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4E27A/5-125B

RADIAL-BEAM POWER PENTODE

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MODULATOR OSCILLATOR AMPLIFIER

The Eimac 4E27A/5-125B is a power pentode intended for use as a modulator, oscillator or amplifier. The driving-power requirement is very low, and neutralization problems are simplified or eliminated entirely. The tube has a maximum plate-dissipation rating of 125 watts and a maximum plate voltage rating of 4000 volts at frequencies up to 75 Mc. Cooling is by convection and radiation. Type 4E27A/5-125B unilaterally replaces type 4E27.

The 4E27A/5-125B in class-C r-f service will deliver up to 375 watts plate power output with less than 2 watts driving power. It will deliver up to 75 watts of carrier for suppressor modulation.

Two 4E27A/5-125B's will deliver up to 300 watts maximum-signal plate power output in class AB_1 modulator service, 400 watts in class AB_2 with less than 1 watt driving power.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

ELECTRICAL

Filament: Thoriated tungsten	
Voltage	5.0 volts
Current	7.5 amperes
Grid-Screen Amplification Factor (Average)	5.0
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid-Plate	0.08 $\mu\mu$fd
Input	10.5 $\mu\mu$fd
Output	4.7 $\mu\mu$fd
Transconductance (I_b=50ma., E_b=2500v., E_{c2}=500v., E_{c3}= 0v.)	2150 μmhos
Highest Frequencies for Maximum Ratings	75 Mc.

MECHANICAL

Base	7-pin, metal shell
Connections	See drawing
Socket*	E. F. Johnson Co. No. 122-237, or equivalent
Mounting Position	Vertical, base down or up
Cooling	Convection and radiation
Recommended Heat Dissipating Plate Connector	Eimac HR-5
Maximum Over-All Dimensions:	
Length	6.19 inches
Diameter	2.75 inches
Net Weight (Average)	6.0 ounces
Shipping Weight	2.0 pounds

*See "Cooling" under Application Notes.

Note: Typical operation data are based on conditions of adjusting the r-f grid drive to specified plate current, maintaining fixed conditions of grid bias, screen voltage and suppressor voltage. It will be found that if this procedure is followed, there will be little variation in power output between tubes even though there may be some variation in grid, screen and suppressor currents. Where grid bias is obtained principally by means of a grid resistor, to control plate current it is necessary to make the resistor adjustable.

RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER OR OSCILLATOR

Class-C Telegraphy or FM Telephony, Frequencies up to 75 Mc.
(Key-down conditions, per tube)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

D-C PLATE VOLTAGE	4000 MAX. VOLTS
D-C SCREEN VOLTAGE	750 MAX. VOLTS
D-C GRID VOLTAGE	−500 MAX. VOLTS
D-C PLATE CURRENT	200 MAX. MA
PLATE DISSIPATION	125 MAX. WATTS
SUPPRESSOR DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	5 MAX. WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION
60 Suppressor Volts, 500 Screen Volts

D-C Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	−120	−130	−150	−170	−200	volts
D-C Plate Current	167	200	200	186	167	ma
D-C Suppressor Current*	6	5	4	3	3	ma
D-C Screen Current*	11	11	11	7	5	ma
D-C Grid Current*	6	8	8	7	6	ma
Peak R-F Grid Input Voltage	170	200	222	240	260	volts
Driving Power*	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6	watts
Grid Dissipation*	.3	.6	.6	.5	.6	watts
Screen Dissipation*	5.5	5.5	5.5	3.5	2.5	watts
Plate Dissipation	47	85	100	115	125	watts
Plate Power Input	167	300	400	465	500	watts
Plate Power Output	120	215	300	350	375	watts

TYPICAL OPERATION
Zero Suppressor Volts, 500 Screen Volts

D-C Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	−120	−130	−150	−170	−200	volts
D-C Plate Current	145	180	200	184	167	ma
D-C Screen Current*	17	20	23	18	12	ma
D-C Grid Current*	6	8	11	9	7	ma
Peak R-F Grid Input Voltage	170	200	240	250	270	volts
Driving Power*	1.0	1.6	2.6	2.3	1.9	watts
Grid Dissipation*	.3	.6	1.0	.8	.5	watts
Screen Dissipation*	8.5	10	12	9	6	watts
Plate Dissipation	55	95	125	125	125	watts
Plate Power Input	145	270	400	460	500	watts
Plate Power Output	90	175	275	335	375	watts

