



TECHNICAL DATA

Y-540

PLANAR TRIODE

The Y-540 is a high voltage planar triode especially designed for switch or series regulator service, for general purpose as well as radar applications. Being essentially a UHF triode, the tube capacitances and inductances are small, which enhances operation in the nanosecond region. Other noteworthy features include an extended grid-anode insulator making 10 kV operation at sea level possible, and a matrix cathode of the arc-resistant, extended interface type. The tube exhibits the standard features of a planar triode, such as high transconductance, high μ , and high cathode current capability, coupled with great mechanical strength, permitting reliable operation at elevated temperatures.

The compact ceramic/metal construction and solder tabs provided on grid, cathode-heater, and heater terminals make this tube especially suited for ECM and other switch applications. The tube is small in size and light-weight. The cathode is an indirectly heated disc requiring minimal heater power. These are all factors of great importance in airborne applications.



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS¹

ELECTRICAL

Cathode: Oxide Coated, Unipotential

Heater: Voltage	6.3 $\pm$ 5% V
Current, at 6.3 volts	1.3 A
Cathode Heating Time	60 Sec

Transconductance (Average):

$I_b = 100$ mA	30 mmhos
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Amplification Factor (Average):	145
(Cut-off) ³	110

Direct Interelectrode Capacitance (grounded cathode)²

C_{in}	9.5 pF
C_{out}	0.06 pF
C_{gp}	1.00 pF

1. Characteristics and operating values are based upon performance tests. These figures may change without notice as the result of additional data or product refinement. EIMAC Division of Varian should be consulted before using this information for final equipment design.
2. Capacitance values are for a cold tube as measured in a special shielded fixture (Eimac Dwg. #EC-043-919-0002). When the cathode is heated to the proper temperature the grid-cathode capacitance will increase from the cold value by approximately 1 pF due to thermal expansion of the cathode.
3. Measured with one milliamperere plate current and a plate voltage of 1 kVdc.

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**MECHANICAL****Maximum Overall Dimensions:**

Length	1.56 in; 39.62 mm
Diameter	0.785 in; 19.94 mm
Net Weight	0.56 oz; 16.0 gm
Operating Position	Any

Maximum Operating Temperature:

Ceramic/Metal Seals	250°C
Anode Core	250°C
Cooling	Conduction, Forced Air with appropriate heat sink adaptor or radiator (Rad. P/N 157254, H.S.P/N SK-3020)

RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Heater: Current at 6.3 volts	1.20	1.40 A
Cathode Warmup Time	60	--- sec.
Maximum Inrush Current	---	10.0 A
Interelectrode Capacitance ¹ (grounded cathode connection)		
Cin	---	10.5 pF
Cout	---	0.06 pF
Cgp	---	1.65 pF

1. Capacitance values are for a cold tube as measured in a special shielded fixture (P/N EC-043-919-0002) in accordance with Electronic Industries Association Standard RS-191.

PULSE MODULATOR AND PULSE AMPLIFIER SERVICE**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	10 KILOVOLTS
PEAK PLATE VOLTAGE	12 KILOVOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-150 VOLTS
INSTANTANEOUS PEAK GRID-CATHODE VOLTAGE	
Grid negative to cathode	-750 VOLTS
Grid positive to cathode	150 VOLTS
PULSE CATHODE CURRENT	7.5 AMPERES
DC PLATE CURRENT	150 MILLAMPERES
DC GRID CURRENT	45 MILLAMPERES

AVERAGE PLATE DISSIPATION

Conduction and Convection Cooling ..	10 WATTS
Forced Air Cooling ¹	150 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	1.5 WATTS
PULSE DURATION ²	6.0 μ s
CUT-OFF Mu	110
DUTY ²	.0033

1. Only with Radiator #157271 attached with heat conducting grease such as Insulgrease S-641 (G.E.).

2. For applications using longer plus duration and/or higher duty cycle consult the nearest Varian Electron Tube & Devices Field Office, or the Product Manager, EIMAC Division of Varian, Salt Lake City, Utah.

