



PLANAR TRIODE



DESCRIPTION AND RATING

FOR GROUNDED-GRID OSCILLATOR AND AMPLIFIER SERVICE

Metal and Ceramic	Low Interelectrode Capacitances
High Transconductance	Shock Resistant
100 Watts Plate Dissipation	

The 6897 is a metal-and-ceramic, high- μ triode designed for use as a grounded-grid oscillator or amplifier at frequencies as high as 2500 megacycles.

Features of the 6897 include planar electrode construction, high plate dissipation capability, excellent electrode isolation, low radio-frequency losses, high transconductance, and low interelectrode capacitances.

GENERAL

ELECTRICAL

Cathode—Coated Unipotential
 Heater Characteristics and Ratings
 Heater Voltage, AC or DC * Volts
 Heater Current at $E_f = 6.3$ volts 1.03† Amperes
 Direct Interelectrode Capacitances‡
 Grid to Plate: (g to p) 2.01 pf
 Grid to Cathode: (g to k) 6.5 pf
 Plate to Cathode: (p to k) 0.023 pf

MECHANICAL

Mounting Position—Any—Only Plate Flange to be Used as a Socket Stop and Clamp
 Net Weight, approximate 2 Ounces
 Cooling
 Plate and Plate Seal—Conduction and Forced Air
 Grid and Cathode Seals—Conduction and Forced Air
 Recommended Air Flow Cowling—157-JAN
 Recommended Air Flow on Plate Radiator at Sea Level
 Incoming Air Temperature 25C,
 Plate Dissipation
 100 Watts 12.5 Cu. Ft./Min.

MAXIMUM RATINGS

ABSOLUTE-MAXIMUM VALUES

RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR—CLASS C TELEGRAPHY

Key-down Conditions per Tube Without Amplitude Modulation§
 Heater Voltage* 4.5 to 6.3 Volts
 DC Plate Voltage 1000 Volts
 Negative DC Grid Voltage 150 Volts
 Peak Positive RF Grid Voltage 30 Volts
 Peak Negative RF Grid Voltage 400 Volts
 DC Grid Current 50 Milliamperes
 DC Cathode Current 125 Milliamperes
 Plate Dissipation 100 Watts
 Grid Dissipation 2.0 Watts
 Envelope Temperature at Hottest Point # .250 C

RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR—CLASS C TELEPHONY

Carrier Conditions per Tube for Use With a Maximum Modulation Factor of 1.0
 Heater Voltage* 4.5 to 6.3 Volts
 DC Plate Voltage¶ 600 Volts
 Negative DC Grid Voltage 150 Volts
 Peak Positive RF Grid Voltage 30 Volts
 Peak Negative RF Grid Voltage 400 Volts
 DC Grid Current 50 Milliamperes
 DC Cathode Current 100 Milliamperes
 Plate Dissipation 70 Watts
 Grid Dissipation 2.0 Watts
 Envelope Temperature at Hottest
 Point # 250 C

Absolute-Maximum ratings are limiting values of operating and environmental conditions applicable to any electron tube of a specified type as defined by its published data and should not be exceeded under the worst probable conditions.

The tube manufacturer chooses these values to provide acceptable serviceability of the tube, making no allowance for equipment variations, environmental variations, and the effects of changes in operating conditions due to variations in the characteristics of the tube under consideration and of

all other electron devices in the equipment.

The equipment manufacturer should design so that initially and throughout life no absolute-maximum value for the intended service is exceeded with any tube under the worst probable operating conditions with respect to supply-voltage variation, equipment component variation, equipment control adjustment, load variation, signal variation, environmental conditions, and variations in the characteristics of the tube under consideration and of all other electron devices in the equipment.

CHARACTERISTICS AND TYPICAL OPERATION

AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Heater Voltage.....	6.3	Volts
Plate Voltage.....	600	Volts
Grid Voltage Δ		Volts
Amplification Factor.....	95	
Transconductance.....	24800	Micromhos
Plate Current.....	75	Milliamperes

RADIO-FREQUENCY OSCILLATOR—CLASS C

Frequency.....	500	2500	Megacycles
Heater Voltage.....	6.0	5.0	Volts
DC Plate Voltage.....	900	900	Volts
DC Plate Current.....	90	90	Milliamperes
DC Grid Current.....	30	27	Milliamperes
DC Grid Voltage.....	-40	-22	Volts
Useful Power Output.....	40	17	Watts

* The equipment designer should design the equipment so that heater voltage is centered at some value within the range of 4.5 to 6.3 volts. Heater voltage variations about the center value should be kept as small as practical and should not, in any case, exceed $\pm 5\%$. The optimum center value of heater voltage depends on the cathode current and on other parameters of circuit design and operation. For specific recommendations, contact your General Electric tube sales representative.