TYPICAL OPERATION
Zero Suppressor Volts, 750 Screen Volts

D-C Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	−170	−180	−200	−225	−250	volts
D-C Plate Current	160	200	200	186	167	ma
D-C Screen Current*	21	24	22	12	9	ma
D-C Grid Current*	3	6	6	4	3	ma
Peak R-F Grid Input Voltage	205	235	257	270	290	volts
Driving Power*	.6	1.4	1.5	1.1	.9	watts
Grid Dissipation*	.1	.4	.3	.2	.2	watts
Screen Dissipation*	16	18	17	9	7	watts
Plate Dissipation	45	85	100	115	125	watts
Plate Power Input	160	300	400	465	500	watts
Plate Power Output	115	215	300	350	375	watts

*Approximate Values

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PLATE-MODULATED RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER

Class-C Telephony, Frequencies up to 75 Mc.
(Carrier conditions, per tube, unless otherwise specified)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

D-C PLATE VOLTAGE	3200 MAX. VOLTS
D-C SCREEN VOLTAGE	750 MAX. VOLTS
D-C GRID VOLTAGE	-500 MAX. VOLTS
D-C PLATE CURRENT	160 MAX. MA
PLATE DISSIPATION	85 MAX. WATTS
SUPPRESSOR DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	5 MAX. WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION
Zero Suppressor Volts, 500 Screen Volts

D-C Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	2500	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	−190	−195	−200	−205	volts
D-C Plate Current	149	150	151	152	ma
D-C Screen Current*	20	18	17	16	ma
D-C Grid Current*	7	7	8	8	ma
Peak A-F Screen Voltage (100% Modulation)	350	350	350	350	volts
Peak R-F Grid Input Voltage	260	265	270	275	volts
Driving Power*	2	2	2	2	watts
Grid Dissipation*	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	watts
Screen Dissipation*	10	9	8.5	8	watts
Plate Dissipation	64	72	80	85	watts
Plate Power Input	149	225	300	380	watts
Plate Power Output	85	153	220	295	watts

SUPPRESSOR-MODULATED RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER

Class-C Telephony, Frequencies up to 75 Mc.
(Carrier conditions, per tube, unless otherwise specified)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

D-C PLATE VOLTAGE	4000 MAX. VOLTS
D-C SCREEN VOLTAGE	750 MAX. VOLTS
D-C GRID VOLTAGE	−500 MAX. VOLTS
D-C PLATE CURRENT	200 MAX. MA
PLATE DISSIPATION	125 MAX. WATTS
SUPPRESSOR DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	5 MAX. WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION

D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000	2500	3000	volts
D-C Suppressor Voltage	−220	−260	−305	−350	volts
Peak A-F Suppressor Voltage (100% Modulation)	220	260	305	350	volts
D-C Screen Voltage	400	400	400	400	volts
Fixed D-C Screen Voltage	610	645	650	610	volts
Screen Dropping Resistor[1]	5500	9100	10,000	8300	ohms
D-C Grid Voltage	−170	−180	−190	−200	volts
D-C Plate Current	59	59	59	60	ma
D-C Screen Current*	38	27	25	25	ma
D-C Grid Current*	6	5	5	4	ma
Peak R-F Grid Input Voltage	230	235	245	250	volts
Driving Power*	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	watts
Grid Dissipation*	.35	.25	.25	.20	watts
Screen Dissipation*	15	11	10	10	watts
Plate Dissipation	54	68	87	105	watts
Plate Power Input	89	118	148	180	watts
Plate Power Output	35	50	61	75	watts

[1]Adjust to stated d-c screen voltage.

AUDIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER OR MODULATOR

Class-AB, Sinusoidal Wave

MAXIMUM RATINGS (Per Tube)

D-C PLATE VOLTAGE	4000 MAX. VOLTS
D-C SCREEN VOLTAGE	750 MAX. VOLTS
D-C GRID VOLTAGE	−500 MAX. VOLTS
D-C PLATE CURRENT	200 MAX. MA
PLATE DISSIPATION	125 MAX. WATTS
SUPPRESSOR DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	20 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	5 MAX. WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION (Two tubes unless otherwise specified)
Class-AB_1

D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000	2500	volts
D-C Suppressor Voltage	0	0	0	volts
D-C Screen Voltage	500	500	500	volts
D-C Grid Voltage[1]	−70	−80	−85	volts
Zero-Signal D-C Plate Current	110	85	65	ma
Max-Signal D-C Plate Current	205	210	220	ma
Zero-Signal D-C Screen Current*	0	0	0	ma
Max-Signal D-C Screen Current*	15	13	8	ma
Effective Plate-to-Plate Load	13,700	18,000	20,000	ohms
Peak A-F Grid Voltage (per tube)	70	80	85	volts
Max-Signal Driving Power*	0	0	0	watts
Max-Signal Plate Power Input	310	420	550	watts
Max-Signal Plate Power Output	200	250	300	watts

[1]Adjust to stated zero-signal d-c plate current. The effective grid circuit resistance for each tube must not exceed 250,000 ohms.

