

AE AA-22 3-key, 2-Line, Monophone

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Automatic Electric AA-22 3-key, 2-line Monophone Cradle Telephone (Rick Saint photo)

From AE Catalog 4055-D (1944) Description of AA-22 3-key, 2-line Monophone

Cat. AA-22 - Holding on both lines - Automatic

Equipped with three keys, one of which is used for switching from one line to the other; the other two keys are "holding" keys for lines Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. A call can be held on either line while the other line is being answered, but if a "holding" key is left operated when the handset is placed in the cradle, it will be automatically restored to normal. Instrument furnished complete with 11-conductor cord for connection to ringer box. Each telephone requires two ringer boxes (the ringer coils are used as holding bridges), even if the ringers are not required as signals.

Additional operational note from Wiring Plans for Two-Line Monophones, Bulletin 604, March 1937, Automatic Electric Company:

A push button on the Monophone sub-base is used for releasing the line in case of an error in dialing or for recalling the operator in case of a manual-exchange line. The cradle switch is not used for these purposes as the pressing of the cradle plunger automatically restores the holding keys.

Schematic from Christopher Stewart.

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