

## TETRODE

**25-KILOWATTS VHF TELEVISION OUTPUT  
VHF TETRODE  
GROUNDED-GRID CIRCUITS**

**WATER COOLED  
METAL AND CERAMIC  
GAIN IN EXCESS OF 10**

The GL-6251 is a four-electrode, water-and-forced-air-cooled transmitting tube for use as a power amplifier or oscillator in grounded-grid circuits with both grids maintained at radio-frequency ground potential. The output circuit is connected between the anode and the screen grid. The anode is capable of dissipating twenty-five kilowatts. The cathode is a thoriated-tungsten filament. Maximum ratings apply up to 220 megacycles.

In Class B grounded-grid broadband television amplifier service this tube has a useful synchroniz-

ing peak-power output of twenty-five kilowatts at 220 megacycles. Because of its ratings, the tube is also well adapted to use in dielectric-heating equipment.

High operating efficiency is assured because of the close spacing of the tube electrodes, the ring-seal construction, and the low-loss factor due to the silver-plated external parts and the ceramic insulator. The ring-seal design permits quick plug-in installation. In addition, the grounded-grid construction eliminates the necessity for neutralization in a properly designed circuit.

**GENERAL  ELECTRIC**

*Supersedes ET-T1165 dated 12-54*

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**GENERAL**

Electrical	Minimum	Bogey	Maximum	
⊕ Filament Voltage.....	5.1	5.5	5.75	Volts
Filament Current at 5.5 Volts.....		190		Amperes
Filament Starting Current.....			360	Amperes
Filament Cold Resistance.....		0.004		Ohms
Filament Heating Time.....	30			Seconds
Amplification Factor, G <sub>2</sub> to G <sub>1</sub>				
E <sub>b</sub> = 1000 Volts, I <sub>b</sub> = 0.1 Amperes.....		20		
Peak Cathode Current*.....			30	Amperes
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances§				
Grounded-Grid Circuit				
Cathode-Plate †.....		0.06		μμf
Input.....		75		μμf
Output.....		27		μμf
<b>Mechanical</b>				
Mounting Position—Vertical, anode down				
Net Weight, approximate.....		15		Pounds
<b>Thermal</b>				
Type of Cooling—Water and Forced Air				
Water Cooling				
Water Flow				
Anode.....		12 Min		Gallons per Minute
Water Pressure.....		80 Max		Pounds per Square Inch
Pressure Drop at Rated Flow, approximate.....		13		Pounds per Square Inch
Outlet Water Temperature.....		70 Max		C
Air Cooling				
Air Flow				
Anode Seal.....		30 Min		Cubic Feet per Minute
Filament Seal.....		15 Min		Cubic Feet per Minute
Grid-to-Grid Seal.....		10 Min		Cubic Feet per Minute
Ceramic Temperature.....		200 Max		C
□ Seal and Terminal Temperature.....		180 Max		C

**MAXIMUM RATINGS AND TYPICAL OPERATION**

**RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER—CLASS B TELEVISION SERVICE**

*Synchronizing-Level Conditions Per Tube Unless Otherwise Specified*

**Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values**

DC Plate Voltage.....	7000 Max	Volts
⊕ DC Grid-No. 2 Voltage.....	700 Max	Volts
DC Plate Current.....	8 Max	Amperes
Plate Input.....	50 Max	Kilowatts
Grid-No. 2 Input †.....	350 Max	Watts
⊕ DC Grid-No. 2 Current		
Pedestal Level.....	0.200 Max	Amperes
Plate Dissipation.....	25 Max	Kilowatts
Grid-No. 1 Dissipation.....	150 Max	Watts
⊕ DC Grid-No. 1 Current.....	1.0 Max	Amperes

**Typical Operation—Grounded-Grid Circuit up to 216 Megacycles**

<b>Bandwidth 7 Megacycles, 1 Decibel Voltage</b>		
DC Plate Voltage.....	6800	Volts
⊕ DC Grid-No. 2 Voltage//.....	600	Volts
DC Grid-No. 1 Voltage.....	-20	Volts
<b>Peak RF Plate Voltage</b>		
Synchronizing Level.....	4800	Volts
Pedestal Level.....	3600	Volts
<b>Peak RF Driving Voltage</b>		
Synchronizing Level.....	350	Volts
Pedestal Level.....	250	Volts

