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VHF BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER

GENERAL DATA

Electrical:

Heater, for Unipotential Cathode:

Voltage 6.3 ± 10% ac or dc volts

Current 1.25 amp

Transconductance, for plate volts = 200, grid-No.2 volts = 200, and plate ma. = 100

7000 μmhos

Mu-Factor, Grid No.2 to

Grid No.1 for plate volts = 200, grid-No.2 volts = 200, and plate ma. = 100

4.5

Direct interelectrode Capacitances:*

Grid No.1 to Plate 0.22 max. μmf

Input 13.5 μmf

Output 8.5 μmf

Mechanical:

Mounting Position Any

Overall Length 3-11/16" ± 1/8"

Seated Length 3-1/8" ± 1/8"

Maximum Diameter 1-23/32"

Bulb T-12

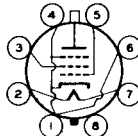
Cap. Small (JETEC No.C1-1)

Base { Large-Wafer Octal 8-Pin Micanol with Sleeve No.R-6876 (JETEC No.88-86)

BOTTOM VIEW

Pin 1 - Cathode,
Grid No.3,
Internal
Shield

Pin 2 - Heater
Pin 3 - Grid No.2



Pin 4 - Same as Pin 1
Pin 5 - Grid No.1
Pin 6 - Same as Pin 1
Pin 7 - Heater
Pin 8 - Base Sleeve
Cap - Plate

Bulb Temperature (At hottest point) 220 max. °C

AF POWER AMPLIFIER & MODULATOR--Class AB₁†

Triode Connection--Grid No.2 Connected to Plate

CCS*

ICAS**

Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

DC PLATE VOLTAGE 400 max. 400 max. volts

MAX.-SIGNAL DC

PLATE CURRENT** 90 max. 90 max. ma

MAX.-SIGNAL PLATE INPUT** 35 max. 35 max. watts

PLATE DISSIPATION** 20 max. 25 max. watts

* with no external shielding and base sleeve connected to ground.

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PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode . . .	135 max.	135 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode . . .	135 max.	135 max.	volts

Typical Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

DC Plate Voltage	250	400	400	volts
DC Grid-No.1 Voltage	-50	-100	-100	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage ^o	100	200	200	volts
Zero-Signal DC Plate Current	110	80	80	ma
Max.-Signal DC Plate Current	144	136	136	ma
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate)	5000	8000	8000	ohms
Max.-Signal Driving Power (Approx.)	0	0	0	watts
Total Harmonic Distortion	5	4.6	4.6	%
Max.-Signal Power Output (Approx.)	8	19	19	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (CCS or ICAS Conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:^{oo}			
With fixed bias		0.1 max.	megohm
With cathode bias		0.5 max.	megohm

AF POWER AMPLIFIER & MODULATOR--Class AB₁[†]

Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

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DC PLATE VOLTAGE	600 max.	750 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	250 max.	250 max.	volts
MAX.-SIGNAL DC PLATE CURRENT**	125 max.	135 max.	ma
MAX.-SIGNAL PLATE INPUT**	60 max.	85 max.	watts
MAX.-SIGNAL GRID-No.2 INPUT**	3 max.	3 max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION**	20 max.	25 max.	watts

† Subscript 1 indicates that grid-No.1 current does not flow during any part of the input cycle.

o The driver stage should be capable of supplying the No.1 grids of the class AB₁ stage with the specified driving voltage at low distortion.

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PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode	135 max.	135 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode	135 max.	135 max.	volts
Typical CCS Operation:			
<i>Values are for 2 tubes</i>			
DC Plate Voltage	400	500	600 volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage [▲]	190	180	190 volts
DC Grid-No.1(Control-Grid)Voltage:			
<i>With fixed-bias source</i>	-40	-40	-45 volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-			
Grid-No.1 Voltage.	80	80	90 volts
Zero-Signal DC Plate Current . . .	86	70	60 ma
Max.-Signal DC Plate Current . . .	228	220	200 ma
Zero-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current .	2	1.4	1 ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current .	30	19.5	30.5 ma
Effective Load Resistance			
(Plate to plate)	4000	5000	7500 ohms
Max.-Signal Driving			
Power (Approx.)	0	0	0 watts
Total Harmonic Distortion.	8	8	8 %
Max.-Signal Power Output (Approx.)	55	70	82 watts
Typical ICAS Operation:			
<i>Values are for 2 tubes</i>			
DC Plate Voltage	600	750	volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage [▲]	200	200	volts
DC Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage:			
<i>From fixed-bias source</i>	-50	-50	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-			
Grid-No.1 Voltage.	100	100	volts
Zero-Signal DC Plate Current	52	57	ma
Max.-Signal DC Plate Current	239	227	ma
Zero-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current . .	1.2	1	ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current . .	25.2	27.5	ma
Effective Load Resistance			
(Plate to plate)	5500	8000	ohms
Max.-Signal Driving Power (Approx.) .	0	0	watts
Total Harmonic Distortion.	7.5	5.7	%
Max.-Signal Power Output (Approx.) . .	94	120	watts
Maximum Circuit Values (CCS or ICAS Conditions):			
Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance: ^{••}			
With fixed bias.		0.1 max.	megohm
With cathode bias.		Not recommended	

