

# MK301 COLD WAR SPY RECEIVER



Developed towards the end of WW2 this miniature valved receiver was the more compact and reliable replacement for the MRC1.

Less than a thousand Mk301's were produced during the Cold War period, until its replacement in 1970 by the MK328.

As each countries radio detection network, had immensely improved during WW2, it was now highly dangerous to use radio transmitters.

Although only a receiver, the MK301 was used effectively, to monitor radio transmissions from within a hostile country.

GCHQ listing network had a limited range and was highly affected, by time of day, season and solar activity, hence the need for agents.

The agent would also receive coded instructions, at set times and frequencies. As in WW2 the consequences of the authorities finding the receiver, remained critical, so agents still carried suicide pills.