TYPICAL OPERATION (Two tubes unless otherwise specified)
Class-AB_2

D-C Plate Voltage	1500	2000	2500	volts
D-C Suppressor Voltage	60	0	0	volts
D-C Screen Voltage	500	500	500	volts
D-C Grid Voltage[1]	−70	−80	−85	volts
Zero-Signal D-C Plate Current	110	85	65	ma
Max-Signal D-C Plate Current	365	295	250	ma
Zero-Signal D-C Screen Current*	0	0	0	ma
Max-Signal D-C Screen Current*	11	16	13	ma
Effective Plate-to-Plate Load	7300	13,000	20,000	ohms
Peak A-F Grid Input Voltage (per tube)	100	100	95	volts
Max-Signal Driving Power*	0.5	0.3	0.2	watts
Max-Signal Plate Power Input	550	590	625	watts
Max-Signal Plate Power Output	300	350	400	watts

[1]Adjust to stated zero-signal d-c plate current.
*Approximate values.

IF IT IS DESIRED TO OPERATE THIS TUBE UNDER CONDITIONS WIDELY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GIVEN UNDER "TYPICAL OPERATION" POSSIBLY EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM RATINGS GIVEN FOR CW SERVICE, WRITE EIMAC, DIVISION OF VARIAN, FOR INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

APPLICATION

MECHANICAL

Mounting—The 4E27A/5-125B must be mounted vertically, base down or up. The plate lead should be flexible, and the tube must be protected from vibration and shock.

Cooling—A heat dissipating connector (Eimac HR-5 or equivalent) is required at the plate terminal, and provision must be made for the free circulation of air through the socket and through the holes in the base. If the E. F Johnson Co. 122-237 socket recommended under "General Characteristics" is to be used, the model incorporating a ventilating hole should be specified.

At high ambient temperatures, at frequencies above 75 Mc., or when the flow of air is restricted, it may become necessary to provide forced air circulation in sufficient quantity to prevent the temperature of the plate and base seals from exceeding 225°C. Forced movement of air across the tube seals and envelope is always beneficial, though not necessarily required.

Tube temperatures may be measured with the aid of "Tempilaq," a temperature-sensitive lacquer manufactured by the Tempil Corporation, 132 West 22nd Street, New York 11, N. Y.

ELECTRICAL

Filament Voltage—For maximum tube life the filament voltage, as measured directly at the base pins, should be the rated value of 5.0 volts. Variations should be held within the range of 4.75 to 5.25 volts.

Grid Voltage—Although a maximum of —500 volts bias may be applied to the grid, there is little advantage in using bias voltages in excess of those listed under "Typical Operation," except in certain specialized applications.

When grid-leak bias is used, suitable protective means must be provided to prevent excessive plate dissipation in the event of loss of excitation, and the grid-leak resistor should be made adjustable to facilitate maintaining the bias voltage and plate current at the desired value from tube to tube.

In class-C operation, particularly at high frequency, both grid bias and grid drive should be only great enough to provide satisfactory operation at good plate efficiency.

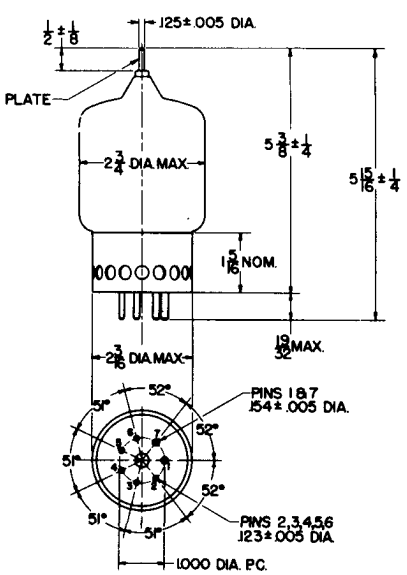
Screen Dissipation—Decrease or removal of plate load, plate voltage or bias voltage may result in screen dissipation in excess of the 20 watt maximum rating. The tube may be protected by an overload relay in the screen circuit set to remove the screen voltage when the dissipation exceeds 20 watts.

