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BEAM POWER TUBE

GENERAL DATA

Electrical:

Heater, for Unipotential Cathode:

Voltage 6.3 ac or dc volts

Current 0.9 amp

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Approx.):

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Grid No.1 to plate . .	0.4	0.9	$\mu\mu\text{f}$
Grid No.1 to cathode & grid No.3, grid No.2, and heater	10	11.5	$\mu\mu\text{f}$
Plate to cathode & grid No.3, grid No.2, and heater	12	9.5	$\mu\mu\text{f}$

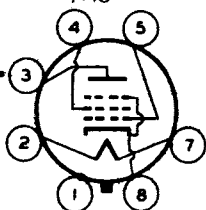
Mechanical:

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Mounting Position	Any	Any
Maximum Overall Length .	4-5/16"	5-5/16"
Maximum Seated Length . .	3-3/4"	4-3/4"
Maximum Diameter	1-5/8"	2-1/16"
Bulb	Metal Shell MT-10	ST-16
Base	Small-Wafer Octal 7-Pin (JETEC No. B7-22)	Medium-Shell Octal 7-Pin (JETEC No. B7-12)
Basing Designation	7AC	G-7AC

Pin 1 { 6L6, Shell

Pin 2 - Heater

Pin 3 - Plate



Pin 4 - Grid No.2

Pin 5 - Grid No.1

Pin 7 - Heater

Pin 8 - Cathode,
Grid No.3

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Triode Connection - Grid No.2 Connected to Plate

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE	275 max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION	19 max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:		
Heater negative with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts

Typical Operation and Characteristics:

	Fixed Bias	Cathode Bias	
Plate Voltage	250	250	volts
Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid)			
Voltage	-20	-	volts
Cathode-Bias Resistor	-	490	ohms

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Fixed Bias Cathode Bias

Peak AF Grid-No.1 Voltage . . .	20	20	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current . . .	40	40	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current . . .	44	42	ma
Amplification Factor	8	-	
Plate Resistance (Approx.) . . .	1700	-	ohms
Transconductance	4700	-	μ mhos
Load Resistance	5000	6000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion . . .	5	6	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . .	1.4	1.3	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (For maximum rated conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:

For fixed-bias operation	0.1 max.	megohm
For cathode-bias operation	0.5 max.	megohm

AF POWER AMPLIFIER - Class A₁[†]

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE	360 max.	volts
GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	270 max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION	19 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT	2.5 max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:		
Heater negative with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts

Typical Operation and Characteristics:

Fixed-Bias Operation

Plate Voltage	200	250	300	350	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	200	250	200	250	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage	-11.5	-14	-12.5	-18	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1 Voltage .	11.5	14	12.5	18	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current .	52	72	48	54	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current .	57	79	55	66	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2					
Current	3.5	5.0	2.5	2.5	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2					
Current	5.7	7.3	4.7	7.0	ma
Plate Resistance (Approx.)	35000	22500	35000	33000	ohms
Transconductance	5300	6000	5300	5200	μ mhos
Load Resistance	3000	2500	4500	4200	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion .	9	10	11	15	%
Max.-Signal Power Output .	4	6.5	6.5	10.8	watts

Cathode-Bias Operation

Plate Voltage	200	250	300	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	200	250	200	volts

° With shell connected to cathode.

°° With no external shield.

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Cathode-Bias Resistor	186	167	218	ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1 Voltage	11.5	14	12.7	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current	55	75	51	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current	56	78	54.5	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current	4.2	5.4	3.0	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current	5.6	7.2	4.6	ma
Load Resistance	3000	2500	4500	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion	9	10	11	%
Max.-Signal Power Output	4	6.5	6.5	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (For maximum rated conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:

For fixed-bias operation	0.1 max.	megohm
For cathode-bias operation	0.5 max.	megohm

PUSH-PULL AF POWER AMPLIFIER - Class A₁[†]**Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:**