APPLICATION

For general application information please refer to the Planar Triode Operating Instruction Sheet. The operating instructions should be consulted prior to the designing of new requirements around the

above tube type. For unusual and special applications consult the nearest Varian Electron Tube Field Office, or the Product Manager, EIMAC Division of Varian, Salt Lake City, Utah.



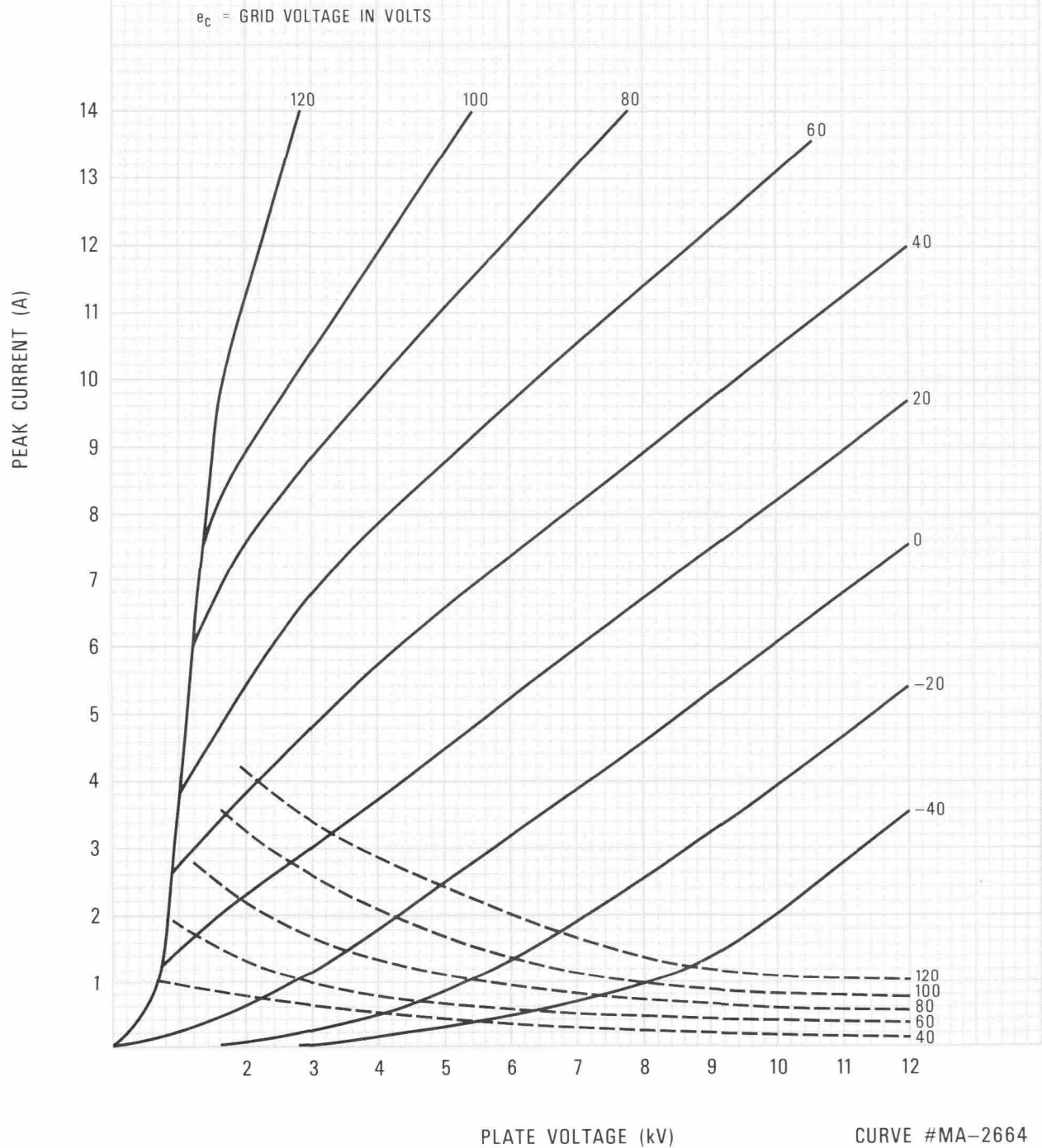
TYPICAL CONSTANT GRID VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

