

STORAGE OF TELETYPE EQUIPMENT

Our experience in storing equipment for long periods of time has been limited to units packed for shipment and stored for a maximum of three years. Following are a few precautions which should be taken:

1. Remove the ribbon.
2. Place a fibre strip between the type bars and the type bar backstop.
3. Coat all unplated steel parts with grease such as springs, the exposed area of the main shaft, and the transmitting cam.
4. Saturate the selector with Western Electric KS-7470 oil.
5. Remove the motor and if practical, store separately. Before storage coat the pinion and shaft with grease.
6. Protect the unit from dust and moisture.

The grease used to lubricate and protect the unit before storage is particularly important. We had a bad experience some years ago with motors in stock because the grease used by the motor manufacturers saponified and damaged the ball bearings. We now use Western Electric KS-7471 grease, which is equivalent to Alemite No. 38 lubricant, and as far as we know both are satisfactory for long term storage.