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AT the close of yet another successful year in the publishing of "Radiotronics", the Management and Staff of Amalgamated Wireless Valve Co. Pty. Ltd. extend to each and every reader their best wishes for Christmas and the coming year coupled with the sincere appreciation for the encouragement and help which has contributed so much to make "Radiotronics" a real help to subscribers.

In 1940 our efforts will, once again, be directed towards providing the latest information on technical matters associated with valve application.

### RADIOTRON DESIGNER'S HANDBOOK

The third edition of the Radiotron Designer's Handbook is at present in the course of being printed, and is expected to be available about the end of December. Copies will be obtainable through principal booksellers at a price of 3/-, or from Amalgamated Wireless Valve Co. Pty. Ltd., 47 York Street, Sydney, at a cost of 3/-, plus postage.

This Handbook has been completely rewritten from cover to cover and very much enlarged, so that it is now an invaluable book of reference to all those engaged in radio engineering. It includes 40 chapters in all,

covering the following subjects:

Radio Frequencies
Rectification
Filtering
Receiver Components
Tests and Measurements
Valve Characteristics
General Theory
Tables, Charts and Sundry Data.

A large proportion of the material is unobtainable from text books or other sources, and has been written specially to meet the demand for such information. Very complete treatment has been given on negative feedback, tone compensation, tuned circuits, rectification, filtering, transformers, receiver tests and measurements, valve testing, valve voltmeters and the graphical representation of valve characteristics.

The matter is copiously illustrated with diagrams, and a large number of curves have been given for the graphical solution of special problems. Useful tables have also been given, including very complete tables of capacitive and inductive reactances, and the impedance of a resistance and capacitance in parallel.

This Handbook, with its 300 pages, has been produced as a Radiotron service, and should be in the possession of every reader of Radiotronics. For your convenience an application form is enclosed with this Bulletin.

### RESISTANCE CAPACITANCE COUPLING ATTENUATION DUE TO GRID COUPLING CONDENSER

The attenuation at **low frequencies** due to the grid coupling condenser in a resistance capacitance coupled amplifier may be accurately calculated from the expression for the overall stage gain:—

$$M = \frac{g_m}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{r_p} + \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_g}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C R_g}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r_p} + \frac{1}{R_L}\right)^2}}$$
(1)

where M = the gain of the stage from the grid of the preceding valve to the grid of the following valve.

 $g_m$  = the mutual conductance of the preceding valve at the operating plate current.

 $r_p$  = the plate resistance of the preceding valve at the operating plate current.

 $R_L$  = the resistance of the plate load resistor.

 $R_g$  = the resistance of the grid resistor of the following valve.

C = the capacitance of the grid coupling condenser.

 $\omega = 2\pi f$ .

f = the frequency at which M is calculated.

To simplify calculations, the expression (1) may be put into the more convenient form:—

$$M = \frac{g_m}{\left(\frac{1}{r_p} + \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_g}\right)} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C R_g}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{1}{r_p} + \frac{1}{R_L}}{\frac{1}{r_p} + \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_g}}\right)^2}$$
(2)

The first term on the right hand side of the expression (2) is then the normal stage gain, and the second the fraction by which it is reduced due to the reactance of the grid

coupling condenser at the frequency at which M is calculated.

The attenuation in decibels at any frequency, due to the grid coupling condenser, is then given exactly by the expression

Attenuation (db) = 20 log 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C R_{y}}\right)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{1}{r_{p}} + \frac{1}{R_{L}}}{\frac{1}{r_{p}} + \frac{1}{R_{L}} + \frac{1}{R_{y}}}\right)^{2}}}$$
 (3)

When the preceding valve is a general purpose triode, for which the plate resistance is of the order of 10,000-20,000 ohms,

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_{p}} + \frac{1}{R_{L}}\right) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{R_{g}} \tag{4}$$

and the expression (3) for the attenuation may be reduced without appreciable error to the

### approximation

Attenuation (db) 
$$\stackrel{\cdot}{=} 20 \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C R_g}\right)^2}}$$
 (5)

For convenience, this relation has been plotted as the family of curves given in Fig. 1. Each curve corresponds to a single value of coupling condenser and the attenuation in decibels is plotted against frequency in cycles/sec. when the value of the grid resistor of the following valve is 1 megohm. For other values of grid resistor, the value of coupling condenser to give the same attenuation may be readily obtained by multiplying the value of C, shown by the curves, by the reciprocal of the grid resistor in megohms. For example, if the grid resistor has the value 0.5 megohm, the value of C should be multiplied by 2 to give the same

attenuation.

If the preceding valve is a **pentode**, its plate resistance will be extremely high, so that in general

$$\frac{1}{r_p} \ll \frac{1}{R_L} \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_g}\right)$$
 (6)

The expression (3) for the attenuation then simplifies without appreciable error in this case to the approximation

Attenuation (db) 
$$\stackrel{:}{=} 20 \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C(R_L + R_g)}\right)^2}}$$
 (7)

It will be seen that this approximation differs from the corresponding expression (5) for a general purpose triode, only by the addition of  $R_L$  to  $R_g$  in the second term in the denominator, so that the curves shown in Fig. 1 may also be used for a pentode, providing  $(R_L + R_g)$ , i.e., the sum of the resistance of the plate load resistor and the following grid resistor is equal to 1 megohm. In most cases,  $R_L$  has the value 0.25 megohm, so that the curves will then apply, within the limits of the approximation, when

the grid resistor has the value 0.75 megohm.