FOR PULSE OPERATION

 $E_f = 6.3V$

——— PEAK PLATE CURRENT — AMPERES

----- PEAK GRID CURRENT — AMPERES





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TYPICAL CONSTANT PLATE CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

NEGATIVE GRID REGION

$E_f = 6.3V$

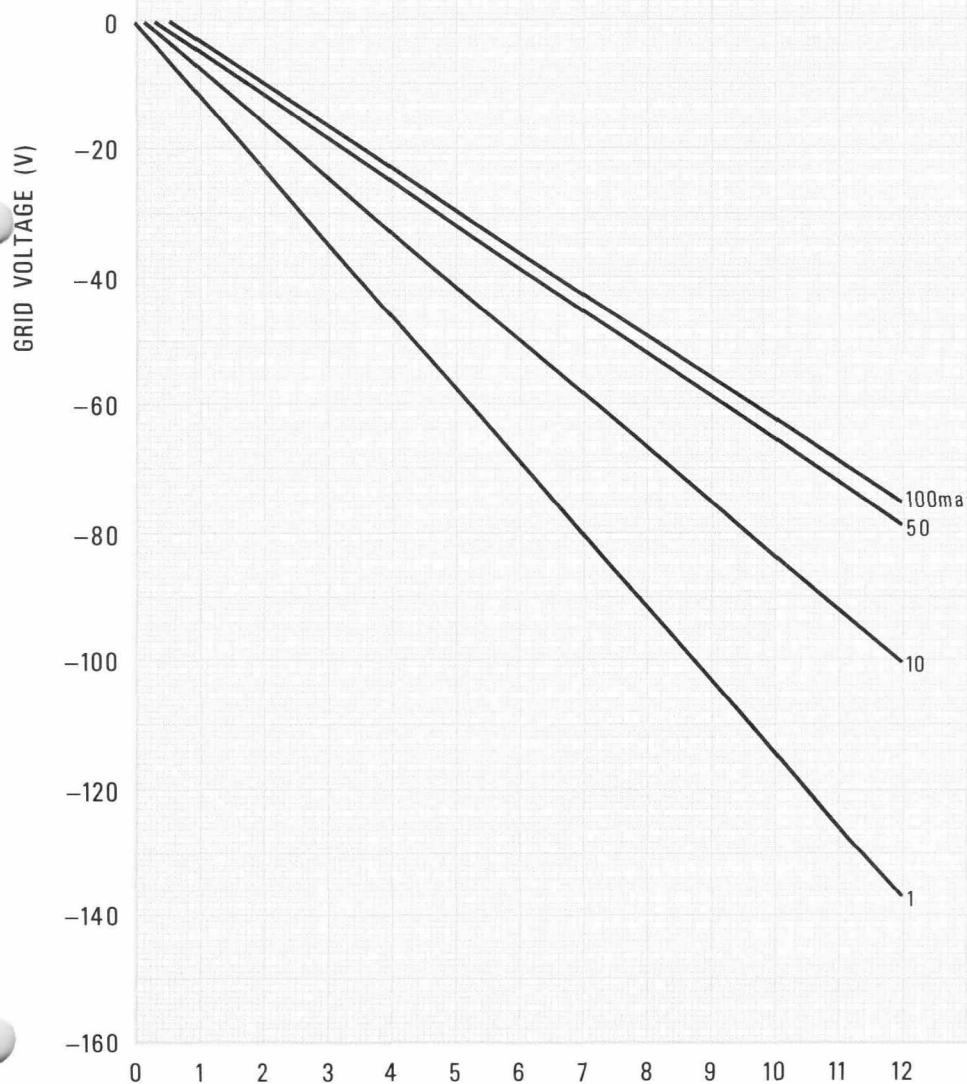


PLATE VOLTAGE (kV)

CURVE #MA-2397



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TYPICAL CONSTANT CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

