

## THYRATRON

### DESCRIPTION

The FG-27-A is a negative-control mercury-vapor tube for use where it is desired to actuate the tube with a change in negative grid voltage.

It requires relatively little grid power and is suitable for use in relay circuits where current flow is desired in the absence of grid excitation.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

*These data are for reference only. For design information refer to specifications.*

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of electrodes . . . . .	3
<b>Electrical</b>	
Cathode—Filamentary type	
Filament voltage . . . . .	5.0 volts
Filament current, approx . . . . .	4.5 amperes
Filament heating time, typical . . . . .	60 seconds
Peak voltage drop, typical . . . . .	16 volts
<b>Approximate control characteristics</b>	
Anode voltage . . . . .	70      100      1000      volts
Grid voltage . . . . .	0      -2.25      -8.0      volts
Anode to grid capacitance, approx . . . . .	4.4 micromicrofarads
Ionization time, approx . . . . .	10 microseconds
Deionization time, approx . . . . .	1000 microseconds



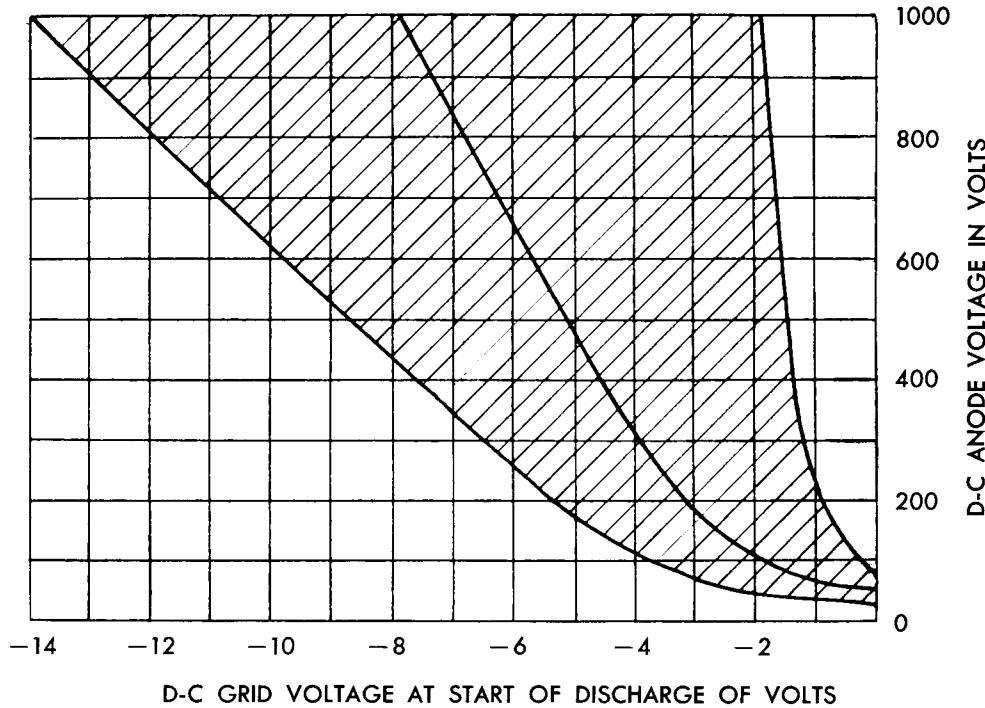
## TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

### Mechanical

Net weight, approx.	4 ounces
Shipping weight, approx.	7 pounds
Mounting position	vertical, base down

### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Maximum peak anode voltage	
Inverse.....	1000 volts
Forward.....	1000 volts
Maximum negative grid voltage	
Before conduction.....	500 volts
During conduction.....	10 volts
Maximum anode current	
Instantaneous, 25 cycles and above.....	10.0 amperes
Instantaneous, below 25 cycles.....	5.0 amperes
Average.....	2.5 amperes
Surge, for design only.....	180 amperes
Duration of surge current.....	0.1 second
Maximum grid current	
Instantaneous.....	1.0 ampere
Average.....	0.25 ampere
Maximum time of averaging current.....	15 seconds
Temperature limits, condensed mercury.....	+40 to +80 centigrade
Recommended temperature, condensed mercury.....	+40 centigrade

