

**MECHANICAL DATA**

Bulb . . . . .	T-3
Base . . . . .	E8-10, Subminiature Button Flexible Leads
Outline . . . . .	JETEC 3-1
Basing . . . . .	8DC
Cathode . . . . .	Coated Unipotential
Mounting Position . . . . .	Any

**RATINGS<sup>1</sup> (Absolute Maximum)**

Impact Acceleration . . . . .	450 G
Uniform Acceleration . . . . .	1000 G
Fatigue (Vibrational Acceleration for Extended Periods) . . . . .	2.5 G
Bulb Temperature . . . . .	220° C
Altitude <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	80000 Ft.

**ELECTRICAL DATA**

HEATER CHARACTERISTICS	Min.	Bogey	Max.
Heater Voltage <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	25.2	26.5	27.8 V
Heater Current . . . . .		45	mA

**DIRECT INTERELECTRODE CAPACITANCES (Shielded<sup>4</sup>)**

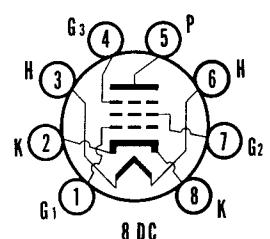
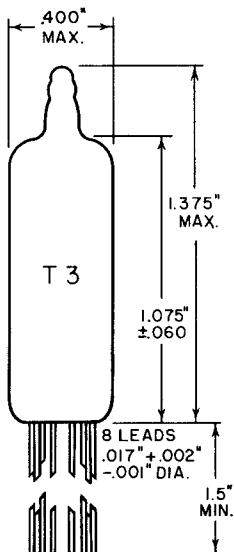
Grid No. 1 to Plate . . . . .	0.020 $\mu\text{uf}$	Max.
Grid No. 3 to Plate . . . . .	1.10 $\mu\text{uf}$	Max.
Grid No. 1 to All Other Electrodes . . . . .	4.00 $\mu\text{uf}$	
Grid No. 3 to All Other Electrodes . . . . .	4.00 $\mu\text{uf}$	
Plate to All Other Electrodes . . . . .	3.40 $\mu\text{uf}$	
Grid No. 1 to Grid No. 3 . . . . .	0.15 $\mu\text{uf}$	Max.

**RATINGS<sup>1 & 5</sup> (Absolute Maximum)**

Plate Voltage . . . . .	165 Vdc
Grid No. 2 Voltage . . . . .	155 Vdc
DC Grid No. 3 Voltage	
Positive Value . . . . .	30 Vdc
Negative Value . . . . .	55 Vdc
DC Grid No. 1 Voltage	
Positive Value . . . . .	0 Vdc
Negative Value . . . . .	55 Vdc
Plate Dissipation . . . . .	1.1 W
Grid No. 2 Dissipation . . . . .	0.7 W
Plate Current . . . . .	11 mAdc
Grid No. 3 Current . . . . .	2 mAdc
Grid No. 2 Current . . . . .	7 mAdc
Grid No. 1 Current . . . . .	2 mAdc
Heater-Cathode Voltage	
Heater Positive with Respect to Cathode . . . . .	200 v
Heater Negative with Respect to Cathode . . . . .	200 v
Grid No. 1 Circuit Resistance . . . . .	1.1 Meg

**QUICK REFERENCE DATA**

The Premium Subminiature Type 5916 is a sharp cutoff, dual control pentode intended for use as a gated amplifier or mixer at frequencies up to 400 mc. Except for heater characteristics the Type 5916 is identical to the Type 5636. The Type 5916 employs a 26.5 volt, 45 ma heater. The Type 5916 is designed for operation under conditions of severe shock, vibration, high temperature, and high altitude, and is manufactured and inspected to meet the applicable MIL-E-1 specification for reliable operation.


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**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Dual Control Amplifier	Mixer
Plate Voltage . . . . .	100	100 Vdc
Grid No. 2 Voltage . . . . .	100	100 Vdc
Grid No. 3 Voltage . . . . .	-1	Note 6 0 Vdc 15 Vac
Cathode Resistor . . . . .	150	150 Ohms
Plate Current . . . . .	4.0	3.5 mAdc
Grid No. 2 Current . . . . .	5.8	5.7 mAdc
Grid No. 1 Transconductance . . . . .	1950	3200 $\mu$ mhos
Grid No. 3 Transconductance . . . . .	950	500 $\mu$ mhos
Plate Resistance . . . . .	50000	110000 32000 Ohms
Grid No. 1 Voltage for Ib = 100 $\mu$ Adc . . . . .	—	— Vdc Max.
Grid No. 3 Voltage for Ib = 100 $\mu$ Adc . . . . .	-8	— Vdc Max.
Conversion Transconductance Direct Transformer Input . . . . .	—	— 1400 $\mu$ mhos

**NOTES:**

1. Limitations beyond which normal tube performance and tube life may be impaired.
2. If altitude rating is exceeded reduction of instantaneous voltage ( $E_f$  excluded) may be required.
3. Tube life and reliability of performance are directly related to the degree of regulation of the heater voltage to its center rated value of 26.5 volts.
4. External shield of 0.405 inch diameter connected to cathode.
5. Values shown are as registered with RETMA.
6. Grid No. 3 connected to cathode.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA****Test Conditions**

Heater Voltage . . . . .	26.5 V	Grid No. 3 Voltage (Tie to Cathode) Note 1 . . . . .	0 Vdc
Plate Voltage . . . . .	100 Vdc	Heater-Cathode Voltage . . . Note 1 . . . . .	0 Vdc
Grid No. 1 Voltage . . . . .	0 Vdc	Cathode Resistor . . . . .	150 Ohms
Grid No. 2 Voltage . . . . .	100 Vdc		

For the purposes of inspection, use applicable reliable paragraphs of MIL-E-1 and Inspection Instructions for Electron Tubes.

MIL-E-1 Ref.	Tests	Limits			Units
		Min.	Bogey	Max.	
<b>Production Tests</b>					
4.10.8	Heater Current:.....	40	45	50	mAdc
4.10.6.1	Grid No. 1 Current:.....	0	—	-0.3	$\mu$ Adc
4.10.4.3	Grid No. 2 Current:.....	2.8	3.6	5.4	mAdc
4.10.4.1	Plate Current (1):.....	3.7	5.3	6.9	mAdc
4.10.9	Transconductance (1): Smglp.....	2700	3350	4000	$\mu$ mhos

## ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA (Continued)

MIL-E-1 Ref.	Tests	Limits			Units
		Min.	Bogey	Max.	
<b>Special Design Tests</b>					
4.9.5.3	Subminiature Lead Fatigue: . . . . .	4	—	—	arcs
4.9.19.2	Vibration $F = 40 \text{ cps}; G = 15;$ $C_k = 1000 \mu\text{f}; R_p = 10,000 \text{ Ohms}$ . . . . .	—	—	60	mVac
4.10.15	Heater-Cathode Leakage: $E_{hk} = +100 \text{ Vdc}$ . . . . . $E_{hk} = -100 \text{ Vdc}$ . . . . .	0 0	—	7 7	$\mu\text{Adc}$ $\mu\text{Adc}$
4.8	Insulation of Electrodes: $E_{gl} \text{ to all} = -100 \text{ Vdc}; E_f = 26.5 \text{ V}$ . . . . .	100	—	—	Meg
4.10.4.1	Plate Current (3): Note 3 $E_{c3} = -8.0 \text{ Vdc}$ . . . . .	0	—	100	$\mu\text{Adc}$
4.10.3.2	AF Noise: $E_{sig} = 70 \text{ mVac}; R_{g1} = 0.1 \text{ Meg}$ ; $R_p = 0.2 \text{ M}\cdot\text{g}; R_{g2} = 1000 \text{ Ohms}$ ; $E_{cc2} = 19 \text{ Vdc}; E_{bb} = 100 \text{ Vdc}; C_k = 1000 \mu\text{f}$ . . . . .	—	—	17	VU
<b>Design Tests</b>					
4.10.4.1	Plate Current (2): $E_{c1} = -7.5 \text{ Vdc}$ . . . . .	0	—	100	$\mu\text{Adc}$
4.10.9	Transconductance (2): Smg1p $E_f = 24.0 \text{ V}$ . . . . .	2450	—	—	$\mu\text{mhos}$
4.10.9	Transconductance (3): Note 3 Smg3p $E_{c3} = -1.0 \text{ Vdc}$ . . . . .	500	950	1800	$\mu\text{mhos}$
4.10.14	Capacitance: With 0.405 in. dia. shield tied to cathode. $C_{g1p}$ . . . . . $C_{g3p}$ . . . . . $C_{g1g3}$ . . . . . $C_{g1} \text{ to all}$ . . . . . $C_{g3} \text{ to all}$ . . . . . $C_p \text{ to all}$ . . . . .	— — — 3.5 3.5 2.9	— — — — — —	0.020 1.10 0.15 4.5 4.5 3.9	$\mu\text{uf}$ $\mu\text{uf}$ $\mu\text{uf}$ $\mu\text{uf}$ $\mu\text{uf}$ $\mu\text{uf}$
<b>Degradation Tests</b>					
4.9.20.5	Shock: Note 2 Hammer Angle = $30^\circ$				
4.9.20.6	Fatigue: Note 2				
-----	Post Shock Test End Points: Vibration . . . . .	—	—	200	mVac
-----	Post Fatigue Test End Points: Vibration . . . . .	—	—	100	mVac
-----	Post Shock and Fatigue Test End Points: Heater-Cathode Leakage . . . . . Transconductance (1) . . . . .	0 2350	—	20	$\mu\text{Adc}$ $\mu\text{mhos}$
<b>Acceptance Life Tests</b>					
4.11.7	Heater Cycling Life Test: $E_f = 29.0 \text{ V}; E_b = E_{c1} = E_{c2} = E_{c3} = 0 \text{ V}$ ; $R_k = 0 \text{ Ohms}; E_{hk} = 140 \text{ Vac}$ ; One min. on, four min. off . . . . .	2500	—	—	Cycles
4.11.5	Intermittent Life Test (1): Note 4 $E_{hk} = +200 \text{ Vdc}; T_A = 175^\circ\text{C}; R_{g1} = 1.0 \text{ Meg}$ . . . . .	500	—	—	Hours
4.11.4	Intermittent Life Test End Points (1): Transconductance (1) . . . . . Heater-Cathode Leakage . . . . . Grid No. 1 Current . . . . .	2000 0 —	— — —	20 — -0.9	$\mu\text{mhos}$ $\mu\text{Adc}$ $\mu\text{Adc}$

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA NOTES:**

- 1: The reference point for heater and grid No. 3 potentials shall be the positive terminal of the cathode resistor.
- 2: Acceptance sampling procedure shall be in accordance with the shock test sampling procedure of the Inspection Instructions for Electron Tubes.
- 3: Reference pointer for grid No. 3 on this test shall be the negative terminal of the cathode resistor.

- 4: At the conclusion of the five hundred hour life test, the average life of the life test sample shall be not less than four hundred fifty hours. Life test sample size shall be ten tubes. Provision for release of tubes prior to completion of life test on a reduced basis as specified in Par. 4.3.1.3 of the Inspection Instructions for Electron Tubes shall not apply.

**APPLICATION DATA**

The Premium Subminiature Type 5916 is a sharp cutoff, dual control pentode employing a 26.5 volt, 45 ma heater. This type is otherwise identical to the Type 5636.

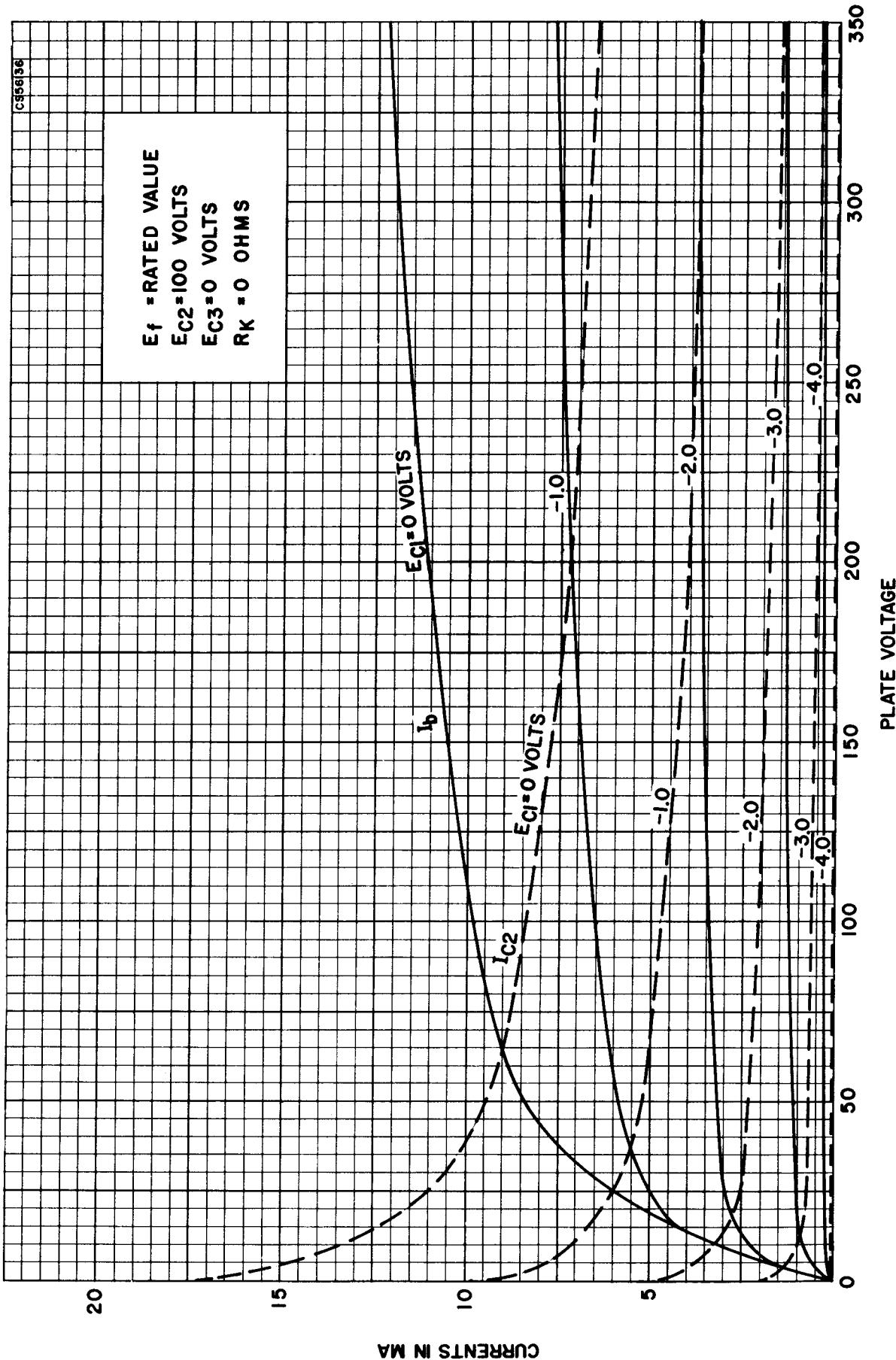
Both No. 1 and No. 3 grids have sharp cutoff characteristics and are intended for control purposes thus making the 5916 particularly useful in a variety of gated amplifier applications. This type is also useful as a mixer at frequencies up to 400 mc. The oscillator voltage is injected into grid No. 3.

