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## R-F POWER AMPLIFIER, OSCILLATOR, CLASS B MODULATOR

Filament	Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage	11	a-c or d-c volts
Current	3.85	amp.
Amplification Factor	23	
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (approx.):		
Grid to Plate	15	μuf
Grid to Filament	12.5	μuf
Plate to Filament	2.3	μuf
Overall Length	14-1/4" ± 1/8"	
Maximum Diameter	4-1/16"	
Bulb	T-32	
Cap	No. 1904	
Base	No. 3502	

### MAXIMUM RATINGS and TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS

#### A-F POWER AMPLIFIER & MODULATOR - Class B

D-C Plate Voltage	3000 max.	volts
Max.-Signal D-C Plate Current*	275 max.	ma.
Max.-Signal Plate Input*	600 max.	watts
Plate Dissipation*	250 max.	watts

#### Typical Operation - 2 tubes:

Unless otherwise specified, values are for 2 tubes.

Filament Voltage	11	11	11	a-c volts
D-C Plate Voltage	2000	2500	3000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-60	-80	-100	volts
Peak A-F Grid-to-Grid Volt.	500	500	500	volts
Zero-Sig. D-C Plate Cur.	80	80	80	ma.
Max.-Sig. D-C Plate Cur.	500	420	372	ma.
Load Resistance (per tube)	2200	3400	5000	ohms
Effective Load Resistance (plate to plate)	8800	13600	20000	ohms
Max.-Signal Driving Power	20	18	18	approx.watts
Max.-Signal Power Output	600	650	700	approx.watts

\* Averaged over any audio-frequency cycle.

#### R-F POWER AMPLIFIER - Class B Telephony

Carrier conditions per tube for use with a max. modulation fact. of 1.0

D-C Plate Voltage	2500 max.	. . volts
D-C Plate Current	225 max.	ma.
R-F Grid Current	8 max.	amp.
Plate Input	400 max.	watts
Plate Dissipation	250 max.	watts
Typical Operation:		
Filament Voltage	11	11 a-c volts
D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000 volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-50	-70 volts
Peak R-F Grid Voltage	170	165 volts
D-C Plate Current	200	160 ma.
Driving Power** o	18	15 approx.watts
Power Output	80	100 approx.watts

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## PLATE-MODULATED R-F POWER AMPLIFIER - Class C Telephony

*Carrier conditions per tube for use with a max. modulation fact. of 1.0*

D-C Plate Voltage	2000	max.	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-500	max.	volts
D-C Plate Current	275	max.	ma.
D-C Grid Current	80	max.	ma.
R-F Grid Current	8	max.	amp.
Plate Input	550	max.	watts
Plate Dissipation	167	max.	watts
<b>Typical Operation:</b>			
Filament Voltage	11	11	a-c volts
D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-200	-250	volts
Peak R-F Grid Voltage	450	500	volts
D-C Plate Current	250	250	ma.
D-C Grid Current **	35	35	approx.ma.
Driving Power **	20	20	approx.watts
Power Output	225	350	approx.watts

## R-F POWER AMPLIFIER & OSCILLATOR - Class C Telegraphy

*Key-down conditions per tube without modulation ##*

D-C Plate Voltage	2500	max.	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-500	max.	volts
D-C Plate Current	275	max.	ma.
D-C Grid Current	80	max.	ma.
R-F Grid Current	10	max.	amp.
Plate Input	690	max.	watts
Plate Dissipation	250	max.	watts
<b>Typical Operation:</b>			
Filament Voltage	11	11	a-c volts
D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-150	-175	volts
Peak R-F Grid Voltage	400	425	volts
D-C Plate Current	250	250	ma.
D-C Grid Current **	30	30	approx.ma.
Driving Power **	15	15	approx.watts
Power Output	240	350	450 approx.watts

\*\* Subject to wide variations as explained on sheet TRANS. TUBE RATINGS.

## Modulation essentially negative may be used if the positive peak of the audio-frequency envelope does not exceed 115% of the carrier conditions.

○ At crest of audio-frequency cycle with modulation factor of 1.0.