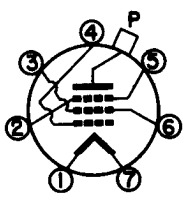
Resistors placed in the screen circuit for the purpose of developing an audio modulating voltage on the screen in modulated radio-frequency amplifiers should be made variable to permit adjustment when replacing tubes.

Plate Dissipation—Plate dissipation in excess of the 125-watt maximum rating is permissible for short periods of time, such as during tuning procedures.

Operation—If reasonable precautions are taken to prevent coupling between the input and output circuits, the 4E27A/5-125B may usually be operated at frequencies up to 75 Mc. without neutralization. A conventional method of obtaining the necessary shielding between the grid and plate circuits is to use a suitable metal chassis with the grid circuit mounted below the deck and the plate circuit above. The tube socket should be mounted flush with the under side of the chassis deck, and spring fingers mounted around the socket opening should make contact between the chassis and the metal base shell of the tube. Power-supply leads entering the amplifier should be by-passed to ground and properly shielded. The output circuit and antenna feeders should be arranged so as to preclude any possibility of feedback to other circuits.

Feedback at high frequencies may be due to the inductance of leads, particularly those of the screen and suppressor-grids. By-passing methods and means of placing these grids at r-f ground potential are discussed in Application Bulletin Number Eight, "The Care and Feeding of Power Tetrodes," available from Eimac, Division of Varian. Much of the material contained in this bulletin may be applied to pentodes.