The 5916 is manufactured and inspected to meet the applicable MIL-E-1 specification for reliability. Life expectancy is described by the life tests, specified on the

attached pages and/or individual MIL-E-1 specifications. The actual life expectancy of the tubes in an operating circuit is affected by both the operating and environmental conditions involved. Likewise, the life tests specified indicate performance under certain operating criteria to a set of specified end points. Performance at conditions other than those specified can usually be estimated only roughly as giving better or poorer life expectancy.

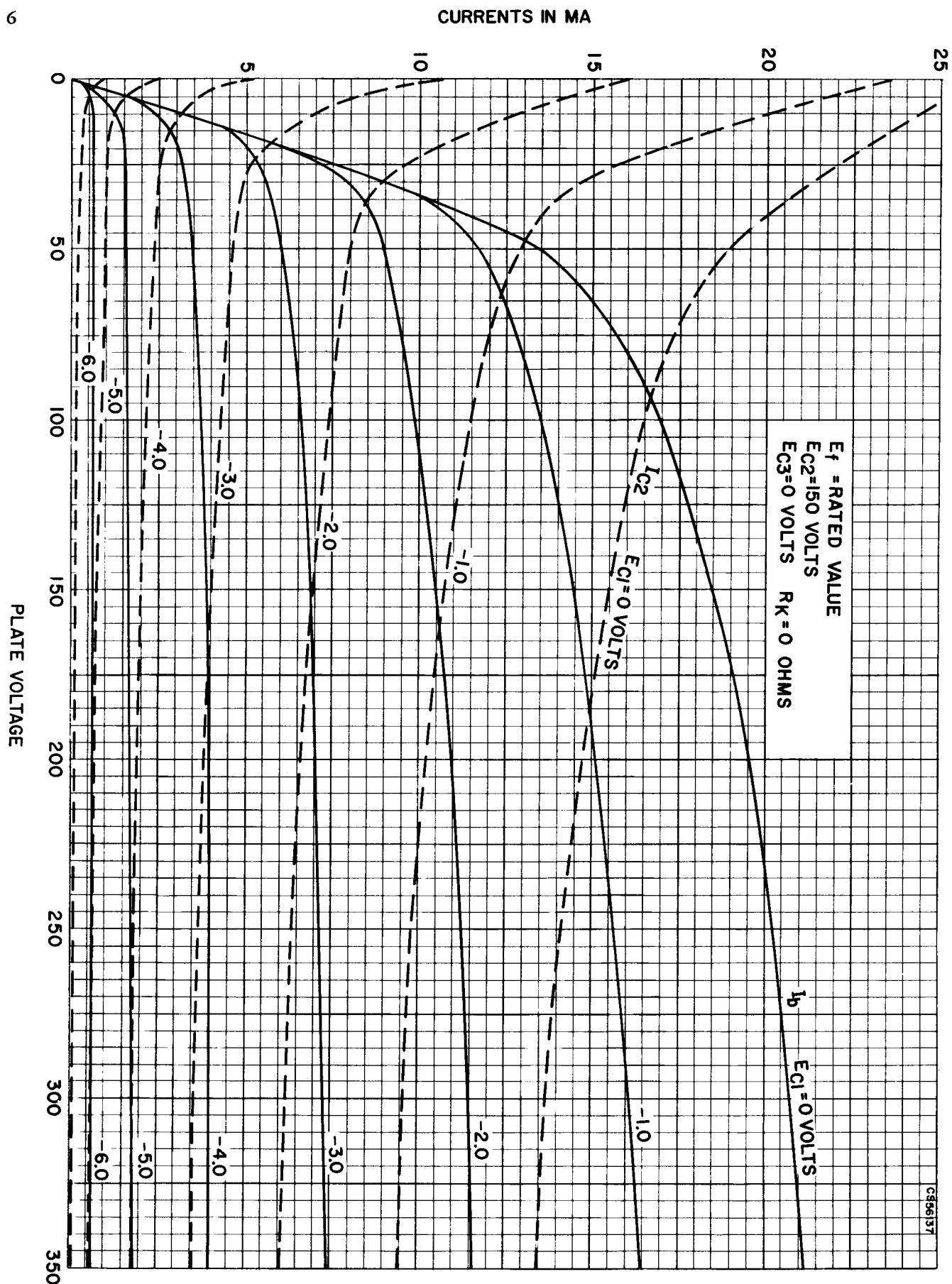
When operated under conditions common to on-off control applications the tube exhibits freedom from the development of interface resistance. The heater-cathode construction is designed to withstand intermittent operation.

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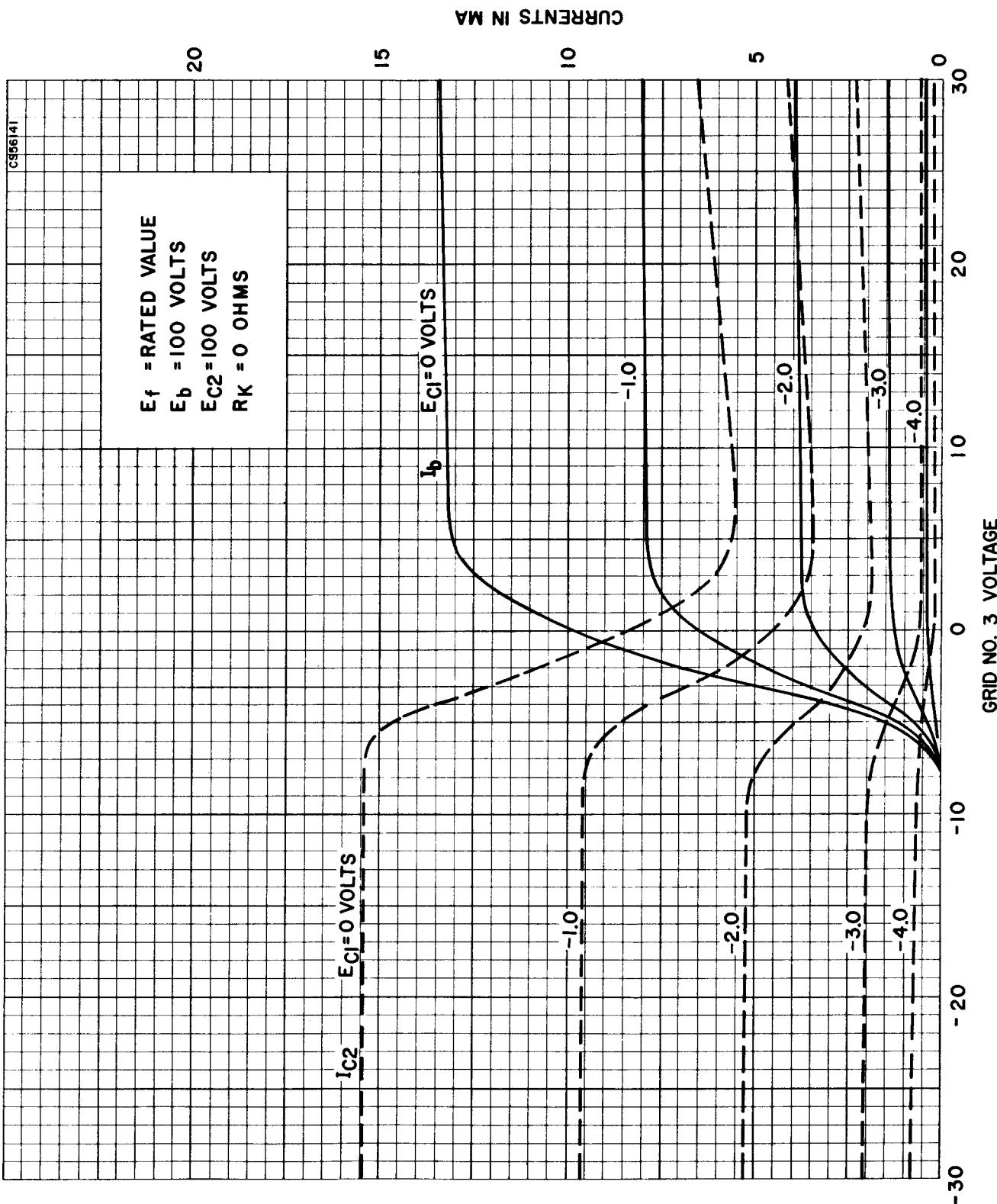


