

6CA4

TWIN DIODE

FOR FULL-WAVE POWER-RECTIFIER APPLICATIONS

DESCRIPTION AND RATING

The 6CA4 is a miniature, heater-cathode, twin diode for full-wave rectifier operation. High output current and small size make it especially suitable for compact amplifier designs.

GENERAL

ELECTRICAL

Cathode—Coated Unipotential
Heater Voltage, AC or DC..... $6.3 \pm 10\%$ Volts
Heater Current.....1.0 Amperes

MECHANICAL

Mounting Position—Any
Envelope—T-6½, Glass
Base—E9-1, Small Button 9-Pin

MAXIMUM RATINGS

RECTIFIER SERVICE—DESIGN-MAXIMUM VALUES

Peak Inverse Plate Voltage.....1200 Volts
AC Plate-Supply Voltage per Plate—See Rating Chart I
Steady-State Peak Plate Current per Plate.....500 Milliamperes
Transient Peak Plate Current per Plate,
Maximum Duration 0.2 Seconds.....1.85 Amperes
DC Output Current—See Rating Chart I
Heater-Cathode Voltage
Heater Negative with Respect to Cathode.....500 Volts

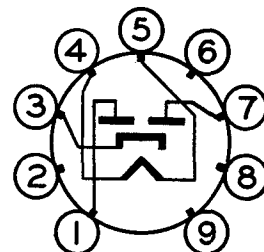
Design-Maximum ratings are limiting values of operating and environmental conditions applicable to a bogey tube of a specified type as defined by its published data, and should not be exceeded under the worst probable conditions.

These values are chosen by the tube manufacturer to provide acceptable serviceability of the tube, taking responsibility for the effects of changes in operating conditions due to variations in the characteristics of the tube under consideration.

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

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BASING DIAGRAM

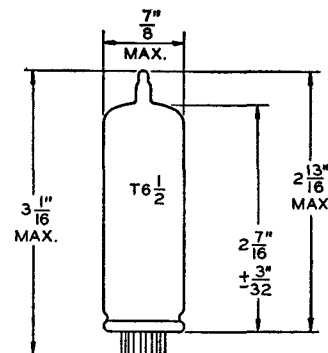


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TERMINAL CONNECTIONS

Pin 1—Plate Number 2
Pin 2—Internal Connection
Pin 3—Cathode
Pin 4—Heater
Pin 5—Heater
Pin 6—Internal Connection
Pin 7—Plate Number 1
Pin 8—Internal Connection
Pin 9—Internal Connection

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS



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CHARACTERISTICS AND TYPICAL OPERATION

FULL-WAVE RECTIFIER WITH CAPACITOR-INPUT FILTER

AC Plate-Supply Voltage per Plate, RMS	250	300	350	Volts
Filter Input Capacitor	50	50	50	Microfarads
Total Plate-Supply Resistance per Plate	150	200	240	Ohms
DC Output Current	150	150	150	Milliamperes
DC Output Voltage at Filter Input	245	293	347	Volts

