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## Beam Power Tube

### 9-PIN MINIATURE TYPE For High-Fidelity Audio- Amplifier Applications

#### GENERAL DATA

##### Electrical:

Heater, for Unipotential Cathode:		
Voltage (AC or DC) . . . . .	6.3 ± 10%	volts
Current at 6.3 volts. . . . .	0.45	amp
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:°		
Grid No.1 to plate. . . . .	0.4	max. $\mu\mu f$
Grid No.1 to cathode & grid No.3, grid No.2, and heater . . . . .	9	$\mu\mu f$
Plate to cathode & grid No.3, grid No.2, and heater . . . . .	6	$\mu\mu f$

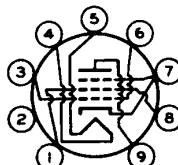
##### Characteristics, Class A<sub>1</sub> Amplifier:

Plate Voltage . . . . .	250	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage . . . . .	250	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage . . . . .	-15	volts
Plate Resistance (Approx.) . . . . .	73000	ohms
Transconductance . . . . .	4800	$\mu mhos$
Plate Current . . . . .	46	ma
Grid-No.2 Current . . . . .	3.5	ma
Grid-No.1 Voltage (Approx.) for plate $\mu a = 100$ . . . . .	-40	volts

##### Mechanical:

Operating Position. . . . .	Any
Maximum Overall Length. . . . .	3-1/16"
Maximum Seated Length. . . . .	2-13/16"
Length, Base Seat to Bulb Top (Excluding tip)	2-7/16" ± 3/32"
Maximum Diameter. . . . .	0.750" to 0.875"
Dimensional Outline. . . . .	See General Section
Bulb. . . . .	T6-1/2
Base. . . . .	Small-Button Noval 9-Pin (JEDEC No.E9-1)
Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW. . . . .	9EU

Pin 1 - Grid No.2  
Pin 2 - No Connection  
Pin 3 - Grid No.1  
Pin 4 - Heater  
Pin 5 - Heater



Pin 6 - Grid No.1  
Pin 7 - Grid No.3,  
         Cathode  
Pin 8 - Grid No.2  
Pin 9 - Plate

#### PUSH-PULL AF POWER AMPLIFIER — Class AB<sub>1</sub>

##### Maximum Ratings, Design-Maximum Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE . . . . .	440	max. volts
GRID-No.2 (SCREEN-GRID) VOLTAGE . . . . .	330	max. volts

← Indicates a change.



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GRID-No.2 INPUT . . . . .	2	max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION . . . . .	12	max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode . .	200	max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode . .	200	max.	volts
BULB TEMPERATURE (At hottest point on bulb surface) . . . . .	250	max.	°C

## Typical Operation with Fixed Bias:

Values are for 2 tubes

Plate Voltage . . . . .	250	350	400	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage . . . . .	250	280	290	volts
Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage* . . .	-15	-22	-25	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage . . . . .	30	44	50	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current . . . . .	92	58	50	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current . . . . .	105	106	107	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current . . . . .	7	3.5	2.5	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current . . . . .	16	14	13.7	ma
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate) . . . . .	8000	7500	8000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion . . . . .	2	1.5	2	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	12.5	20	24	watts

## Typical Operation with Cathode Bias:

Values are for 2 tubes

Plate Supply Voltage . . . . .	300	310	volts
Grid-No.2 Supply Voltage . . . . .	300	310	volts
Cathode Resistor . . . . .	230	270	ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage .	48	55	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current . . . . .	80	77	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current . . . . .	96	92	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current . . . . .	6	5	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current . . . . .	14	14	ma
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate) . . . . .	5500	6000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion . . . . .	2	4	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	15	17	watts

## Maximum Circuit Values:

### Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance\*

- For fixed-bias operation . . . . . 0.5 max. megohm  
For cathode-bias operation . . . . . 1 max. megohm

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Grid No.2 of each tube connected to tap  
on plate winding of output transformer

### → Maximum Ratings, Design-Maximum Values:

#### PLATE AND GRID-No.2 (SCREEN-GRID)

SUPPLY VOLTAGE . . . . . 410 max. volts

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GRID-No.2 INPUT . . . . .	1.75	max.	watts
PLATE DISSIPATION . . . . .	12	max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode . . . . .	200	max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode . . . . .	200 <sup>▲</sup>	max.	volts
BULB TEMPERATURE (At hottest point on bulb surface) . . . . .	250	max.	°C

### Typical Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

	Fixed Bias	Cathode Bias
Plate-Supply Voltage . . . . .	375	370
Grid-No.2 Supply Voltage . . . . .	*	*
Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage <sup>●</sup> . . . . .	-33.5	-
Cathode Resistor . . . . .	-	355
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	67	62
Zero-Signal Cathode Current. . . . .	62	74
Max.-Signal Cathode Current. . . . .	95	84
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate). . . . .	12500	13000
Total Harmonic Distortion. . . . .	1.5	1.2
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	18.5	15

### Maximum Circuit Values:

#### Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:<sup>●</sup>

- For fixed-bias operation . . . . . 0.5 max. megohm
- For cathode-bias operation . . . . . 1 max. megohm

<sup>○</sup> Without external shield.