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AF POWER AMPLIFIER & MODULATOR--Class AB₂[#]

Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

	CCS [•]	ICAS ^{••}	
DC PLATE VOLTAGE	600 max.	750 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE.	250 max.	250 max.	volts
MAX.-SIGNAL DC PLATE CURRENT**	125 max.	135 max.	ma
MAX.-SIGNAL PLATE INPUT**	62.5 max.	90 max.	watts
MAX.-SIGNAL GRID-No.2 INPUT**	3 max.	3 max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION**	20 max.	25 max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode.	135 max.	135 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode.	135 max.	135 max.	volts

Typical CCS Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

DC Plate Voltage	400	500	600	volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage [▲]	175	175	165	volts
DC Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage:				
From fixed-bias source	-40	-40	-45	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage.	86	87	99	volts
Zero-Signal DC Plate Current	63	64	31	ma
Max.-Signal DC Plate Current	232	242	207	ma
Zero-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current	1.5	1.2	0.7	ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current	28	26	31	ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.1 Current	0.3	0.3	0.5	ma
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate).	4000	5000	7500	ohms
Max.-Signal Driving Power (Approx.) [◆]	0.01	0.01	0.02	watt
Total Harmonic Distortion.	9.7	9.7	9.7	%
Max.-Signal Power Output (Approx.).	60	81	90	watts

^{••} Averaged over any audio-frequency cycle of sine-wave form.

^{••} The type of input-coupling network used should not introduce too much resistance in the grid-No.1 circuit. Transformer or impedance coupling devices are recommended. When grid No.1 is operated in the negative region with fixed bias, the dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance should not exceed the specified value of 0.1 megohm. For higher values of dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance, cathode bias is required. Under no circumstances should the total dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance exceed the specified value of 0.5 megohm.

[#] Subscript 2 indicates that grid-No.1 current flows during some part of the input cycle.

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Typical ICAS Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

DC Plate Voltage	600	750	volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage [▲]	185	165	volts
DC Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage:			
From fixed-bias source	-50	-45	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-			
Grid-No.1 Voltage.	113	101	volts
Zero-Signal DC Plate Current	41	35	ma
Max.-Signal DC Plate Current	270	240	ma
Zero-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current	0.9	0.6	ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.2 Current	29	21	ma
Max.-Signal DC Grid-No.1 Current	0.8	0.7	ma
Effective Load Resistance			
(Plate to plate).	5500	8000	ohms
Max.-Signal Driving Power (Approx.) [◆]	0.04	0.03	watt
Total Harmonic Distortion.	11	10	%
Max.-Signal Power Output (Approx.)	115	130	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (CCS or ICAS Conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance: [◆]			
With fixed bias.	30000	max.	ohms
With cathode bias.			Not recommended

PLATE-MODULATED RF POWER AMPLIFIER--Class C Telephony

Carrier conditions per tube for use with a max. modulation factor of 1.0

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Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	480 max.	600 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.2 (SCREEN)			
VOLTAGE.	250 max.	250 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.1 (CONTROL-			
GRID) VOLTAGE.	-150 max.	-150 max.	volts
DC PLATE CURRENT	117 max.	125 max.	ma
DC GRID-No.1 CURRENT	3.5 max.	4.0 max.	ma
PLATE INPUT.	45 max.	67.5 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT.	2 max.	2 max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION.	13.3 max.	16.7 max.	watts

▲ Preferably obtained from a separate source or from the plate-voltage supply with a voltage divider.

◆ Driver stage should be capable of supplying the specified driving power at low distortion to the No.1 grids of the AB₂ stage. To minimize distortion, the effective resistance per grid-No.1 circuit of the AB₂ stage should be held at a low value. For this purpose, the use of transformer coupling is recommended. In no case, however, should the total dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance exceed 30000 ohms when the 6146 is operated at maximum ratings. For operation at less than maximum ratings, the dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance may be as high as 100000 ohms.