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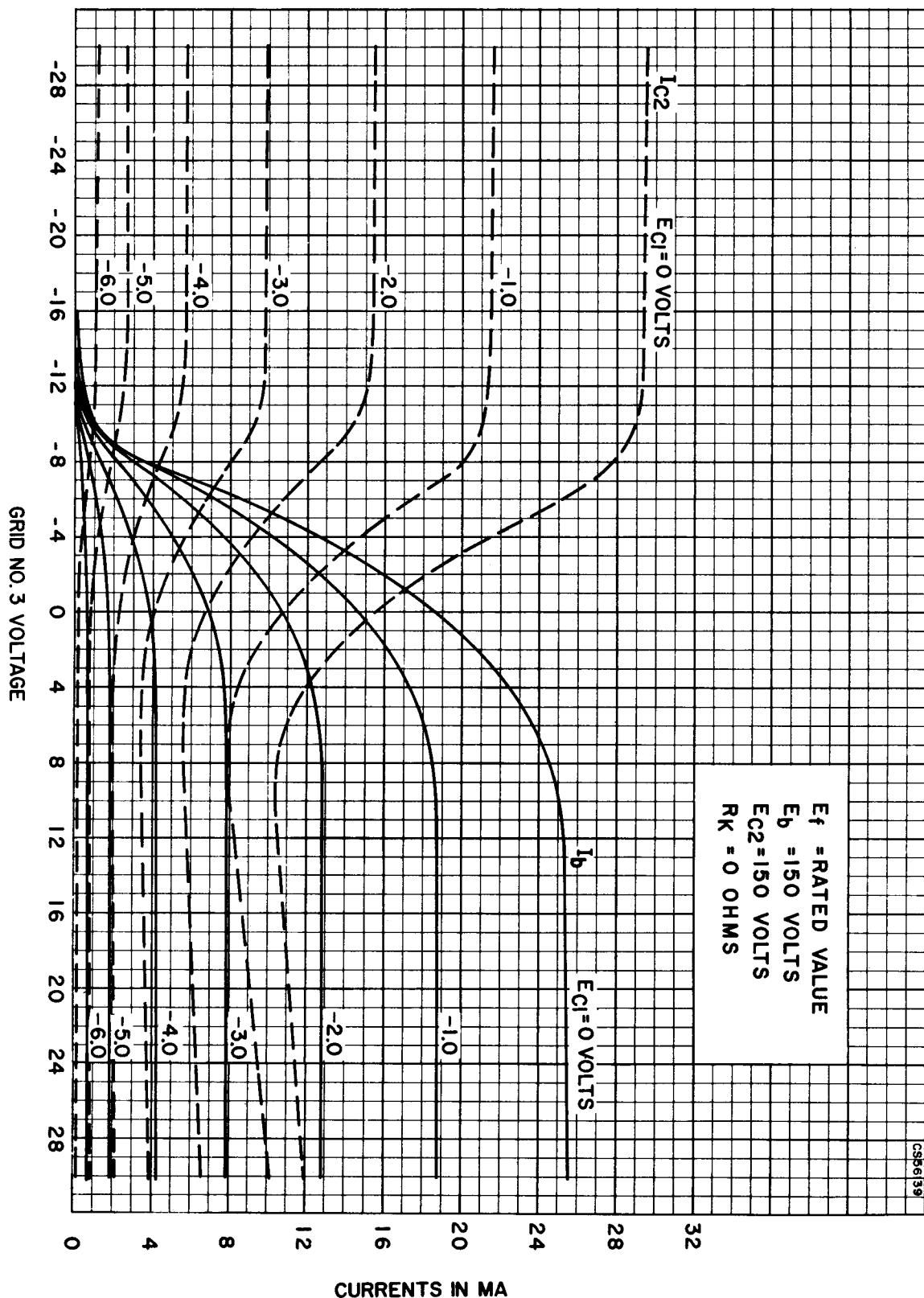
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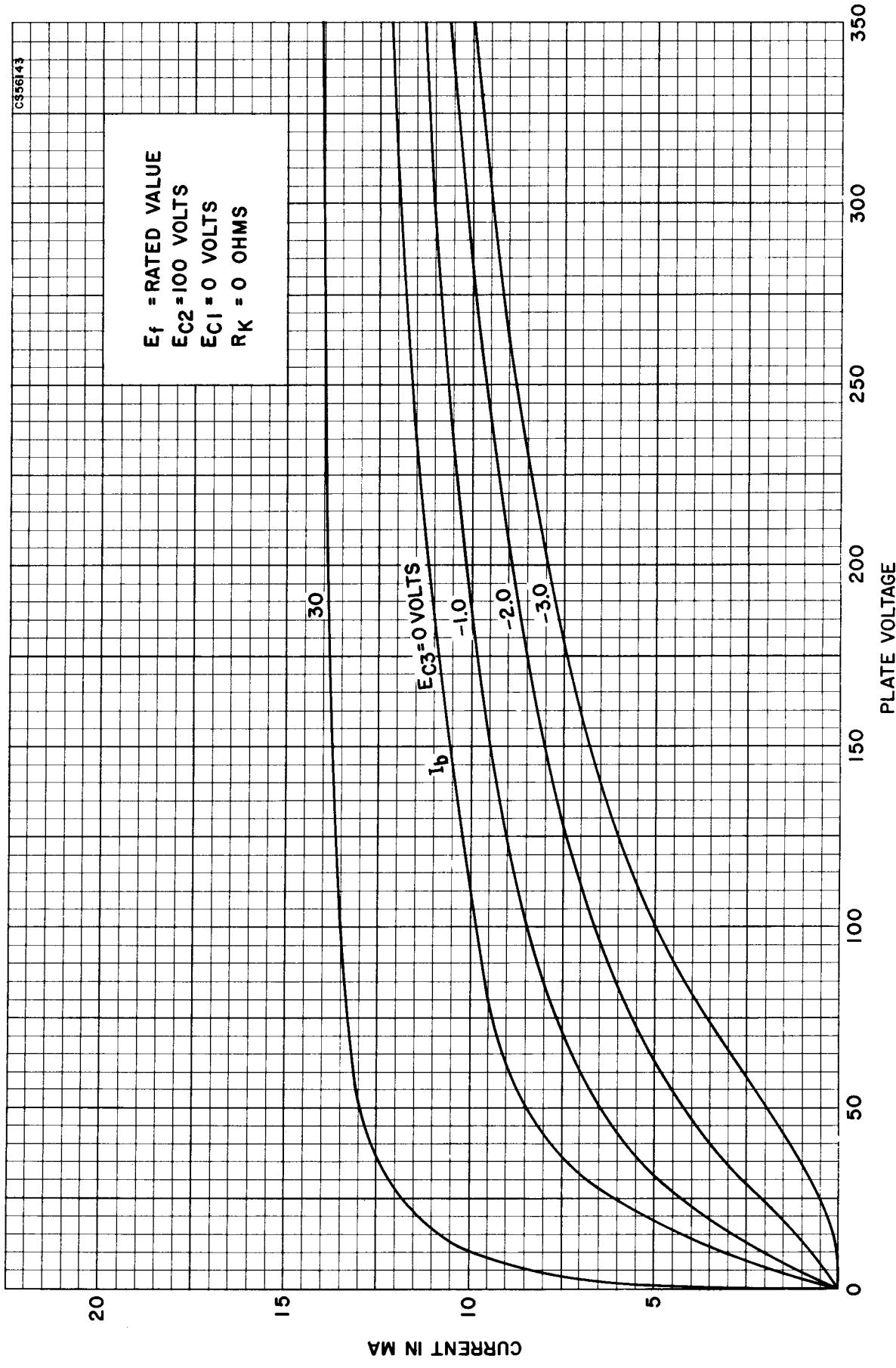
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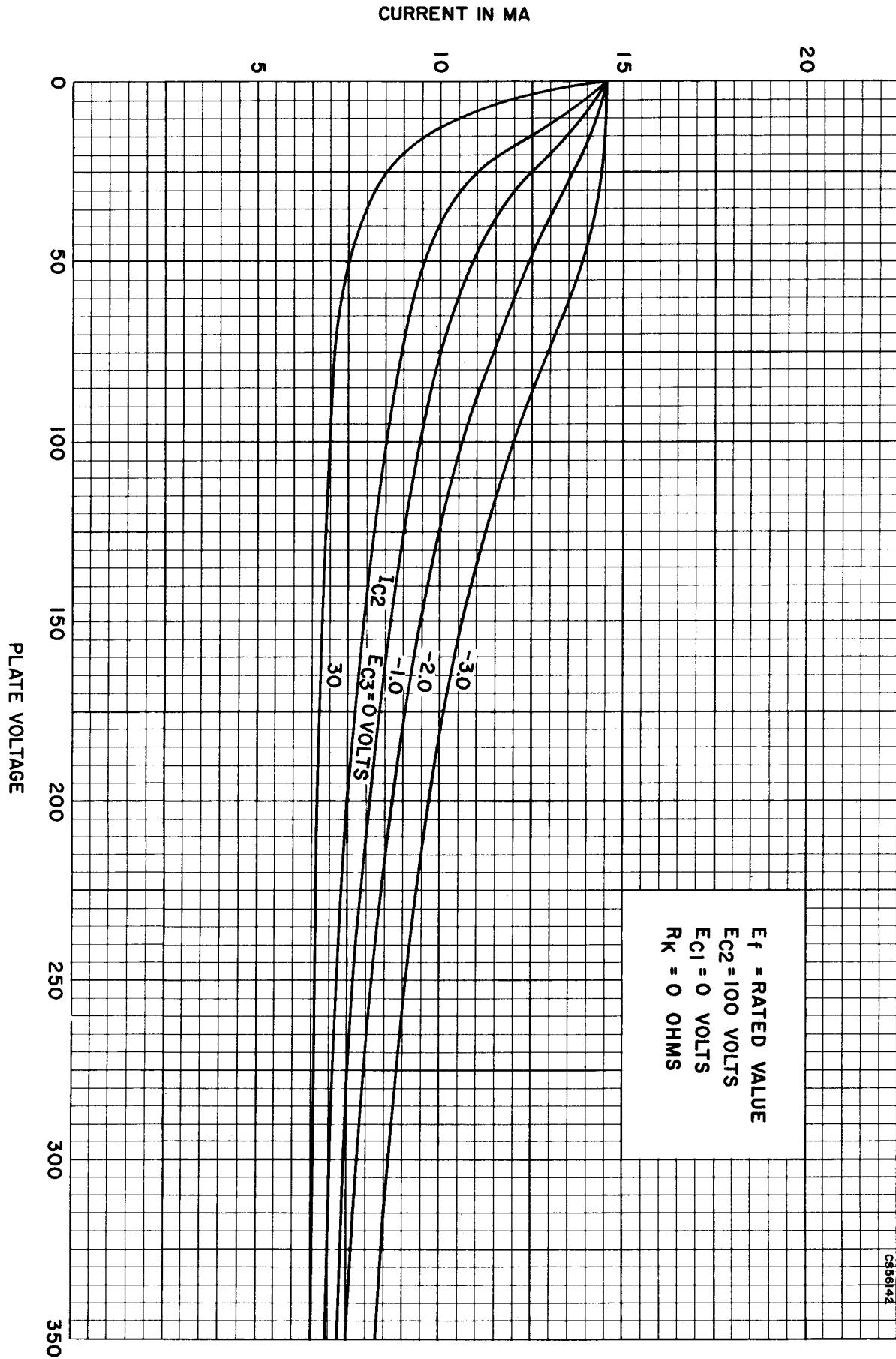