FOR PULSE OPERATION

$E_f = 6.3V$

— PEAK PLATE CURRENT — AMPERES

--- PEAK GRID CURRENT — AMPERES

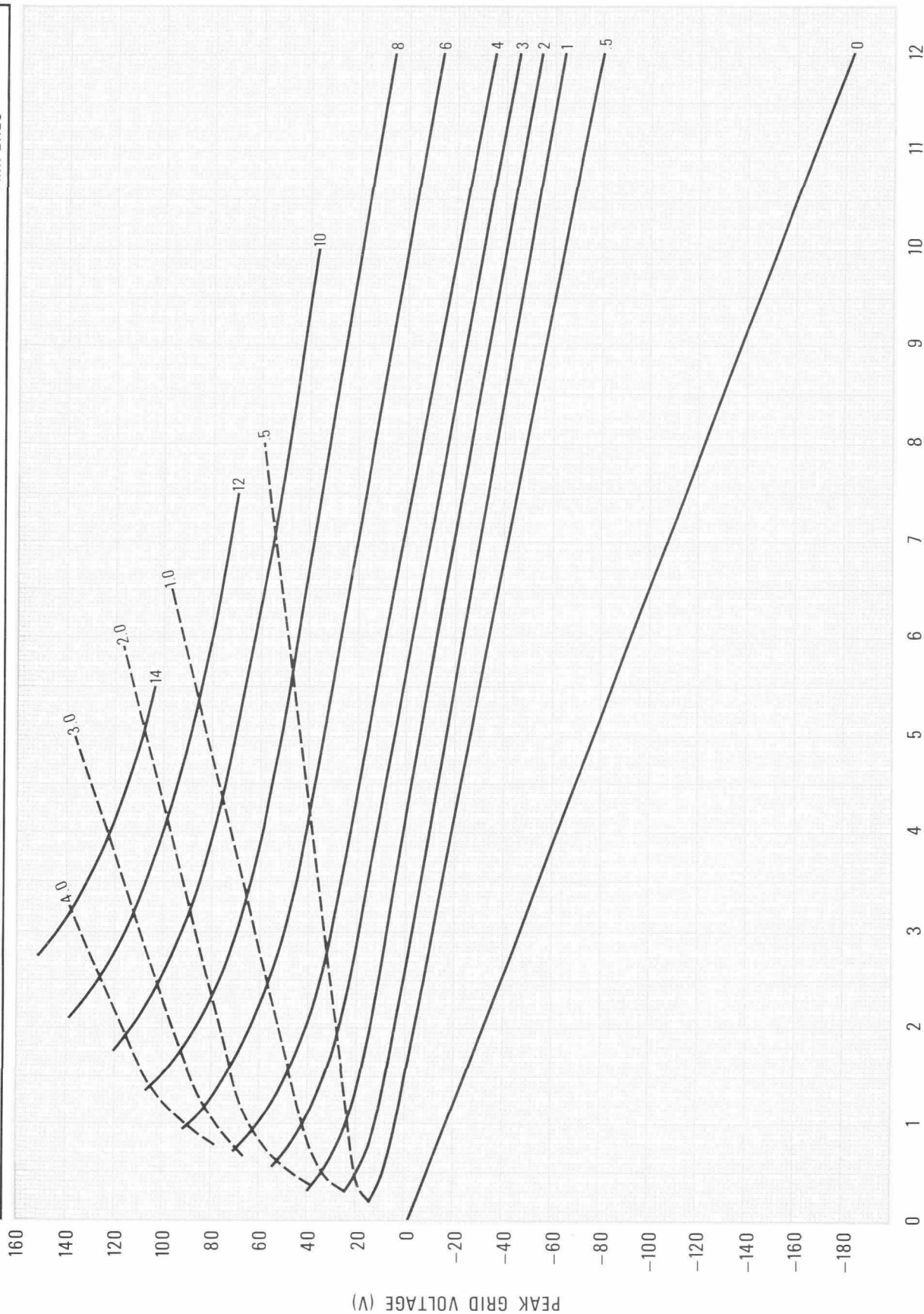


PLATE VOLTAGE (kV)

CURVE #MA-2663