PLATE VOLTAGE	360 max.	volts
GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	270 max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION	19 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT	2.5 max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:		
Heater negative with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts

Typical Operation and Characteristics:*Unless otherwise specified, values are for 2 tubes*

	Fixed Bias		Cathode Bias		
Plate Voltage	250	270	250	270	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	250	270	250	270	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage	-16	-17.5	-	-	volts
Cathode-Bias Resistor	-	-	124	124	ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-					
Grid-No.1 Voltage	32	35	35.6	28.2	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current	120	134	120	134	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current	140	155	130	145	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2					
Current	10	11	10	11	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2					
Current	16	17	15	17	ma
Plate Resistance (Per tube)					
(Approx.)	24500	23500	-	-	ohms
Transconductance (Per tube)	5500	5700	-	-	μmhos
Effective Load Resistance					
(Plate to plate)	5000	5000	5000	5000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion	2	2	2	2	%
Max.-Signal Power Output.	14.5	17.5	13.8	18.5	watts

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➔ Maximum Circuit Values (For maximum rated conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:

For fixed-bias operation	0.1 max.	megohm
For cathode-bias operation	0.5 max.	megohm

PUSH-PULL AF POWER AMPLIFIER - Class AB₁†

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE	360 max.	volts
GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	270 max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION	19 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT	2.5 max.	watts

➔ PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:

Heater negative with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode .	180 max.	volts

➔ Typical Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

	Fixed Bias		Cathode Bias	
Plate Voltage	360	360	360	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	270	270	270	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage	-22.5	-22.5	-	volts
Cathode-Bias Resistor	-	-	248	ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-				
Grid-No.1 Voltage	45	45	40.6	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current	88	88	88	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current	132	140	100	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2				
Current	5	5	5	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2				
Current	15	11	17	ma
Effective Load Resistance				
(Plate to plate).	6600	3800	9000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion	2	2	4	%
Max.-Signal Power Output	26.5	18	24.5	watts

➔ Maximum Circuit Values (For maximum rated conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:▲

For fixed-bias operation	0.1 max.	megohm
For cathode-bias operation	0.5 max.	megohm

PUSH-PULL AF POWER AMPLIFIER - Class AB₂♦

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE	360 max.	volts
GRID-No.2 (SCREEN) VOLTAGE	270 max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION	19 max.	watts
GRID-No.2 INPUT	2.5 max.	watts

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PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:

Heater negative with respect to cathode. .	180 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode. .	180 max.	volts

Typical Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

	Fixed Bias		
Plate Voltage.	360	360	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage.	225	270	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage.	-18	-22.5	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to Grid-No.1 Voltage	52	72	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current.	78	88	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current.	142	205	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current.	3.5	5	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current.	11	16	ma
Effective Load Resistance			
(Plate to plate).	6000	3800	ohms
Peak Grid-Input Power.	140	270	mw
Total Harmonic Distortion.	2	2	%
Max.-Signal Power Output	31	47	watts

Maximum Circuit Values (For maximum rated conditions):

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance†:

For fixed-bias operation	0.1 max.	megohm
For cathode-bias operation	Not recommended	

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

♦ Subscript 2 indicates that grid-No.1 current flows during some part of input cycle.

‡ 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.

▲ The type of input coupling used should not introduce too much resistance in the grid-No.1 circuit. Transformer- or impedance-coupling devices are recommended.

