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MERCURY-VAPOR THYRATRON

NEGATIVE-CONTROL TRIODE TYPE

GENERAL DATA**Electrical:**

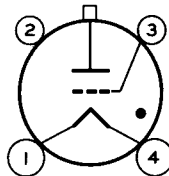
Filament, Coated:

	Min.	Av.	Max.	
Voltage.	2.38	2.5	2.62	ac or dc volts
Current at 2.5 volts	-	5.0	5.5	amp
Minimum heating time prior to tube conduction.				5 sec
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Approx.): ^o				
Grid to anode.			2.5	μmf
Grid to cathode.			7	μmf
Ionization Time (Approx.).			10	μsec
Deionization Time (Approx.).			1000	μsec
Anode Voltage Drop (Approx.)			16	volts

Mechanical:

Operating Position	Vertical, base down
Maximum Overall Length	6-1/8"
Seated Length.	5-1/4" $\pm$ 1/4"
Maximum Diameter	2-1/16"
Weight (Approx.)	3 oz
Bulb	ST16
Cap.	Medium (JETEC No.C1-5)
Base	Medium-Shell Small 4-Pin with Bayonet (JETEC No.A4-10)
Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW	3G

Pin 1-Filament
Pin 2-No Connec-
tion



Pin 3-Grid
Pin 4-Filament
Cap-Anode

Temperature Control:

Heating--When the ambient temperature is so low that the normal rise of condensed-mercury temperature above the ambient temperature will not bring the condensed-mercury temperature up to the minimum value of the operating ranges specified under **Maximum Ratings**, some form of heat-conserving enclosure or auxiliary heater will be required.

Cooling--When the operating conditions are such that the maximum value of the operating condensed-mercury temperature is exceeded, provision should be made for forced-air cooling sufficient to prevent exceeding the maximum value.

Temperature Rise of Condensed Mercury to Equilibrium
Above Ambient Temperature (Approx.):*

No load. 17.5 °C

^o Without external shield.

* With filament volts = 2.38 and no heat-conserving enclosure.



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CONTROL SERVICE

→ Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values:

For anode-supply frequency of 60 cps

Operating Condensed-Mercury-

Temperature Range

40° to 90° C 40° to 80° C 40° to 60° C

PEAK ANODE VOLTAGE:

Forward 1250 max. 2500 max. 5000 max. volts

Inverse 1250 max. 5000 max. 10000 max. volts

GRID VOLTAGE:

Peak or DC, before
tube conduction. -500 max. -500 max. -500 max. volts

Average[▲], during
tube conduction. -10 max. -10 max. -10 max. volts

ANODE CURRENT:

Peak 3 max. 2 max. 1 max. amp

Average[#] 1 max. 0.5 max. 0.25 max. amp

Fault, for duration
of 0.1 second

maximum. 40 max. 40 max. 40 max. amp

GRID CURRENT:

Average[●], positive
with anode

positive 0.05 max. 0.05 max. 0.05 max. amp

▲ Averaged over one conducting period.

Averaged over any interval of 15 seconds maximum.

● Averaged over period of grid conduction.

DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE

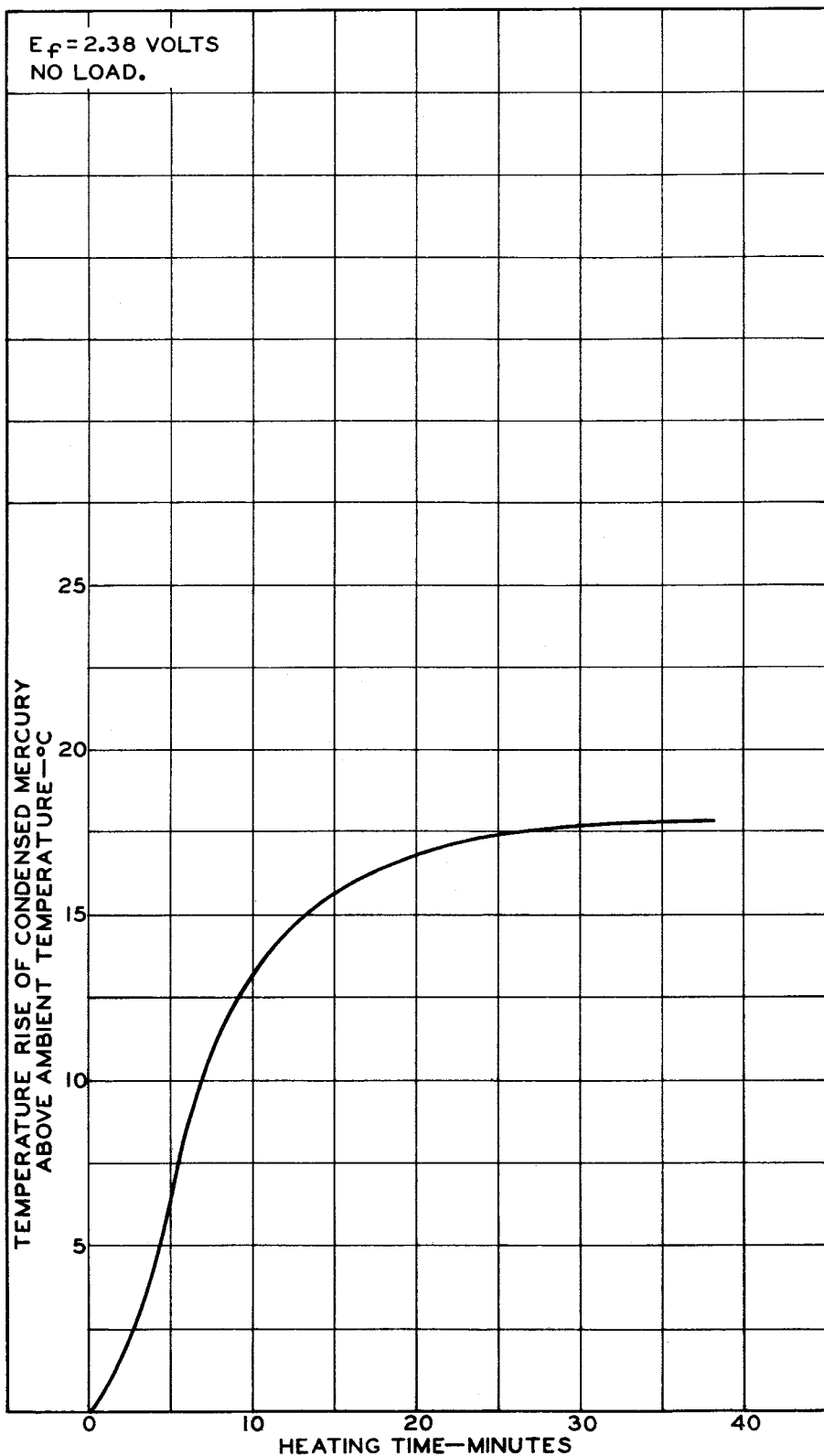
for Type 5557 is the same as that shown for Type 3C23

→ Indicates a change.



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RATE OF RISE
OF CONDENSED-MERCURY TEMPERATURE



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OPERATIONAL RANGE OF CRITICAL GRID VOLTAGE

RANGE IS FOR CONDITIONS WHERE:

$E_f = 2.5$ VOLTS AC $\pm 5\%$

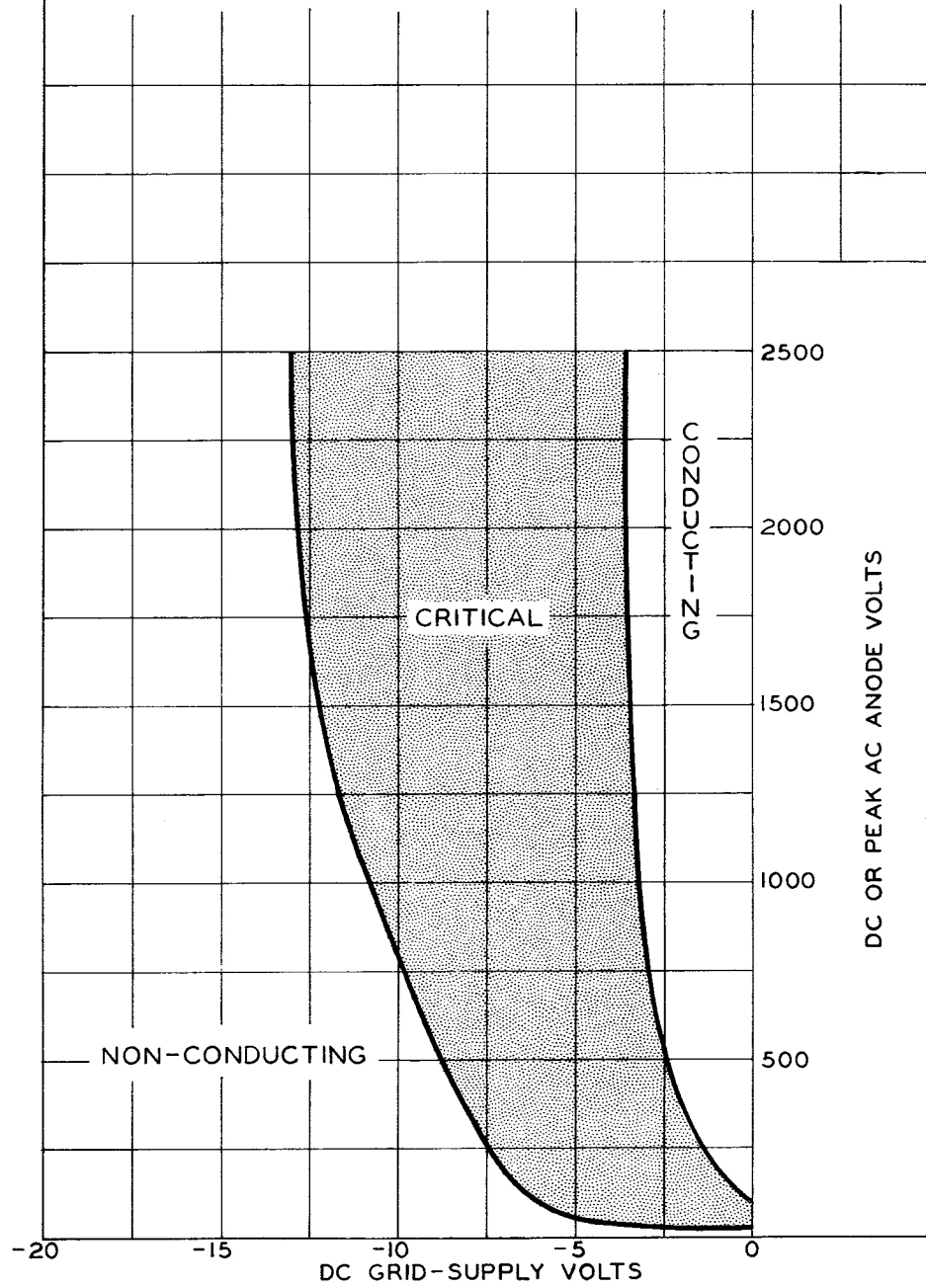
CIRCUIT RETURNS TO FILAMENT TRANSFORMER
CENTER-TAP.

FILAMENT VOLTAGE AT PIN 1 IS (+) WHEN ANODE
VOLTAGE IS (+).

THE RANGE INCLUDES INITIAL AND LIFE VARIATIONS OF
INDIVIDUAL TUBES.