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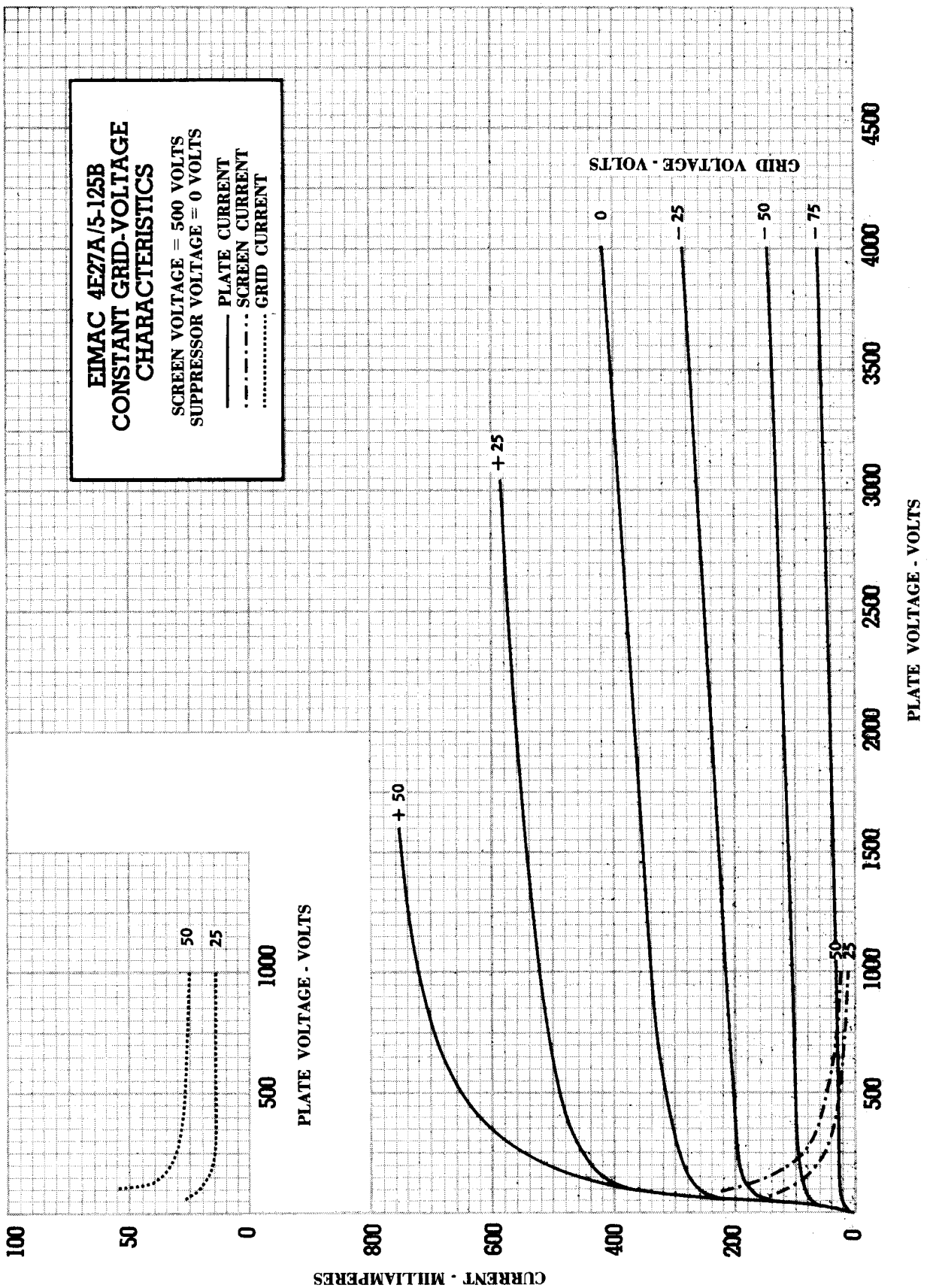
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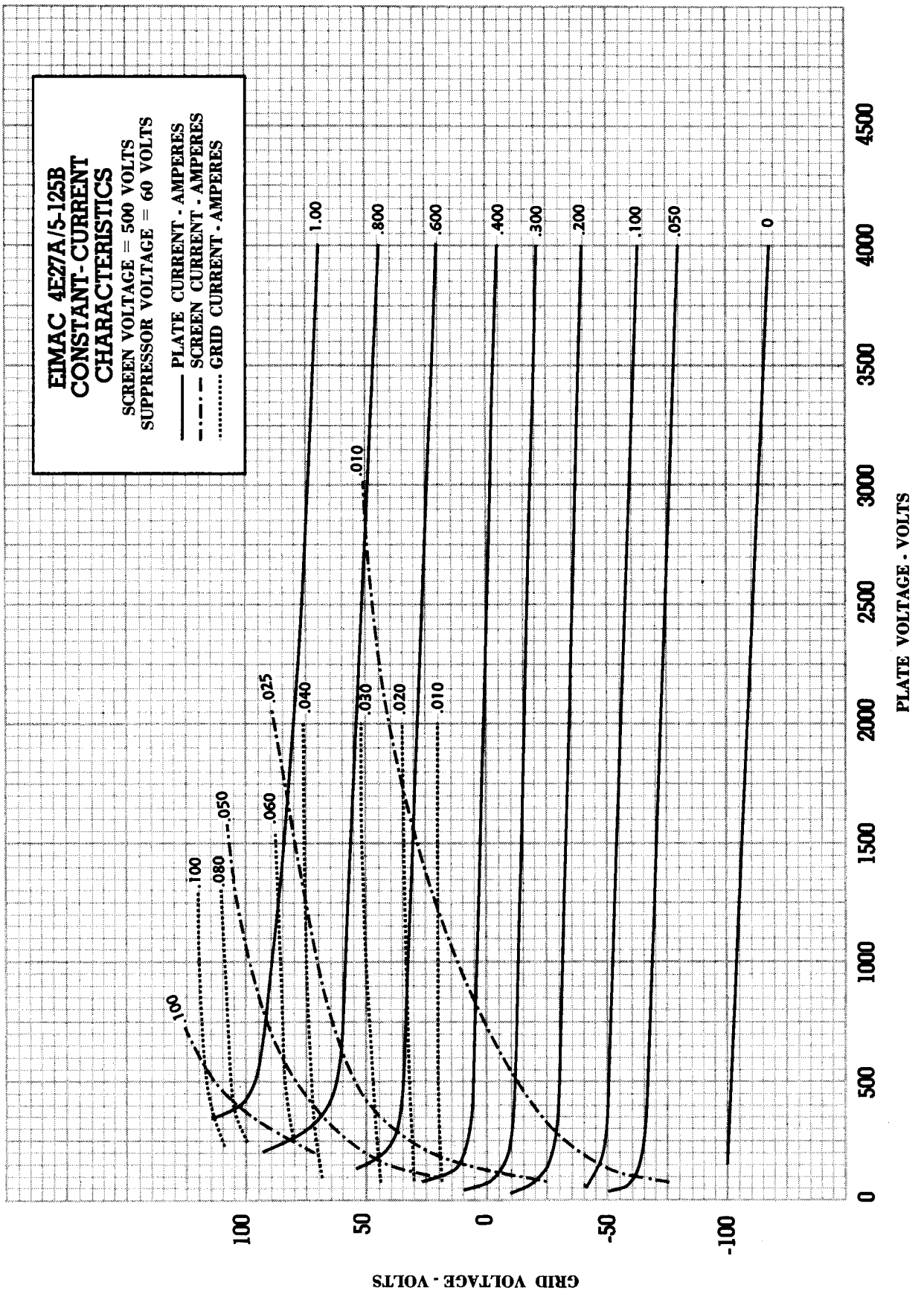