† Heater current of a bogey tube at $E_f = 6.3$ volts.

‡ Measured in a special shielded socket.

§ Modulation essentially negative may be used if the positive peak of the audio-frequency envelope does not exceed 115 percent of the carrier conditions.

* Where long life and reliable operation are important, lower envelope temperatures should be used.

¶ For modulation factors less than 1.0, a higher d-c plate voltage may be used if the sum of the peak positive audio voltage and the d-c plate voltage does not exceed 1200 volts.

Δ Adjusted for $I_b = 75$ milliamperes.

INITIAL CHARACTERISTICS LIMITS

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Heater Current				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts.....	950	1030	1100	Milliamperes
Grid Voltage				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, $E_b = 600$ volts, $I_b = 75$ ma.....	-1.3	-2.5	-3.5	Volts
Grid Voltage				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, $E_b = 600$ volts, $I_b = 1.0$ ma.....	-7.0	-9.5	-15	Volts
Transconductance				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, $E_b = 600$ volts, E_c adjusted for $I_b = 75$ ma.....	22000	24800	27500	Micromhos
Amplification Factor				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, $E_b = 600$ volts, E_c adjusted for $I_b = 75$ ma.....	75	95	115	
Negative Grid Current				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, $E_b = 600$ volts, E_c adjusted for $I_b = 75$ ma.....			3.0	Microamperes
Interelectrode Leakage Resistance				
$E_f = 6.3$ volts, Polarity of applied d-c interelectrode voltage is such that no cathode emission results				
Grid to Cathode at 500 volts d-c.....	50			Megohms
Interelectrode Capacitances				
Grid to Plate: (g to p).....	1.89	2.01	2.13	Picofarads
Grid to Cathode: (g to k).....	6.0	6.5	7.0	Picofarads
Plate to Cathode: (p to k).....	0.018	0.023	0.029	Picofarads

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TESTS

Min. Max.

Oscillator Power Output

Tubes are tested for power output as an oscillator under the following conditions: $E_f = 5.0$ volts; $F = 2500$ MC, min.; $E_b = 1000$ volts; $I_b = 90$ ma. 15 Watts

Low Pressure Voltage Breakdown Test

Statistical sample tested for voltage breakdown at a pressure of 27 mm Hg. Tubes shall not give visual evidence of flashover when 1000 volts RMS, 60 cps, is applied between the plate and grid terminals

DEGRADATION RATE TESTS

Shock

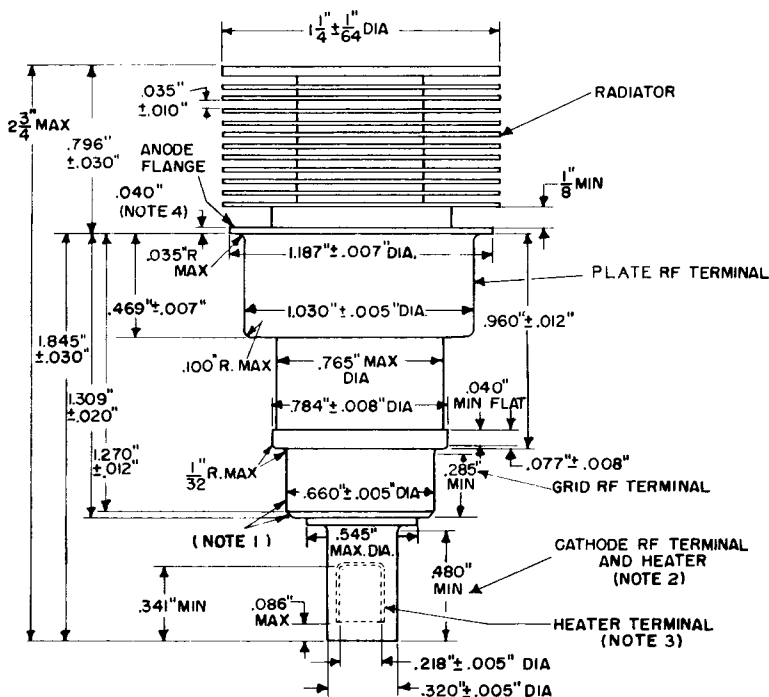
Statistical sample subjected to 5 impact accelerations of approximately 400 G and 1.0 milliseconds duration in each of four positions. The accelerating forces are applied by the Navy-type, High Impact (flyweight) Shock Machine.