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PEAK HEATER-CATHODE

VOLTAGE:

Heater negative with respect to cathode	135 max.	135 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode	135 max.	135 max.	volts

Typical Operation:

DC Plate Voltage	400	475	600	volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage [‡]	150	135	150	volts
From a series resistor of	21500	26500	37500	ohms
DC Grid-No.1 Voltage [‡]	-85	-85	-85	volts
From a grid resistor of	28300	28300	28300	ohms
Peak RF Grid-No.1 Voltage	100	99	100	volts
DC Plate Current	112	94	113	ma
DC Grid-No.2 Current	11.6	12.8	12	ma
DC Grid-No.1 Current (Approx.)	3	3	3	ma
Driving Power (Approx.)	0.3	0.3	0.3	watt
Power Output (Approx.)	34	33	52	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (CCS or ICAS Conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance [‡]	30000 max.	ohms
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RF POWER AMPLIFIER & OSCILLATOR--Class C Telegraphy[□] and RF POWER AMPLIFIER--Class C FM Telephony

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ICAS**

Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	600 max.	750 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	250 max.	250 max.	volts
DC GRID-No.1 (CONTROL-GRID) VOLTAGE	-150 max.	-150 max.	volts
DC PLATE CURRENT	140 max.	150 max.	ma
DC GRID-No.1 CURRENT	3.5 max.	4.0 max.	ma
PLATE INPUT	67.5 max.	90 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT	3 max.	3 max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION	20 max.	25 max.	watts

[‡] Obtained preferably from a separate source modulated with the plate supply, or from the modulated plate supply through a series resistor.

* Obtained from grid-No.1 resistor or from a combination of grid-No.1 resistor with either fixed supply or cathode resistor.

□ Key-down conditions per tube without amplitude modulation. Amplitude modulation essentially negative may be used if the positive peak of the audio-frequency envelope does not exceed 115% of the carrier conditions.

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PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:					
Heater negative with respect to cathode	135 max.		135 max.		volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode	135 max.		135 max.		volts
Typical Operation as Amplifier up to 60 Mc:					
DC Plate Voltage	500	600	600	750	volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage**	170	150	180	160	volts
<i>From a series resistor of</i>					
	29200	40200	28000	40100	ohms
DC Grid-No.1 Voltage [■]	-85	-85	-85	-85	volts
<i>From a grid-No.1 resistor of</i>					
	28300	28300	28300	28300	ohms
<i>From a cathode resistor of</i>					
	570	670	510	620	ohms
Peak RF Grid-No.1 Voltage	99	100	102	100	volts
DC Plate Current	135	113	150	120	ma
DC Grid-No.2 Current	11.3	11.2	15	14.7	ma
DC Grid-No.1 Current (Approx.)	3	3	3	3	ma
Driving Power (Approx.)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	watt
Power Output (Approx.)	50	52	69	69	watts

Typical Operation as Amplifier at 175 Mc:

DC Plate Voltage	320		400		volts
DC Grid-No.2 Voltage**	180		200		volts
<i>From a series resistor of</i>					
	15500		22200		ohms
DC Grid-No.1 Voltage [■]	-54		-54		volts
<i>From a grid resistor of</i>					
	30000		30000		ohms
<i>From a cathode resistor of</i>					
	360		335		ohms
Peak RF Grid-No.1 Voltage	70		70		volts
DC Plate Current	140		150		ma
DC Grid-No.2 Current	9		9		ma
DC Grid-No.1 Current (Approx.)	1.8		1.8		ma
Driving Power (Approx.)	2		3		watts
Power Output (Approx.)	25		35		watts

* Continuous Commercial Service.

** Intermittent Commercial and Amateur Service.

** Obtained preferably from a separate source, or from the plate-supply voltage with a voltage divider, or through a series resistor. A series grid-No.2 resistor should be used only when the 6146 is used in a circuit which is not keyed. Grid-No.2 voltage must not exceed 400 volts under key-up conditions.

■ Obtained from fixed supply, by grid-No.1 resistor, by cathode resistor, or by combination methods.