For values of  $(R_L + R_g)$  other than 1 megohm, the values of C obtained from the curves must be multiplied by the reciprocal of the total resistance in megohms of the plate load resistor and following grid resistor. For example, if the value of the grid resistor together with the value of the plate resistor of the preceding stage is 1.25 megohms, the values of C should be multiplied by 0.8.

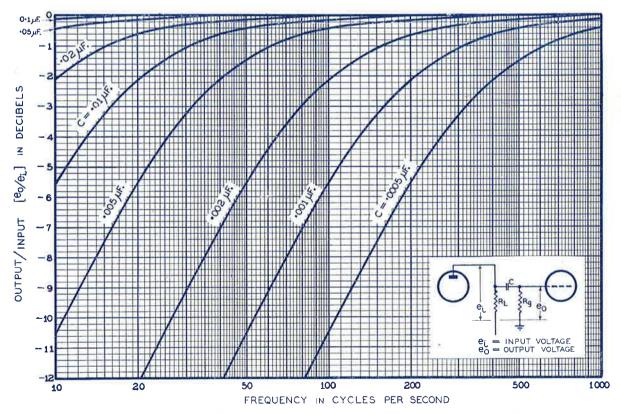


Figure 1. Attenuation characteristics of a grid coupling condenser with a grid resistor  $(R_g)$  1.0 megohm, on the assumption that the plate resistance of the preceding valve is very small compared with  $R_g$ . Under all conditions a very close approximation is obtained by considering  $R_g$ , in series with the plate resistance and load resistance  $(R_L)$  of the preceding valve in parallel, as 1.0 megohm. Thus with a pentode valve having a load resistance of 0.25 megohm the curves hold closely for  $R_g = 0.75$  megohm. If  $R_g$  is halved, the values of C should be multiplied by 2, and similarly for other ratios.

### FILTER FOR BASS BOOSTING

#### APPLICATION TO PICK-UP

In all normal lateral cut recordings it is necessary for practical reasons, to restrict the amplitude of the cutter at the lower frequencies. Standard practice is to attenuate progressively all frequencies below 250 c/s at the rate of 6 db per octave. When reproducing such recordings it is desirable that the overall response of the pick-up and amplifier should be made to rise sufficiently at the lower frequencies to offset the attenuation introduced during the process of recording.

In cases where it is inconvenient to apply "bass boosting" in the amplifier, it may be found satisfactory to use a filter between the pick-up and the input terminals of the amplifier. A very simple circuit, which may be

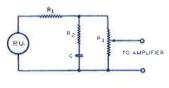


FIGURE 2.

Filter circuit for bass boosting intended for insertion between the pick-up and the grid of the first amplifier stage.

used for this purpose, is shown in Fig. 2. The values of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and C need to be determined to suit the particular conditions. It will be obvious that at very low frequencies the voltage available will be greater than at middle or high frequencies, where the shunting effect of the condenser C becomes appreciable. Furthermore, if  $R_1$  is made small with respect to  $R_3$  the loss in the filter at low frequencies will be comparatively small.

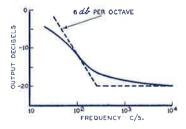


FIGURE 3.

Frequency Characteristic (Solid Line) when  $R_1 = .225$  megohm  $R_2 = .25,000$  ohms

 $R_3^2 = 1 megohm$ 

 $C = .02 \mu F$ .

Broken line indicates bass boost of 6 db per octave which is required for complete compensation of recording loss below 250 c/s.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the characteristics obtained with particular values of components, the first to approximate a bass boost of 6 db per octave and the second to approximate 3 db per octave below 250 c/s. The values of these components are shown under the individual diagrams, and have been calculated to give a load on the pick-up of approximately 0.25 megohm at middle and high frequencies. If, for example, the load on the pick-up is required to be 0.5 megohm, then the values of the three resistances should be multiplied by 2 and the value of the capacitance should be divided by 2 to give a similar frequency curve.

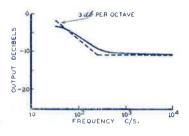


FIGURE 4.

Frequency Characteristic (Solid Line)

when  $\tilde{R}_1 = .1775$  megohm

 $R_2 = 75,000 \text{ ohms}$  $R_3 = 1 \text{ megohm}$ 

 $C^{\circ} = .01 \mu \tilde{F}$ .

The broken curve indicates bass boost of 3 db per octave below 250 c/s.

Since some internal bass boosting is obtained with most popular types of pick-ups, it will usually be found that an additional progressive rise of 3 db per octave below 250 c/s will give a reasonably close approach to true reproduction of the original. If a filter providing higher bass boost is used with a popular pick-up, it is likely that the bass would be unduly accentuated.

