



THYRATRON

DESCRIPTION

The FG-17 thyratron is a negative-control mercury-vapor tube for use where it is desired to actuate the tube with a change in negative grid

voltage. It requires relatively little grid power and is suitable for use in relay circuits where current flow is desired in the absence of grid excitation.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

These data are for reference only. For design information refer to specifications.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of electrodes.....3

Electrical

Cathode—Filamentary type

Filament voltage.....2.5 volts

Filament current, approx.....5.0 amperes

Filament heating time, typical.....5 seconds

Peak voltage drop, typical.....16 volts

Approximate control characteristics

Anode voltage.....50 100 1000 volts

Grid voltage.....0 -2.25 -6.50 volts

Anode to grid capacitance, approx.....4.4 micromicrofarads

Ionization time, approx.....10 microseconds

Deionization time, approx.....1000 microseconds

Mechanical

Net weight, approx.....3 ounces

Shipping weight, approx.....4 pounds

Mounting position.....vertical, base down

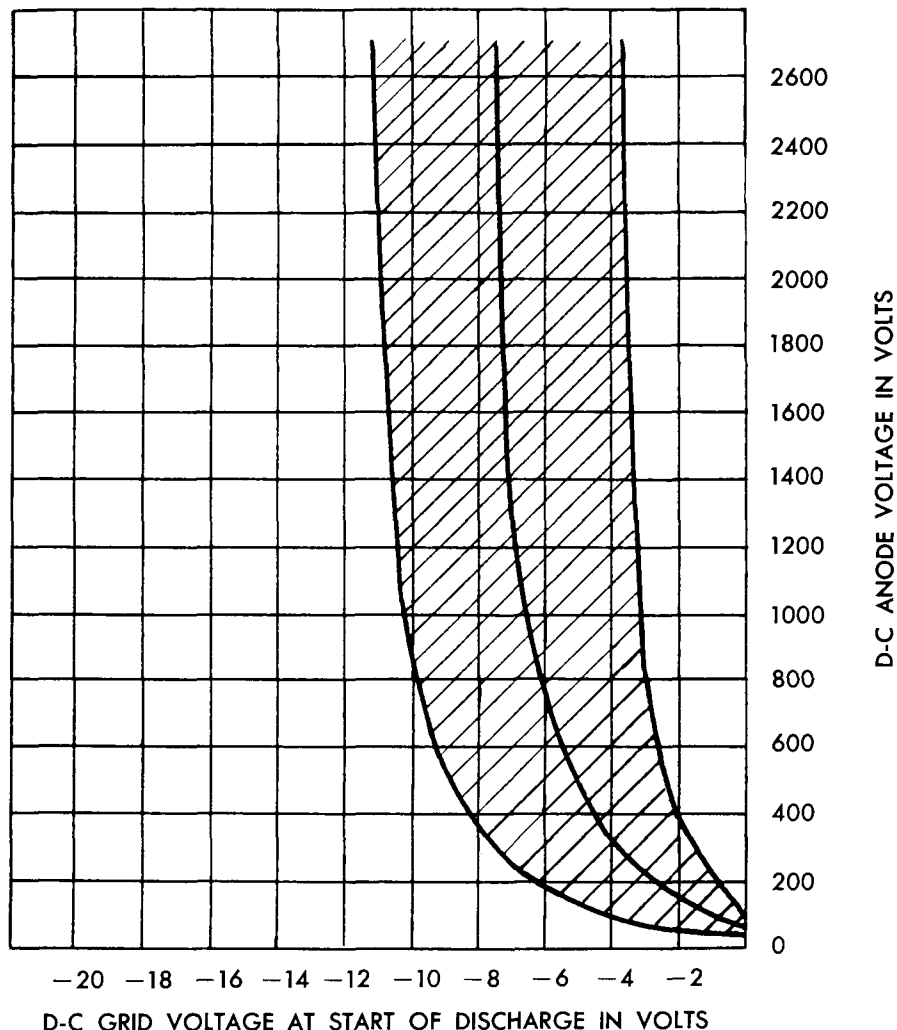


GENERAL  ELECTRIC

TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

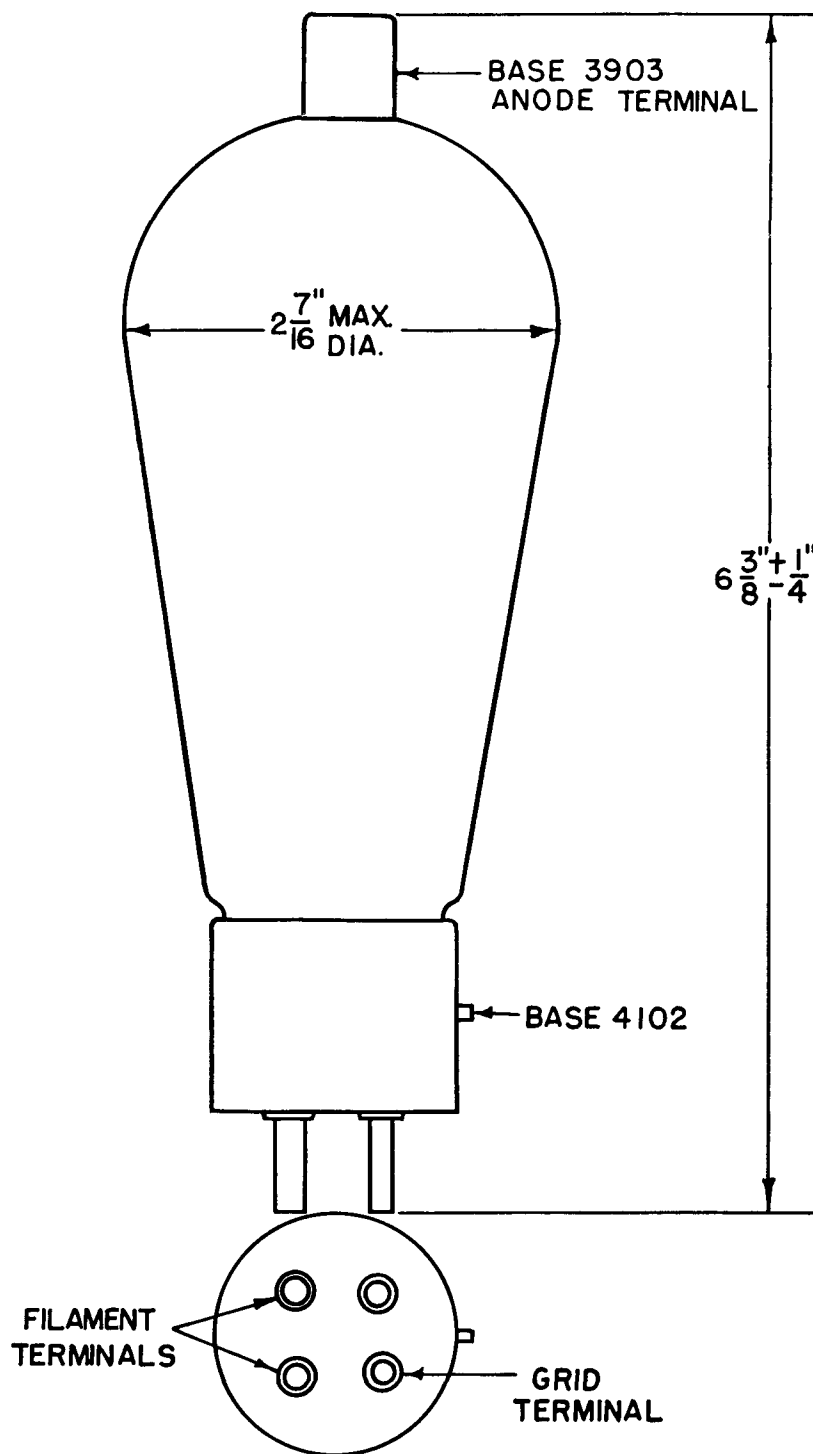
Maximum peak anode voltage	
Inverse.....	5000 volts
Forward.....	2500 volts
Maximum negative grid voltage	
Before conduction.....	500 volts
During conduction.....	10 volts
Maximum anode current	
Instantaneous, 25 cycles and above.....	2.0 amperes
Instantaneous, below 25 cycles.....	1.0 ampere
Average.....	0.5 ampere
Surge, for design only.....	40 amperes
Duration of surge current.....	0.1 second
Maximum grid current	
Instantaneous.....	0.25 ampere
Average.....	0.05 ampere
Maximum time of averaging current.....	15 seconds
Temperature limits, condensed mercury.....	+40 to +80 centigrade
Recommended temperature, condensed mercury.....	+40 centigrade



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TYPICAL CONTROL CHARACTERISTIC
SHADED AREA SHOWS RANGE OF CHARACTERISTICS
CONDENSED MERCURY TEMPERATURE 40 C



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