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Maximum Circuit Values (CCS or ICAS Conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance[†] 30000 max. ohms

CHARACTERISTICS RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN

(Preliminary)

	Note	Min.	Max.	
Heater Current	1	1.175	1.325	amp
Grid-No.1-to-Plate Capacitance.	2	-	0.22	μ f
Input Capacitance.	2	11.1	15.9	μ f
Output Capacitance	2	6.4	10.6	μ f
Plate Current.	3	45	83	ma
Grid-No.2 Current.	3	-	5	ma
Useful Power Output.	4	47.5	-	watts

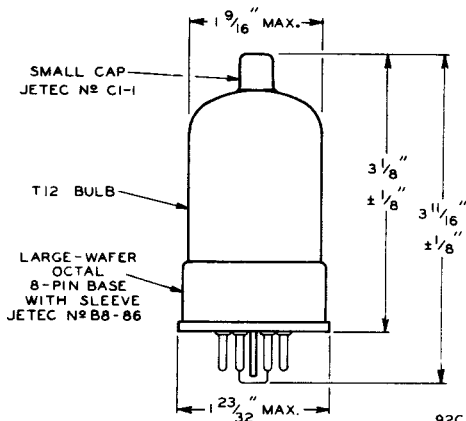
Note 1: With 6.3 volts ac on heater.

Note 2: With no external shield. Base sleeve (pin No.8) is grounded.

Note 3: With 5.5 volts ac on heater, dc plate voltage of 300 volts, dc grid-No.2 voltage of 180 volts, grid-No.1 resistor of $0.030 \pm 10\%$ megohm, max. dc plate current of 100 ma. to 112 ma., dc grid-No.1 current of 2 to 2.5 ma., and frequency of 15 Mc.

Note 4: In a single-tube self-excited oscillator circuit, and with 5.5 volts ac on heater, dc plate voltage of 600 volts, dc grid-No.2 voltage of 180 volts, grid-No.1 resistor of $0.030 \pm 10\%$ megohm, max. dc plate current of 100 ma. to 112 ma., dc grid-No.1 current of 2 to 2.5 ma., and frequency of 15 Mc.

[†] When grid No.1 is driven positive and the 6146 is operated at maximum ratings, the total dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance should not exceed the specified value of 30000 ohms. If this value is insufficient to provide adequate bias, the additional required bias must be supplied by a cathode resistor or fixed supply. For operation at less than maximum ratings, the dc grid-No.1-circuit resistance may be as high as 100000 ohms.