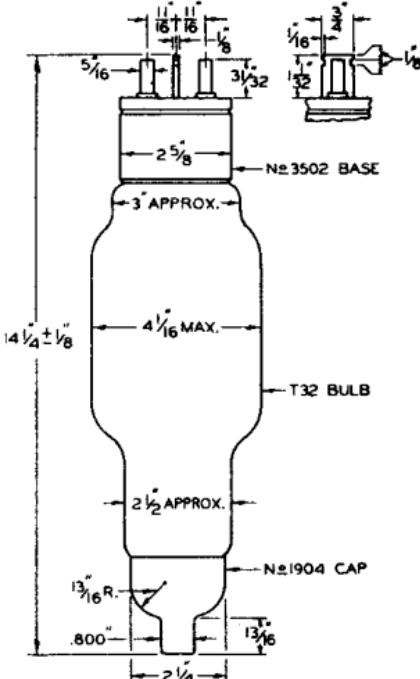
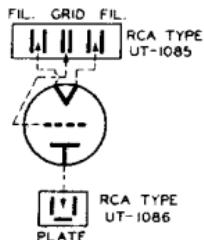
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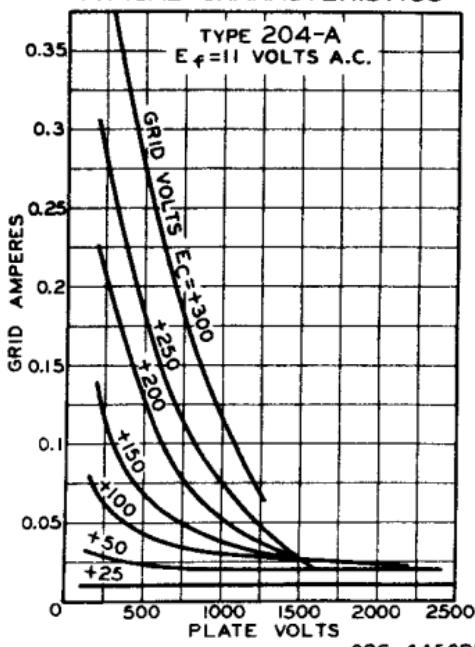
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TUBE SYMBOL & CONNECTIONS  
TO END-MOUNTINGS

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

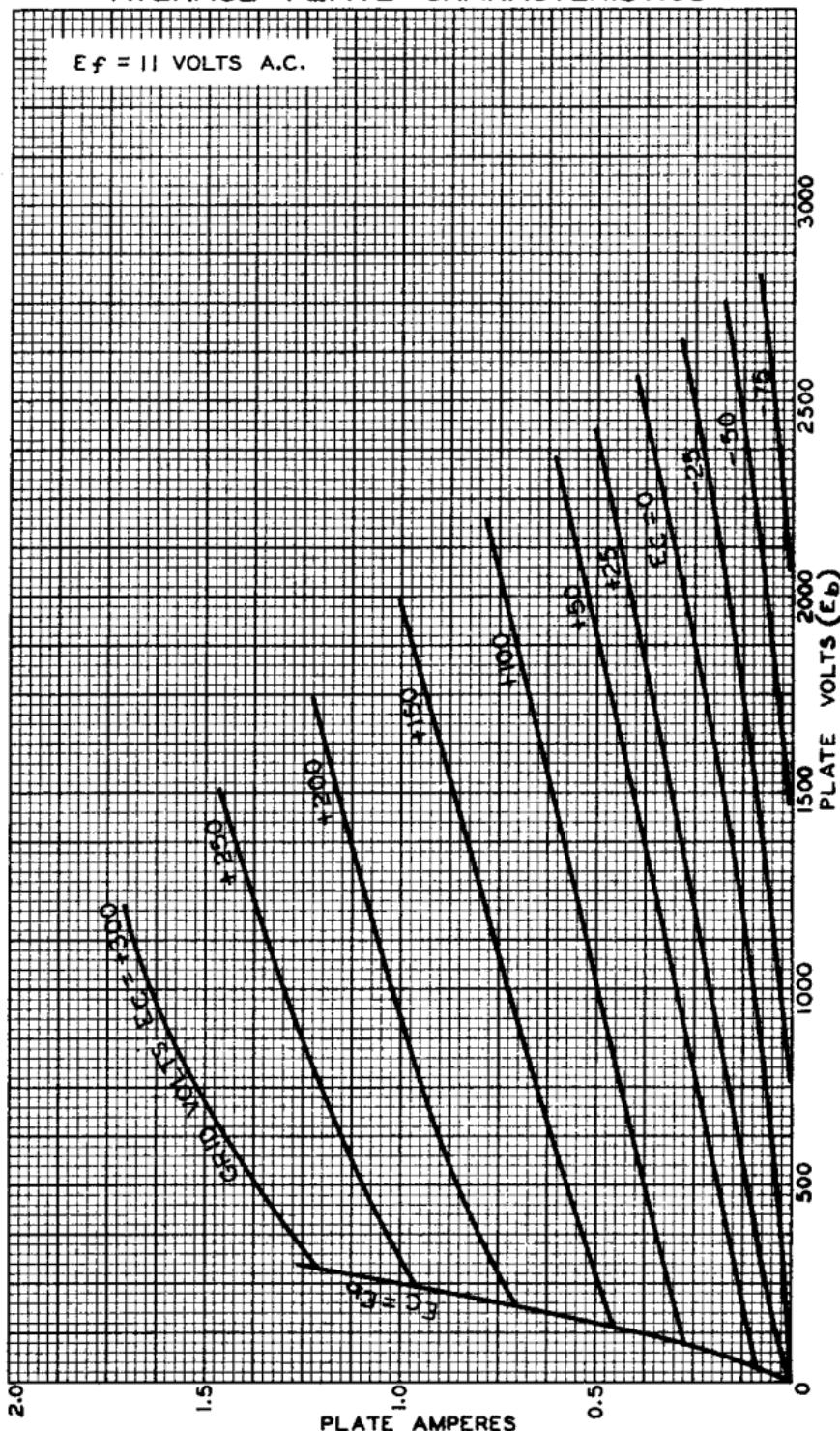


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## AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS

 $E_f = 11$  VOLTS A.C.

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