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A poor solder joint will usually be indicated by its appearance. The solder will stand up in a blob on top of the connection, with no evidence of flowing out caused by actual "wetting" of the contact. A crystalline or grainy texture on the solder surface, caused by movement of the joint before it solidified is another evidence of a "cold" connection. In either event, reheat the joint until the solder flows smoothly over the entire junction, cooling to a smooth bright appearance. Photographs in the adjoining picture clearly indicate these two characteristics.

A good, clean, well-tinned soldering iron is also important to obtain consistently perfect connections. For most wiring, a 25 to 100 watt iron, or the equivalent in a soldering gun,



is very satisfactory. Smaller irons generally will not heat the connections enough to flow the solder smoothly over the joint and are recommended only for light work, such as on etched circuit boards, etc. Keep the iron tip clean and bright. A pad of steel wool may be used to wipe the tip occasionally during use.

Take this precaution and use reasonable care during the assembly of the kit. This will insure the wonderful satisfaction of having the instrument operate perfectly the first time it is turned on.



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