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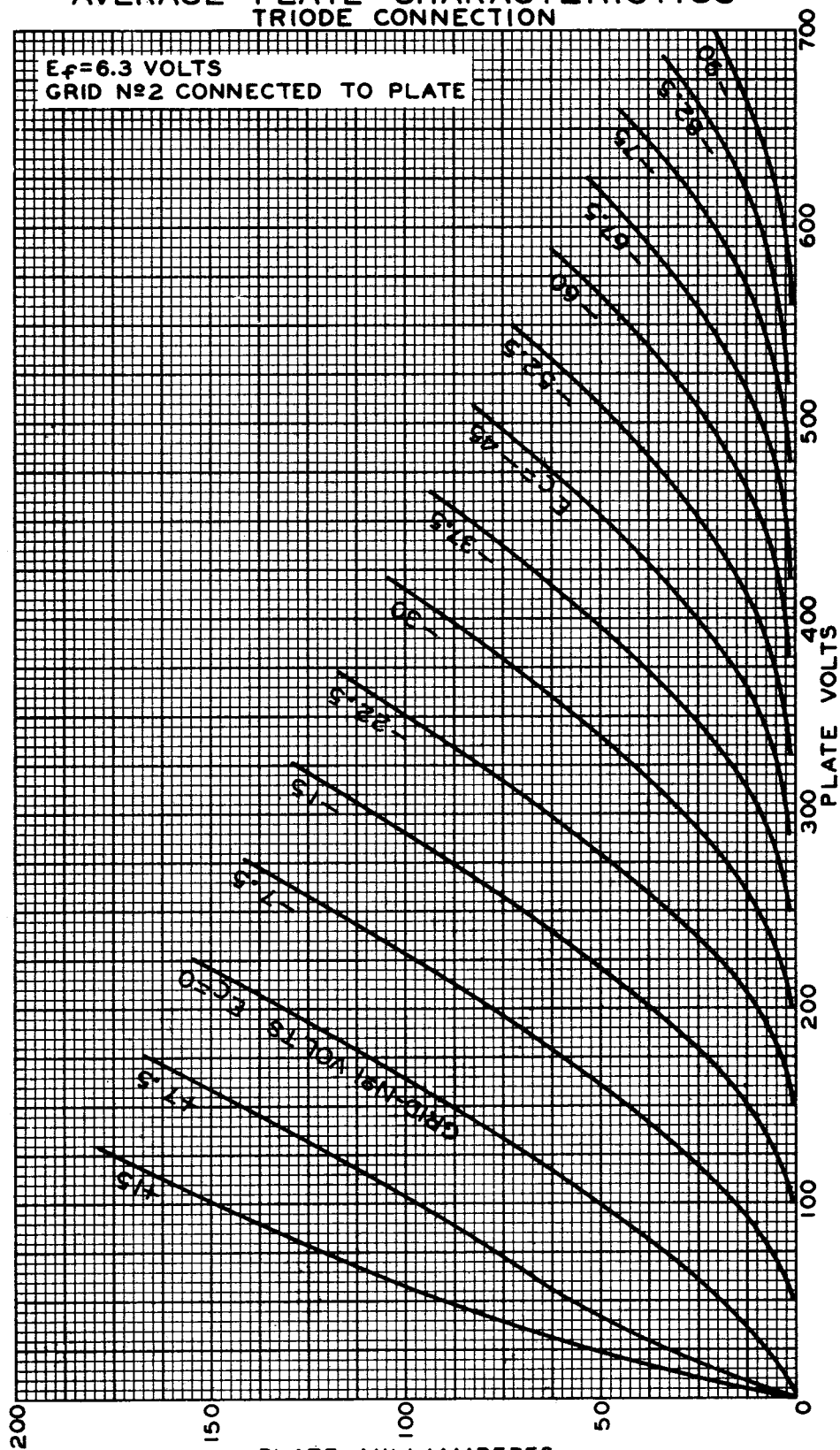
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AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS TRIODE CONNECTION

$E_f = 6.3$ VOLTS
GRID NO. 2 CONNECTED TO PLATE



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6L6 AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS WITH E_{C1} AS VARIABLE

