	6	Dual wave
8A	1932?		
10	1935	2	SW Converter
11	1935	7	DW with two IF stages
15	1935	5	
66	1932	4	TRF, mantle set
103	1933	5	same as 5C
104	1934	5	like 5C but with improved volume control
105	1934	5	Has AVC
106	1931	6	TRF, console

106	1933	6	Superhet with AVC
107	1934	7	Has NSC, two arc dials
108	1934	6	First DW, first aero dial
109	1934	5	same as 108
140	1933	7	separate oscillator
205	1933	5	same as 105
206	1931	6	TRF, console
207	1933	6	same as 107
306	1931	6	TRF, console radiogram

Columbus & Courtenay brands

Model	Year	Valves	Remarks
4	1952	4	Alarm clock model
5A	1951		
5	1953	5	
5B	1953	5	
5B6	1936	5	Battery set
6	1946	5	Columbus brand only
MC7	1948	5	Car radio
MC8	1951		Car radio
7B6	1936	7	DW, battery set
7BV	1936	7	DW, Vibrator set
10	1935	2	SW converter
12	1941	5	
12A	1941	5	
14	1947-48	5	
14R	1945-48	5	uses oscillator bias
15	1936	5	
17	1946-47	5	Courtenay brand only
17	1948-49	5	Courtenay brand only (uses 6SA7)
18	1936	6	DW
18DC	1936	5	DC mains version
19	1951	5	Table-gram
19N	1952	5	Table-gram
19P	1952	5	Table-gram

21	1936	5	DW metal valves
22	1940	5	
O22	1941	5	
23	??		
24	1937	5	
24E	1937	5+	has magic eye tuning indicator
25	1937	5	DW
25E	1937	5+	has magic eye tuning indicator
26N	1952	5	
26P	1954	5	has PM speaker
27	1948	5	
27M	1951	5	Miniature valves
28	1951	5	DW vibrator set
31	1936	7	DW
32	1948	6	
O32	1950	6	DW
33	1936	8	AW metal valves
33G32	1936	8	AW has 32 volt motor generator
34	1947	5+	AW has magic eye tuning indicator
35	1938	5+	DW has magic eye tuning indicator
35	1939	5+	DW with Octal valves
38	1937	6+	AW uses spiral dial
39	1937	5	DW
40	1939	5	same as 49
40S	1939	5	
42	1942	5	vibrator set
43	1937	8+	AW metal valves
44	1948	7+	semi-bandspread
45	1954	5	the last Courtenay model
46	1954	5	DW
47	1937	13	AW with separate audio amplifier
49	1939	5	Battery set
50	1940	5	
51	1940	5	
O51	1940	5	uses Osram valves
52S	1940	5	DW with semi-bandspread

O52	1940	5	DW uses Osram valves
53A	1946	5	
53R	1947	5	
53S	1947	5	
54	1939	5+	push buttons
55	1946	5	DW
55A	1946	5	DW
56	1940	5	DW same as 52S
O56	1940	5	DW uses Osram valves
57B	1937	5	Battery set
57V	1937	5	vibrator set
58V	1938	5+	vibrator set
59	1939	5	DW battery set
60	1939	5+	push buttons
61	1947	6	DW uses PM speaker
O61	1950	6	DW uses Osram valves
X62	1940	6	DW
62S	1940	6	DW
63	1940	5	AW semi-bandsread
64	1940	6+	DW
65	1939	6+	DW push buttons
66	1941	6	DW
66E	1941	6	DW
66A	1946	6	DW
66W	1946	6	DW
67B	1937	6+	DW battery set
68V	1938	6+	DW vibrator set
69	1941	6	BS vibrator set
70	1947	6	BS vibrator set
70R	1948	6	BS vibrator set
70W	1948	6	BS vibrator set
71	1949	6	BS
75	1940	6+	BS full bandsread
75A	1941	6+	BS full bandsread
75L	1941	6+	BS full bandsread
75XA	1940	10+	BS with separate audio amp

77B	1937	7+	AW battery set
79	1939	7+	DW push button battery set
80	1940	7+	DW battery set
84	1938	5	
84E	1938	5+	has magic eye
85	1938	5	DW
85E	1938	5+	DW with magic eye
86	1941	6	BS battery set
86P	1941	6+	BS non-octal valves
87	1939	5	AC/Vibrator set
88	1939	8+	AW motorised push buttons
90	1942	6+	BS
90W	1947	6+	BS
90X	1949	6+	BS
91	1950	7+	BS
91P	1954	7+	BS, uses PM speaker
91R	1955	8+	BS - last model
92	1954	6+	BS uses oval speaker
94	1940	5	
95	1939	5	DW
96	1949	6+	BS vibrator set
97	1937	6	AC/Vibrator set
99	1946	12+	uses push pull 807s output
100	1941	5	first portable
101	1941	5	portable
102	1940	5+	DW battery set
132	??		
151	1940	5	
152	1940	5	DW
161	??		
162	1939	5	
163	??		
166	1949	6	DW Octal valves
166S	1949	6	DW Octal valves
166M	1952	6	DW Mini valves
166N	1952	6	DW Mini valves

166P	1953	6	DW uses PM speaker
167	??		
172	1940	6	DW Push button
173	1940	6	DW Slide rule dial
199	1946	12+	same as 99
201	1941	5	portable
301	1947	5	portable
301A	1947	5	portable
402	1948	6	first AC/Battery
402	1948	5	uses 3Q5GT
402Z	1952	5	uses mini valves
501A	1955	5	gramophone
501B	1957	5	gramophone
502	1952		AC/Battery
504	1955	5	
505	??		
509	1959	5	Stereogram
515	1957	5	
521	1955	5	gramophone
525A	1960	5	
563	1955	5	Alarm clock
565C	1955	5	also Radiola brand
566	1958	5	DW has oval speaker
589P	1959	5	portable gramophone
601	1957	6	
602	1957	6	DW
605	1957	5+	uses EM80 magic eye
605A	1958	5+	console gramophone
606	1956	6	4 bands, AWA version
607	1957	6	dual speakers
619S	1959	6	Stereogram
653	1955	5+	AC/Battery set, AWA design
705	1957	6+	uses EM80 magic eye
708	1959	8+	uses EM80 magic eye
809S	1959	6+	Stereogram
810S	1958	7	DW Mono gramophone

810S	1959	7+	DW Stereogram
812S	1959	7+	DW Stereogram
827	??		
1006	1956	6	same as 606
1108	1957	6+	tuner and amplifier
1108S	1959		Stereo version
1302	1959	11+	uses push pull 807s output
1508S	1959		uses AT1 tuner
AS101	1959	1	pre-amplifier
AT1S	1959	5+	stereo tuner
AT1	1959	6+	mono tuner
RG11	1960	5	stereo, manufactured by Akrad

Courtenay Transistor portable radios

Model	Year	Transistors	Remarks
117P	1959	7	AWA design
117Y	1959	7	AWA design
694P	1959	7	AWA design
897P	1958	7	AWA design
CP2	1960	7	same as PYE PZ129