

Super-Power Triode

5 MW PEAK POWER OUTPUT IN LONG-PULSE SERVICE AT 440 MHz

CERAMIC-METAL SEALS

INTEGRAL WATER DUCTS

DOUBLE-ENDED CONSTRUCTION

17.00 INCH MAX. LENGTH

COAXIAL-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE

14.125 INCH MAX. DIAMETER

WATER COOLED

For Use as a Plate-Pulsed Amplifier at Frequencies up to 605 MHz, for Long Range Search Radar, Pulsed Transmission in Communications Service, and Particle Accelerator Service.

ELECTRICAL

Filamentary Cathode, Multistrand Thoriated Tungstenⁿ—

Current (DC):

Typical operating range value 6800 to 7200^a A

Maximum range value 7000 to 7400^a A

Maximum value for starting, even momentarily. 2000 A

Minimum time to reach operating current 30 s

Minimum time at normal operating current before plate voltage is applied 60 s

Voltage (DC):^b

Typical range value for prescribed operating current. 3.6 to 4.5 V

Maximum value under any condition. 4.65 V

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances

Grid to plate. 150 pF

Grid to cathode. 1600 pF

Plate to cathode less than 1.0 pF

MECHANICAL

Operating Position Tube axis vertical, either end up

Overall Length 17.00 max in

Maximum Diameter 14.125 max in

Terminal Connections See Dimensional Outline

Weight

Uncrated 175 lb

Crated 340 lb

THERMAL^{p, q}

Ceramic-Bushing Temperature. 150 max °C

Metal-Surface Temperature. 150 max °C

Minimum Storage Temperature. -65 min °C

Water Flow

Typ. Flow	Pressure	
	Absolute Min. Flow	Differential Flow Typ. Flow ^c
g/m	g/m	psi

To plate, total flow for two parallel input and output coolant courses

160 150 45 max

To upper grid coolant course

3 2 25 max

To lower coolant course . . .

3 2 25 max



Water Flow (cont'd)

	Typ. Flow g/m	Absolute Min. Flow g/m	Pressure Differential for Typ. Flow ^c psi
To grid cathode coolant course	35	30	30 max
Resistivity of water at 25°C:			
Plate and grid water.			1 min MΩ-cm
Grid-cathode water.			5 min MΩ-cm
Water temperature from any outlet			70 max °C
External gas pressure ^d			65 max psig
Gauge pressure at any inlet ^d			90 max psig

TERMINAL DIAGRAM (Bottom View)

- FI – Filament Terminal (Inner)
- FO – Filament Terminal (Outer)
- KURF – Upper RF Cathode Terminal
- KLRF – Lower RF Cathode Terminal
- GUIRF – Upper RF Grid Input Terminal
- GUORF – Upper RF Grid Output Terminal
- GLIRF – Lower RF Grid Input Terminal
- GLORF – Lower RF Grid Output Terminal
- PLRF – Lower RF Plate Terminal
- PURF – Upper RF Plate Terminal

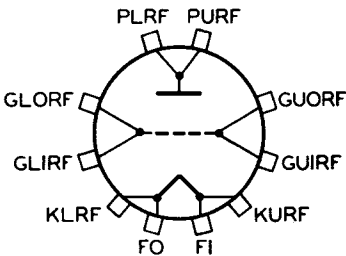


PLATE-PULSED AMPLIFIER—Class B^r

For a maximum "ON" time^e of 2200 microseconds in any 34000-microsecond interval

Absolute-Maximum Ratings

	Up to 450 MHz	Up to 605 MHz
Peak Positive-Pulse Plate Voltage ^{f, g}	34	25 kV
Peak Negative Grid Voltage.	150	150 V
Peak Plate Current.	300	300 A
Peak Cathode Current ^h	600	600 A
DC Plate Current.	19.5	19.5 A
DC Cathode Current.	39	39 A
Plate Input (Average)	664	487 kW
Plate Dissipation (Average)	300	300 kW