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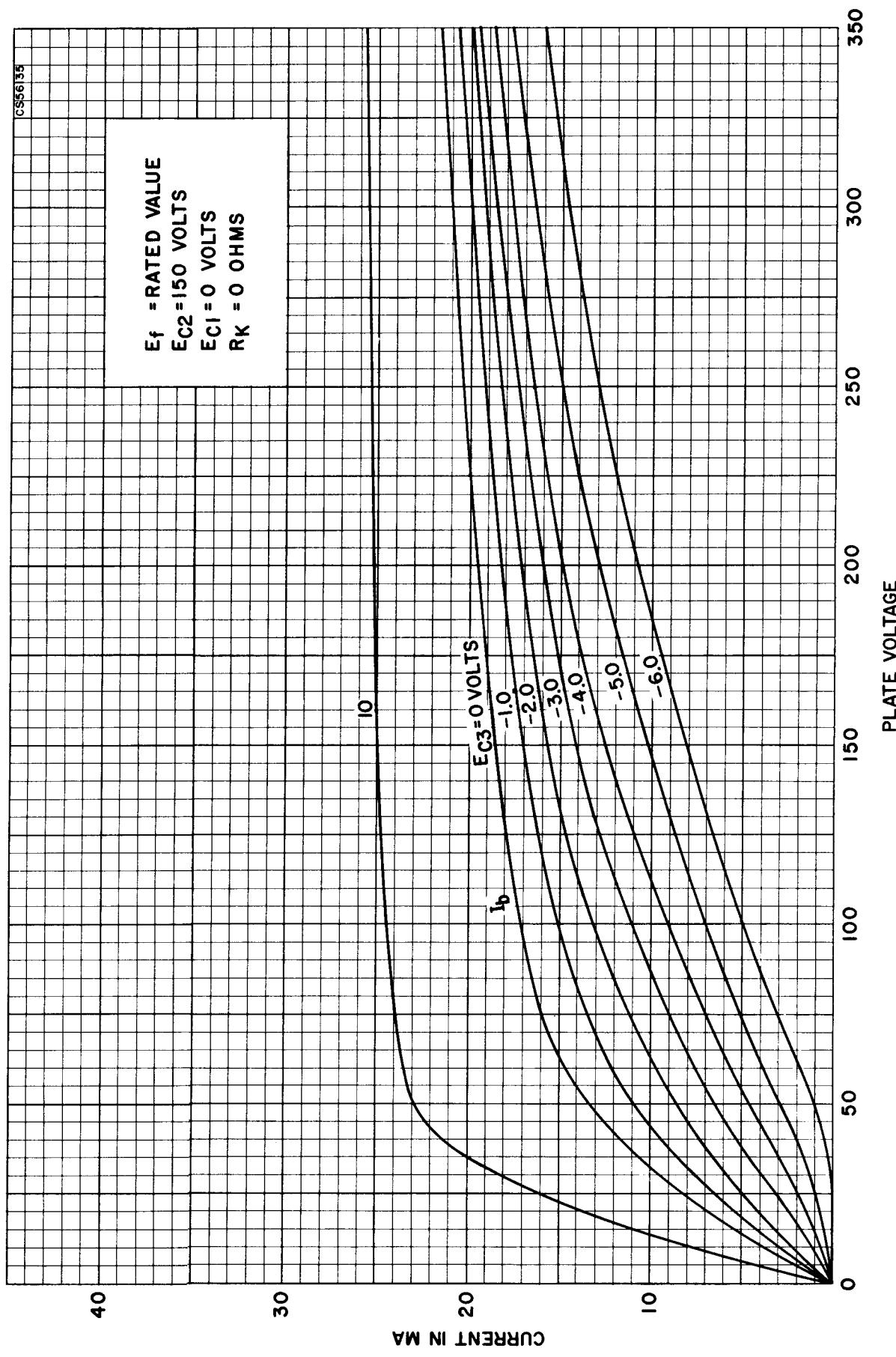
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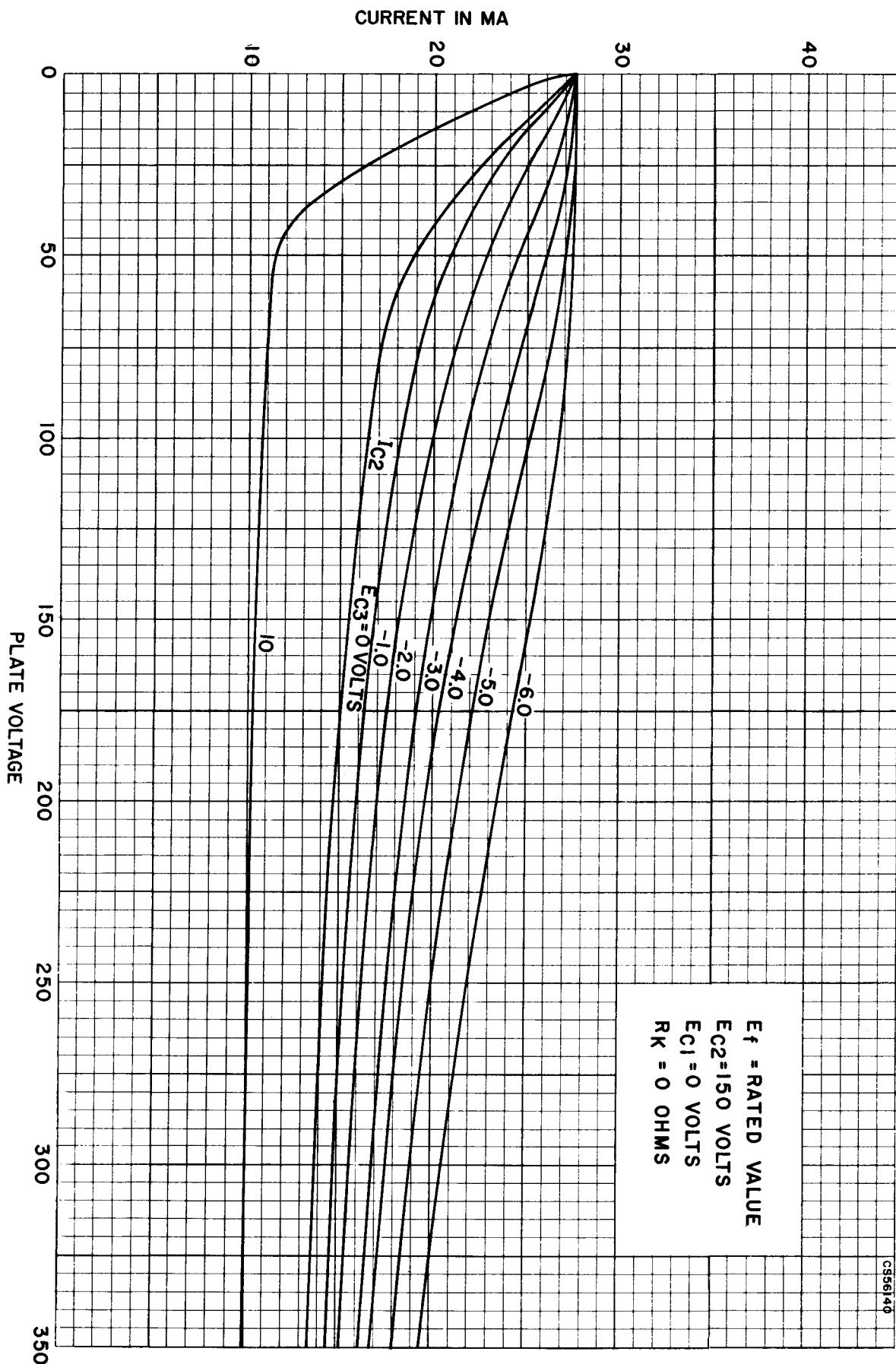


