

PLIOTRON

DESCRIPTION

The GL-851 is a three-electrode, general purpose oscillator, or Class B modulator. The plate of this tube designed for use as a radio-frequency amplifier, tube is capable of dissipating 500 to 750 watts.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of electrodes 3

Electrical

Filament voltage 11 volts

Filament current 15.5 amperes

Average characteristics

Amplification factor, $I_b = 300$ ma 20.5

Grid-plate transconductance 15000 micromhos

Direct interelectrode capacitances

Grid plate 47 micromicrofarads

Input 25.5 micromicrofarads

Output 4.5 micromicrofarads

Frequency for maximum ratings 3 megacycles

Mechanical

Type of cooling convection

Maximum ambient temperature 60 centigrade

Net weight, approx. 3 pounds

Mounting position vertical, filament base (large) up or
 horizontal, filament in vertical plane (on edge)

Shipping weight, approx. 9 pounds



TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

MAXIMUM RATINGS AND TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS

	Typical Operation			Maximum Ratings
CLASS A AUDIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER AND MODULATOR				
D-c plate voltage	1500	2000	2500	2500 volts
Plate dissipation				600 watts
D-c grid voltage	-49	-65	-92	volts
Peak grid swing, approx.	44	60	87	volts
D-c plate current	0.175	0.270	0.240	ampere
Plate resistance	1800	1500	1600	ohms
Load resistance	3700	3100	5000	ohms
Plate power output, 5 per cent second harmonic	46	100	160	watts

CLASS B AUDIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER (TWO TUBES)

D-c plate voltage	2000	2500	3000	3000 volts
Max signal plate current, per tube*				1 ampere
D-c max signal plate input, per tube*				2250 watts
Plate dissipation, per tube*				750 watts
D-c grid voltage	-85	-111	-135	volts
Peak a-f grid input voltage	250	245	245	volts
Zero signal plate current	0.12	0.12	0.11	ampere
Max signal plate current	1.7	1.4	1.2	amperes
Max signal plate input*	3400	3500	3600	watts
Max signal driving power, approx.	20	12	6	watts
Effective load resistance, plate-to-plate	2600	4000	5600	ohms
Max signal plate power output	2200	2300	2400	watts

CLASS B RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER

Carrier conditions per tube for use with a max modulation factor of 1.0

D-c plate voltage	1500	2000	2500	2500 volts
D-c grid voltage	-60	-85	-110	volts
D-c plate current	0.62	0.475	0.39	0.750 ampere
Plate input				1100 watts
Plate dissipation				750 watts
Peak r-f grid input voltage	300	280	270	volts
Driving power, approx†	40	25	20	watts
Plate power output	275	300	325	watts

CLASS C RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR—PLATE-MODULATED

Carrier conditions per tube for use with a max modulation factor of 1.0

D-c plate voltage	1500	2000	2000	volts
D-c grid voltage	-250	-300	-500	volts
D-c plate current	0.9	0.85	1	ampere
D-c grid current, approx.	0.15	0.125	0.200	ampere
Plate input			1800	watts
Plate dissipation			500	watts
Peak r-f grid input voltage, approx.	475	525	volts	
Driving power, approx.	75	65	volts	
Plate power output	900	1250	watts	

CLASS C RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR

Key-down conditions per tube without modulation‡

D-c plate voltage	1500	2000	2500	2500 volts
D-c grid voltage	-150	-200	-250	-500 volts
D-c plate current	0.9	0.9	0.9	1 ampere
D-c grid current, approx.	0.15	0.12	0.1	0.200 ampere
Plate input				2500 watts
Plate dissipation				750 watts
Peak r-f grid input voltage, approx.	375	425	450	volts
Driving power, approx.	55	50	45	watts
Plate power output	900	1250	1700	watts

* Averaged over any audio-frequency cycle.

† At crest of audio-frequency cycle.

