RADIO DAZE VINTAGE ELECTRONICS COMPONENT COLOR CODING

Color Code Chart #1					
Color	1st Figure "A"	2nd Figure "B"	Multiplier "C"	Tolerance "D"	Voltage* "E"
Black	0	0	1		
Brown	1	1	10	± 1% *	100
Red	2	2	100	± 2% *	200
Orange	3	3	1,000	± 3% *	300
Yellow	4	4	10,000	± 4% *	400
Green	5	5	100,000	± 5% *	500
Blue	6	6	1,000,000	± 6% *	600
Violet	7	7	10,000,000	± 7% *	700
Gray	8	8	100,000,000	± 8% *	800
White	9	9	1,000,000,000	± 9% *	900
Gold			0.1	± 5%	1000
Silver			0.01	± 10%	2000
No Color				± 20%	500

* Applies To Capacitors Only

Composition Resistors Radial/Tubular Resistors

A B C D D C A B

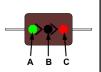
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A: 1st Significant Figure Of Resistance in Ohms

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B: 2nd Significant Figure Of Resistance In Ohms
C: Decimal Multiplier

D: Tolerance in % (no color means ±20%)
All Three Resistor Types Are Illustrated
As 2.4 Megohm 5% Tolerance

Mica Capacitors - 3 Dot RMA/EIA Code 500 Volt Rating with 20% Tolerance Capacitance in Picofarads (pf)



USE COLOR CODE CHART #1
Read Left-To-Right In Arrow Direction
A: 1st Significant Figure
B: 2nd Significant Figure
C: Decimal Multiplier
Note: If 4th dot in upper left corner,

it indicates tolerance "D"

Illustrated As 5000 pf

Mica Capacitors—6 Dot RMA/EIA Code Voltage Rating, Tolerance As Marked Capacitance in Picofarads (pf)



USE COLOR CODE CHART #1
Read Left-To-Right In Arrow Direction
A: 1st Significant Figure
B₁: 2nd Significant Figure
B₂: 3rd Significant Figure
C: Decimal Figure
D: Tolerance
E: Voltage Rating
Illustrated As

240 pf @ 500V 5% tolerance

Tubular Encapsulated R.F. Chokes Inductance in Microhenries (μh)



USE COLOR CODE CHART #1

A: 1st Significant Figure
B: 2nd Significant Figure
C: Decimal Multiplier
D: Tolerance
E: If silver band present, it indicates mil spec

Illustrated As 270 µh @ 5% tolerance

Molded Capacitors 6 Dot American War Standard/JAN Code Tolerance As Marked Capacitance in Picofarads (pf)



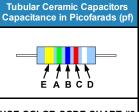
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Read Left-To-Right In Arrow Direction
A: 1st Significant Figure
B: 2nd Significant Figure
C: Decimal Multiplier
D: Tolerance

E: Characteristic				
Color	Temp. Coefficient p.p.m./°C	Capacitance Drift		
Black	± 1000	± 5% +1 pf		
Brown	± 500	± 3% +1 pf		
Red	± 200	± 0.5%		
Orange	± 100	± 0.3%		
Yellow	-20 to+100	± 0.1% +0.1 pf		
Green	0 to +70	± 0.05% + 0.1 pf		

F: Black Dot = Mica, Silver Dot = Paper

Illustrated As
Mica Cap 24pf 5% tolerance
0 to +70 p.p.m/°C
and ± 0.05% +0.1 pf drift

	Color Code Chart #2					
Color	1st Figure "A"	2nd Figure "B"	Multiplier "C"	Tolerai More Than 10 pf	Less Than 10 pf	"E" Temp. Coefficient p.p.m./°C
Black	0	0	1	± 20%	± 2.0 pf	0
Brown	1	1	10	± 1%		- 30
Red	2	2	100	± 2%		- 80
Orange	3	3	1,000			- 150
Yellow	4	4				- 220
Green	5	5		± 5%		- 330
Blue	6	6				- 470
Violet	7	7				- 750
Gray	8	8	0.01		± .25 pf	30
White	9	9	0.1	± 10%	± 1.0 pf	500



USE COLOR CODE CHART #2
A: 1st Significant Figure

B: 2nd Significant Figure
C: Decimal Multiplier
D: Tolerance
E: Temperature Coefficient

Illustrated As 5600 pf @ 10% tolerance - 200ppm

Suggested Hookup Wire Color Code		
Color	Circuit Application	
Black	Grounds and returns	
Brown	Filaments/Heaters off ground	
Red	B+ power supply	
Orange	Screen grid	
Yellow	Cathode	
Green	Control grid - diode plate	
Blue	Plate	
Violet	Power supply, negative leads	
Gray	AC Power line leads	
White	White Bias supply, B minus, C minus, AGC	

Power Transformers			
Transformer Leads	Outside Leads	Center-Tap (if any)	
Primary	Black	Black-Yellow Striped	
High-Voltage (Plate)	Red	Red-Yellow Striped	
Rectifier Filament	Yellow	Yellow-Blue Striped	
Filament #1	Green	Green-Yellow Striped	
Filament #2	Brown	Brown-Yellow Striped	
Filament #3	Slate	Slate-Yellow Striped	

Audio Transformers		
Transformer Leads	Lead Color	
Plate (finish) lead of primary	Blue	
"B+" lead (whether center-tapped or not)	Red	
Plate (start) lead on center-tapped primaries	Brown	
Grid (finish) lead to secondary	Green	
Grid return (whether center-tapped or not)	Black	
Grid (start) lead on center-tapped secondaries	Yellow	

I.F. Transformers		
Transformer Leads	Lead Color	
Plate lead of primary	Blue	
"B+" lead of primary	Red	
Grid (or diode) lead of secondary	Green	
Grid (or diode) return	Black	
Note: If secondary is center-tapped,		

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