



## THYRATRON

### DESCRIPTION

The GL-393-A thyatron is designed for regulated-rectifier circuits. The use of a gas mixture of argon and mercury vapor provides constancy of

characteristics within wide temperature limits. The construction, however, enables the tube to withstand higher voltages than many gas-filled types.

### RECOMMENDED FOR REPLACEMENT ONLY

### 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.....	2.5 volts
Filament current, approx.....	7.0 amperes
Filament heating time, typical.....	15 seconds
Peak voltage drop, approx.....	15 volts
Approximate starting characteristics	
Anode voltage.....	25      100      500      volts
Grid voltage.....	0      -2.5      -4.5      volts
Deionization time, approx.....	1000 microseconds
<b>Mechanical</b>	
Net weight, approx.....	3 ounces
Shipping weight, approx.....	3 pounds
Mounting position.....	vertical, base down



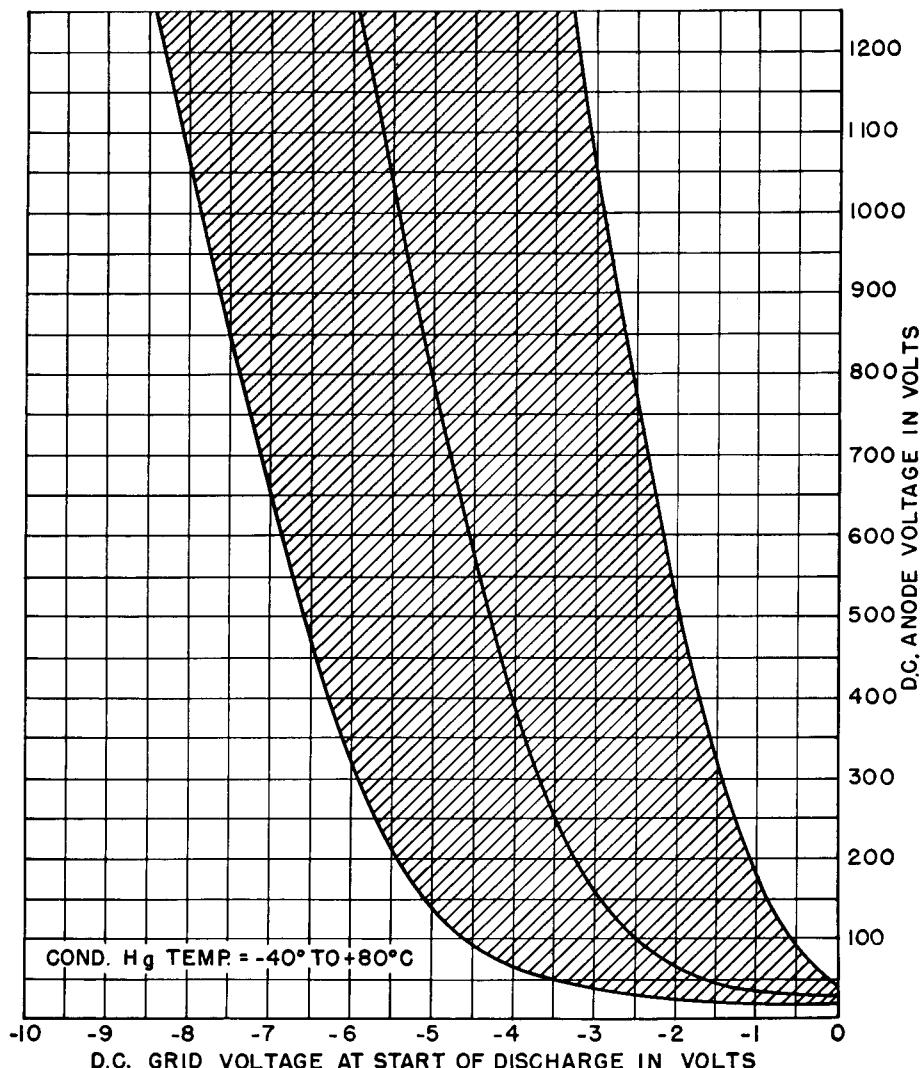
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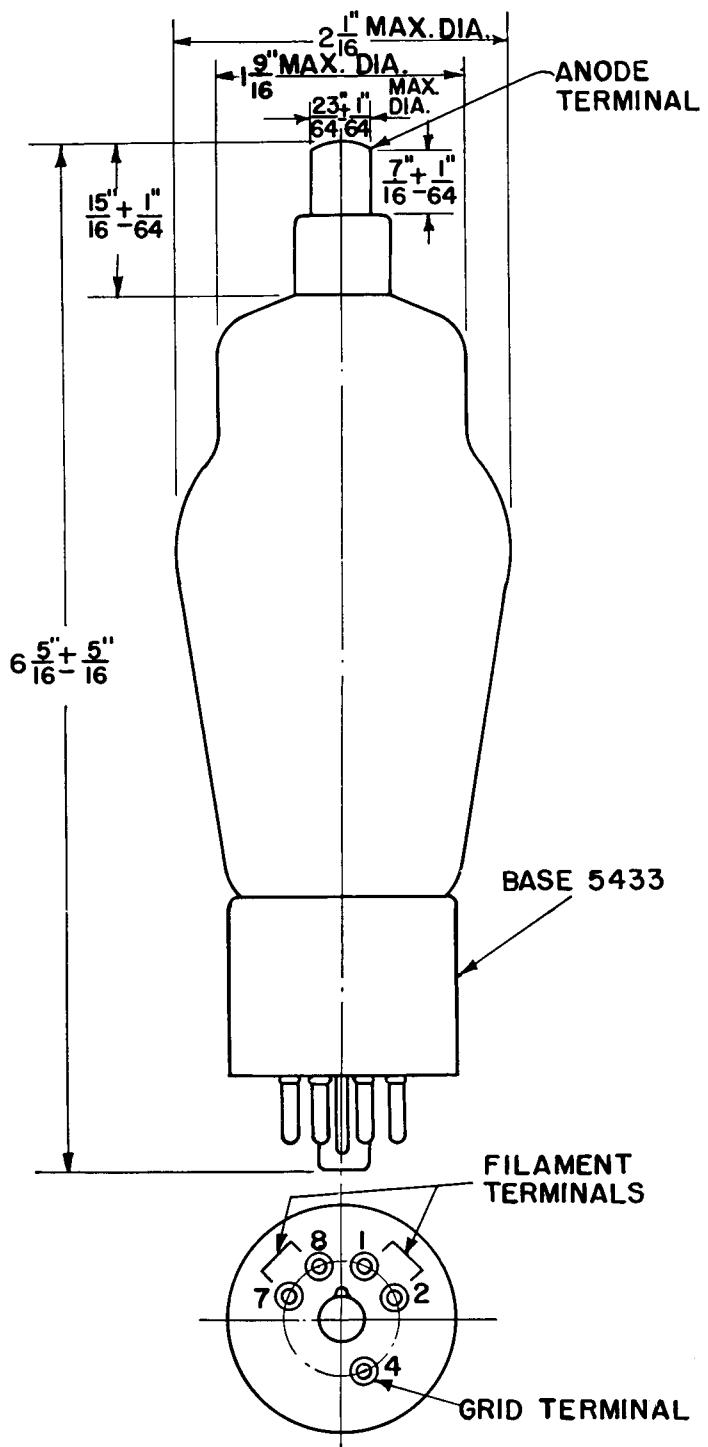
### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Maximum peak anode voltage	
Inverse.....	1250 volts
Forward.....	1250 volts
Maximum negative grid voltage	
Before conduction.....	500 volts
During conduction.....	.10 volts
Maximum anode current	
Instantaneous, 25 cycles and above.....	.6.0 amperes
Instantaneous, below 25 cycles.....	.3.0 amperes
Average.....	.1.5 amperes
Surge, for design only.....	.55 amperes
Maximum grid current	
Instantaneous.....	.0.050 ampere
Average.....	.0.010 ampere
Maximum time of averaging current.....	.5 seconds
Temperature limits.....	-40 to +80 centigrade

### THYRATRON GL-393-A

TYPICAL CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS  
SHADED AREA SHOWS RANGE OF CHARACTERISTIC





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