$E_f = 6.3$ VOLTS

SCREEN VOLTS = 250

LOAD LINE CORRECTED TO COMPENSATE
FOR EFFECTS OF RECTIFICATION
WITH LARGE SIGNALS

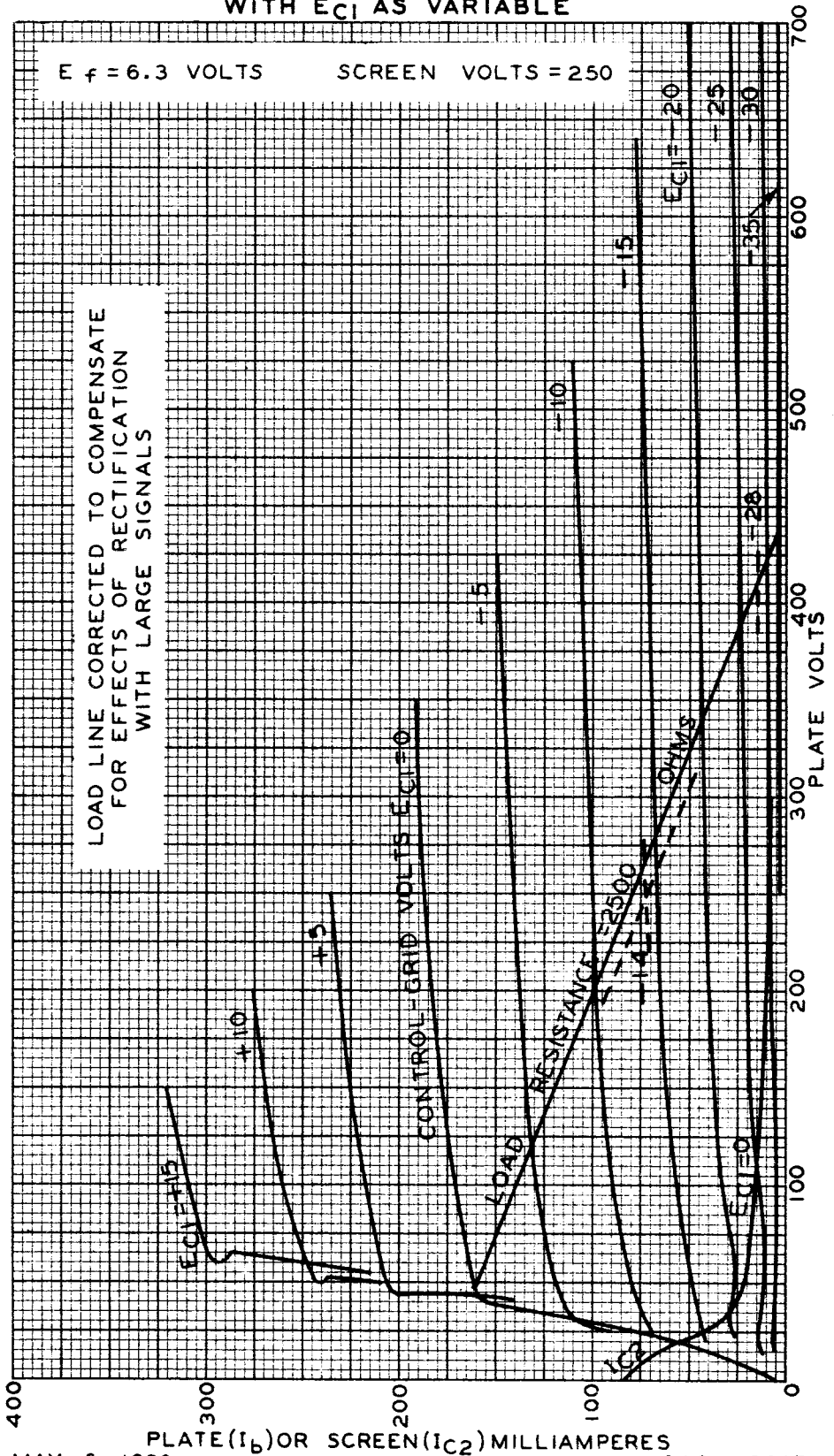


PLATE (I_b) OR SCREEN (I_{c2}) MILLIAMPERES