The components given in Fig. 4 for a rise of 3 db per octave give a characteristic which is within 2 db of the desired characteristic from 50 c/s to the highest frequencies, and it is therefore a very close approach to the ideal. With such a simple filter a very close approach to the ideal is unobtainable for higher degrees of boosting, but the characteristic shown in Fig. 3 is reasonably close to the desired characteristic over the most important range of musical frequencies. The principal shortcoming is the boosting of frequencies in the region of 200 to 300 c/s.

### THE USE OF 1.4 VOLT VALVES IN BATTERY/A.C. RECEIVERS

The Radiotron range of 1.4 volt battery valves is suitable for operation in receivers which may be powered by batteries or from the A.C. mains. When operated from batteries the filaments are normally connected in parallel and supplied from a 1.5 volt dry battery through a small dropping resistor. When it is desired to operate the valves from the A.C. mains the filaments may be connected in series or in series parallel, and supplied from the rectified output of a power pack. Radiotron 5Y3-G rectifier is capable of giving a D.C. output current of 125 mA. D.C. which is sufficient for a filament current of .1 A. together with a B supply current not exceeding 25 mA. Most receivers of this nature do not require such a large B supply current and the 5Y3-G is thus amply large for the require-

If either type 1Q5-GT or 1D8-GT is used in the power stage the filament current will be .1 A. If other valves in the receiver draw only .05 A. they may be connected in seriesparallel or may have resistors shunted across them so that the total current drawn through the whole filament system is .1 A. Since the filament current is rectified and filtered, there will be no hum arising from this method of operation of the filaments. Certain problems arise in the design of a receiver, however, owing to the fact that some valve filaments are at a higher D.C. potential to earth than others. If two valves are controlled by A.V.C. it may be possible to arrange these in parallel so that normal operation is obtained from both and the A.V.C. voltage may be applied equally to both. In some receivers A.V.C. is applied to one stage only or to one stage much more severely than the other, and in these cases various other arrangements may be adopted.

Since 90 volts maximum is required for the plate circuits of the valves, and from 4.5 to 9 volts bias, the total D.C. voltage delivered by the rectifier and filter under normal full load conditions will be from 94.5 to 99 volts. The series filament dropping resistor will therefore be required to drop the voltage from this value to the voltage required across the filaments in series or in series parallel. This may be checked by placing a voltmeter across the filaments. The voltage should be 1.4 volts per valve filament in series under normal conditions of line voltage and receiver operation.

### RADIOTRON 1T5-GT 1.4 VOLT BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER

Radiotron 1T5-GT is a recently announced beam power amplifier with a 1.4 volt filament. The information here given does not indicate the availability of this type. It will be noted that the maximum power output (170 mW.) is less than that of the pentode section of the 1D8-GT (200 mW.), while the cathode current is greater than that of the 1D8-GT (7.9 mA. as compared with 6 mA.).

FILAMENT	r vol	TAGE	(D.C	.)*	 	 	 	1.4	Volts	
FILAMENT	r cur	RENT			 	 	 	0.050	Ampere	
MAXIMUM	OVE	RALL	LENG	HT	 	 		3-5	/16"	
MAXIMUM	DIA	METE	R					1-5	, -	
BULB								/	_0	
BASE								-	. 0	D'
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### SINGLE VALVE AMPLIFIER—CLASS A

OPERATING CONDITIONS	AND	CHARACTERISTICS:
Plate Voltage		

		 	 	 	 90 max.	Volts
Screen Voltage		 	 	 	 90 max.	Volts
Grid Voltage		 	 	 	 -6	Volts
Peak A-F Grid Volta	age	 	 	 	 6	Volts
Plate Current		 	 	 	 6.5	Milliamperes
0						Milliamperes
Transconductance						Micrombos
T 1 D ' '					 14000	Ohms
Total Harmonic Dist	tortion		 	 		Per cent.
Max. Signal Power	Output					Milliwatts

#### PIN CONNECTIONS.

Pin 1—No Connection.	Pin 5—Grid.
Pin 2—Filament +.	Pin 7—Filament —.
Pin 3—Plate.	Pin 8—No Connection.
Pin 4—Screen.	

(Pin numbers are according to RMA system.)

#### OPERATING POSITION.

Vertical or Horizontal—No restrictions.

Socket connection diagram:—G-6X.

\*The filament voltage should not exceed 1.54 volt.

