RATINGS OF TEN 10-INCH TELEVISION RECEIVERS: All were table models except two described as “consolets.” Prices were Eastern list, as of June 1949, including Federal excise tax (see page 302 for a note on prices). All were for a-c only. Unless otherwise noted, sets had 12-channel tuning, and power consumption between 210 and 250 watts. See page 294 for pictures and dimensions of all sets tested.

BEST BUY

- **RCA-VECTOR 9-T-240** (RCA-Vector Div., Camden, N. J.). $270.86. Installation and one-year service contract available from manufacturer at $63 to $75, depending on distance from the transmitter. Service contract renewable second year for $45 to $75. Wood cabinet. Overall picture quality very good; brightness good; linearity satisfactory. Usable sensitivity high. Interference rejection good on lower channels, fair on upper channels. Static suppression good. Slight picture ripple. Good automatic-contrast-control action. Speaker faced upward. Sound quality fair. Easy to tune. No shock hazard. Models 8-T-241, 8-T-243 and 8-T-244 are essentially identical; they have been superseded by 9-T-240 but may still be available in stores. Model 8-TR-29, with the same television chassis as 9-T-240, includes a built-in AM-FM radio and a table at $389.99. 16-inch model 8-T-270 ($495) uses a very similar chassis.

ACCEPTABLE

*In estimated order of overall quality.*

- **RCA-VECTOR 9-T-240** (see “Best Buy”). $270.86.
- **ZENITH 22T925** (Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago). $389.95. Model discontinued but may still be available. Sample tested had aluminized (“daylight”) tube (10PP4). Wood cabinet. Overall picture quality very good; brightness set: linearity satisfactory. Usable sensitivity high on lower channels; average on upper channels. Interference rejection good. Static suppression average. Some picture ripple. Good automatic-contrast-control action. Easy to tune. Had homemade frequency control circuit. Eight-channel tuning switch (sufficient for any one location, but may have to be readjusted if you move to another city). Sound quality fair. Possibility of shock (at chassis in back and front mounting screws). Power consumption low (150 watts). 12½-inch Model 22T925 ($399.95) uses the same chassis.
- **PHILCO 49-1150** (Philco Corp., Philadelphia). $351.40. Model discontinued, but may be available in stores. Wood “consolete” cabinet. Overall picture quality good; brightness fair; linearity satisfactory. Usable sensitivity was average. Interference rejection fair. Static suppression average. Some picture ripple. Fair automatic-contrast-control action. Easy to tune; had homemade frequency control circuit. Eight-channel tuning switch (sufficient for any one location, but may have to be readjusted if you move to another city). Sound quality fair. Possibility of shock (at chassis in back). 12½-inch Model 49-1150 Code 121 uses the same chassis.

*The following four sets were judged to be of approximately equal overall quality and are listed alphabetically.*

- **GENERAL ELECTRIC 805** (General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.). $241.99. Plastic cabinet, very compact. This model does not have an aluminized tube (see rating of E206 below). Over-all picture quality very good; brightness good; linearity satisfactory. Usable sensitivity high on lower channels, average on upper channels. Interference rejection poor on lower channels, fair on upper channels. Static suppression average. Some picture ripple. No automatic-contrast-control action. Troublesome to tune. Sound quality poor. Possibility of shock (at chassis in back). Power consumption low (150 watts). 12½-inch Model 821 ($299.95) uses the same chassis.
- **GENERAL ELECTRIC 806** (General Electric Co.). $289.95. Same as 805 above except for larger wood cabinet and aluminized tube with added brightness; and there is a possibility of shock in back only. Model 807 same as 806 except for cabinet—$299.95.

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