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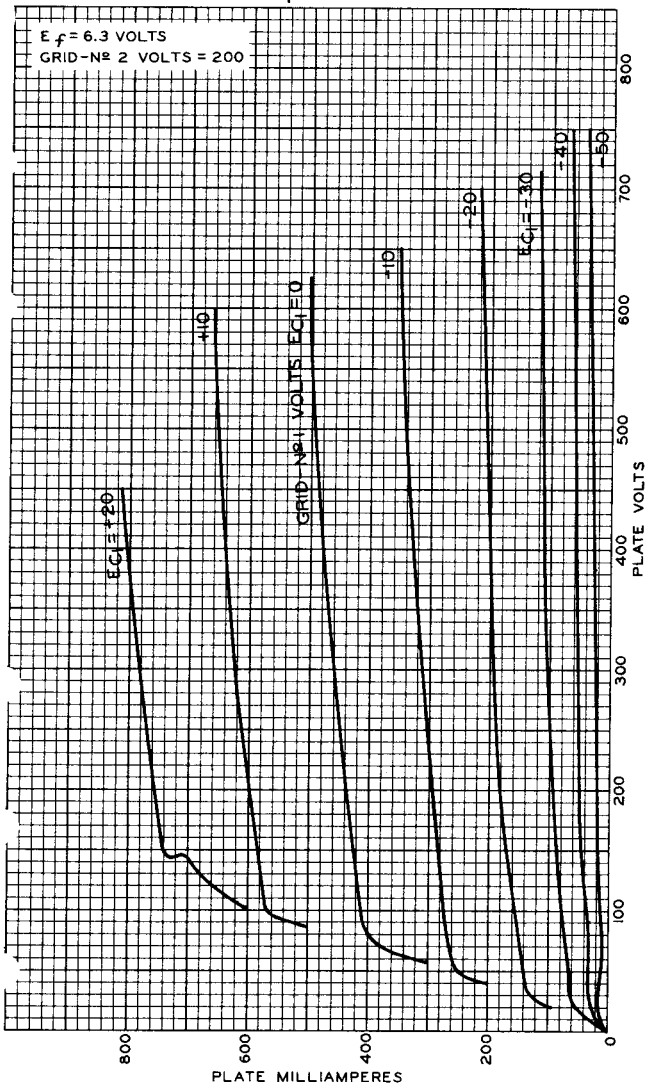
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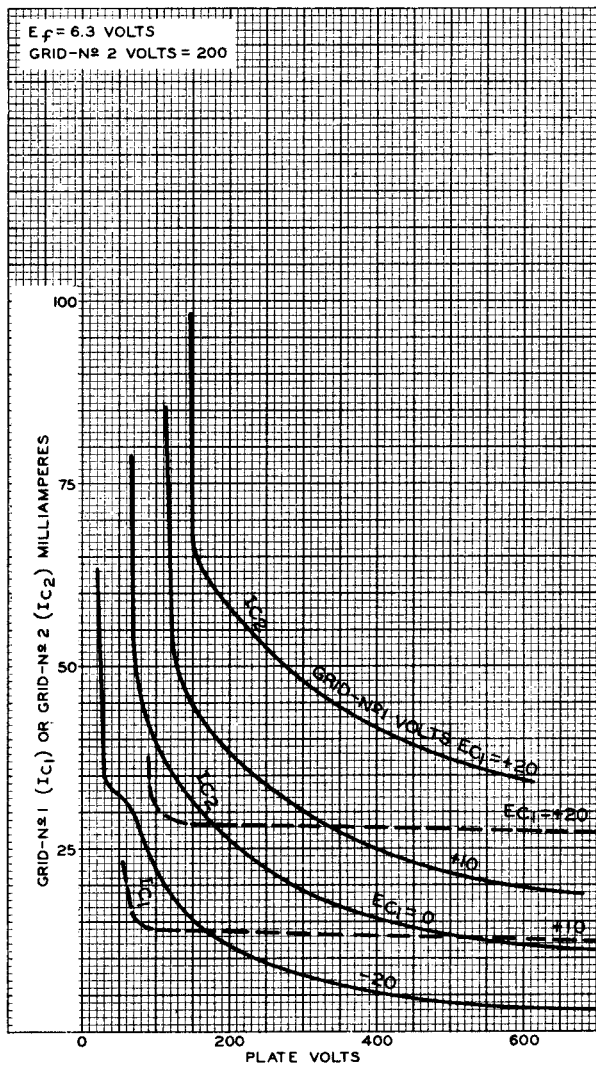


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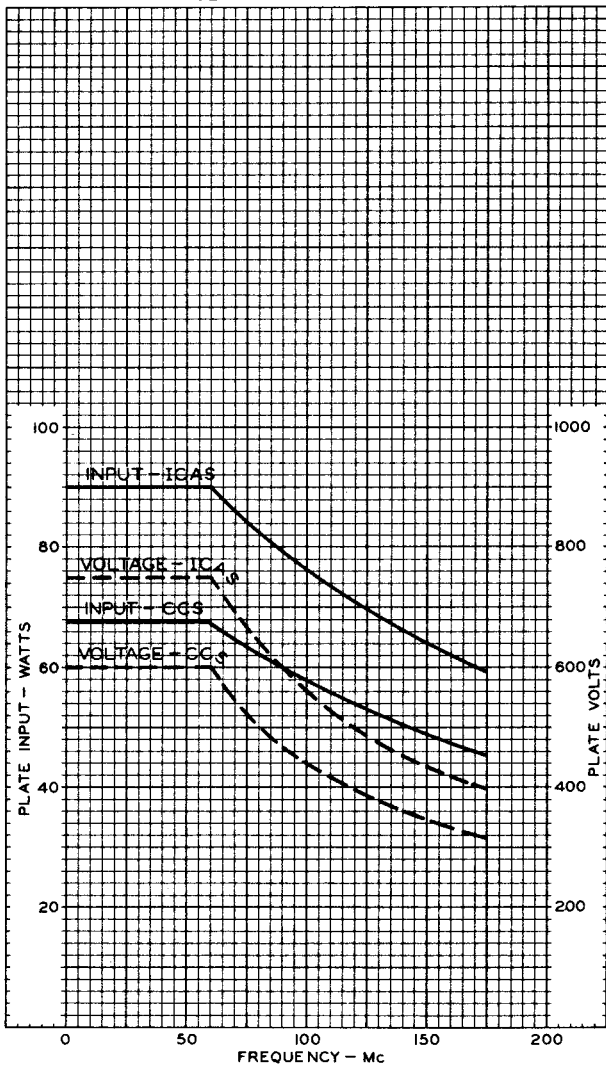
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MAXIMUM RATINGS VS OPERATING FREQUENCY CLASS C TELEGRAPHY