Tube Voltage Drop

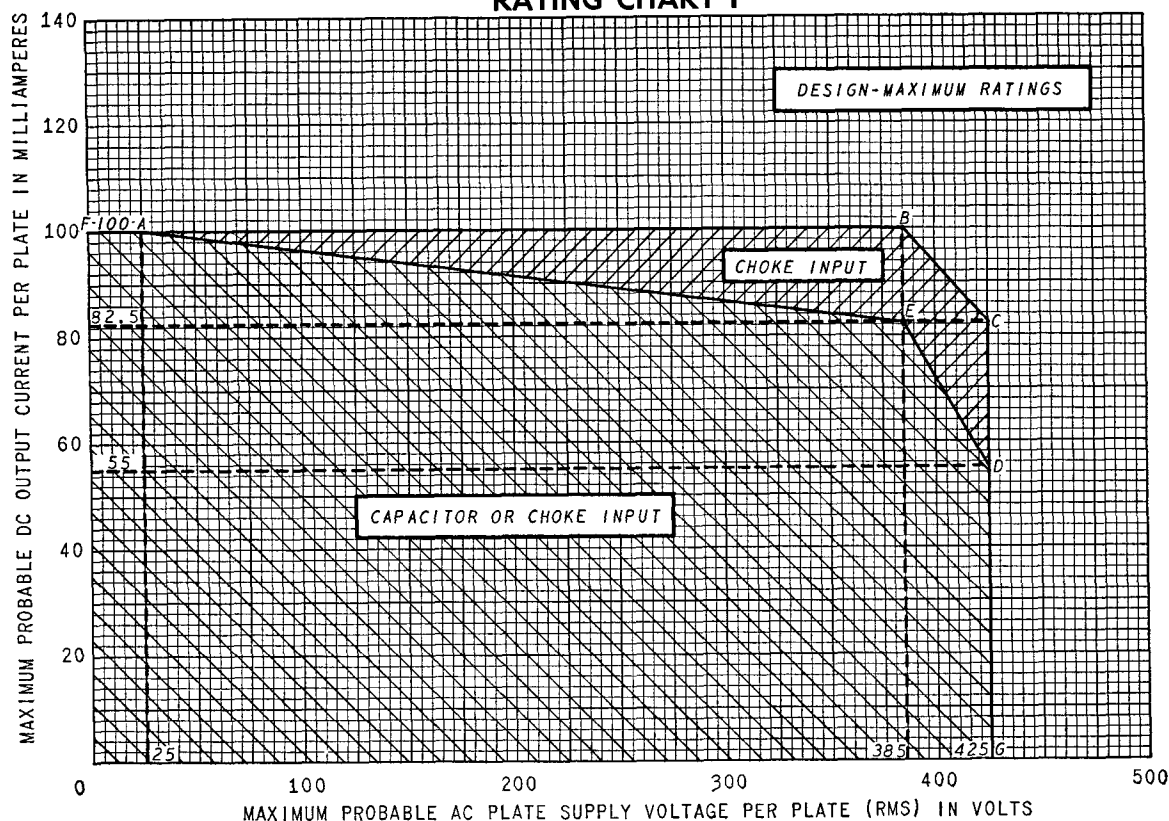
$I_b = 150$ Milliamperes DC per Plate 20 Volts

To simplify the application of the maximum ratings to circuit design, the Design-Maximum ratings are presented in chart form as Rating Charts I, II, and III. Rating Chart I presents the maximum ratings for a-c plate supply voltage and d-c output current. Rating Chart II provides a convenient method for checking conformance with the maximum steady-state peak-plate-current rating. Rating Chart III offers a convenient method for checking conformance with the maximum transient peak-plate-current rating. Rating Chart I applies to both capacitor-input and choke-input filters, while Rating Charts II and III apply to capacitor-input filters only.

