

JKL MUSEUM OF TELEPHONY

Dedicated to preserving telephone history

American Automatic Telephone Company Dial

We acquired a new addition to the JKL Museum Collection. Keith Cheshire acquired this rare for our telephone museum through Steve Flocke at a recent telephone show.

We are very happy to be able to add this dial to our collection of dials at the JKL Museum of Telephony.

Keith Cheshire hopes to provide us with more information about this very interesting dial and its use. He is currently doing some research regarding this dial and we hope to be able to give an update in the not too distant future.

Scroll down for a short video of this dial.



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4 thoughts on “American Automatic Telephone Company Dial”

Keith

March 3, 2015 at 6:40 am

I have yet to find a telephone instrument that used this dial so I cannot offer a suggestion as to how the off normal issue was handled. I was told by a member of the phone company that used these originally that they were employed in certain dial phones so perhaps it was not important in those days to shunt the circuit during dialing. We are talking about ~1908-1912 time period, very early in the “dial” experience!

Research on same still in progress

Keith Cheshire

December 15, 2016 at 7:39 am

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Keith Cheshire

December 15, 2016 at 7:41 am

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Ross Herbert

March 2, 2015 at 6:41 pm

Just imagine the production and maintenance problems with such a dial 😊

It only has an impulsing springset. How were the usual functions provided by the off-normal (shunt) springsets found on common rotary dials performed?