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## Power Pentode

### NOVAR TYPE

For Output Stages of High Fidelity  
Audio-Amplifiers and Radio Receivers

### ELECTRICAL

#### Heater Characteristics and Ratings:

Voltage (AC or DC) . . . . . 6.3 ± 0.6 volts

Current at heater volts = 6.3 . . . . . 0.800 amp

#### Maximum Heater-Cathode Voltage:

Heater negative with respect to cathode. 200 volts

Heater positive with respect to cathode

Peak . . . . . 200 volts

DC component . . . . . 100 volts

#### Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Approx.):<sup>a</sup>

Grid No.1 to plate . . . . . 0.15 pf

Input: G1 to (K + G3, G2, H) . . . . . 11.0 pf

Output: P to (K + G3, G2, H) . . . . . 4.4 pf

### MECHANICAL

Operating Position . . . . . Any

Type of Cathode. . . . . Coated Unipotential

Maximum Overall Length . . . . . 3.110 in

Maximum Seated Length. . . . . 2.730 in

Diameter . . . . . 1.062 to 1.188 in

Bulb . . . . . T9

Dimensional Outline. . . . . See General Section

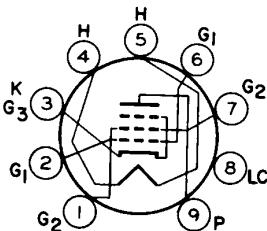
#### Bases (Alternates):

Small-Button Novar 9-Pin . . . . . (JEDEC No.E9-75)

Small-Button Novar 9-Pin with Exhaust Tip . (JEDEC No.E9-89)

BASING DESIGNATION (Bottom View)

- Pin 1 - Grid No.2
- Pin 2 - Grid No.1
- Pin 3 - Cathode, Grid No.3
- Pin 4 - Heater
- Pin 5 - Heater
- Pin 6 - Grid No.1
- Pin 7 - Grid No.2
- Pin 8 - LC - See Note
- Pin 9 - Plate



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Note: May be used as tie point for components operating at or near the DC voltage of either the grid No.2 or plate, or between these voltages. Otherwise, do not use.

### AF POWER AMPLIFIER — Class A1

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

Plate Voltage. . . . . 550 volts

Grid-No.2 (Screen-Grid) Voltage. . . . . 440 volts

Cathode Current. . . . . 90 ma

Grid-No.2 Input. . . . . 3.3<sup>b</sup> watts

Plate Dissipation. . . . . 19 watts

Bulb Temperature (At hottest point on bulb surface). 240 °C

← Indicates a change.



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## Typical Operation and Characteristics:

Plate Voltage. . . . .	300	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage. . . . .	300	volts
Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage . . . . .	-10	volts
Peak AF Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	10	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	60	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	75	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current. . . . .	8	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current. . . . .	15	ma
Plate Resistance (Approx.) . . . . .	29000	ohms
Transconductance . . . . .	10200	$\mu$ hos
Effective Load Resistance. . . . .	3000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion. . . . .	13	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	11	watts

## Maximum-Circuit Values:

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:		
For fixed-bias operation . . . . .	0.3	megohm
For cathode-bias operation . . . . .	1	megohm

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

### Maximum Ratings, Design-Maximum Values:

Plate Voltage. . . . .	550	volts
Grid-No.2 (Screen-Grid) Voltage. . . . .	440	volts
Cathode Current. . . . .	90	ma
Grid-No.2 Input. . . . .	3.3 <sup>b</sup>	watts
Plate Dissipation. . . . .	19	watts
Bulb Temperature (At hottest point on bulb surface)	240	°C

## Typical Operation:

Values are for 2 tubes

	Fixed Bias					Cathode Bias
	300	350	400	450	450	
Plate Supply Voltage. . . . .	300	350	400	450	450	volts
Grid-No.2 Supply Voltage. . . . .	300	350	350	350	400	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	-12.5	-15.5	-16	-16.5	-21	c volts
Cathode Resistor (Common to both cathodes). . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	170 ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1- to-Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	25	31	32	33	42	31 volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	74	72	64	60	40	86 ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	116	130	135	142	145	94 ma
Zero-Signal Grid- No.2 Current . . .	10	9.5	8	7.2	5	10 ma
Max.-Signal Grid- No.2 Current . . .	28	32	28	26	30	20 ma



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	Fixed Bias						Cathode Bias
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate) . . . . .	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600	10000	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion . . . . .	5	2.5	2	2.5	5	2	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	24	30	34	38	44	28	watts

#### Maximum Circuit Values:

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:

- For fixed-bias operation . . . . . 0.3 megohm  
For cathode-bias operation . . . . . 1 megohm

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

*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 . . . . .	440	volts
DC Cathode Current . . . . .	90	ma
Grid-No.2 Input. . . . .	3.3 <sup>b</sup>	watts
Plate Dissipation. . . . .	19	watts
Bulb Temperature (At hottest point on bulb surface). . . . .	240	°C

