

Power Triode

NUVISTOR TYPE

Heater Designed to Operate from Battery Supplies
Used in Sonobuoy and Other Expendable Equipment

Electrical:

Heater Characteristics and Ratings:

Voltage (DC)	Tubes will be supplied with the heater designed to operate within $\pm 10\%$ of any specified center heater voltage between 6.0 and 8.5 volts to meet specific battery-supply requirements in sonobuoy and other expendable equipment.	
Input	0.85	watt
Peak heater-cathode voltage:		
Heater negative with respect to cathode	100 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode	100 max.	volts
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Approx.):		
Grid to plate	2.2	pf
Grid to cathode, shell, and heater	4.2	pf
Plate to cathode, shell, and heater	1.6	pf
Plate to cathode	0.26	pf
Heater to cathode	1.4	pf

Characteristics, Class A₁ Amplifier:

Heater Voltage	Specified center value	
Plate Supply Voltage	75	volts
Grid	Connected to negative end of cathode resistor	
Cathode Resistor	100	ohms
Amplification Factor	28	
Plate Resistance (Approx.)	2200	ohms
Transconductance	12800	μmhos
Plate Current	15	ma
Grid Voltage (Approx.) for plate $\mu\alpha = 10$	-8	volts

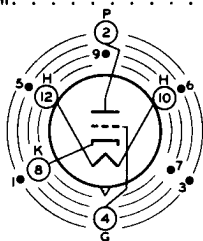
Mechanical:

Operating Position	Any
Type of Cathode	Coated Unipotential
Maximum Overall Length		0.800"
Maximum Seated Length		0.625"
Maximum Diameter		0.440"
Weight (Approx.)		1.9 grams
Envelope		Metal Shell MT4
Socket	See <i>Socket & Connector Information</i> for <i>RCA Nuvistor Tubes</i> at front of this section	
Base	Medium Ceramic-Wafer Twelvar 5-Pin (JEDEC No.E5-65)	



Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW. 12AQ

- Pin 1^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 2 -Plate
- Pin 3^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 4 -Grid
- Pin 5^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 6^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 7^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 8 -Cathode
- Pin 9^a -Do Not Use
- Pin 10 -Heater
- Pin 12 -Heater



INDEX=LARGE LUG
●=SHORT PIN; IC=DO NOT USE

RF AMPLIFIER or OSCILLATOR — Class C

Maximum Ratings, Absolute-Maximum Values:

For operation at any altitude

Up to 175 Mc

Plate Supply Voltage.	300 max.	volts
Plate Voltage	250 max.	volts
Grid Voltage:		
Negative-bias value	55 max.	volts
Peak-positive value	4 max.	volts
Grid Current.	5 max.	ma
Cathode Current	25 max.	ma
Plate Dissipation	2 max.	watts
Metal-Shell Temperature (Measured in Zone "A" as shown on <i>Dimensional Outline</i>)	150 max.	°C

Typical Operation:

As cathode-drive rf amplifier

At 175 Mc

Heater Voltage.	Specified center	value
Plate Supply Voltage.	150	volts
Grid Resistor	4700	ohms
Driver Power Output	250	mw
Useful Power Output ^b	1.6	watts

As oscillator

At 175 Mc

Heater Voltage.	Specified center	value
Plate Supply Voltage.	170	volts
Grid Resistor	4700	ohms
Plate Input	3	watts
Useful Power Output ^b	1.5	watts

Maximum Circuit Values:

Grid-Circuit Resistance	0.05 max.	megohm
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FREQUENCY DOUBLER — Class C

Maximum Ratings, Absolute-Maximum Values:

For operation at any altitude

	Up to 175 Mc	
Plate Supply Voltage	300 max.	volts
Plate Voltage	250 max.	volts
Grid Voltage:		
Negative-bias value	200 max.	volts
Peak-positive value	4 max.	volts
Grid Current	5 max.	ma
Cathode Current	22 max.	ma
Plate Dissipation	2 max.	watts
Metal-Shell Temperature (Measured in Zone "A" as shown on <i>Dimensional Outline</i>)	150 max.	°C

Typical Operation:

	80-to-160 Mc	
Heater Voltage	Specified center	value
Plate Supply Voltage	135	volts
Grid Resistor	30000	ohms
Driver Power Output	150	mw
Useful Power Output ^b	800	mw

Maximum Circuit Values:

Grid-Circuit Resistance	0.05 max.	megohm
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^a Pins 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 are of a length such that their ends do not touch the socket insertion plane.

^b Measured at load.