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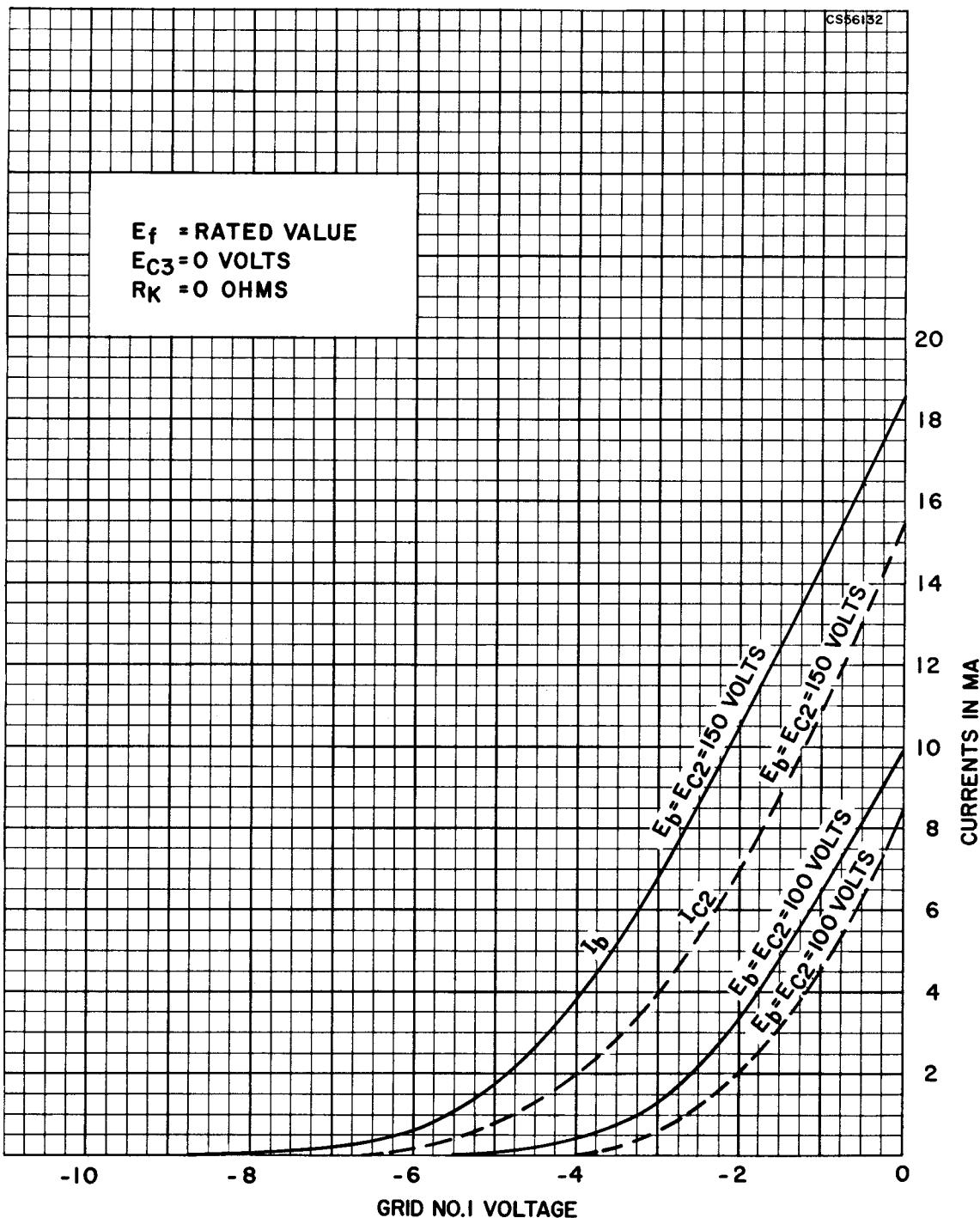