### **RADIOTRON 3Q5-GT**

### BATTERY BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER

### SERIES OR PARALLEL FILAMENTS

Radiotron 3Q5-GT is a beam power amplifier which may be arranged with the filaments either in parallel (1.4 volt 0.1A.) or in series (2.8 volt 0.05A.), the latter arrangement being intended for use in battery/A.C./D.C. receivers. Reference should be made to the article, elsewhere in this issue, regarding battery/A.C. receivers. It should be noted that release of information regarding this valve type does not indicate its availability. Series Filament Parallel Filament

								Series r nament		
								Arrangement*	Arrangeme	nt**
FILAMENT	VOLT	AGE	(D,C)					 $\tilde{2}.8$	1.4	Volts
								0.05	0.1	
FILAMENT	-CUR1	$\mathfrak{L}\mathbf{ENT}$						 0.00	0.12	
MAXIMUM				${ m H}$					3-5/16''	
MAXIMUM									1-5/16''	
MAXIMUM	DIAM	13 1 1310			• •	• •	, ,		Т-9	
BULB								 	1 0	∈ D'
BASE								 Intermediate	Shell Octal	7-Pm

### SINGLE-VALVE AMPLIFIER—CLASS A,

OPERATING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS: Sories Wilsmont Parallel Wilsment

					Series Finament	Earamer on	ament	
					Arrangement	Arrangen	$\operatorname{nent}$	
Filament Voltage					2.8	1.4		Volts
	• •	• •		• •	90 ma	x 90	max.	Volts
Plate Voltage		• •	• •	• •				Volts
Screen Voltage					90 ma			
Grid Voltage					-4.5	-4.5		Volts
	• •	• •			7.5	9.5		Milliamperes
Plate Current		• •		• •	1.0	1.6		Milliamperes
Screen Current			1.0	• •				
Plate Resistance					110000 app	orox. 100000		
					1800	2100		Micromhos
Transconductance	• •		• •	• •	8000	8000		Ohms
Load Resistance			• •					0 224
Total Harmonic Disto	ortion				7.5	7.5		Per Cent.
Max. Signal Power (					250	270		Milliwatts
*Filament voltage appl	iod core	og the	two	gections	in series between	pins No. 2 an	id No. 7.	
*Filament voitage appl	ieu aere	סווו ממי	CVVO	BCCCIOIIB	in series between	roon win No	and ni	ne No 2 and

\*\*Filament voltage applied across the two sections in parallel between pin No. 8 and pins No. 2 and No. 7 connected together.

PIN (	:O N N E	CTIONS.

Pin 1—No Connection. Pin 2—Filament +. Pin 3—Plate.	Pin 5—Grid. Pin 7—Filament (—for series operation). Pin 8—Filament Mid-Tap (— for parallel operation).
Pin 4—Screen.	

(Pin numbers are according to RMA system.)

OPERATING POSITION.

Vertical or Horizontal—No restrictions. Socket Connections: G-7AQ.

### VALVE TYPE NUMBERS

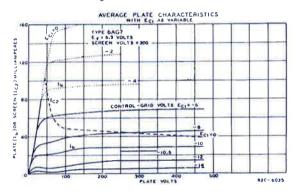
#### SUFFIXES

The following suffixes are in use for identifying valve types. It should be noted that the omission or alteration of the suffix may result in the specification of the wrong valve type.  -G refers to a dome-shaped glass valve having an octal base. Where a	∍GT	refers to glass valves having small tubular bulbs and octal bases. In cases where both G and GT varieties of one valve type are available they may generally be regarded as electrically interchangeable, although having different overall dimensions.
metal-envelope valve having identi- cal characteristics is available, its type number will be the same as that of the G type, with the omis- sion of the G. Old-base glass valves	-LM	refers to a metal envelope valve having an Octalox base, fitting the lock-type 8 pin socket. refers to a glass valve having an
have entirely different type numbers from the G valves.		Octalox base, fitting the lock-type 8 pin socket.

### RADIOTRON 6AG7 VIDEO BEAM POWER TETRODE

Radiotron 6AG7 is a heater-cathode type of metal valve intended for use primarily in the output stage of the video amplifier of television receivers. It may also be used advantageously in television transmitters as a coupling device between video-frequency stages and transmission lines.

The design of the 6AG7 features not only an exceedingly high value of transconductance, but also high plate-current capability. As a result, a large voltage for modulating a Kinescope can be built up across the relatively low load resistance required for coupling the 6AG7 to the Kinescope.



### Tentative Characteristics and Ratings

Heater Voltage	6.3		Volts
(A.C. or D.C.) .			
Heater Current	0.65		Ampere
Direct Interelec-			
trode Capacit-			
ances:†			
Grid to Plate.	0.060	max.	$\mu\mu F$ .
Input	12		$\mu\mu F_*$
Output	12		$\mu\mu F$ .
Grid to Screen	5	approx.	$\mu\mu F$
Grid to Cath-			
ode and Heater	7	approx.	$\mu\mu\mathrm{F}$ .
Heater to Cath-			
ode	11	approx.	$\mu\mu\mathrm{F}_{\star}$
Maximum Overall			
Length	$3\frac{1}{4}$	"	
Maximum Dia-			
meter	$1_{\overline{1}}$	<u>"</u> "	
Base	Sm	all Wafe	r Octal 8-Pin

#### Characteristics

racte	ristics
300	Volts
300	Volts
-10.5	Volts
	Connected to ground
770	
0.1	${f Megohm}$
7700	Micromhos
25	Milliamperes
6.5	Milliamperes
	300 300 -10.5  770 0.1 7700 25

### Maximum Ratings and Typical Operating Conditions VIDEO VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER— CLASS A

