



## THYRATRON

### DESCRIPTION

The GL-884 is an inert-gas-filled thyatron designed for use as a sweep-circuit oscillator in cathode-ray tube circuits. This thyatron may

also be used for general control applications where it is desired to actuate the tube with a change in negative grid voltage.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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

#### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of electrodes .....	3
<b>Electrical</b>	
Cathode—Indirectly heated type	
Voltage .....	6.3 volts
Current, approx .....	0.6 amperes
Heating time, typical .....	30 seconds
Peak voltage drop, approx. ....	16 volts
Approximate control characteristics	
Anode voltage .....	300 volts
Grid voltage .....	-30 volts
Capacitance, approx	
Grid-to-anode .....	3.5 micromicrofarads
Grid-to-cathode .....	3.5 micromicrofarads
Anode-to-cathode .....	2.5 micromicrofarads
<b>Mechanical</b>	
Net weight, approx. ....	3 ounces
Shipping weight, approx. ....	3 pounds



Electric  
TUBE

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

### MAXIMUM RATINGS

#### SWEEP-CIRCUIT OSCILLATOR RATING

Maximum anode voltage	350	volts
Peak, between any two electrodes.....	350	volts
Instantaneous.....	300	volts
Maximum anode current		
Peak.....	300	milliamperes
Average, 200 cycles per second and above.....	2	milliamperes
Average, below 200 cycles per second.....	3	milliamperes

#### GRID-CONTROLLED RECTIFIER RATING

(For frequencies below 75 cycles per second)

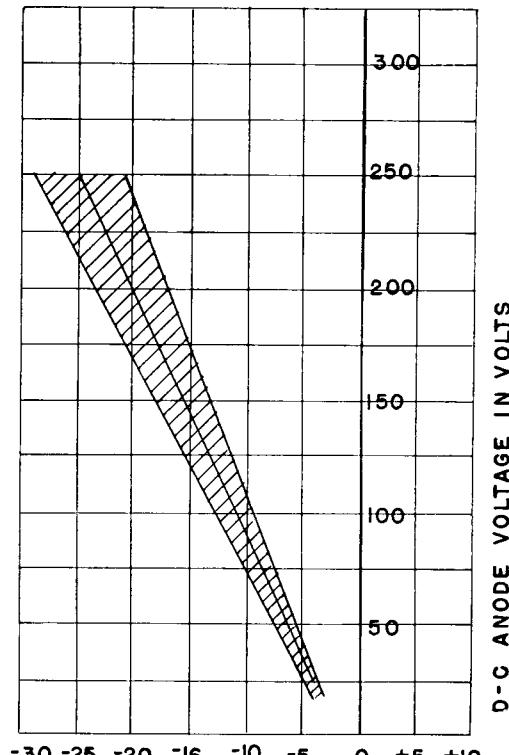
Maximum peak anode voltage.....	350	volts
Maximum peak anode current.....	300	milliamperes
Maximum anode current*.....	75	milliamperes

\* Average over period of not more than 30 seconds.

#### OPERATING NOTES

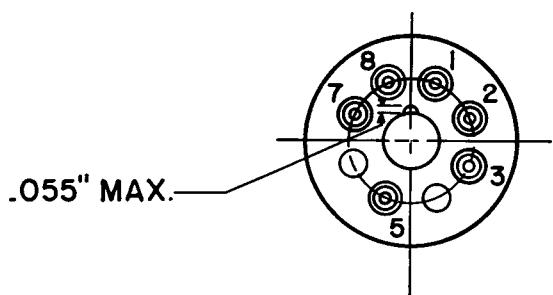
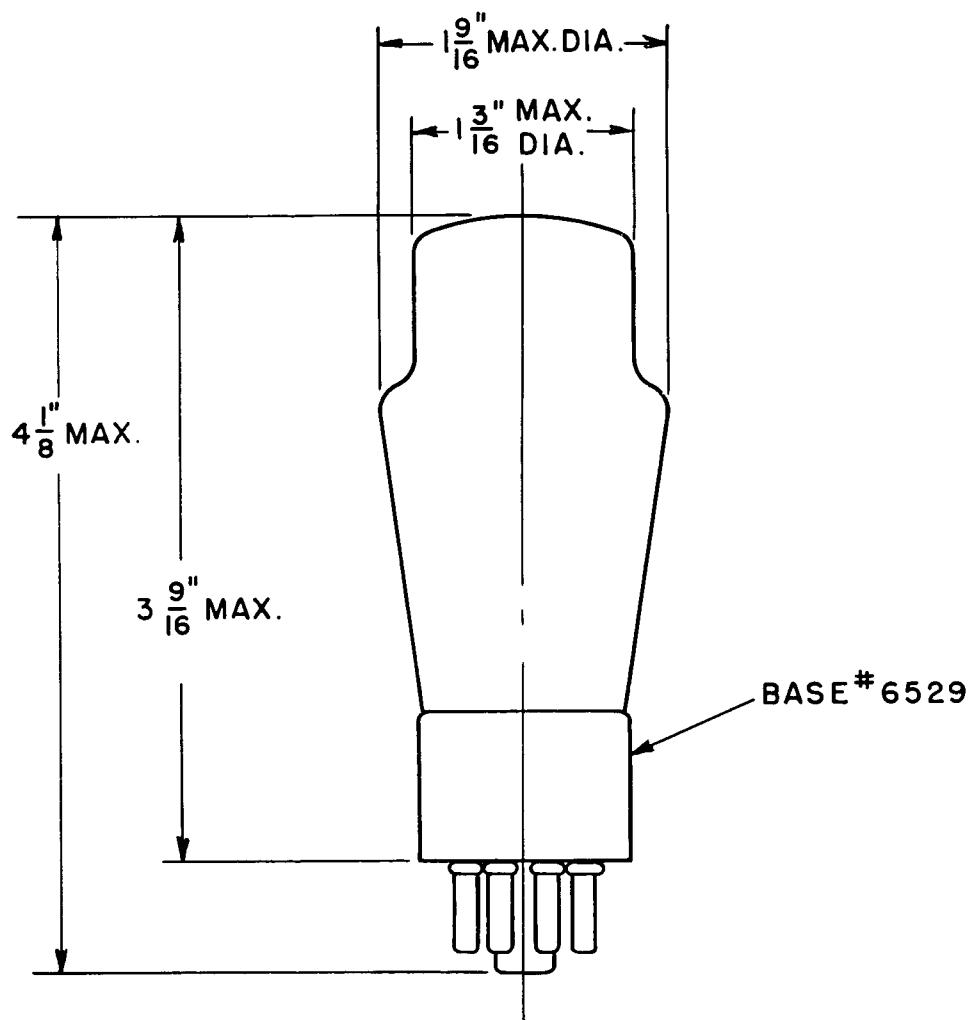
For both classes of service the grid resistor used should not be less than 1000 ohms per maximum instantaneous volt applied to the grid. Resistance values in excess of 0.5 megohms may cause circuit instability.

GL-884-E<sub>f</sub> = 6.3 VOLTS



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TYPICAL CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS

SHADED AREA SHOWS RANGE OF CHARACTERISTICS



PIN	CONNECTION
1	NO CONNECTION
2	HEATER
3	ANODE
5	GRID
7	HEATER
8	CATHODE

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GL-884 THYRATRON

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