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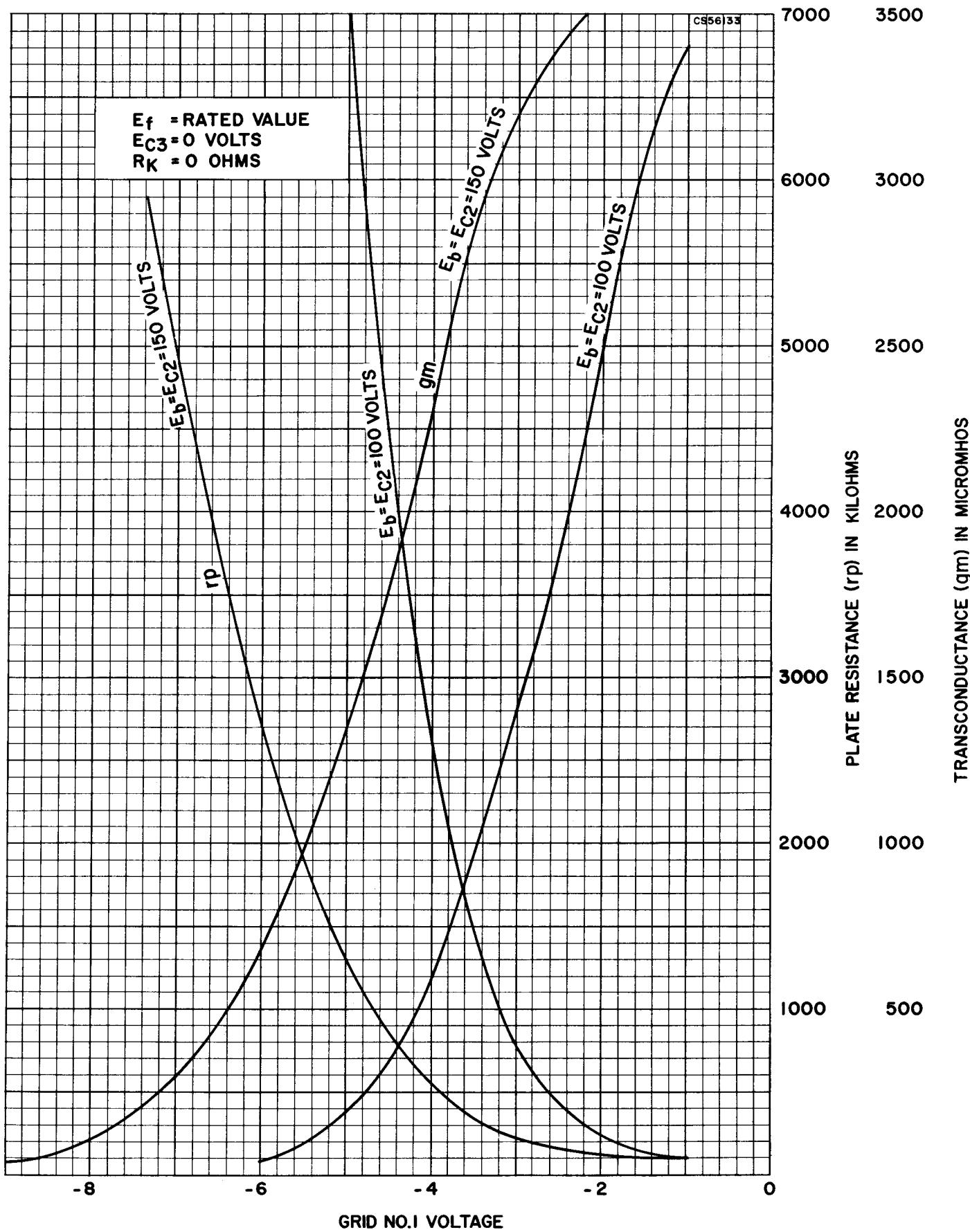
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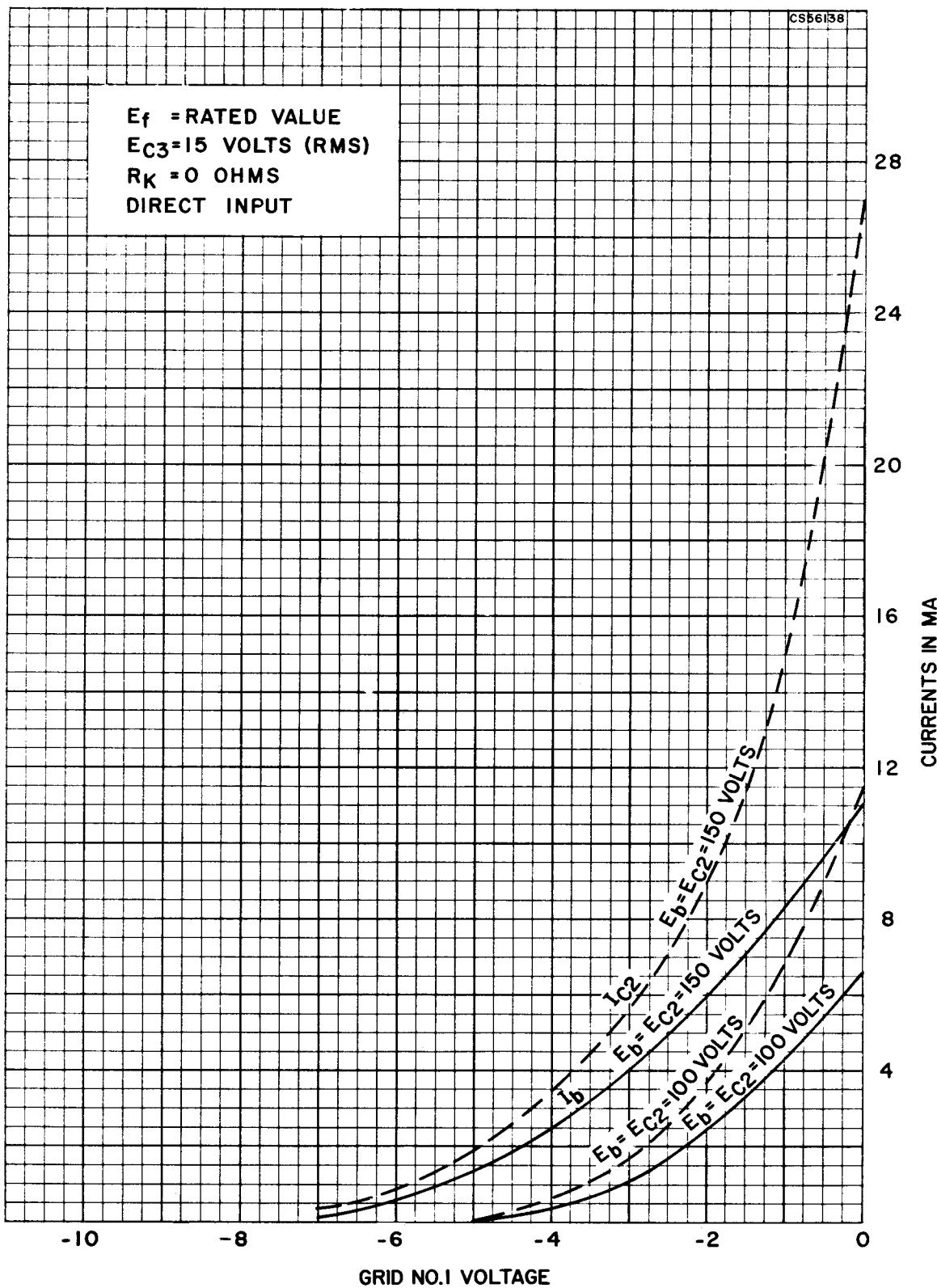