CHARACTERISTICS RANGE VALUES

	Note	Min.	Max.	
Heater Current	1	0.95 $\left[\frac{0.85}{E_{f(ctr)}} \right]$	1.05 $\left[\frac{0.85}{E_{f(ctr)}} \right]$	amp
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:				
Grid to plate	2	1.8	2.6	pf
Grid to cathode, shell, and heater	2	3.8	4.6	pf
Plate to cathode, shell, and heater	2	1.4	1.8	pf
Plate to cathode	2	0.20	0.32	pf
Heater to cathode	2	1.1	1.7	pf
Plate Current (1)	1,3	11	19	ma
Plate Current (2)	1,4	—	100	μa
Transconductance (1)	1,3	11400	14200	μmhos
Useful Power Output (1)	1,5	1.4	—	watts
Useful Power Output (2)	5,6	1.3	—	watts
Reverse Grid Current	1,7	—	0.3	μa
AC Emission	1,8	20	—	ma
Amplification Factor	1,3	22	34	



Note Min. Max.

Heater-Cathode

Leakage Current:

Heater negative with

respect to cathode. 1,9 - 5 μ a

Heater positive with

respect to cathode. 1,9 - 5 μ a

Leakage Resistance:

Between grid and all other electrodes tied together

1,10 5000 - megohms

Between plate and all other electrodes tied together

1,11 10000 - megohms

Note 1: With dc heater volts = specified center value, E_f (ctr).

Note 2: Measured in accordance with EIA Standard RS-191-A.

Note 3: With dc plate supply volts = 75, grid and metal shell connected to negative end of cathode resistor, cathode resistor (ohms) = 100, and cathode-bypass capacitor (μ f) = 1000.

Note 4: With dc plate volts = 75, dc grid volts = -9, and metal shell connected to ground.

Note 5: Measured at load in 175-Mc, cathode-drive, rf-amplifier circuit with dc plate supply volts = 150, grid resistor (ohms) = 2500, and driver power output (milliwatts) = 250.

Note 6: With dc heater volts = 0.9 specified center value.

Note 7: With dc plate supply volts = 80, dc grid supply volts = -1.2, grid-circuit resistance (megohms) \leq 1 (the internal resistance of the current meter used for this measurement), and metal shell connected to ground.

Note 8: With dc plate supply volts = 40, dc grid supply volts = -6.5, rms 60-cps ac grid signal volts = 8, dc grid-circuit resistance (ohms) \leq 2, plate- and grid-voltage supplies each bypassed with capacitor (μ f) \geq 500, and metal shell connected to ground. "AC Emission" is measured as the dc component of current in the plate circuit.

Note 9: With dc heater-cathode volts = 100.

Note 10: With grid 100 volts negative with respect to all other electrodes tied together, and metal shell connected to ground.

Note 11: With plate 300 volts negative with respect to all other electrodes tied together, and metal shell connected to ground.

SPECIAL TESTS

Short-Duration Shock (I):

Peak Impact Acceleration 1000 g

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes to determine the ability of the tube to withstand the specified Peak Impact Acceleration. Tubes are held rigid in each of four different positions (X_1 , X_2 , Y_1 , and Y_2) in a Navy-Type High-Impact (Flyweight) Shock Machine and, with tube-electrode voltages applied, are subjected to 20 blows (5 in each position) at the specified Peak Impact Acceleration.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Continuity and Shorts, Useful Power Output (I), Reverse Grid Current, and Heater-Cathode Leakage Current.



Long-Duration Shock (2):

Peak Impact Acceleration 50 9

This test is performed, using a half-sine-wave, 11-milli-second, mechanical shock pulse, on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to determine the ability of the tube to withstand the specified Peak Impact Acceleration. Tubes are held rigid in each of two positions in three mutually perpendicular axes on a free-fall table. The longitudinal axis of the tube is coincident with one of the three axes. The table is dropped a total of 18 times to a horizontal surface from a height sufficient to produce the specified Peak Impact Acceleration. The material of the horizontal surface is such that the duration of the half-sine-wave shock pulse is 11 milli-seconds. No tube-electrode voltages are applied during this test.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Continuity and Shorts, Useful Power Output (1), Reverse Grid Current, and Heater-Cathode Leakage Current.