Plate Voltage	300  max.	Volts
Screen Voltage	300  max.	Volts
Plate Dissipation	8.7  max.	Watts
Screen Input	2  max.	Watts
Typical Operation	in 4 Mc/s.	
Bandwidth Am	plifier:	
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Bandwidth Am	plifier:	
Heater Volt-		
age‡	6.3	Volts
Plate-Supply		
Voltage	250	Volts
Screen Voltage.	140	Volts
Grid Voltagett.	-2	Volts
Grid Signal-		
Swing Voltage		4
(Peak to peak)	4	Volts
Plate Current .	33	Milliamperes
Screen Current.	8.5	Milliamperes
Load Resistance	1700	Ohms
Voltage Output		
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(Peak to peak) 70 approx. Volts

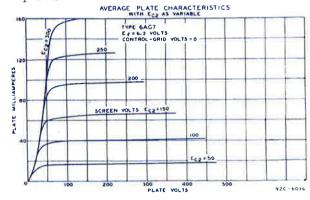
With shell connected to cathode.

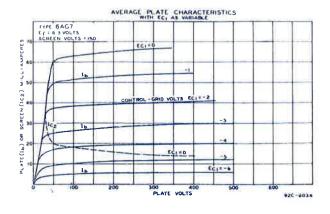
‡ In circuits where the cathode is not directly connected to the heater, the potential difference between heater and cathode should be kept as low as possible.

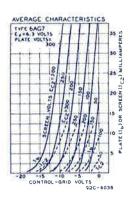
†‡ The D.C. resistance in the grid circuit should not exceed 0.25 megohm.

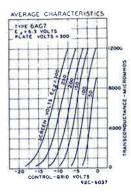
#### Installation

The base pins of the 6AG7 fit the standard octal socket, which should be installed to hold the valve preferably in a vertical position with the base either up or down. Horizontal operation is permissible if the socket is positioned so that pins No. 2 and No. 7 are in a vertical plane.









The **heater** of the 6AG7 is designed to operate on either A.C. or D.C. Under any conditions of operation, the heater voltage should not deviate more than plus or minus 10% from the normal value of 6.3 volts.

The cathode, when the 6AG7 is operated from a transformer, should be connected through a bias source either to one side or to the electrical mid-point of the heater circuit. In the case of D.C. operation from a 6-volt storage battery, the cathode circuit should be tied through a bias source to the negative battery terminal. The potential difference between heater and cathode should be kept as low as possible.

Control-grid bias may be obtained from a fixed supply, from a cathode resistor, or from a variable voltage supplied for automatic control purposes. In video use, the latter method provides for control of the picture background. With the cathode-resistor bias method, the resistor should not be by-passed if it is desired to have degeneration and freedom from distortion. When, however, no degeneration and maximum signal amplitude are desired, compensation can be provided by utilising filters with equal time constants in the cathode circuit and in the plate circuit.

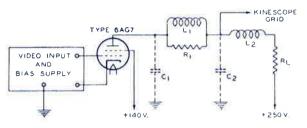
The screen voltage for the 6AG7 operated with fixed bias or cathode-resistor bias, should preferably be obtained through the use of a resistor in series with the high-voltage B-supply. The use of a series screen resistor requires the use of a large by-pass condenser in the screen circuit. The size of the by-pass condenser can be reduced if a suitable compensating filter is used in the plate circuit. When the bias for the 6AG7 is obtained by the automatic background-control method, it is recommended that the screen voltage be obtained from a source of good regulation.

The interlead shield is connected within the valve to pin No. 3. This pin should be grounded at the socket to provide a shield between the grid and heater (pin No. 2).

Application
As a video amplifier, the 6AG7 is especially designed for use in the final video stage to modulate the Kinescope in a television receiver. In such service, the 6AG7 will provide adequate modulating voltage without frequency discrimination over the wide bandwidth re-

quired for high-definition television reception. The extremely high transconductance and the large plate current of this valve make possible relatively high voltage gain with the low load resistance needed to give uniform output over the wide frequency range. A typical circuit showing suitable constants for a video amplifier is shown below.

TYPICAL VIDEO VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER HAVING BANDWIDTH OF 4 MEGACYCLES



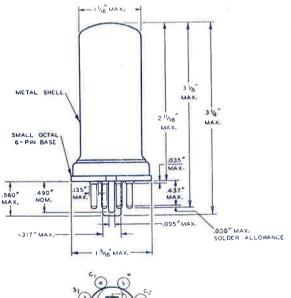
 $C_1 = 16 \ \mu\mu F. = Valve output capacitance + Socket capacitance + Wiring capacitance + Coil capacitance.$ 

 $C_2 = 16 \ \mu\mu F. = Kinescope input capacitance$ + Socket capacitance + Wiring capacitance + Coil capacitance.

 $L_1 = 94 \mu H$ . Filter inductor.  $L_2 = 47 \mu H$ . Filter inductor.

 $R_1 = 30,000$ -ohm, non-reactive resistor.

 $R_L = 1,700$ -ohm, 10 watt, non-reactive resistor





 $G_1 = Grid.$ 

 $G_2 = Screen.$ 

H = Heater.