500-Hour Life Test

Statistical sample operated for 500 hours as an oscillator to evaluate changes in power output with life.

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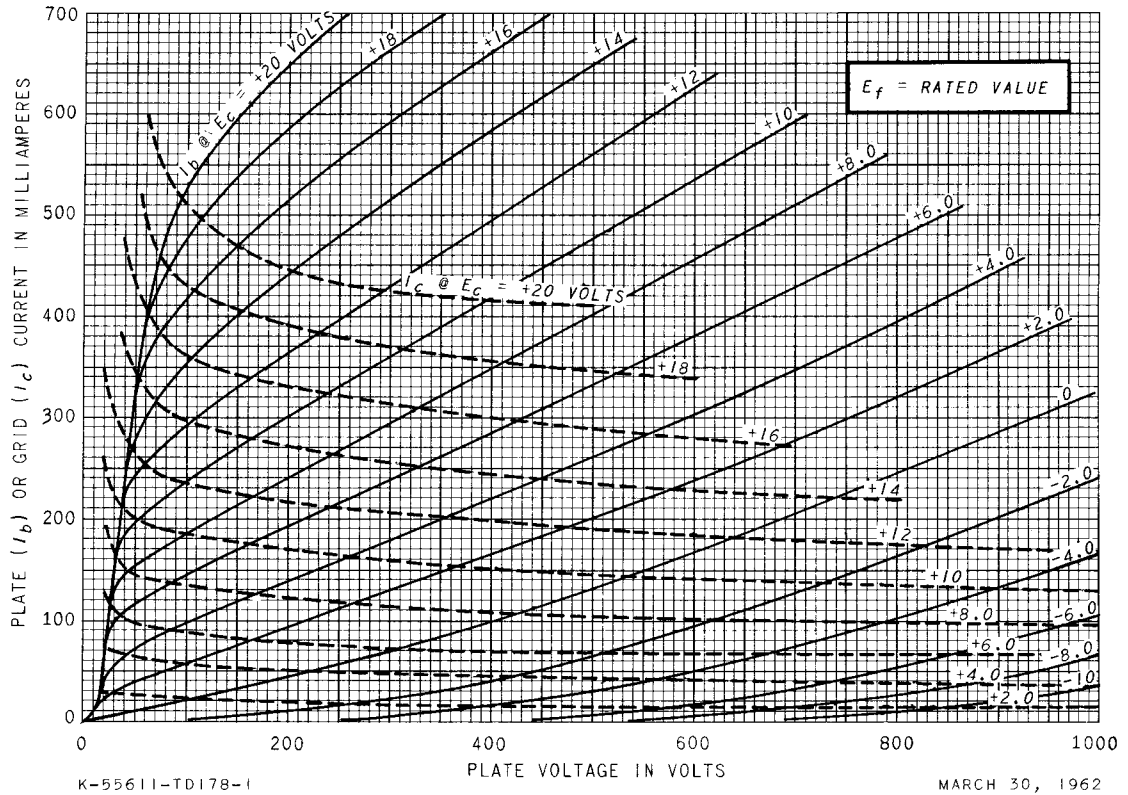
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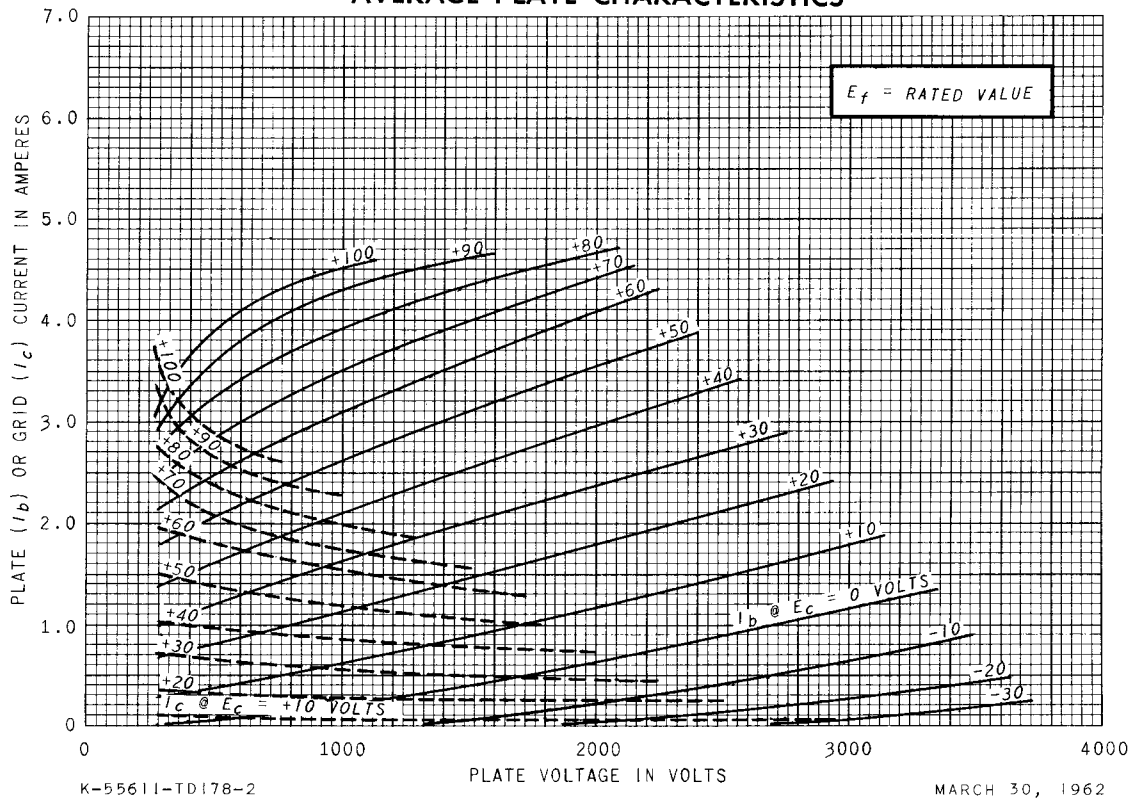
NOTES:

1. Solder not to extend radially beyond grid RF terminal.
 2. Total indicated runout of the grid-contact surface and the cathode-contact surface with respect to the anode shall not exceed 0.020".
 3. Total indicated runout of the cathode-contact surface with respect to the heater-contact surface shall not exceed 0.012".
 4. Only this flange to be used as a socket stop and clamp.
- * New pages 3 to 6 supersede pages 3 and 4 dated 12-61.

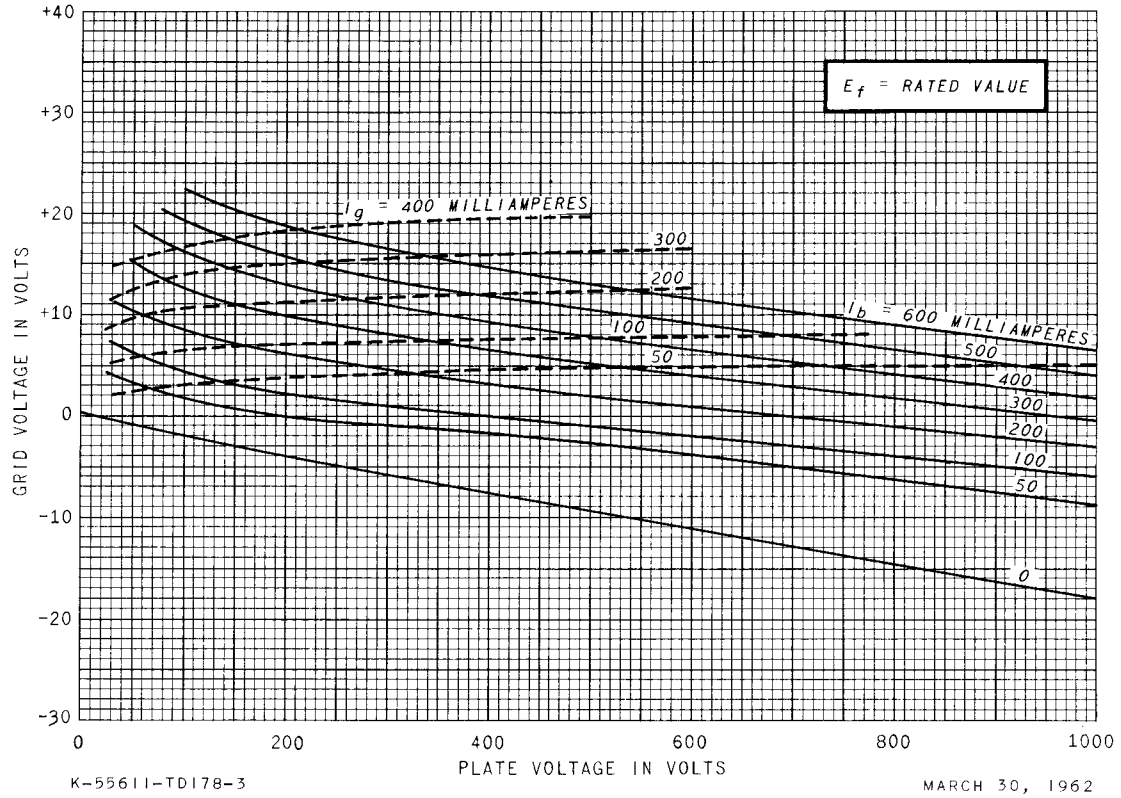
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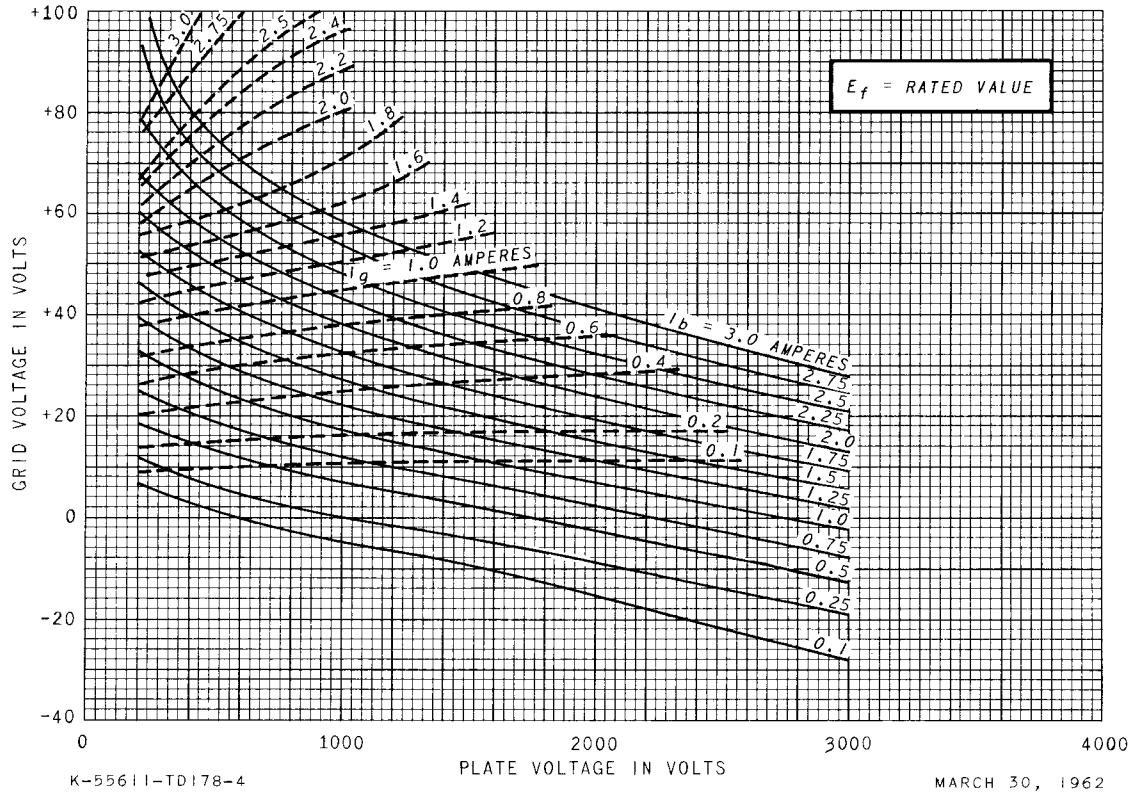
AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS



AVERAGE CONSTANT-CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS



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RECEIVING TUBE DEPARTMENT

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