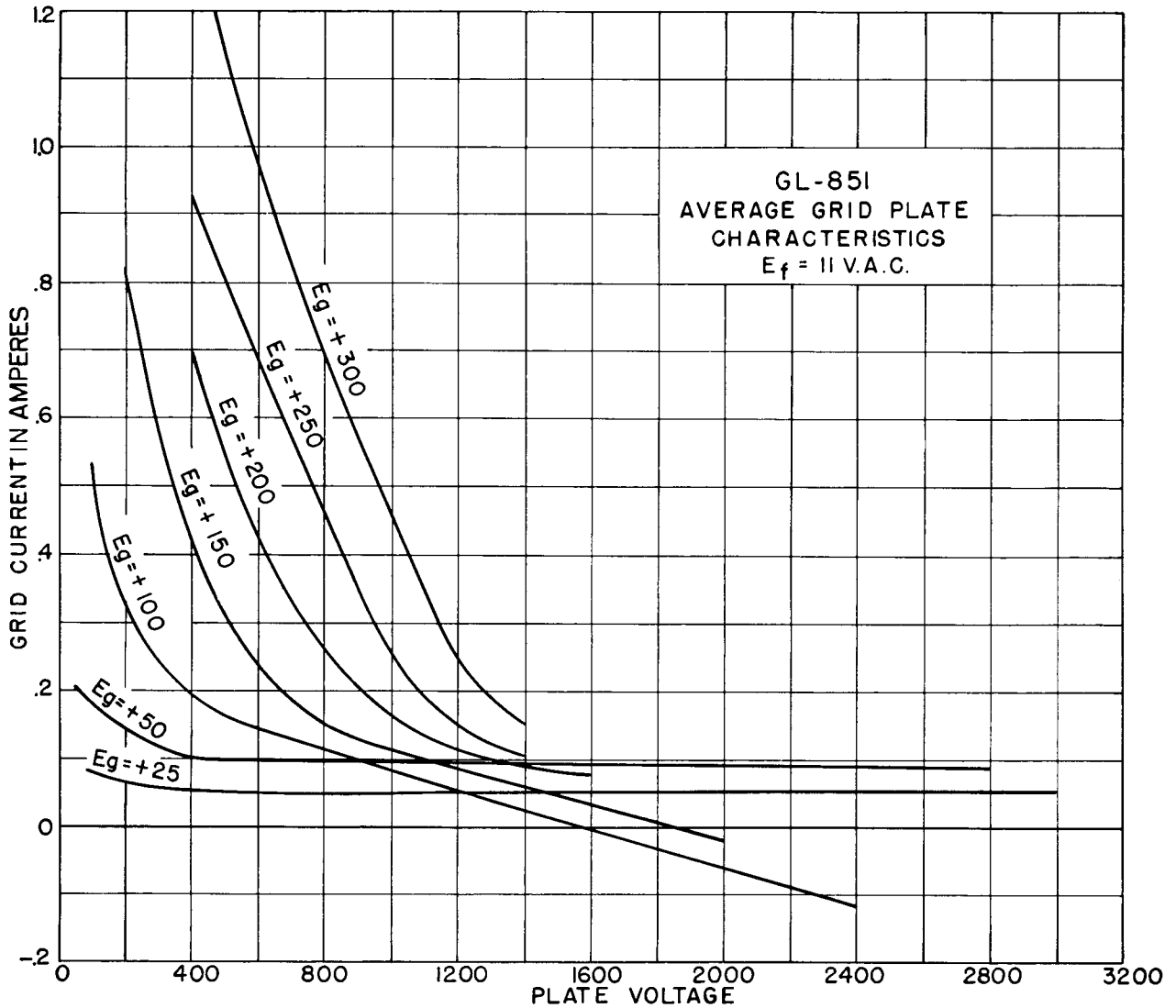
‡ Modulation, essentially negative, may be used if the positive peak of the audio-frequency envelope does not exceed 115 per cent of the carrier conditions.