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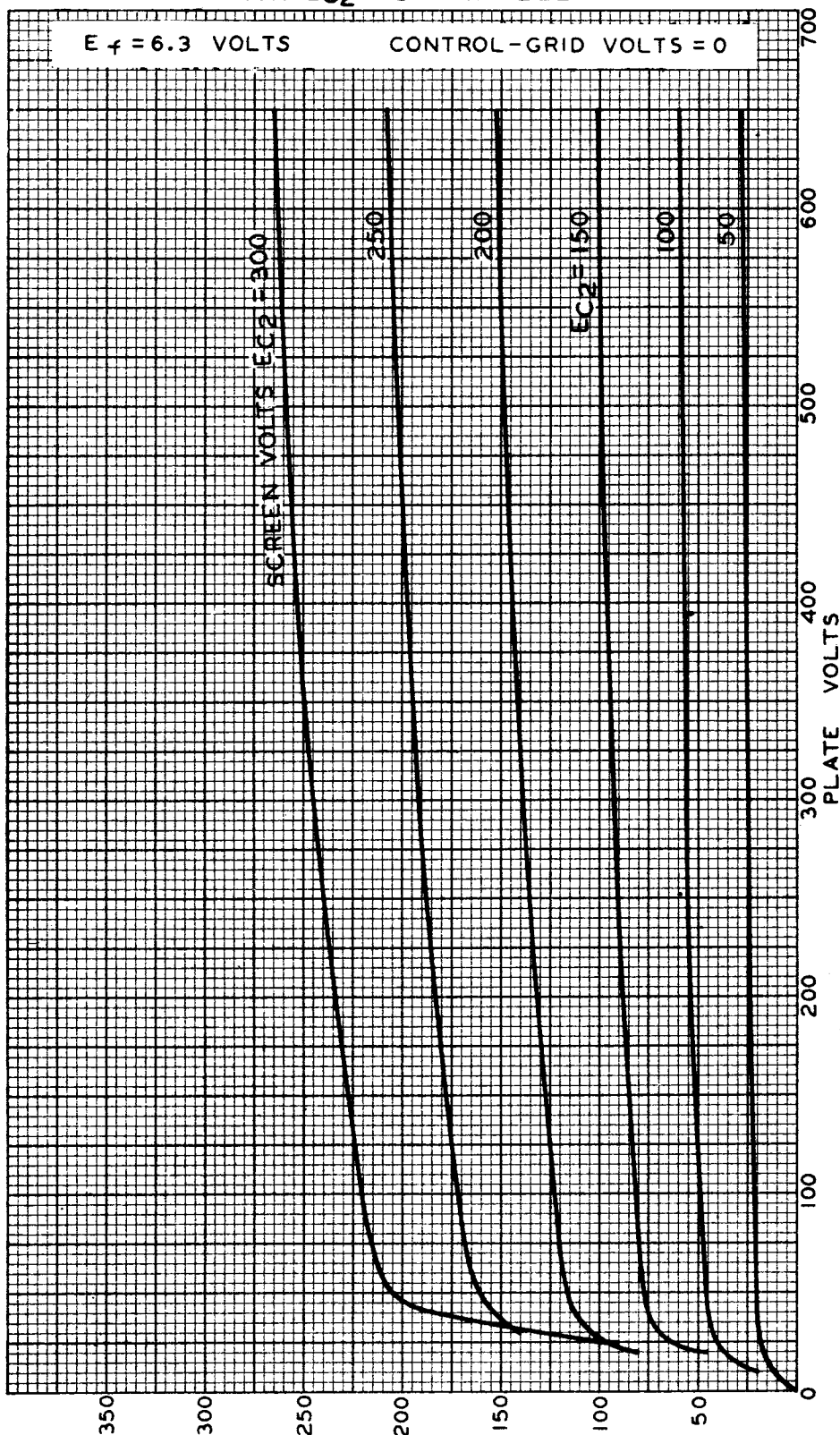
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AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS WITH EC_2 AS VARIABLE