<sup>▲</sup> The dc component must not exceed 100 volts.

<sup>●</sup> The type of input coupling network used should not introduce too much resistance in the grid-No.1 circuit. Transformer- or impedance-coupling devices are recommended.

<sup>\*</sup> Obtained from taps on the primary winding of the output transformer. The taps are located on each side of the center tap (B<sup>+</sup>) so as to apply 50 per cent of the plate signal voltage to grid No.2 of each output tube.

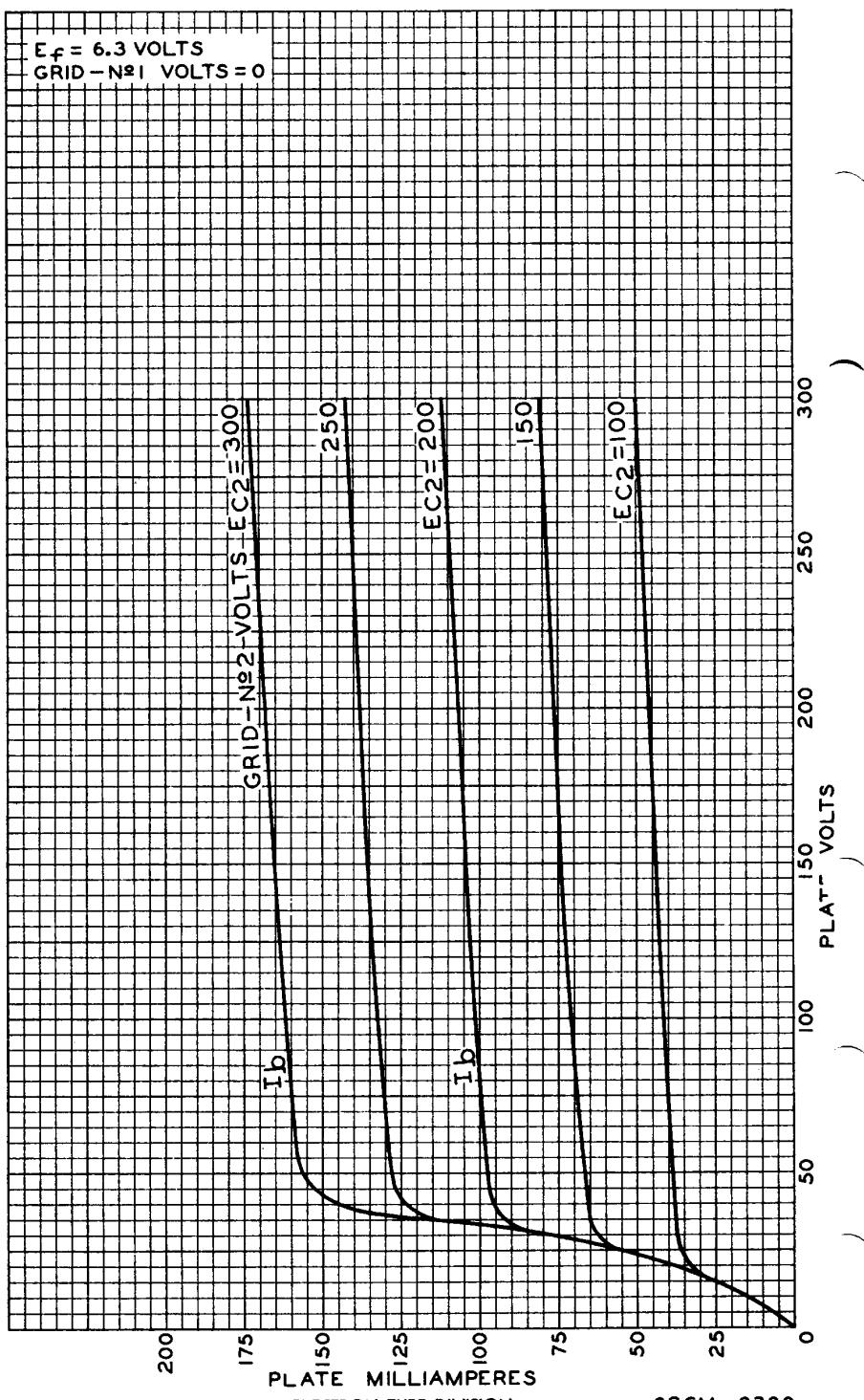
<sup>#</sup> Obtained from taps on the primary winding of the output transformer. The taps are located on each side of the center tap (B<sup>+</sup>) so as to supply 43 per cent of the plate signal voltage to grid No.2 of each output tube.

