

INSPECTIONS ON STATION VISITS

1.00 GENERAL

1.01 This section outlines the inspection of station apparatus, inside wiring, drop and block wires, etc., made when visiting the subscriber's premises in connection with clearing trouble or on visits for reconnection, reinstallation, regrades, etc.

1.02 The following related sections provide detailed instructions for the inspection of specific items of Plant:

469-052-929 - Inspections on Station Visits -
Station Equipment - Wiring

469-052-930 - Inspections on Station Visits -
Coin Stations - Booths

469-052-931 - Inspections on Station Visits -
Outside Plant

469-052-932 - Inspections on Station Visits -
"T-Zone"

469-052-933 - Inspections on Station Visits -
Testing

1.03 These sections may also be used in making special inspections of stations such as, hotel room stations, or stations not visited over considerable periods, when these inspections are authorized by local instructions.

1.04 During periods of excessive trouble resulting from storms or other causes, when this inspection work would hinder the prompt clearing of trouble under peak load conditions, the inspection may be omitted upon notification by the testboard.

1.05 The complete inspection comprises:

- (a) Inspection of station apparatus, inside wiring, protector, drop or block wires and "T" zone.

1.06 The trouble or service order work necessitating the visit should be cleared or completed and the inspection made before the final test is made so that defects found may be cleared. This might avoid the necessity of making repeated tests.

1.07 Extension station equipment and associated wiring should also be inspected even though the visit is required only to the main station.

1.08 All defects should be cleared during the visit. If unable to make the necessary repairs or changes because of lack of proper equipment or material or due to the nature of the work involved, note the condition on the appropriate form, and give to your supervisor. Depending on the nature of the condition the Supervisor will either arrange for the reassignment of the report or send to the department concerned.

1.09 All defects should be repaired in accordance with Bell System Practices. In applying these practices, it should be kept in mind that because equipment and methods of installation are continually being improved, the average plant contains types which may not be used for new installations, but will continue to give good service and in the interest of economy should be maintained in plant.

1.10 In connection with items pertaining to appearance and finish of equipment, it is expected that good judgment will be used as to whether the appearance is in keeping with the surroundings. For example: a telephone in a workshop might need to look only moderately well, whereas one in an attractive office would normally be expected to present a well kept appearance.

1.11 Whenever foreign equipment is found attached to our lines or station equipment report the equipment in accordance with other instructions on this subject.

2.00 OTHER PLANT

2.01 Apart from the inspection of station equipment, wiring and outside plant items associated with the station being inspected, be continually alert to observe all conditions which do not appear to be in accordance with standard practices. Conditions such as power hazards, tree inter-

ference with wires or cables, broken or leaning poles, loose or improperly supported wires or cables, missing cable rings, etc., which cannot be taken care of immediately should be reported on the appropriate form.

2.02 Conditions that present an immediate safety or service hazard should be reported at once to the Plant Service Center and field supervisor.