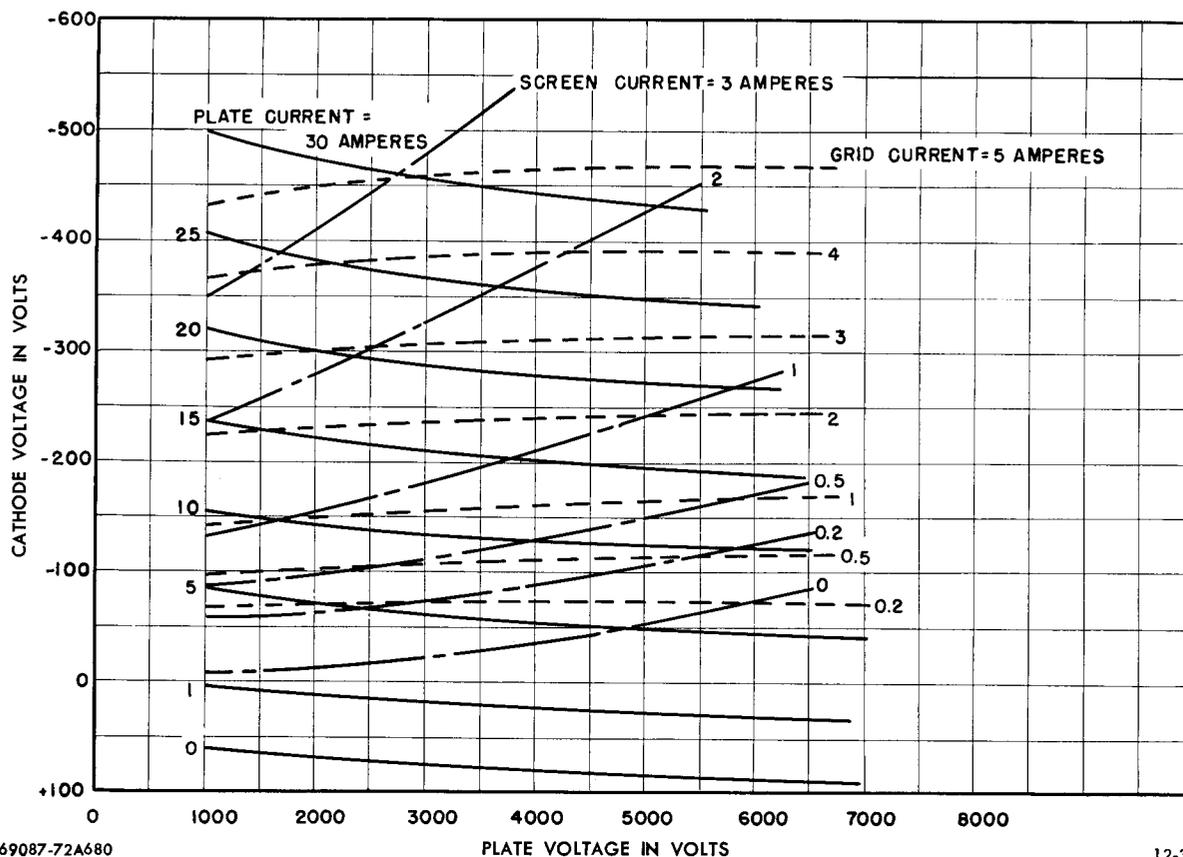
TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

