

Subject: telephone cord on alien..
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I just thought I'd drop in and enter a few comments on the phone cord attached to the wall phone in the Fox special on alien autopsy.

Back in 1950, we had a wall phone but I believe it had the standard phone cord and not a coiled one. I believe phone cords for that era were composed of 2 or 4 insulated copper wire covered by a "tube" made of rubber. I think I have seen such cords with some sort of woven fabric over the rubber cord, but I'm not certain.

The movie "UFO" made in 1956 shows a wall phone in a room where several military people are looking at a radar scope. This wall phone does have a coiled cord BUT with what may be an important difference:

it has been stretched enough that only portions of the cord are still coiled. This doesn't surprise me because the material used probably isn't capable of returning to its original coiled shape.

Current coiled phone cables seem to have no difficulty returning to a coiled shape. The materials in modern phone cords has changed considerably in the last 40 years that I can remember having phones.

When did the phone companies switch to modular connectors, jacks, etc.? Today's telephones are so much lighter than they were 40 years ago. They come in a variety of shapes. In the old days, you got a black phone which was made of very durable parts. I suppose one place to check out phone company equipment is to go to a museum. The first color phone we got was in 1967. I remember the phone company charged extra for color phones.

OK, now that I've said all I know about old phones, what about the large wall clock?

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