K = Cathode.

 $P_{BF} = Beam$ -forming plates.

 $S_{I} = Interlead shield.$ 

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### STANDARD INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY

Arrangements have been made by the P.M.G's. Department to keep a clear channel between 450 and 460 Kc/s. so that receivers having intermediate frequencies in this range will be free from interference from commercial and other stations. This is in line with the efforts already being made by the F.C.C. in America, and it will therefore be advantageous to standardise upon an intermediate frequency of 455 Kc/s. for superheterodyne receivers. This frequency will be used in all future Radiotron receiver circuits, and it is expected that it will be acceptable to the majority of receiver manufacturers.

### DUAL RATINGS FOR TRANSMITTING VALVES

A new system of ratings has been introduced for use with transmitting valves. Instead of one set of maximum ratings for each service, two are given. These ratings are designated as Continuous Commercial Service (CCS) and Intermittent Commercial and Amateur Service (ICAS). The Continuous Commercial ratings are essentially the equivalent of the former

Maximum Ratings, and are based on providing long valve life and maximum reliability in operation. The ratings for Intermittent Commercial and Amateur Service are considerably higher than those for Continuous Commercial Service. They permit the use of much greater power input and provide a relatively large increase in power output. Valve life under these conditions, of course, is reduced. Since there are numerous applications where the design factors of minimum size, light weight, low initial cost and maximum power output are more important than extremely long valve life, the transmitter design engineer may very properly decide that a small valve operated with ICAS ratings meets his requirements better than a larger valve operated with CCS ratings. The new system of dual ratings recognises these diversified design requirements. The choice of valve operating conditions best suited for any particular application should be based on the careful consideration of all factors. These dual ratings have so far been made available for Radiotron valve types 802, 804, 806, 807, 809, 810, 811, 812, 814 and 828, and copies of these new ratings are available on request.

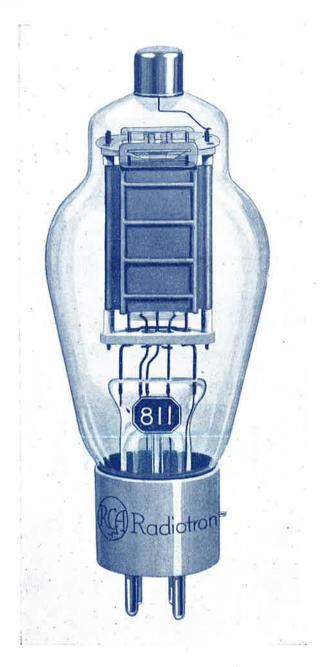
### RADIOTRONS 811 & 812 55 WATT TRANSMITTING TRIODES

Radiotrons 811 and 812 are companion valves featuring (1) a "zirconium-coated" plate which has remarkably high heat-dissipating qualities as well as excellent gettering characteristics, and (2) a new, low-loss "micanol" base which has both excellent insulating qualities at high radio frequencies and low hygroscopic characteristics. Both types can be operated at high plate efficiency.

These types are rated in accordance with the new Dual Ratings for Continuous Commercial Service (C.C.S.) and Intermittent Commercial and Amateur Service (I.C.A.S.). These ratings are explained in an article elsewhere in this issue.

TENTATIVE CHARACTERISTICS AND RATINGS.

									Туре	811	Type 81	.2
Filament Voltage									6.3		6.3 V	
Filament Current									4		4 A	١.
Amplification Factor		. (63)	- 2		66 1	104	969x	100	16	0	29	
Direct Inter-electrode	Capacita	ances:										
Grid-plate		1993	20			• •			5.	5	5.3 μ	μF.
$\operatorname{Grid}$ - $\operatorname{filament}$		. Kin	1000			**************************************	200		5.		$5.3 \mu$	μF.
Plate-filament		1000	590	x 9	e :	×140			0.0		$0.8 \mu$	
Maximum Diameter		. 59				*1.*1			2-7/		2-7/16	
Maximum Length Ove	erall .		30			1010	214		6-9/		6-9/16'	
Base			909		0.6041	54 ¥6					ol'' Bay	
Rating (see note abov	e)	. 40	5 <b>4</b> (40)	1903	*0*	*/*		CCS	ICAS	CCS		
Max. Plate Voltage (					2.7	2.2		1000	1250	1000	1250	V.
Max. Plate Voltage (	other co	nditions)			984	1000		1250	1500	1250	1500	V.
Max. Plate Current (	plate mo	od.)			34074	×14		105	125	105		mA.
Max. Plate Current (	Class B,	A.F.)			****	***		125	125	125		mA.
Max. Plate Current (	Class B,	R.F.)			272			60	60	60		mA.
Max. Plate Current (	Class C)				404			125	150	125	150	mA.
Max. Plate Dissipation	n (plate	mod.)			900	*77		27	40	27	40	W.
Max. Plate Dissipation			and	R.F.)		7/15		40	50	40	50	W.
Max. Plate Dissipatio					909	277		40	55	40		W.
Typical Output (maxi								CCS	ICAS	CCS	ICAS	
Class B, A.F. (2					76.00	202		175	225	175	225	W.
Class B, R.F. (1					*101	× × ×		20	25	20	$\frac{1}{25}$	W.
Class C, plate m					202	575		82	120	82	120	W.
Class C, Telegran						•00		115	170	$\overline{116}$	170	W.



