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TWIN DIODE—POWER TETRODE

9-PIN MINIATURE TYPE

*For use in automobile radio receivers
operating directly from 12-volt storage batteries*

GENERAL DATA

Electrical:

Heater[•], for Unipotential Cathodes:

Voltage range. 10.0 to 15.9 dc volts

*This voltage range is on an absolute basis. For longest
life, it is recommended that the heater be operated with-
in the voltage range of 11 to 14 volts.*

Current (Approx.) at

12.6 volts 0.55 amp

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:^o

Tetrode Unit:

Grid No.2 to plate 14 μf Grid No.2 to cathode, grid No.1,
and heater 12 μf Plate to cathode, grid No.1, and
heater 1.3 μf

Diode Units:

Diode plate No.1 to diode
cathode and heater 1.6 μf Diode plate No.2 to diode
cathode and heater 1.6 μf Diode plate No.1 to diode plate
No.2 0.03 μf Tetrode grid No.2 to diode plate No.1. 0.02 max. μf Tetrode grid No.2 to diode plate No.2. 0.006 max. μf

Characteristics, Class A₁ Amplifier with 12.6 Volts on Heater (Tetrode Unit):

Plate Voltage. 12.6 volts

Grid-No.2 (Control-Grid) Voltage:

Developed across a 2.2-megohm
resistor -0.5 volt

Grid-No.1 (Space-Charge-Grid)

Voltage. 12.6 volts

Plate Resistance (Approx.) 480 ohms

Amplification Factor, Grid No.2

to Plate 7.2

Transconductance, Grid No.2 to Plate 15000 μmhos

Plate Current. 40 ma

Grid-No.1 Current. 75 ma

Mechanical:

Operating Position Any

Maximum Overall Length 2-5/8"

Maximum Seated Length 2-3/8"

Length, Base Seat to Bulb Top (Excluding tip). 2" $\pm$ 3/32"

Maximum Diameter 7/8"

Dimensional Outline. See General Section

Bulb T6-1/2

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Base Small-Button Noval 9-Pin (JETEC No.E9-1)
 Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW 9HR

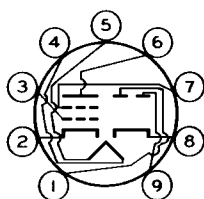
Pin 1—Plate of Diode
 Unit No.2

Pin 2—Cathode of
 Tetrode Unit

Pin 3—Grid No.1 of
 Tetrode Unit

Pin 4—Heater

Pin 5—Heater



Pin 6—Plate of
 Tetrode Unit

Pin 7—Grid No.2 of
 Tetrode Unit

Pin 8—Cathode of
 Diode Units
 No.1 & No.2

Pin 9—Plate of Diode
 Unit No.1

TETRODE UNIT — AUDIO DRIVER

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values Except as Noted:

PLATE VOLTAGE. 30 max. volts

GRID-No.2 (CONTROL-GRID) VOLTAGE:

Negative bias value. -20 max. volts

GRID-No.1 (SPACE-CHARGE-GRID) VOLTAGE

(Absolute maximum) 16[■] max. volts

PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:

Heater negative with
 respect to cathode 30 max. volts

Heater positive with
 respect to cathode 30 max. volts

Typical Operation with 12.6 Volts on Heater:

Plate Voltage. 12.6 volts

Grid-No.2 Voltage:

Obtained by rectification through
 2.2-megohm resistor. -2 volts

Peak AF Grid-No.2 Voltage:

Obtained from 100000-ohm source. 2.5 volts

Grid-No.1 Voltage. 12.6 volts

Zero-Signal Plate Current (Approx.). 40 ma

Max.—Signal Plate Current. 8 ma

Grid-No.1 Current. 75 ma

Load Resistance. 800 ohms

Total Harmonic Distortion. 10 %

Max.—Signal Power Output 40 mw

Maximum Circuit Values:

Grid-No.2—Circuit Resistance 10 max. megohms

DIODE UNITS — Two

Maximum Ratings, Design-Center Values:

Values are for Each Unit

PLATE CURRENT. 5 max. ma

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PEAK HEATER—CATHODE VOLTAGE:

Heater negative with respect to cathode .	30 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode .	30 max.	volts

Characteristics with 12.6 Volts on Heater:

Plate Current for plate volts = 10. 3 ma

- Operation of heater in series with other heaters is not recommended.
- Without external shield.
- Under no circumstances should this absolute value be exceeded.

OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

The *maximum ratings* in the tabulated data for the 12DL8, except the rating for grid-No.1 (space-charge-grid) voltage, are working design-center maximums established according to the standard design-center system of rating electron tubes. Tubes so rated will give satisfactory performance in storage-battery-operated equipment provided the following stipulations are observed:

In the case of storage-battery-with-charger supply or similar supplies, the normal battery-voltage fluctuation may be as much as 35 per cent or more. This fluctuation imposes severe operating conditions on tubes. Under these conditions, the equipment should be designed so that 90 per cent of the design-center maximum value of plate voltage is never exceeded for a battery terminal potential of 13.2 volts. Although the operating voltages of the 12DL8 in this service will, at times, exceed the design-center maximum values, satisfactory performance with probable sacrifice in life will be obtained.

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AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS TETRODE UNIT

$E_f = 12.6$ VOLTS

GRID-№1 (SPACE-CHARGE-GRID) VOLTS = 12.6

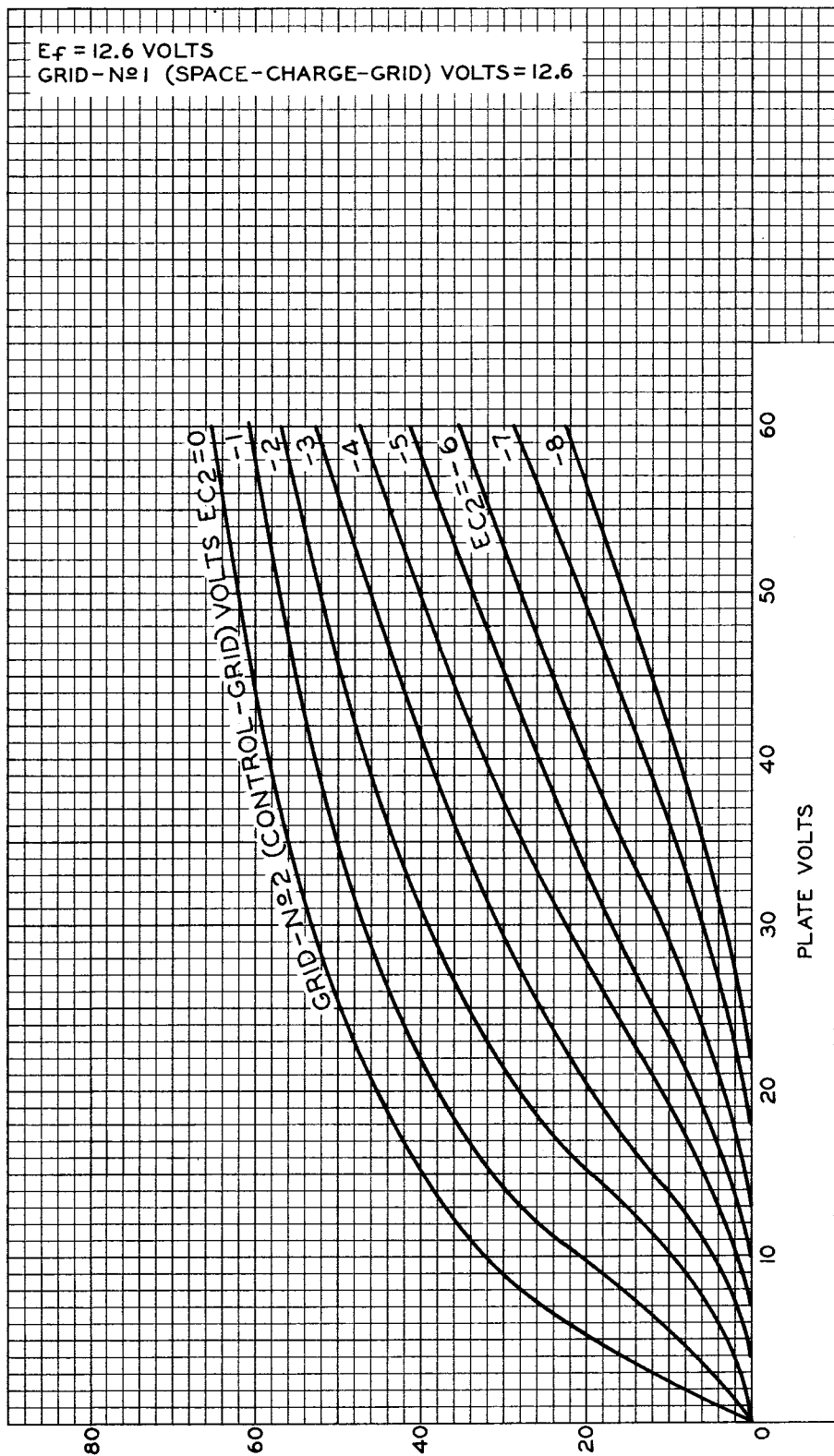


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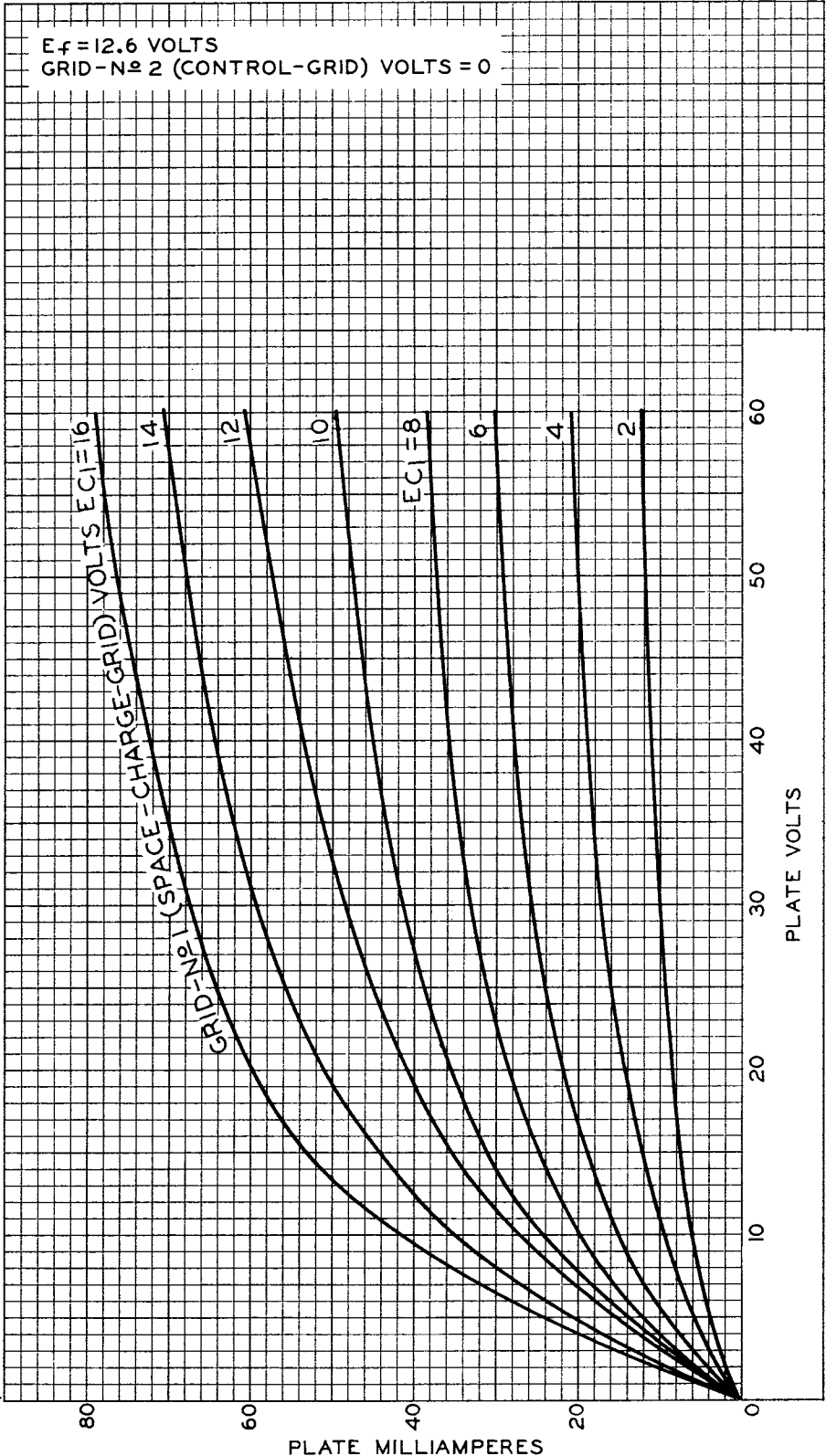


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