



TUBES

Diode

3A3-C

**FOR TV HIGH-VOLTAGE
RECTIFIER APPLICATIONS**

- COLOR TV TYPE
- 30000 VOLTS DC
- 2.0 MILLIAMPERES DC
- X-RADIATION RATING

The 3A3-C is a heater-cathode type diode designed for use in color television receivers as the high-voltage rectifier to supply power to the anode of the picture tube. It is primarily intended for use in flyback types of power supplies.

The 3A3-C voltage and current ratings are consistent with the requirements of present day color television applications.

The 3A3-C features built-in X-radiation shielding and additional design and specification controls for the reduction of X-radiation output.

GENERAL

ELECTRICAL

Cathode - Coated Unipotential

Heater Characteristics and Ratings

Heater Voltage, AC or DC* . . . 3.15±0.5 Volts

Heater Current† 0.220 Amperes

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances, approximate‡

Plate to Heater, Cathode, and Internal Shield:

p to (h + k + i.s.) 1.5 pf

MECHANICAL

Operating Position - Any

Envelope - T-9, Glass

Base - B6-253, Ultra-Short Small-Wafer Octal 6-Pin

Top Cap - C1-49, Small

Outline Drawing

Maximum Bulb Diameter 1.188 Inches

Maximum Seal Diameter 1.250 Inches

Minimum Bulb Diameter 1.062 Inches

Maximum Over-all Length 3.812 Inches

Maximum Seated Height 3.250 Inches

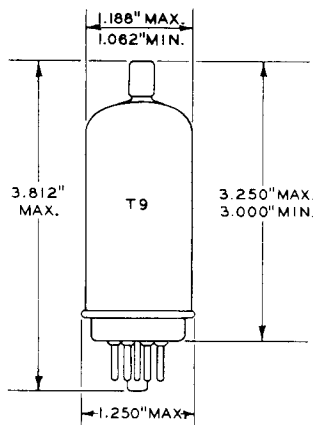
Minimum Seated Height 3.000 Inches

MAXIMUM RATINGS

FLYBACK RECTIFIER SERVICE[¶] — DESIGN-MAXIMUM VALUES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Peak Inverse Voltage		
DC Component (Absolute-Maximum Value)	. . . . .	30000 Volts
Total DC and Peak (Absolute-Maximum Value)	. . . . .	38000 Volts
Steady-State Peak Plate Current	. . . . .	100 Milliamperes
DC Output Current	. . . . .	2.0 Milliamperes
Heater Voltage, AC or DC (Absolute-Maximum Value)#	. . . . .	3.65 Volts
Heater Voltage, AC or DC (Absolute-Minimum Value)	. . . . .	2.65 Volts

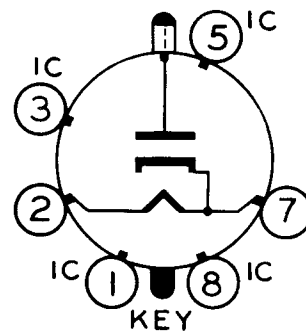
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS



TERMINAL CONNECTIONS Δ

- Pin 1 - Internal Connection - Do Not Use
- Pin 2 - Heater
- Pin 3 - Internal Connection - Do Not Use
- Pin 5 - Internal Connection - Do Not Use
- Pin 7 - Heater, Cathode, and Internal Shield
- Pin 8 - Internal Connection - Do Not Use
- Cap - Plate

BASING DIAGRAM



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MAXIMUM RATINGS (Cont'd)

Design-Maximum ratings are limiting values of operating and environmental conditions applicable to a bogey 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 allowance 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, equipment control adjustment, load variation, signal variation, environmental conditions, and variations in the characteristics of all other electron devices in the equipment.

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.

AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Tube Voltage Drop, approximate

Ib = 7.0 Milliamperes 60 Volts

X-RADIATION RATING¹

X-radiation, maximum. 25 mR/hr

Based on accumulated sample test data taken initially and during life test, tubes do not exceed the maximum rating limit of 25 mR/hr at any time throughout their useful life, when operated within the maximum ratings, including heater voltage, specified on this data sheet.

This X-radiation maximum rating is based on data obtained with the use of the Victoreen 440 RF survey meter with a 3 3/8 inch aperture. X-radiation is measured with the face of the meter at a distance of 4 3/4 inches from the external surface of the tube. This rating information is not necessarily applicable when a different radiation measuring instrument or aperture is used.

Operation of the 3A3-C outside of the Absolute-Maximum Ratings indicated may damage the tube and/or result in either temporary or permanent changes in the X-radiation characteristics of the tube. Equipment design must be such that these Absolute-Maximum Ratings are not exceeded.

The General Electric Company makes no representation concerning the X-radiation output from these tubes when operated beyond the maximum ratings set forth herein.

X-RADIATION CHARACTERISTICS

The 3A3-C will produce varying levels of X-radiation depending on operating conditions. Based on known attenuation factors of tube construction materials and accumulated sample test data taken initially and during life test, X-radiation output is not expected to exceed the maximum expected values indicated below for the different values of total DC and peak inverse voltage, with all other operating conditions remaining constant.