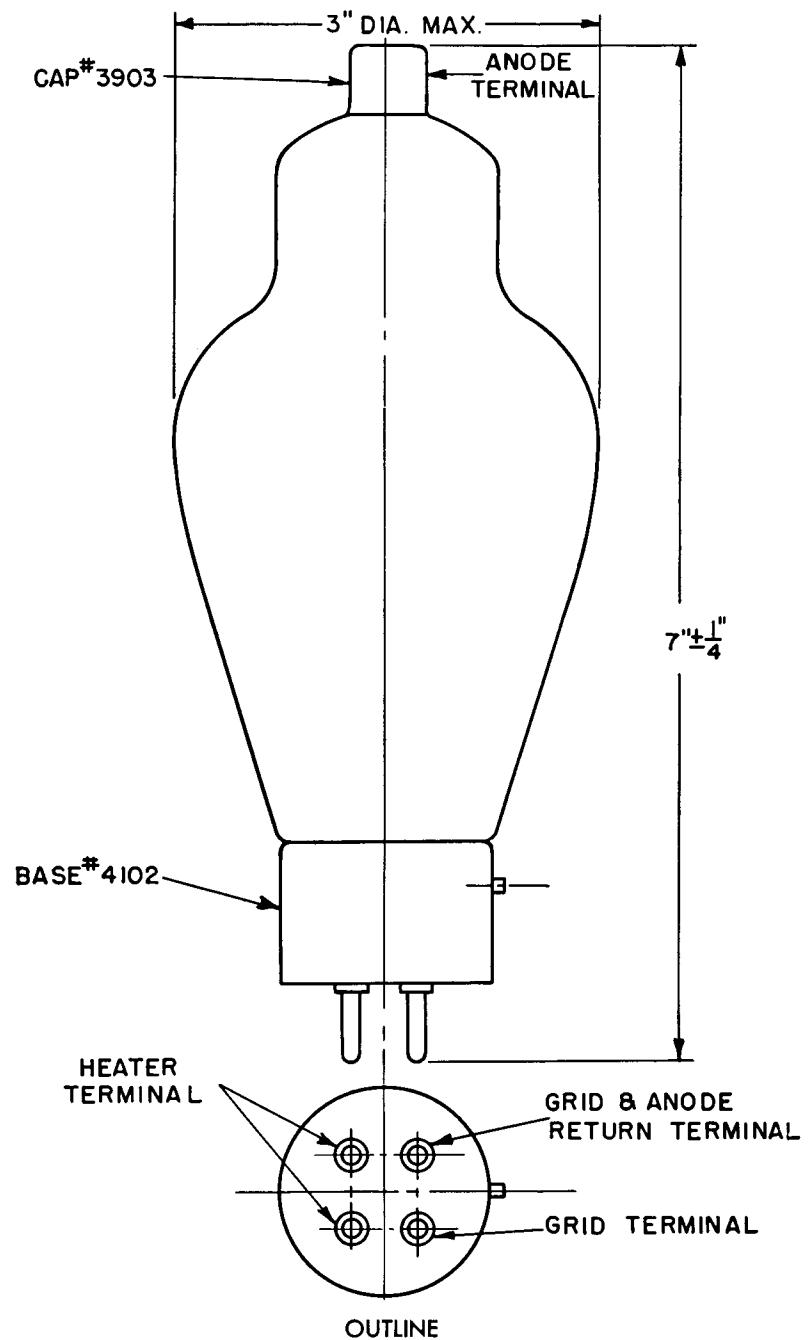


D-C GRID VOLTAGE AT START OF DISCHARGE OF VOLTS

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THYRATRON FG-27-A  
TYPICAL CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS  
SHADED AREA SHOWS RANGE OF CHARACTERISTICS  
CONDENSED MERCURY TEMPERATURE 40 C



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