

## An 'Art Deco' phone - ATEA Type 51

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*Jan waxes lyrical over this phone. Though it was released in 1949 its style is reminiscent of the 1930s.*

### Type 51

I like the shape of this phone, which has a "art deco" look. I presume it has been designed already before world war II, but after 1939.

It is the standard wallphone Atea delivered to the RTT. Unlike the standard deskphone from around this time, this phone is delivered in a bakelite version.

A specialty are the two hinges. The phone is wall mounted, but can be opened for maintenance while hanging on the wall. If necessary, the

front part can be unhooked from the wall part.

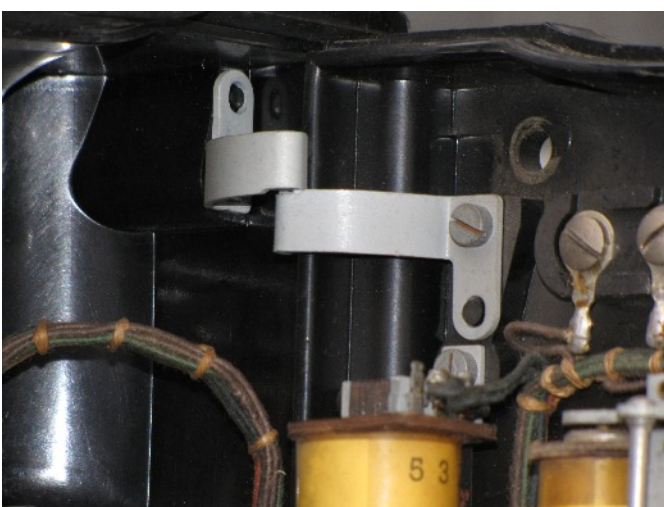
We do find the phone in the ATEA catalogue with the original name "Telephones" of May 1, 1940. It has been manufactured for sure until the mid 1950s, probably even later.



Front view of the Type 51



It can be opened for service without dismounting



The cunning hinge arrangement



ATEA type dial