GRID RESISTOR (OHMS) = 1000

CONDENSED-MERCURY-TEMPERATURE RANGE = 40 TO 80 °C



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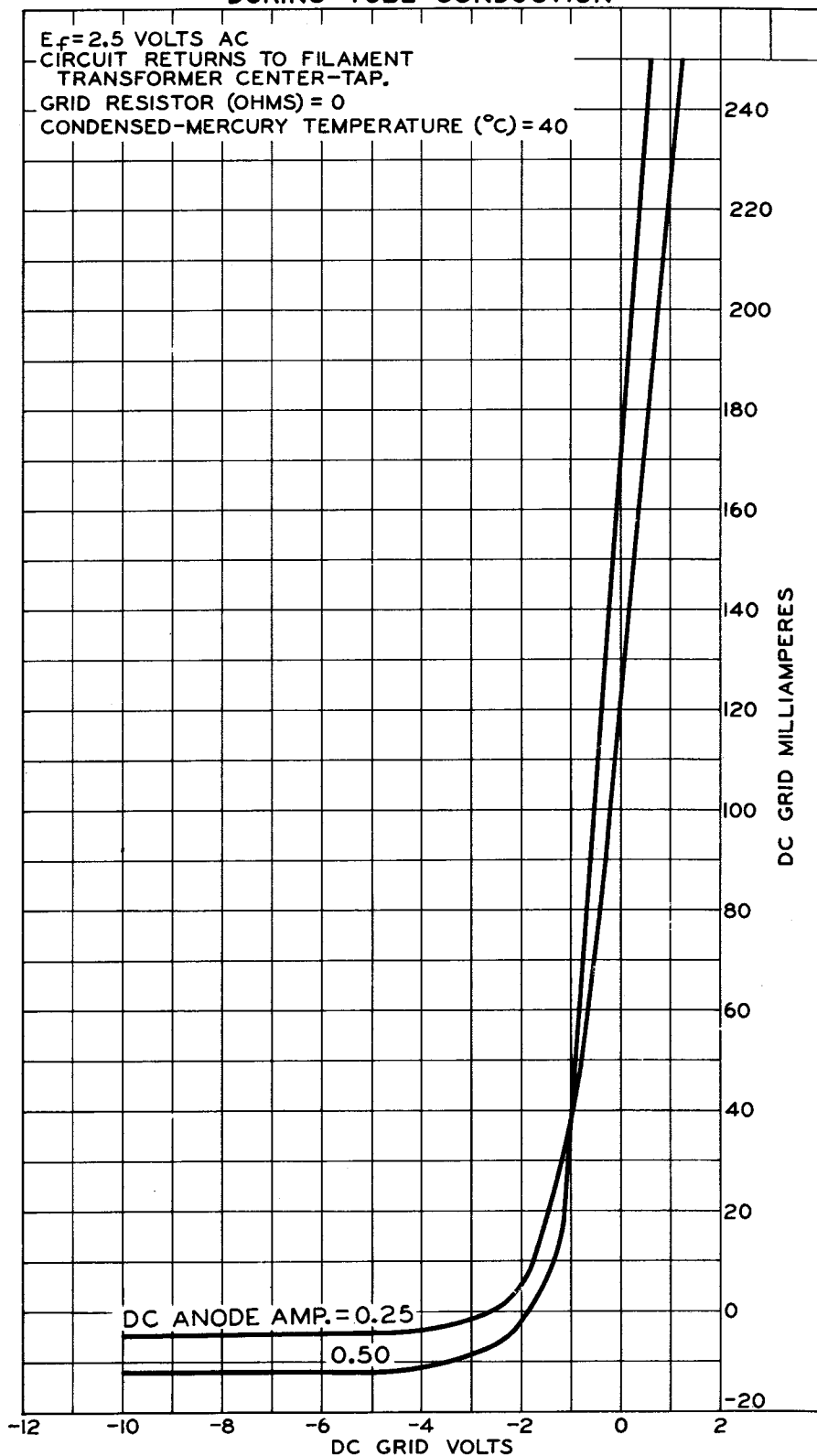
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AVERAGE GRID CHARACTERISTICS DURING TUBE CONDUCTION



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