#### Typical Operation:

*Values are for 2 tubes*

	Fixed Bias	Cathode Bias	
Plate Supply Voltage . . . . .	400	425	volts
Grid-No.2 Supply Voltage . . . . .	d	d	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	-20.5	c	volts
Cathode Resistor (Common to both cathodes). . . . .	-	185	ohms
Peak AF Grid-No.1-to-Grid-No.1 Voltage. . . . .	41	42	volts
Zero-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	60	88	ma
Max.-Signal Plate Current. . . . .	115	100	ma
Zero-Signal Grid-No.2 Current. . . . .	8	12	ma
Max.-Signal Grid-No.2 Current. . . . .	18	16	ma
Effective Load Resistance (Plate to plate). . . . .	6600	6600	ohms
Total Harmonic Distortion. . . . .	2.5	3.5	%
Max.-Signal Power Output . . . . .	23	21	watts

#### Maximum Circuit Values:

Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:

- For fixed-bias operation . . . . . 0.3 megohm  
For cathode-bias operation . . . . . 1 megohm



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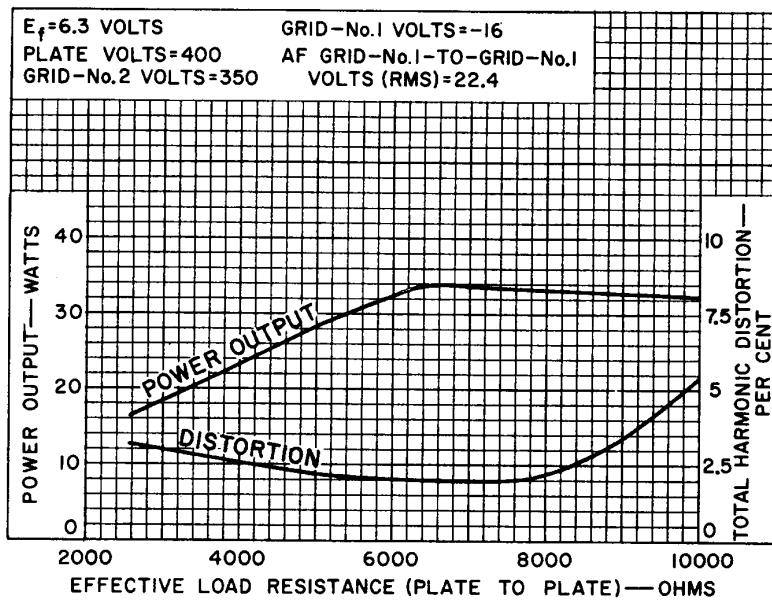
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- a Without external shield.
- b Grid-No. 2 input may reach 6 watts during peak levels of speech and music signals.
- c Connected to negative end of cathode resistor.
- d Obtained from taps on the primary winding of the output transformer. The taps are located on each side of the center-tap ( $B_+$ ) so as to supply 50 per cent of the plate signal voltage to the grid No. 2 of each output tube.