TOTAL DC AND PEAK INVERSE VOLTAGE	MAXIMUM EXPECTED X-RADIATION OUTPUT
38 KV (30 KV Maximum DC Component)	25.0 mR/hr
33 KV (27 KV Maximum DC Component)	3.0 mR/hr
30 KV (25 KV Maximum DC Component)	0.5 mR/hr

The above X-radiation characteristics are measured in accordance with JEDEC Publication No. 67, "Recommended Practice for Measurement of X-Radiation from Receiving Tubes," and controlled in accordance with JEDEC Publication No. 73, "Recommended Practice for Quality Control of X-Radiation from High Voltage Rectifier and Shunt Regulator Receiving Tubes."

WARNING

X-RADIATION

The high voltages associated with the 3A3-C result in production of X-radiation which may constitute a health hazard on prolonged exposure at close range unless the tube is adequately shielded. Equipment design must provide for this shielding.

Precautions must be exercised during the servicing of equipment employing the 3A3-C to assure that the high voltage is adjusted to the recommended value and that any shielding components are replaced to their intended positions before the equipment is operated.

SHOCK HAZARD

The high voltages at which the 3A3-C is operated can be extremely dangerous to the user or serviceman. Extreme care should be taken in the use of and for the servicing and adjustment of any high voltage circuit.

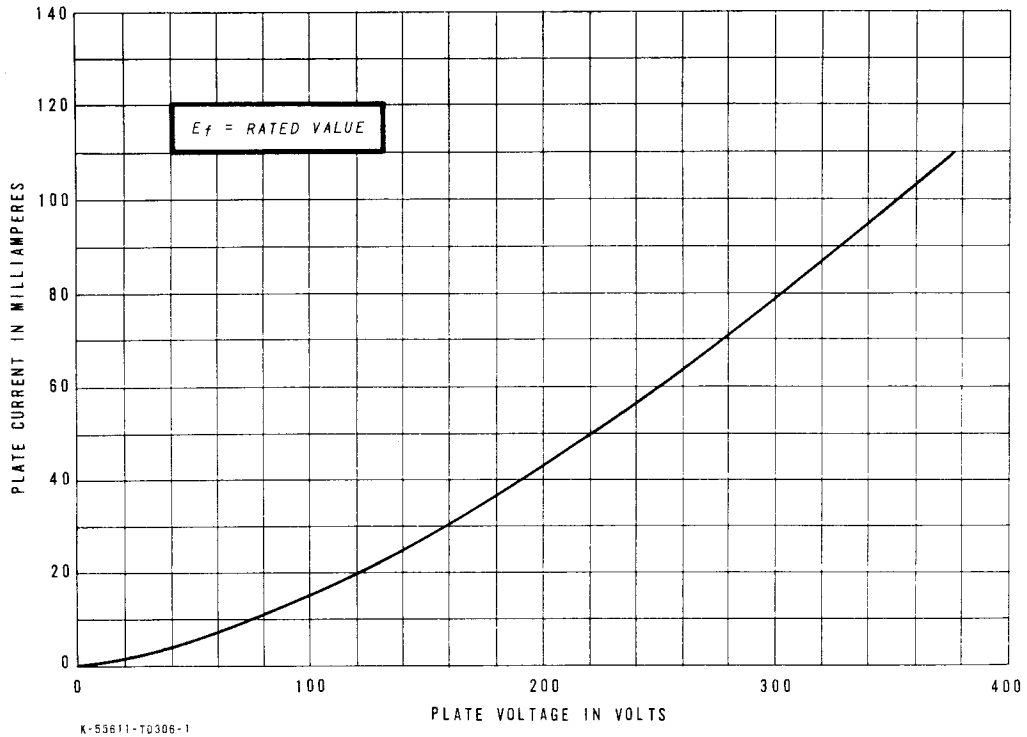
Precautions must be exercised during the replacement or servicing of the 3A3-C in equipment to assure that the high voltage output terminal is properly grounded while inserting or removing the tube from its socket or while connecting or disconnecting the top cap connector.

THE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER SHOULD PROVIDE A WARNING LABEL IN AN APPROPRIATE POSITION ON THE EQUIPMENT TO ADVISE THE SERVICEMAN OF ALL PRECAUTIONS HEREIN.

NOTES

- * The equipment designer should design the equipment so that heater voltage is centered at the specified bogey value, with heater supply variations restricted to maintain heater voltage within the specified tolerance.
- ‡ Heater current of a bogey tube at $E_f = 3.15$ volts.
- § Without external shield.
- ¶ For operation in a 525-line, 30-frame television system as described in "Standards of Good Engineering Practice Concerning Television Broadcast Stations," Federal Communications Commission. The duty cycle of the voltage pulse must not exceed 15 percent of one scanning cycle.
- # CAUTION - Operation of this tube for an extended period of time with the heater voltage above the absolute maximum rated value of 3.65 volts may result in the production of X-radiation in excess of the maximum rated limit of 25 mR/hr.
- Δ Pins 4 and 6 are omitted on Base B6-253. Socket terminals 4 and 6 may be used as tie points for components at or near heater potential.

AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS



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