Radiotron 811. For data see previous page.

### RADIOTRON 899

### WATER COOLED TRANSMITTING

#### TRIODE

### **30 KILOWATT DISSIPATION**

Radiotron 899 is a water and forced-air cooled transmitting triode having a maximum plate dissipation of 30 KW, under Class C telegraphy conditions. The amplification factor is 32, and the filament current 154 amperes at

14.5 volts. The typical output is 10 KW. under plate modulated conditions, and 35 KW. under Class C telegraphy conditions. Further information is available on request.

## RADIOTRON 893 WATER COOLED TRIODE 30 KILOWATT DISSIPATION

Radiotron 893 is a three-electrode, water-cooled, transmitting valve having a maximum plate dissipation of 20 KW. for Class C telegraphy and Class B r-f services. The unique filament construction permits operation from single-phase, three-phase, or six-phase alternating current, as well as from direct current for all classes of service. The 893 may be operated at maximum ratings at frequencies as high as 5 megacycles per second and at reduced plate voltage and input up to 40 Mc/s.

### TENTATIVE CHARACTERISTICS AND RATINGS.

Filament:	Multist	rand Type
Voltage (per strand)	10	Volts
Current (per terminal)		Amperes
Current (tot. single phase)		${ m Amperes}$
Average Characteristics (Ap	prox.):	
Grid Voltage	-300	m Volts
Amplification Factor	36	
Transconductance	$16000  \mathrm{I}$	Micromhos
Maximum Plate Voltage		
(Class C telegraphy)	20000	Volts
Typical Power Output		
(Class C telegraphy)	50	Kilowatts

### CORRECTIONS

It is regretted that some errors occurred in the operating data for Radiotron type 1624 as given in Radiotronies 100, page 57.

Under "As Push-Pull Class AB<sub>2</sub> Audio Amplifier" the maximum ratings given refer to one valve only.

In column 2, under the heading "As R.F. Power Amplifier and Oscillator — Class C Telegraphy" the ratings should read as follows:—

lows:—	,
D.C. Plate Voltage	600 Volts
D.C. Screen Voltage	300 Volts
D.C. Grid Voltage	200 Volts
D.C. Plate Current	90 Milliamperes
D.C. Grid Current	5 Milliamperes
Plate Input	54 Watts
Screen Input	3.5 Watts
Plate Dissipation	25 Watts

### TRANSMITTING BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER PLATE DISSIPATION 80 WATTS

### RADIOTRON 828

Radiotron 828 is a new multi-electrode transmitting valve with a maximum plate dissipation rating of 80 watts (ICAS) for class AB, and class C telegraphy services. The 828 contains a suppressor and has beam power features. The valve is designed particularly for use as a class AB, modulator and audio-frequency power amplifier; it is also well-suited for use in radio-frequency applications as an r-f power amplifier, frequency multiplier, oscillator, and grid- or plate-modulated amplifier. Two 828's in class AB, service (CCS ratings) are capable of delivering 300 watts of audio power with only 1% distortion. Because of its high power sensitivity, Radiotron 828 can be operated in r-f services to give full power output with very little driving power and, consequently, with a minimum number of driver stages. Neutralization is unnecessary in adequately shielded circuits. The 828 is ideal for use in transmitters where quick band change without neutralizing adjustments is required. The valve may be operated at maximum ratings at frequencies as high as 30 Mc/s and at reduced ratings up to 75 Mc/s. Radiotron 828 is equipped with the new "MICANOL" base, which has excellent insulating qualities at high radio frequencies together with low moisture-absorption characteristics. The plate connection of the valve is brought out through a separate seal at the top of the bulb to provide high insulation.

### TENTATIVE CHARACTERISTICS AND RATINGS.

Filament Voltage (A.C. or D.C.) 10.0 Volts Filament Current 3.25 Amperes Transconductance, for
Filament Current 3.25 Amperes Transconductance, for
Transconductance, for
plate cur. of 43ma 4500 Micromhos
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:
Grid-Plate (with ex-
ternal shield) $0.05 \mathrm{max}$ , $\mu\mu\mathrm{F}$
Input
Output 14.5 uuF
Max. Diameter 2-1/16"
BASE Medium "MICANOL" 5-Pin
MAXIMUM CCS AND ICAS RATINGS WITH
TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS.
CCS = Continuous Commercial Service
ICAS = Intermittent Commercial and Amateur
Service.
Max. Plate Voltage:— (CCS) (ICAS)
Class AB <sub>1</sub> , A.F 1750 2000 Volts
Class B, R.F 1250 1500 Volts
Grid modulated 1250 1500 Volts
Plate modulated 1000 1250 Volts
- Class C 1250 1500 Volts
Typical Power Output (max. plate voltages):—
Class $AB_1$ , A.F.
(2 valves) 300 , 385 Watts
Class B, R.F 36 41 Watts



Grid modulated .... 36 41 Watts
Plate modulated .... 100 150 Watts
Class C Telegraphy .. 150 200 Watts
Further data is available on application to
the Unified Sales-Engineering Service.