Sweep-Frequency Fatigue Vibration:

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to determine the ability of the tube to withstand the Sweep-Frequency Fatigue Vibration specified below. Tubes are held rigid and operated with heater-cathode volts = 100. During operation, the tube is vibrated through the frequency range from 5 to 500 cps and back to 5 cps. One such vibration sweep cycle takes approximately 15 minutes. This cycle is repeated for a period of 3 hours along each of three mutually perpendicular axes for a total of 9 hours. The longitudinal axis of the tube is coincident with one of the three axis. The vibrations are applied as follows:

- a. The vibration from 5 to 50 cps is applied with a constant peak amplitude of 0.040 inch (0.080 inch peak-to-peak).
- b. The vibration from 50 to 500 cps is applied with a constant acceleration of 10 g.
- c. The vibration from 500 to 50 cps and then to 5 cps follows the same procedure, but in reverse.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Continuity and Shorts, Useful Power Output (1), Reverse Grid Current, and Heater-Cathode Leakage Current.

Low-Pressure Voltage Breakdown:

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to determine the ability of the tube to withstand high-altitude (low-air-pressure) conditions. Tubes are operated with 250 volts rms (60-cycle, ac) applied between plate and all other electrodes and metal shell connected together. Tubes must not break down or show evidence of corona when subjected to an air pressure (8.0 ± 0.5 mm Hg) corresponding to an altitude of 100,000 feet.



Continuity and Shorts:

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run. Tubes are subjected to the Thyatron-Type Shorts Test described in MIL-E-1D, Amendment 5, Paragraph 4.7.7, except that tapping is done by hand with a soft rubber tapper (Specifications for this tapper will be supplied upon request). The areas of acceptance and rejection for this test are shown in the accompanying *Shorts-Test Acceptance-Limits* graph. In this test, tubes are criticized for permanent or temporary shorts and open circuits.

Reliability Life (20 Hours):

This test is performed on a sample size (minimum of 80 tubes/lot for a 5-lot sampling plan or a minimum of 400 tubes for a single-lot sampling plan) designed to assure a process average AFR (Acceptable Failure Rate) of 0.5 per cent for Inoperatives and 2.1 per cent for Total Defectives and a process average RFR (Rejectable Failure Rate) of 2.0 per cent for Inoperatives and 4.7 per cent for Total Defectives.

During this test, tubes are operated at maximum-rated plate dissipation.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Useful Power Output (2), Inoperatives, and Total Defectives. A tube is considered Inoperative if Useful Power Output (2) is less than 0.700 watt.

Heater-Cycling Life (100 Hours):

Intermittent Operation 2000 cycles

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run with heater volts = 1.35x specified center value cycled 1 minute ON and 2 minutes OFF, dc heater-cathode volts = -100, all other tube electrodes and metal shell connected to ground.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Heater-Cathode Leakage Current, Open Heaters, Open Cathode Circuits, and Heater-Cathode Shorts.

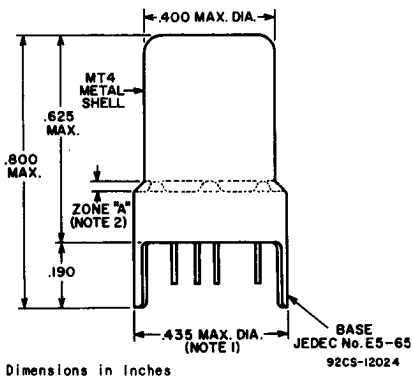
Oscillator Life (100 Hours):

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run.

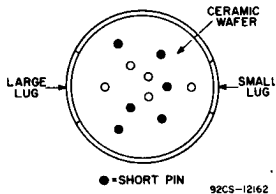
During this test, tubes are operated as 175-Mc oscillator at maximum-rated plate dissipation.

At the end of this test, tubes are criticized for Useful Power Output (2), Reverse Grid Current, Inoperatives, and Total Defectives. A tube is considered Inoperative if Useful Power Output (2) is less than 0.700 watt.

