

engineering data service

6946

ADVANCE DATA

The Sylvania Type 6946 is a subminiature medium mu triode. This type is characterized by extraordinary freedom from interelement short circuits of short term duration, by high resistance to interelement leakage, and by stable performance. In addition, vibrational output when the tube is subjected to wide band (White Noise) vibration is held to a very low value. It is suitable for service at high altitudes and where severe conditions of mechanical shock, vibration and high temperature are encountered. These characteristics give the type special value in guided missile applications.

MECHANICAL DATA

Bulb	T-3
Base	E8-10 Subminiature Button
Outline	3-11
Basing	8DK
Cathode	Coated Unipotential
Mounting Position	Any

RATINGS¹

Bulb Temperature (At Hottest Point)	250 °C	Max.
Operational Altitude	80,000 Ft	Max.

DURABILITY CHARACTERISTICS²

Impact Acceleration ³	100 G
Vibrational Acceleration for an Extended Period ⁴	10 G
On-Off Heater Cycles ⁵	2000

ELECTRICAL DATA

HEATER CHARACTERISTICS

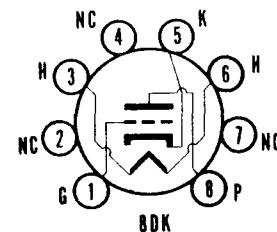
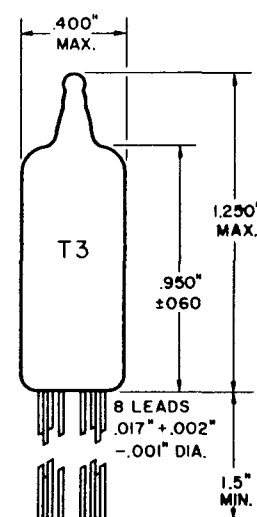
Heater Voltage	6.3 V	
Heater Current	175 mA	
Heater-Cathode Voltage (Absolute Values)	200 v	Max.

CONTROLLED DETRIMENTS

Interelectrode Insulation ⁶	500 Meg	Min.
Total Grid Current ⁷	-0.4 μ A dc	Max.
Grid Emission ⁸	-0.5 μ A dc	Max.
Hum Output	15 mv pk-pk	Max.
White Noise Vibration Output ¹⁰	75 mv pk-pk	Max.
	10 mV rms	Max.
Heater-Cathode Leakage ¹¹	5.0 μ A dc	Max.

QUICK REFERENCE DATA

The Sylvania Type 6946 is a subminiature general purpose medium mu triode designed specifically for guided missile service.



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DIRECT INTERELECTRODE CAPACITANCES (Without External Shield)

Grid to Plate	1.0	μuf
Input: g to (h + k)	1.6	μuf
Output: p to (h + k)	0.75	μuf

RATINGS¹ (Absolute Values)

Heater Voltage Variation	6.3 $\pm$ 10%	V	Max.
Instantaneous Plate Voltage	360	v	Max.
Plate Voltage	250	Vdc	Max.
Plate Dissipation	1.5	W	Max.
Cathode Current	15	mAdc	Max.
Positive Grid Voltage	0	Vdc	Max.
Negative Grid Voltage	55	Vdc	Max.
External Grid Circuit Resistance	1.0	Meg	Max.

AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Conditions:

Heater Voltage	6.3	V
Plate Voltage	100	Vdc
Cathode Bias Resistor	270	Ohms
Plate Current	9.0	mAdc
Transconductance	3800	μmhos
Amplification Factor	16.5	
Grid No. 1 Voltage for $I_b = 10 \mu\text{A}$	-11.5	Vdc
Grid No. 1 Voltage for $I_b = 200 \mu\text{A}$	-8.5	Vdc
Operation Time ¹² (maximum)	20	secs

NOTES:

1. Limiting values beyond which normal tube life and normal tube performance may be impaired.
2. Tests performed as a measure of the mechanical durability of the tube structure.
3. Force as applied in any direction by the Navy Type High Impact (Flyweight) Shock Machine for Electronic Devices. Shock duration = 4 milliseconds.
4. Vibrational forces applied in any direction for a period of six hours repeatedly sweeping the range from 30 cps to 3000 cps and back, with the period of the sweep cycle being three minutes.
5. One cycle consists of the application of $E_f = 7.0 \text{ V}$ for one minute and interruption of the filament voltage for four minutes. A voltage of $E_{hk} = 140 \text{ Vac}$ is applied continuously.

6. Measured with $E_f = 6.3$ V; $E_g\text{-all} = -100$ Vdc; $E_p\text{-all} = -300$ Vdc; cathode is positive so that no cathode emission occurs.
7. Measured with $E_f = 6.3$ V; $E_b = 100$ Vdc; $R_k = 270$ Ohms; $R_g = 1.0$ Meg.
8. Preheated for five minutes with $E_f = 7.5$ V; $E_b = 250$ Vdc; $R_k = 2700$ Ohms; $R_g = 1.0$ Meg; then tested with $E_f = 7.5$ V; $E_b = 100$ Vdc; $E_c = 11.5$ Vdc; $R_g = 1.0$ Meg. This is a destructive test and therefore must be conducted on a sample basis.
9. Test with $E_f = 6.3$ V (400 cps), $E_b = 100$ Vdc; $R_k = 270$ Ohms; $R_L = 10,000$ Ohms; Measure the hum output across R_L in the frequency band from 20 cps to 5000 cps.
10. Test with $E_f = 6.3$ V; $E_b = 100$ Vdc; $R_k = 270$ Ohms; $R_p = 10,000$ Ohms. The White Noise voltage across R_p is filtered to roll off approximately 35 db between 10,000 cps and 13,000 cps and is then measured with both a peak meter and an rms reading meter. The vibrational force applied to the tube under test is such that the instantaneous values of acceleration form a White Noise spectrum from 100 cps to 5000 cps. Energy within this spectrum is distributed such that each octave of bandwidth delivers 2.3 G's rms acceleration. The degree of clipping is such that peak values of acceleration exceed 15 G's.
11. Measured with $E_f = 6.3$ V; $E_{hk} = \pm 100$ Vdc.
12. Operation time is the time required for a tube to reach a value of plate current equal to 85% of that value attained after three minutes.