### RADIOTRON NEWS

The following valve types have been announced and the information below is given for reference but should not be taken as an intimation of availability.

Radiotron 1T5-GT is a beam power amplifier having a 1.4 volt 0.05 A. filament. See data

elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 3Q5-GT is a beam power amplifier having a centre-tapped filament for use in battery/A.C./D.C. receivers. The filament may be operated at either 1.4 volts 0.1 A. or 2.8 volts 0.05 A. See data elsewhere in this issue.

**Radiotron 6AE5-GT** is a low mu triode  $(\mu = 4.2)$  with a 6.3 volt 0.3 A. heater for use in A.C./D.C. receivers. It is limited to a plate voltage of 95 volts and has a plate current of 7 mA, with -15 volts bias.

Radiotron 6AG7 is a video beam power amplifier for television receivers which was first announced in Radiotronics 99. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 6P5-G is a general purpose triode having characteristics identical with those of

type 76, on an octal base.

Radiotron 7A6 is a twin diode having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.15 A., suitable

for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 7A7 is a super-control R.F. pentode having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.3 A., with a mutual conductance of 2,000  $\mu$ mhos., suitable for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 7A7-LM is a metal-envelope supercontrol R.F. pentode with characteristics similar to those of type 7A7, having an Octalox base, which fits the lock-type 8 pin socket.

Radiotron 7A8 is an octode converter having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.15 A., suitable

for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 7AP4 is a high vacuum Kinescope (cathode ray tube designed for black and white reproduction of television pictures) with a 7 inch screen, short bulb and magnetic deflection. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 7B7 is a super-control R.F. pentode having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.15 A. and a mutual conductance of 1,700  $\mu$ mhos., suitable for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets

Radiotron 7C6 is a duo-diode high-mu triode having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.15 A., suitable for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 7Y4 is a full-wave indirectly-heated rectifier having a heater operating at 6.3 volts 0.5 A., with a maximum D.C. current of 60 mA., suitable for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets

Radiotron 12F5-GT is a high-mu triode with characteristics similar to those of type 6F5-GT, but with a 12.6 volt 0.15 A. heater.

Radiotron 12J5-GT is a general purpose triode with characteristics similar to those of type 6J5-GT, but with a 12.6 0.15 A. heater.

Radiotron 12SF5 is a high-mu triode similar to type 6SF5, but with a 12.6 0.15 A. heater.

Radiotron 25AC5-GT is a single high-mu power triode for operation in Class B or with a dynamic-coupled driver, fulfilling a function similar to that of type 6AC5-G but with reduced ratings and output. The heater is rated at 25 volts, 0.3 A.

Radiotron 35A5 is a beam power amplifier having a heater operating at 32 volts 0.15 A. and a maximum output of 1.4 watts, suitable

for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 35A5-LT is a glass-envelope beam power amplifier with characteristics similar to those of type 35A5, having an Octalox base which fits the lock-type 8 pin socket.

Radiotron 35Z3 is a half-wave rectifier with a heater operating at 32 volts 0.15 A., maximum plate voltage 250 volts R.M.S. and D.C. output 100 mA., and suitable for use in lock-type 8 pin sockets.

Radiotron 35Z3-LT is a glass-envelope halfwave rectifier with characteristics similar to those of type 35Z3, having on Octalox base

which fits the lock-type 8 pin socket.

Radiotron 45Z5-GT is a half-wave rectifier with a tapped heater operating at 45 volts 0.15 A., maximum plate voltage 250 volts R.M.S. (with series resistor) and D.C. output 100 mA, without pilot lamp or 60 mA, with pilot lamp and plate to heater tap connection.

Radiotron 811 is a transmitting triode with a "zirconium-coated" plate and low-loss "micanol" base; it has a maximum plate dissipation of 55 watts, and amplification factor 160. See data elsewhere in this issue.

**Radiotron 812** is a companion type to the 811, but having an amplification factor of 29. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 828 is a transmitting beam power valve having a maximum plate dissipation of 80 watts. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 893, a 20 KW. water-cooled transmitting triode, was announced in Radiotronics 99. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 899 is a water and forced-air cooled transmitting triode with a maximum plate dissipation of 30 KW. See data elsewhere in this issue.

Radiotron 903, a 9" cathode ray tube with electro-magnetic deflection, has been deleted from the price list. It may be replaced by the 914, which is of the electrostatic deflection type, provided that modifications are made to the deflection system.

Radiotron 911, a 3" cathode ray tube, has been deleted from the price list. It may be replaced in practically all instances by type 3AP1/906P1, which is identical, except that the gun is not entirely free from magnetisation effects.

Radiotron 1898 is a 3" Monoscope (cathode ray tube for demonstrating the principles of television), which may be used as an electrostatic-deflection signal generator providing a picture signal of a young woman's head.