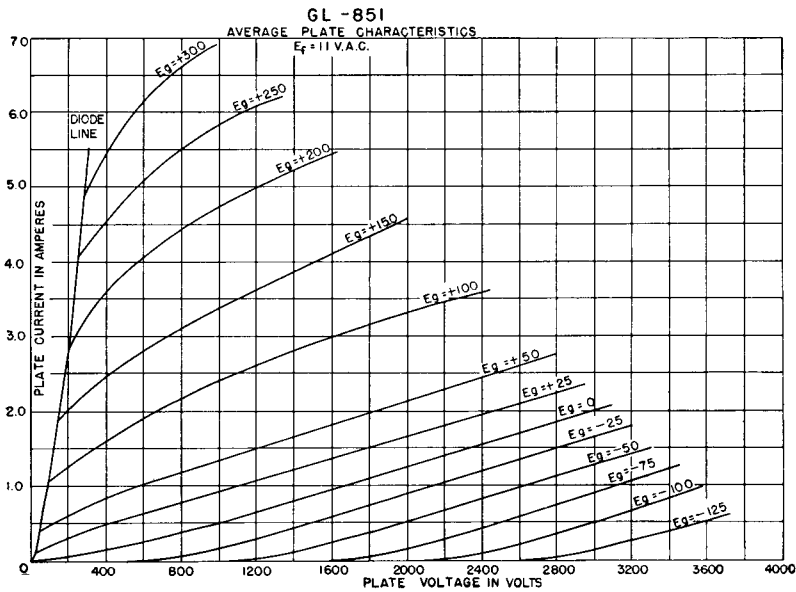
APPLICATION NOTES

GL-851 can be operated at maximum ratings in all classes of service at frequencies as high as 3 megacycles. The tube may be operated at higher frequencies provided the maximum values of plate voltage and power input are reduced as the frequency is raised. (Other maximum ratings are the same as shown under TECHNICAL

INFORMATION.) The tabulation below shows the highest percentage of maximum plate voltage and power input that can be used up to 15 mc for the various classes of service. Special attention should be given to adequate ventilation of the bulb at these frequencies.

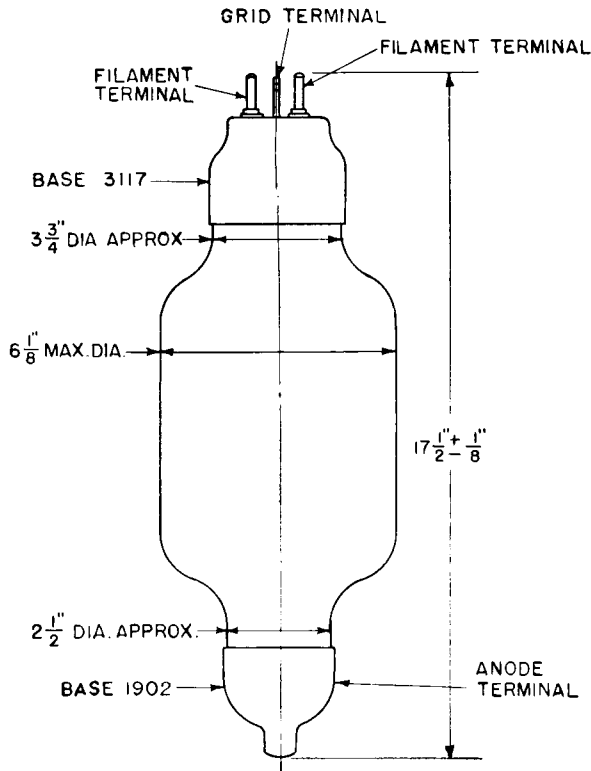
Frequency	3	7	15 megacycles
Maximum permissible percentage of maximum rated plate voltage and plate input:			
Class B telephony	100	88	76 per cent
Class C telephony, plate-modulated	100	75	50 per cent
Class C telegraphy, plate-modulated	100	75	50 per cent





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