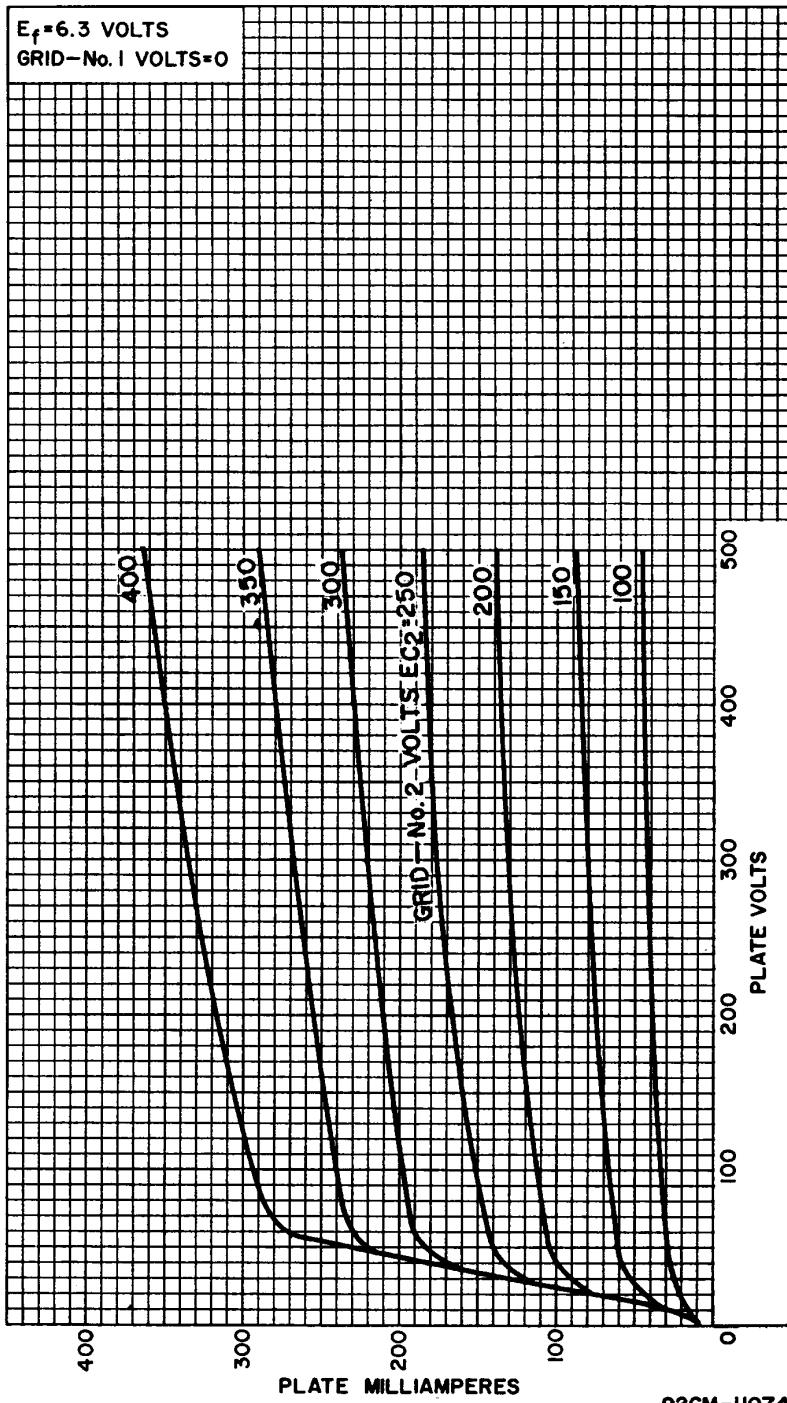
## Operation Characteristics

Push-Pull Class AB<sub>1</sub>



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## AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS



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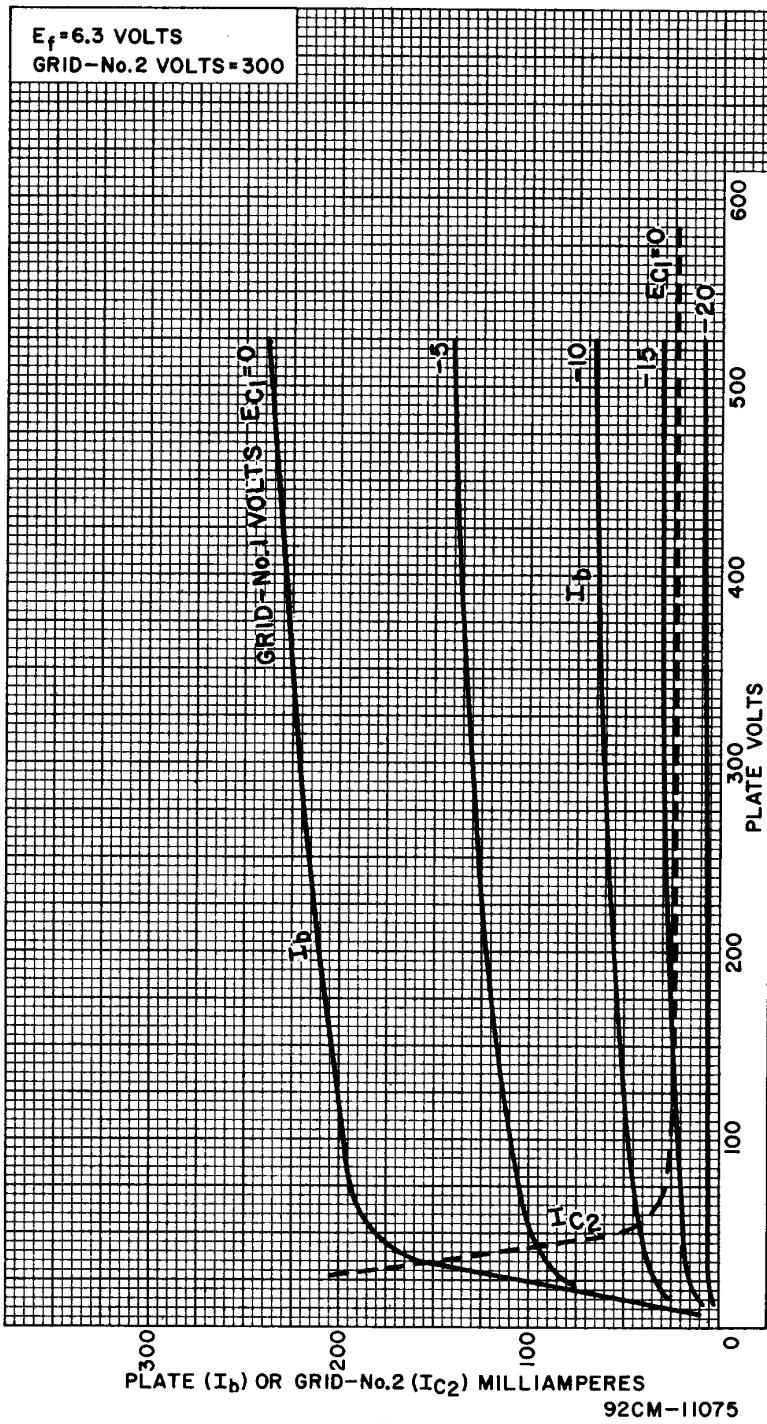
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