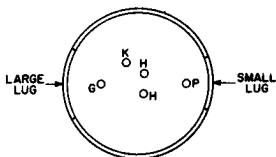




BOTTOM VIEW
Showing Arrangement of All 11 Base Pins



MODIFIED BOTTOM VIEW
With Element Connections Indicated
and Short Pins Not Shown

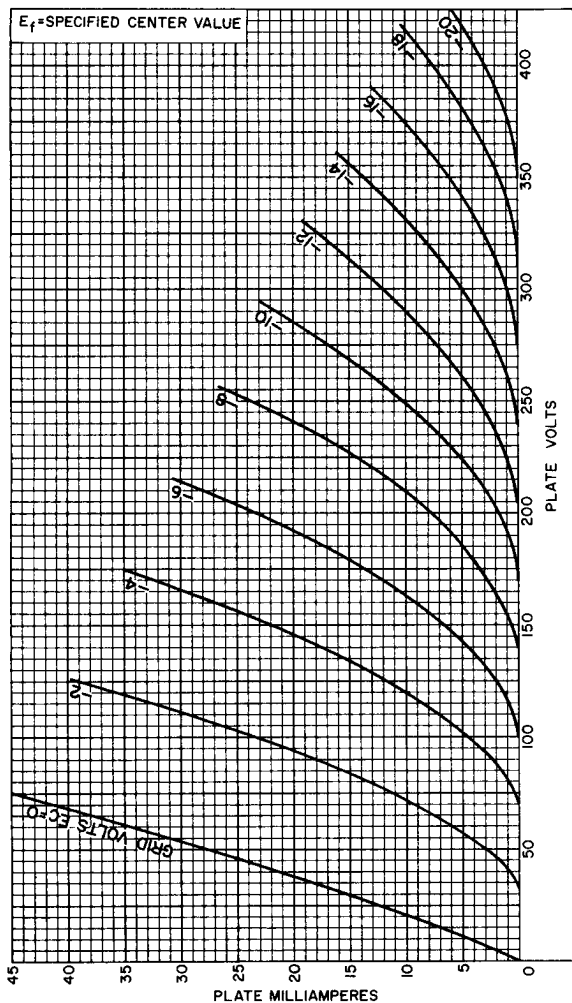


NOTE 1: MAXIMUM OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF 0.440" IS PERMITTED ALONG 0.190" LUG LENGTH.

NOTE 2: METAL-SHELL TEMPERATURE SHOULD BE MEASURED IN ZONE "A".

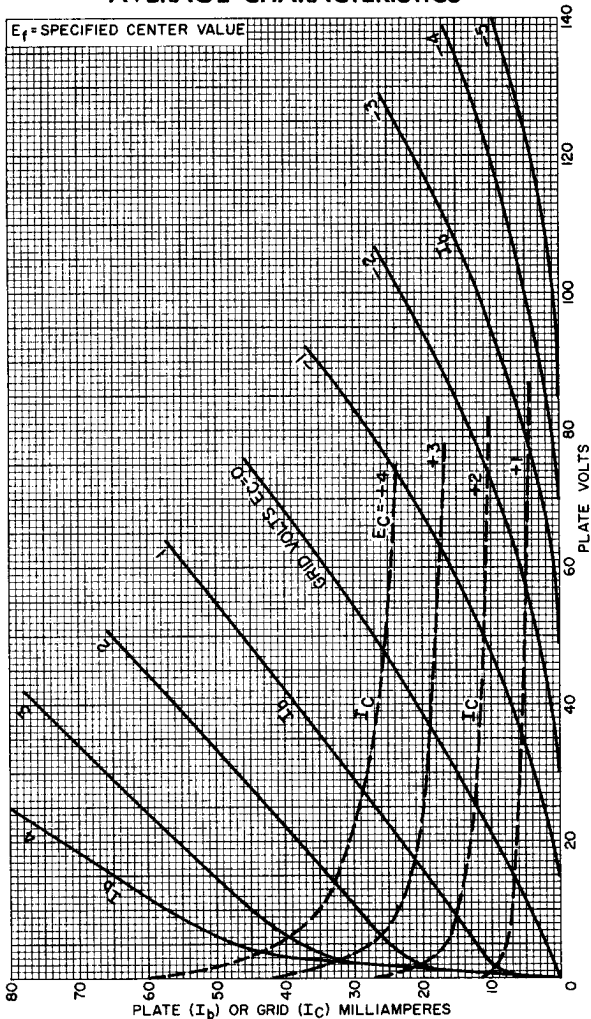


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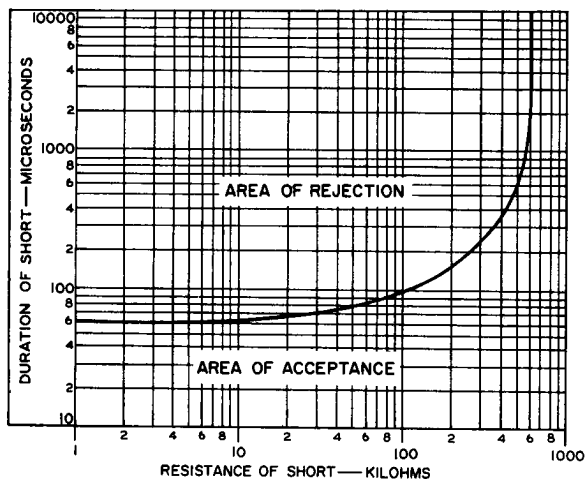
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SHORT-TEST ACCEPTANCE LIMITS



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