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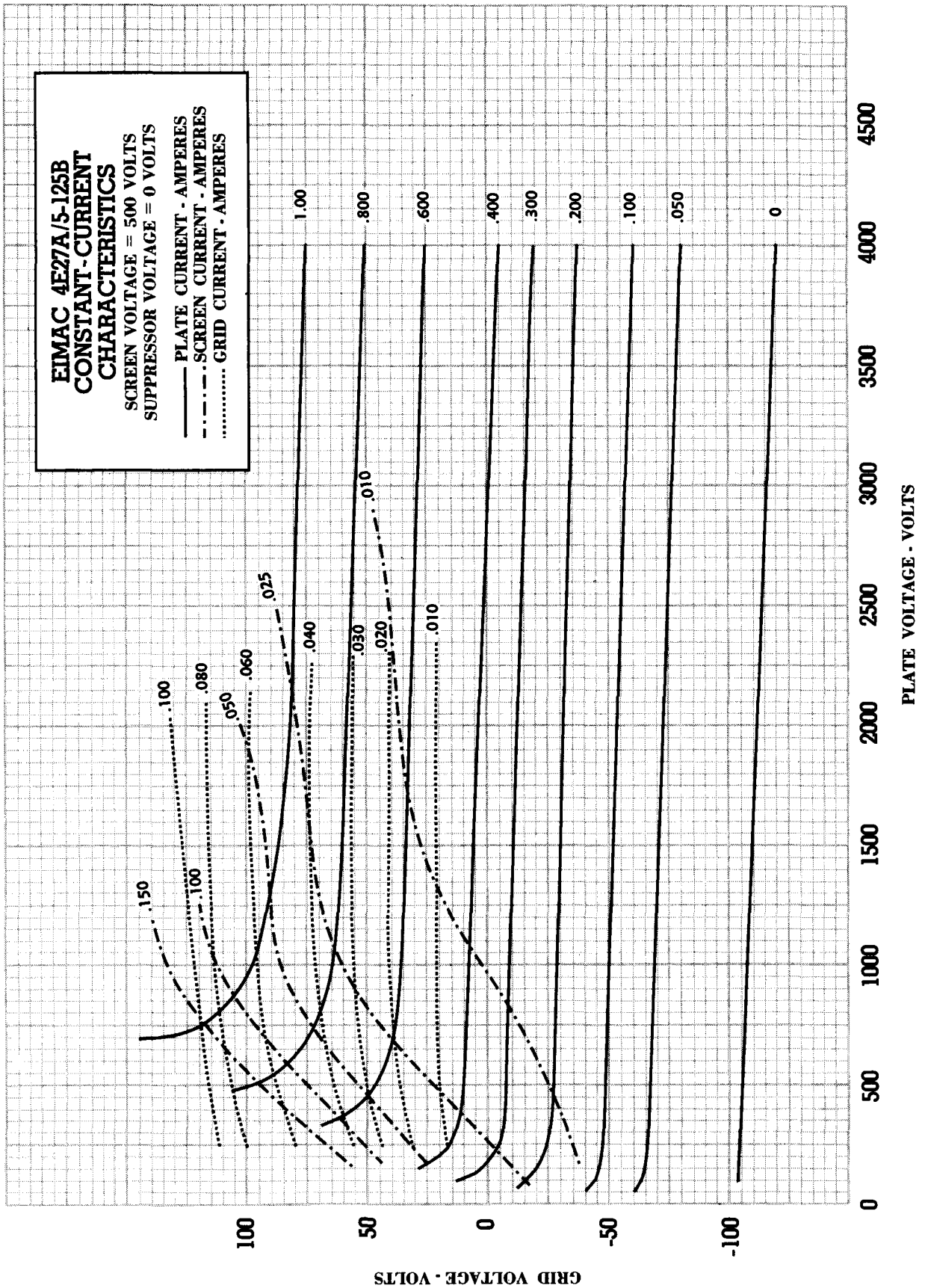
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