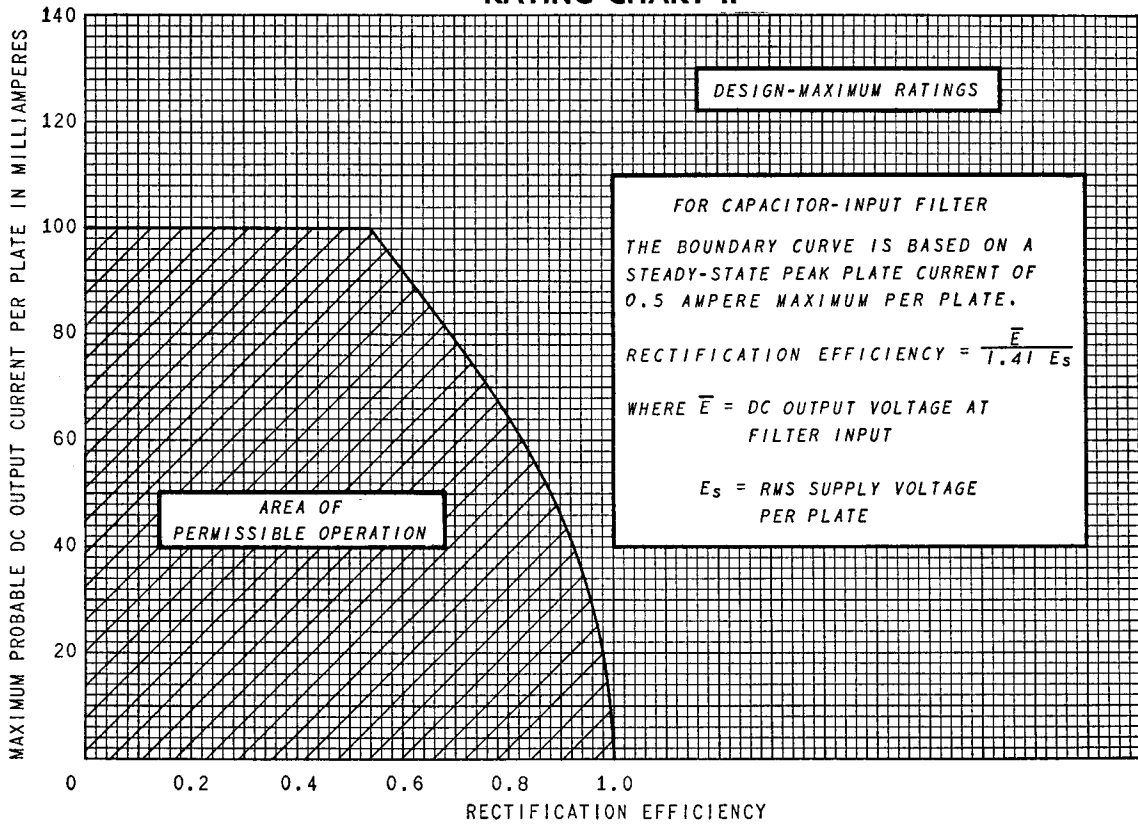
Operating points should be so selected that the boundary limits of a-c plate supply voltage and d-c output current on Rating Chart I, and maximum d-c output current per plate and rectification efficiency on Rating Chart II, are not exceeded with a bogey tube under the worst probable operating conditions with respect to supply-voltage variation, equipment component variation, equipment control adjustment, and environmental conditions. On Rating Chart I the boundary FAEDG defines the limits for capacitor-input filter operation, and the boundary FABCDG defines the limits for choke-input filter operation.

Rating Chart III shows the minimum value of plate supply resistance (R_s) required to remain within the transient peak-plate-current rating. The value of R_s should be such that it lies to the left of the line on Rating Chart III at the highest probable value of line voltage.