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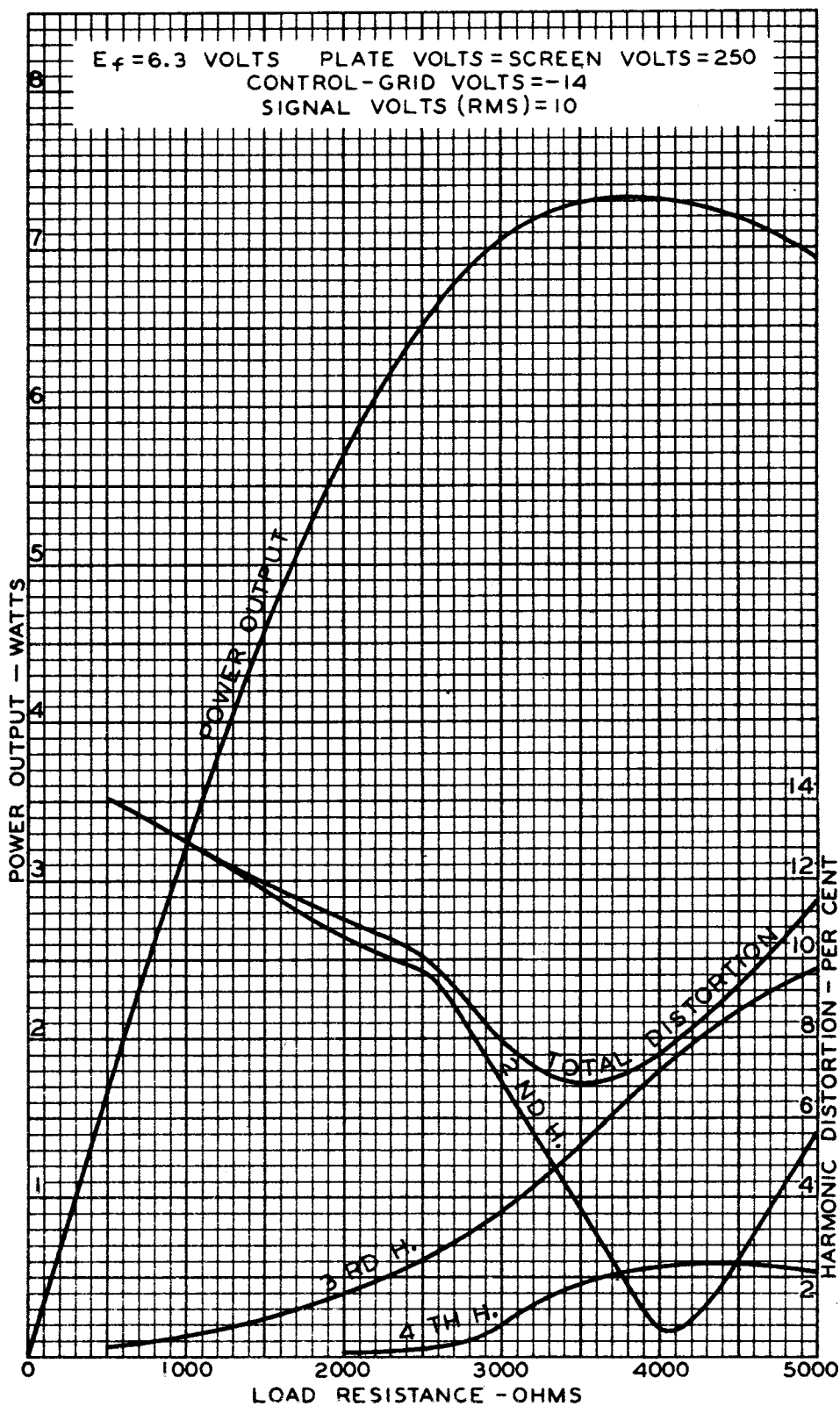
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OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS



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OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS

$E_f = 6.3$ VOLTS PLATE VOLTS = SCREEN VOLTS = 250
CONTROL-GRID VOLTS = -14
LOAD RESISTANCE (OHMS) = 2500