Typical Operation

With rectangular wave shape in cathode-drive circuit with duty factor^j of 0.06 and pulse duration of 2000 microseconds

	At 440 MHz	At 550 MHz
Peak Positive Pulse Plate-to-Grid Voltage ^{f, g}	30	33
Peak Cathode-to-Grid Voltage ^k	80	60
Peak Plate Current.	285	295



		At 440 MHz	At 550 MHz	
Peak Cathode Current ^h	570	590	500	A
DC Plate Current	17.1	17.7	15	A
DC Cathode Current	34.2	35.4	30	A
Peak Driving Power Output	170	200	225	kW
Useful Power Output at Peak of Pulse (Approx.)	4	5	2.5	MW

Absolute-Maximum Ratings

For a maximum "ON" time of 10000 microseconds in any
155000-microsecond interval

Up to
450 MHz

Peak Positive-Pulse Plate Voltage ^{f,g}	28	kV
Peak Negative Grid Voltage	150	V
Peak Plate Current	250	A
Peak Cathode Current ^h	500	A
DC Plate Current	16.25	A
DC Cathode Current	32.5	A
Plate Input (Average)	45.5	kW
Plate Dissipation (Average)	200	kW

Typical Operation

With rectangular wave shape in cathode-drive circuit at 440 MHz
with duty factor^j of 0.06 and pulse duration of 1000 microseconds

Peak Positive-Pulse Plate-to-Grid Voltage ^{f,g}	25	kV
Peak Cathode-to-Grid Voltage ^k	50	V
Peak Plate Current	220	A
Peak Cathode Current ^h	440	A
DC Plate Current	13.2	A
DC Cathode Current	27.4	A
Peak Driver Power Output ^m	140	kW
Useful Power Output at Peak of Pulse (Approx.)	2.5	MW

CHARACTERISTICS RANGE VALUES

	Note	Min	Max	
Input Strap-Resonant Frequency	-	90	140	MHz
Output Strap-Resonant Frequency	-	300	340	MHz
Useful Power Output	1	4	-	MW

Note 1: For conditions with filament current at prescribed typical operating values supplied with the tube, see footnote (a), peak positive-pulse plate-to-grid voltage = 32000 max. volts, peak current = 18 max. amperes, frequency = 400 to 450 MHz, pulse duration = 2000 microseconds, duty factor = 0.06, and peak pulse driving power = 220000 max. watts.

^a The typical and maximum operating filament currents recommended for each tube are specified on a label attached to the outside diameter of the plate terminal of each tube. The specified maximum filament current for each tube is a maximum rating which should not be exceeded, even momentarily, during operation of the tube. The life of the tube can be conserved by operating the filament at the lowest current which will enable the tube to provide the desired power output. Because the filament when operated near the maximum value usually provides emission in excess of any requirements within the tube ratings, the filament current should



be reduced to a value that will give adequate but not excessive emission for any particular application. Good regulation of the filament current is, in general, economically advantageous from the viewpoint of tube life.

b Measured between KLRF and KURF (See *Terminal Diagram*).

c Measured directly across cooled element for the indicated typical flow.

d With the gauge located in an area where the maximum pressure external to the gauge is one atmosphere absolute.

e "ON" time is defined as the sum of the duration of all individual pulses which occur during the indicated interval. *Pulse duration* is defined as the time interval between the two points on the pulse at which the instantaneous value is 50% of the peak power value. The *peak value* is defined as the maximum value of a smooth curve through the average of the fluctuations over the top portion of the pulse.

f The magnitude of any spike on the plate voltage pulse should not exceed its peak value by more than 10%, and the duration of any spike when measured at the peak-value level should not exceed 100 microseconds. The peak value is defined as the maximum value of a smooth curve through the average of the fluctuations over the top portion of the pulse.

g Under most conditions pressurized cavities will be required for operation at the indicated typical voltages to prevent flash-over at the tube seals.

h Peak cathode current is the total of the peak plate current and the peak rectified grid current. (Pulses are not coincident, hence they cannot be added arithmetically).

j Duty factor is the product of the pulse duration and repetition rate.

k Preferably obtained from a cathode bias resistor.

m The driver stage is required to supply tube losses, rf circuit losses, and rf power added to the plate circuit. The driver stage should be designed to provide an excess of power above the indicated value to take care of variations in line voltage, in components, and in initial tube characteristics during life.