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### AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS



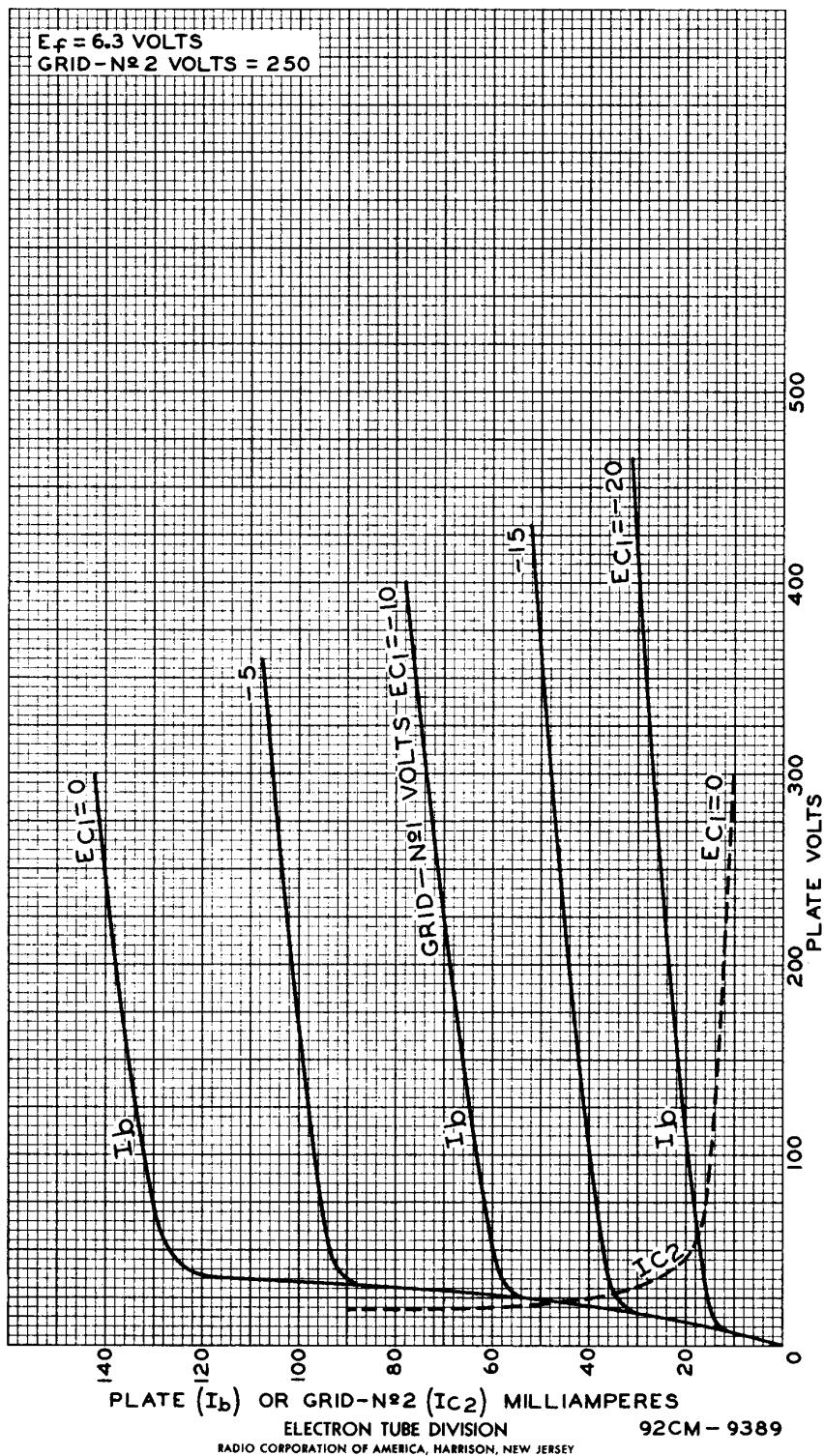
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OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS  
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