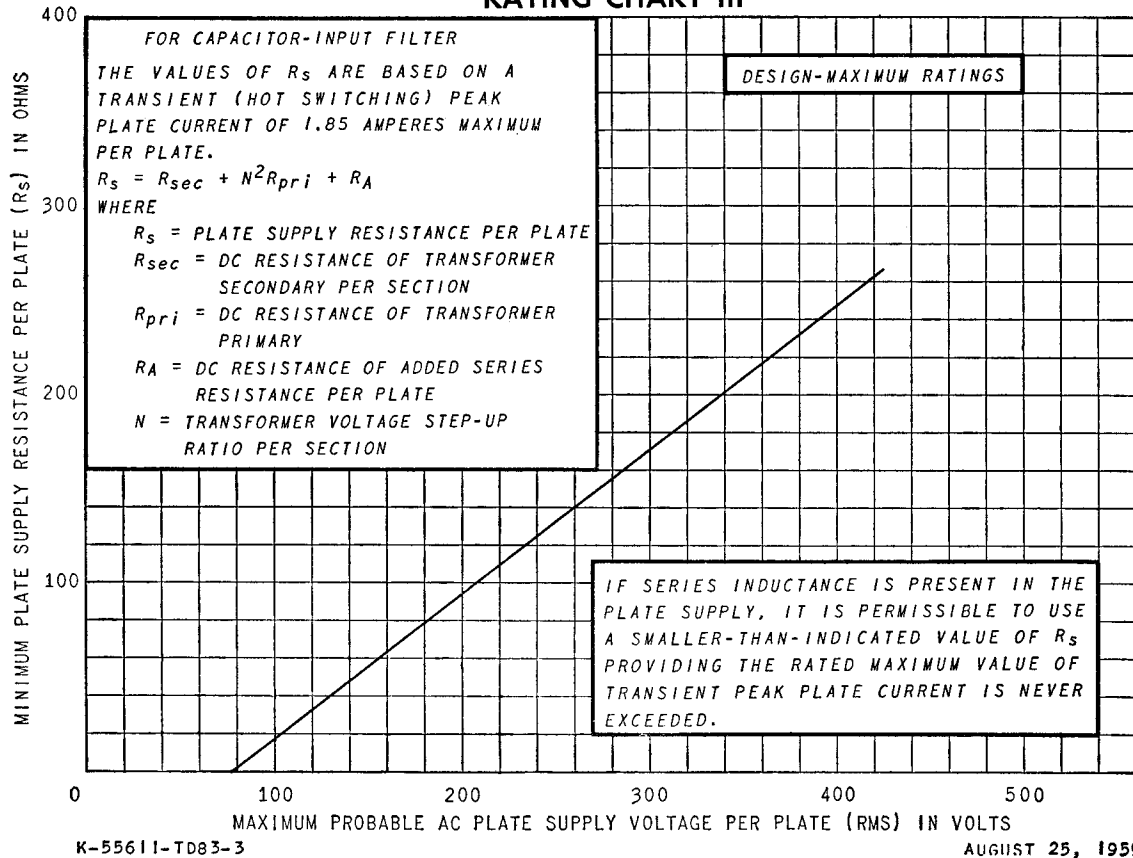
RATING CHART I



RATING CHART II

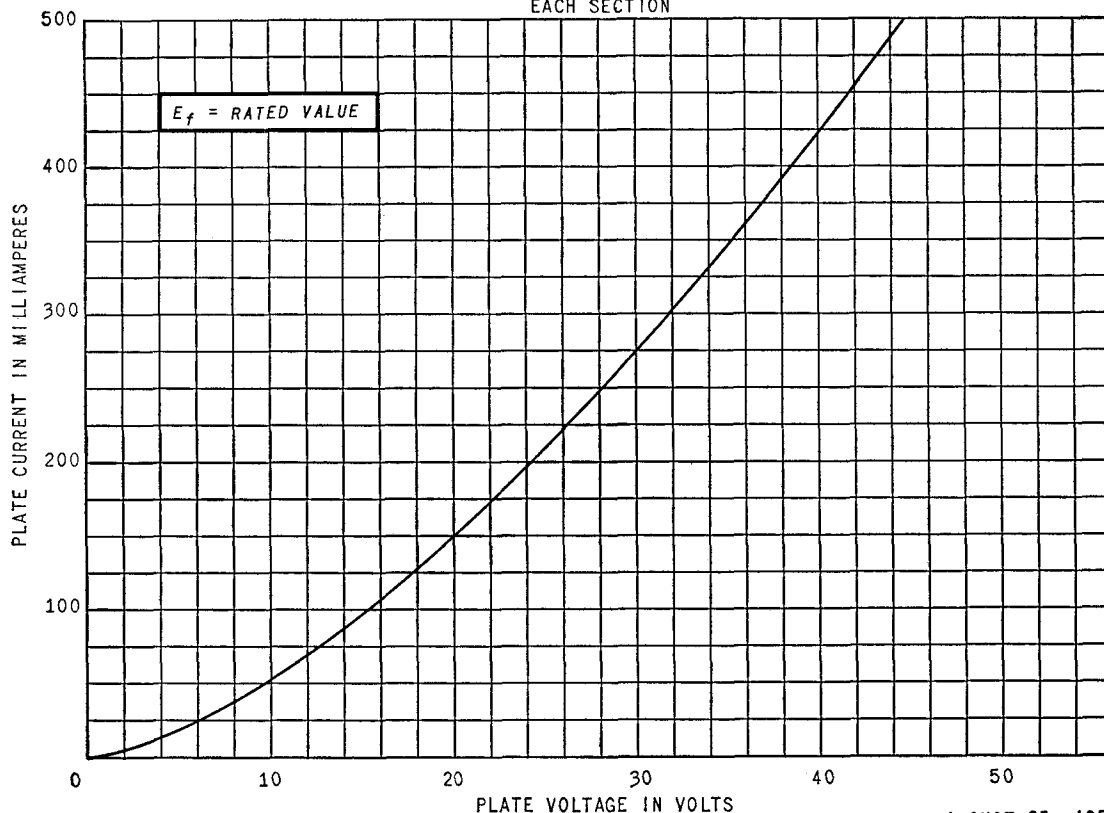


RATING CHART III



AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS

EACH SECTION