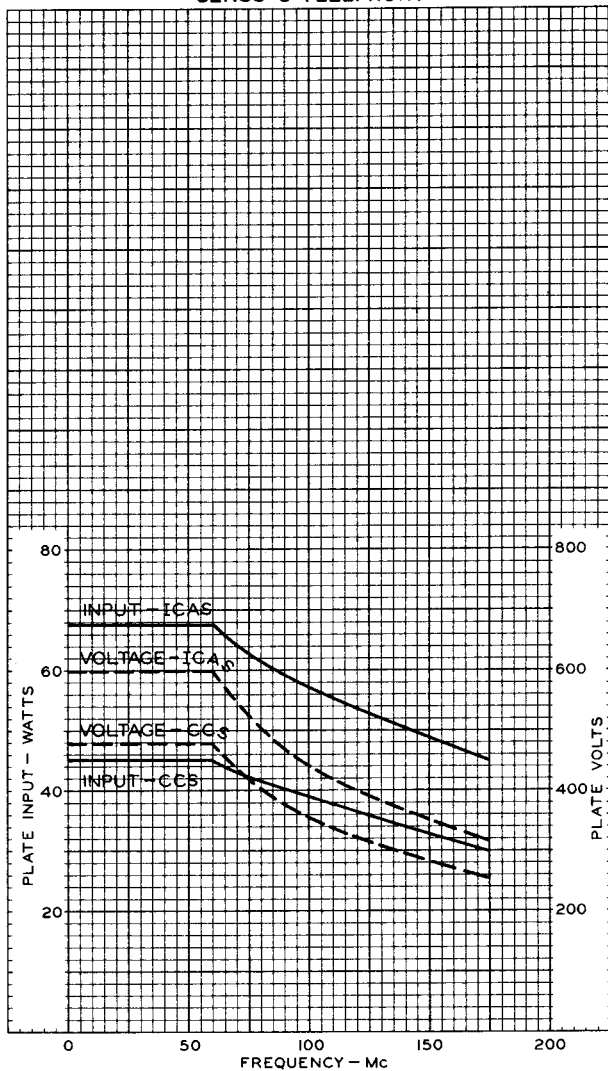


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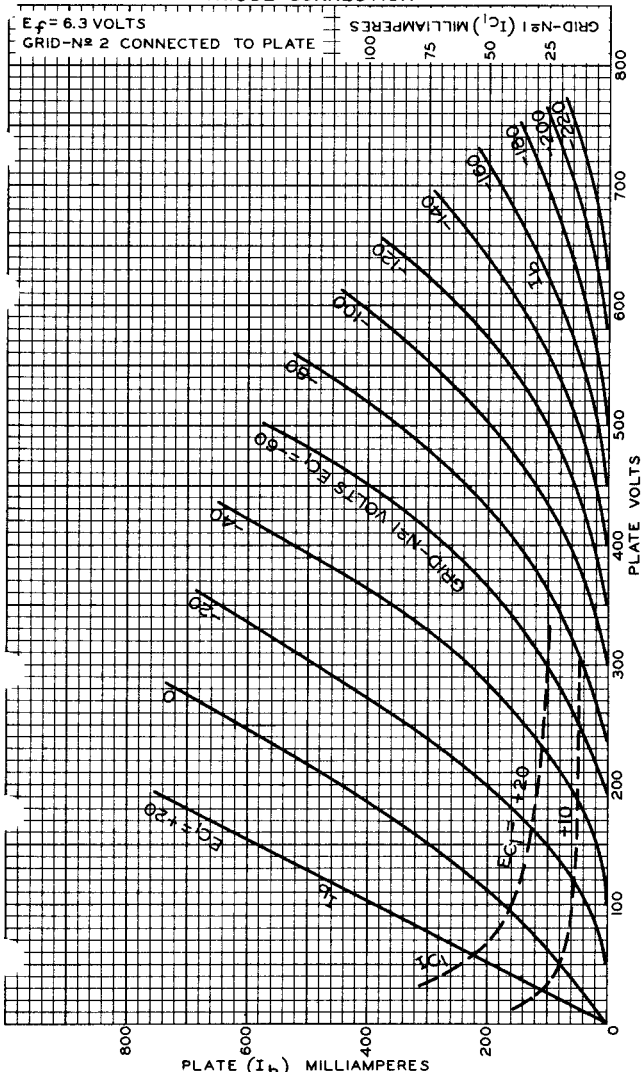
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