

Radio Noise Problems & Possible Solutions

Annoying buzzes are many times transmitted through an AM radio. Here is a check-off list of the most likely causes:

- Dimmer switch.
- Fluorescent light
- Computer
- "Touch lamp" type light fixture (even when turned off)
- Automatic on and off night lights.
- Outdoor yard lights which come on automatically.
- Electronic bug and pest controllers.
- A light bulb that is about to burn out.
- A faulty electrical switch of any kind.
- A nearby television set.
- A store that has a fluorescent light or a public recreation room that has fluorescent lights located near you.
- Blinking bulbs of all kinds such as Christmas tree lights.
- If you live in an apartment a neighbor's dimmer switch could be the culprit.
- Scanners of all types.
- Dirty insulators on a nearby power pole allowing arcing.
- Electric blanket.
- Smoke detectors that run from AC current (battery operated is OK).
- Sometimes pool chlorine generates electrolytic action which causes radio noise over wide spectrum and over 500' from the device. There is no known cure.