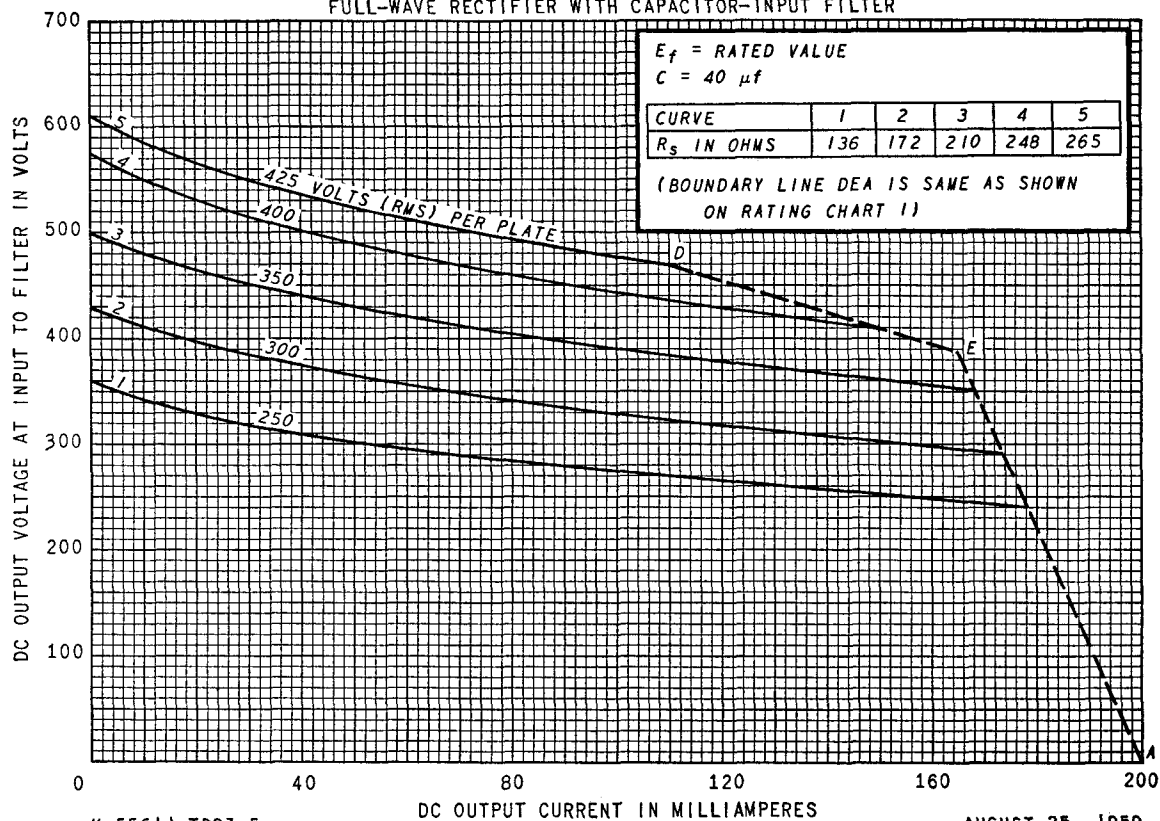


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OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS

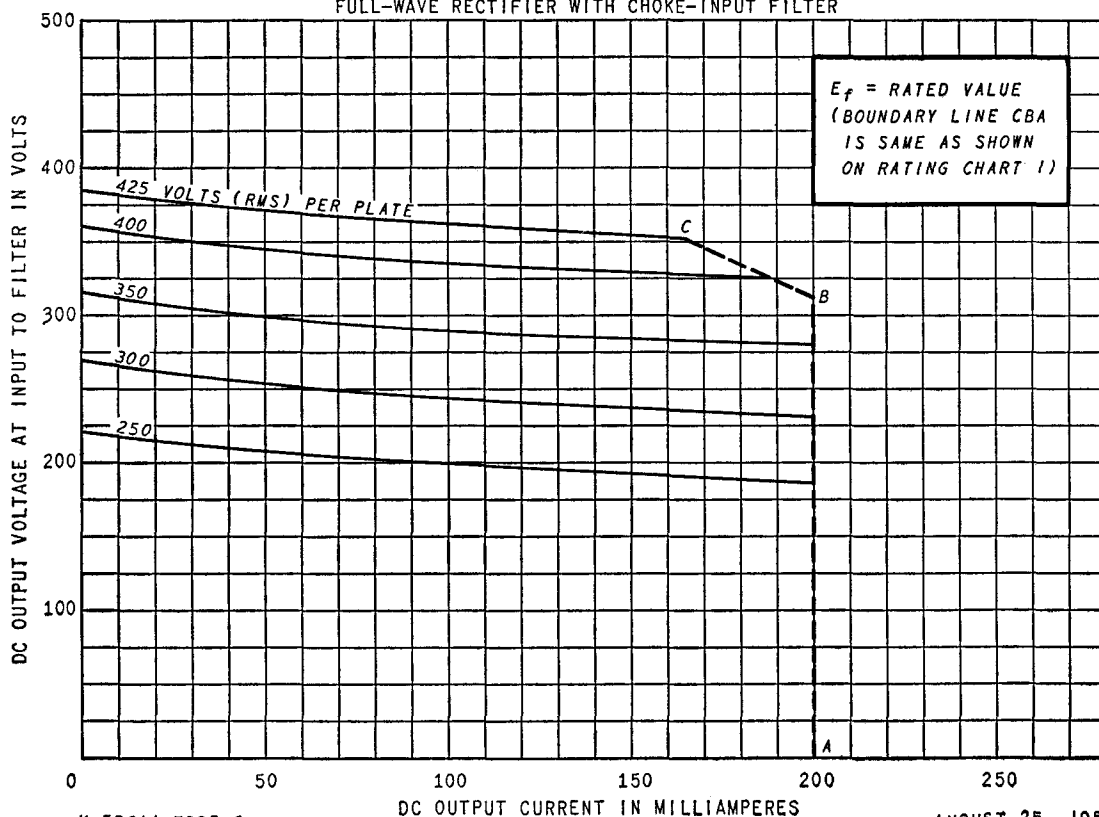
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OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS FULL-WAVE RECTIFIER WITH CHOKE-INPUT FILTER



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