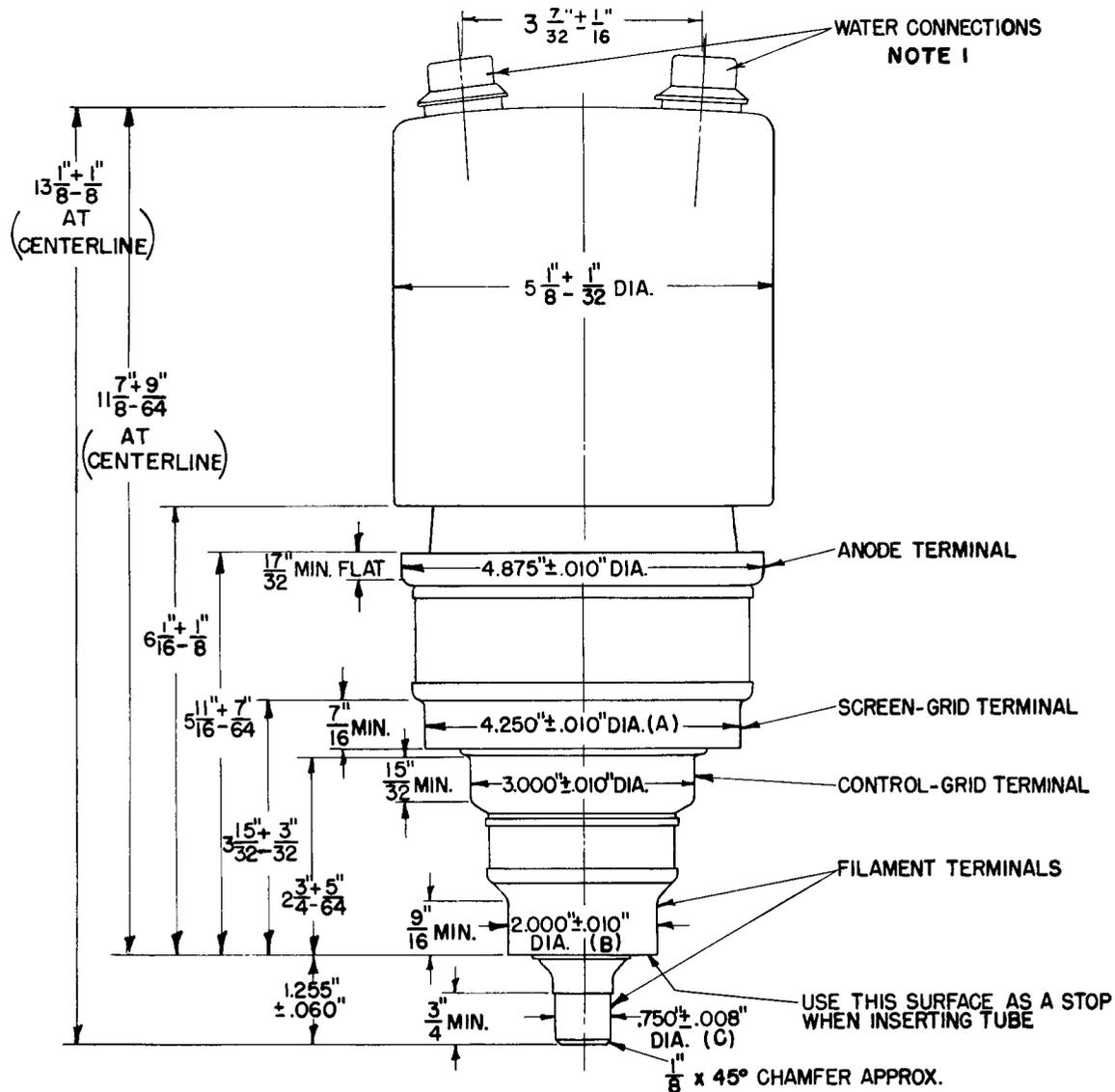
Typical Operation (Cont'd)

DC Plate Current		
Synchronizing Level.....	7.5	Amperes
Pedestal Level.....	5.8	Amperes
DC Grid-No. 2 Current//		
Pedestal Level.....	0.05	Amperes
DC Grid-No. 1 Current		
Synchronizing Level.....	0.90	Amperes
Pedestal Level.....	0.55	Amperes
Driving Power at Tube, approximate		
Synchronizing Level.....	2.3	Kilowatts
Pedestal Level.....	1.3	Kilowatts
Power Output, approximate¶		
Synchronizing Level.....	25	Kilowatts
Pedestal Level.....	15	Kilowatts

- \* Maximum usable cathode current (plate current plus current to each grid) for any condition of operation.
- § Control grid and screened grid are connected together.
- † Measured with 12-inch diameter flat metal disk attached to the screen-grid terminal and grounded.
- ‡ Calculated from characteristic curve only. This value includes dissipation transferred from driving power. Maximum allowable screen input as indicated by measured d-c current and voltage is much lower because of secondary screen emission.
- //DC Grid-No. 2 voltage and current should be held at the minimum values consistent with proper circuit operation. Negative values of screen current are frequently encountered but are not detrimental.
- ¶ Useful power output including power transferred from driver stage.
- ⊕ Denotes a change.
- Denotes an addition.

CONSTANT CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS  
 SCREEN VOLTAGE=700 VOLTS, CONTROL-GRID GROUNDED  
 ELECTRODE VOLTAGES MEASURED TO GROUND





(A) MAX. ECCENTRICITY .040"  
 (B) MAX. ECCENTRICITY .040"  
 (C) MAX. ECCENTRICITY .050"  
 WITH RESPECT TO CENTERLINE DETERMINED BY CENTERS OF  
 ANODE TERMINAL & CONTROL-GRID TERMINAL.

NOTE 1: MATES WITH WIGGINS SOCKET NO. BC-323B OR EQUIVALENT.  
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