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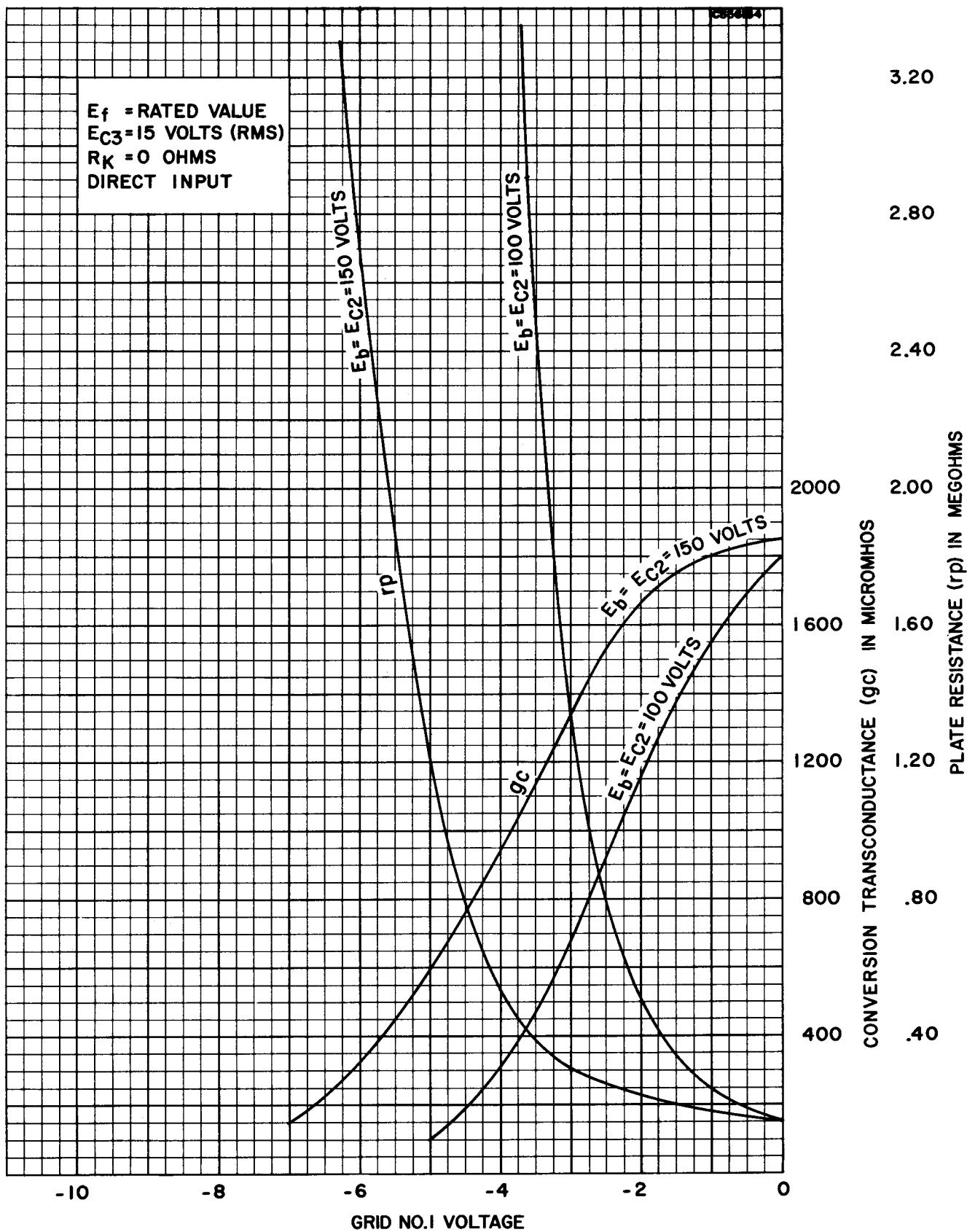


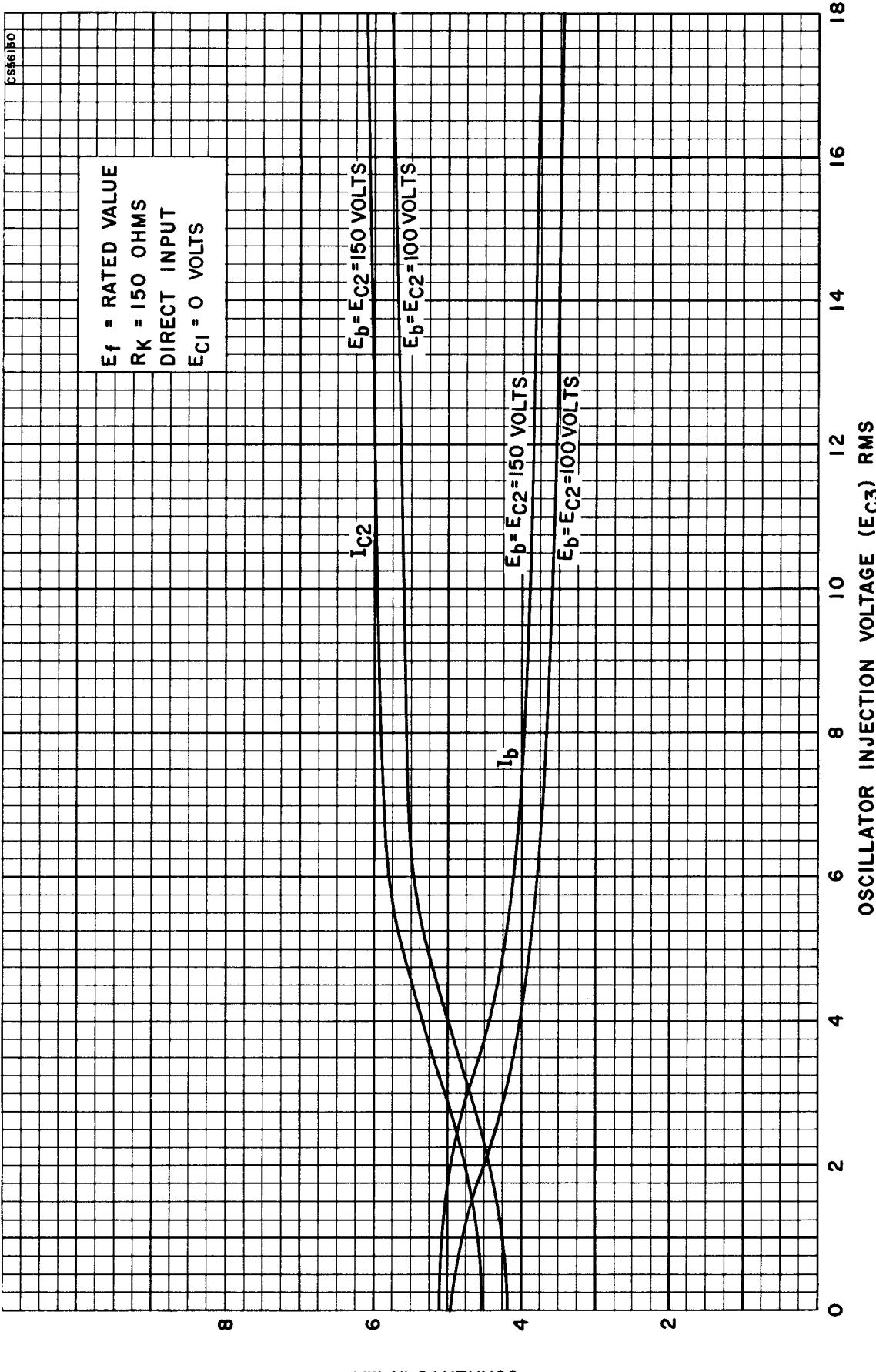
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