The following footnotes apply to the *RCA Transmitting Tube Operating Considerations* given at the front of this section.

n See *Electrical Considerations* - Filament or Heater.

p See *Cooling Considerations* - Forced-Air Cooling.

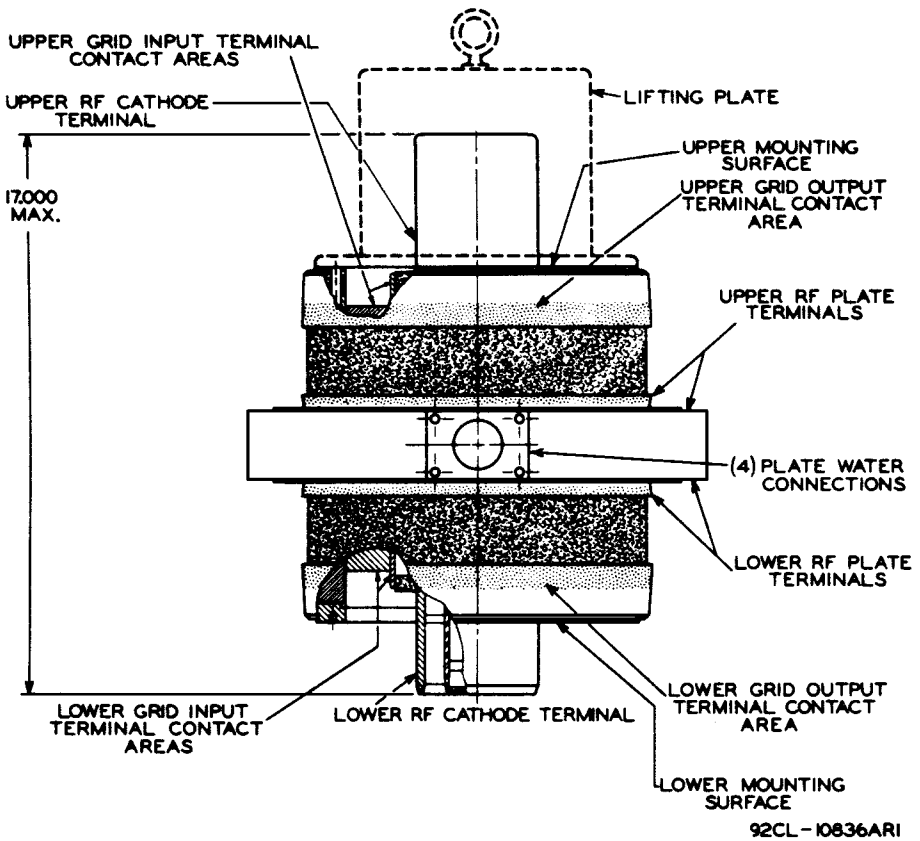
q See *Cooling Considerations* - Liquid Cooling.

r See *Classes of Service*.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS TYPE, WRITE FOR TECHNICAL BULLETIN AND APPLICATION GUIDE FOR RCA SUPER POWER TUBES, ICE-279A AVAILABLE FROM:

Commercial Engineering
Electronic Components and Devices
Radio Corporation of America
Harrison, New Jersey



SIMPLIFIED DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE^S

DIMENSIONS IN INCHES

^S A detailed Dimensional Outline and associated Gauge Drawings are given in the Technical Bulletin available upon request.

