

RCA-6LF8

HIGH-MU TRIODE— SHARP-CUTOFF PENTODE

9-Pin Miniature Type

For Video-Amplifier Service in Color-TV Receivers and
Other Applications Using Positive Triode-Grid Operation

Triode Mu = 70

RCA Dark Heater having Controlled Warm-Up Time

RCA-6LF8 is a multiunit tube of the 9-pin miniature type containing a high-mu triode and a sharp-cutoff pentode in the same envelope. This type is useful in those applications where operation of a triode in the positive-grid region is desirable—such as in video-amplifier stages of color-television receivers.

A primary design feature of the triode unit of the 6LF8 is a maximum positive-grid-bias-voltage rating of 4 volts and a maximum grid-current rating of 8 milliamperes. When this triode unit is operated with positive grid bias of 3 volts, it has an amplification factor of 40.

The pentode unit features a plate-current characteristic having a controlled “knee” to provide good linearity at relatively low plate voltage (75 volts), and high transconductance (11,000 micromhos).

Each unit of the 6LF8 has a separate cathode with individual base-pin terminal to provide greater flexibility of circuit connections. In addition, the basing arrangement and internal connections are designed to minimize coupling between the triode and pentode units.

The 6LF8 has a 0.600-ampere/6.3-volt heater having controlled 11-second warm-up time, and utilizes the RCA Dark Heater for long life and dependable performance.

GENERAL DATA

Electrical:

Heater Characteristics and Ratings:

Voltage (AC or DC)	6.3 ^a	6.3 ± 0.6	volts
Current	0.600 ± 0.040	0.600 ^b	amp
Warm-up time (Average).	11	-	sec

Peak heater-cathode voltage (Each unit):

Heater negative with respect to cathode.	200 max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode.	200 ^c max.	volts

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:^d

Triode Unit:

Grid to plate: G _T to P _T	2.2	pf
Input: G _T to (K _T , K _P + G _{3P} + IS, H).	3.2	pf
Output: P _T to (K _T , K _P + G _{3P} + IS, H)	1.8	pf

Pentode Unit:

Grid No.1 to plate: G _{1P} to P _P	0.060 max.	pf
Input: G _{1P} to (K _P + G _{3P} + IS, G _{2P} , H).	10	pf
Output: P _P to (K _P + G _{3P} + IS, G _{2P} , H).	3.6	pf
Pentode grid No.1 to triode plate: G _{1P} to P _T	0.008 max.	pf
Pentode plate to triode plate: P _P to P _T	0.15 max.	pf

Characteristics, Class A Amplifier:

	<i>Triode Unit</i>		<i>Pentode Unit</i>	
Plate Voltage	200	40	75	100 volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	-	-	150	150 volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage	-2	+3	0	-2.5 volts
Amplification Factor	70	40	-	-
Plate Resistance (Approx.)	17500	10000	-	200000 ohms
Transconductance	4000	4000	-	11000 μmhos
Plate Current	4	11	50 ^e	20 ma
Grid-No.2 Current	-	-	12 ^e	5 ma
Grid-No.1 Current	0	2.7	0	0 ma
Grid-No.1 Voltage (Approx.) for plate μa = 20	-5	-	-	-8 volts

Mechanical:

Operating Position	Any
Type of Cathodes	Coated Unipotential
Maximum Overall Length	2-5/8"
Maximum Seated Length	2-3/8"
Length, Base Seat to Bulb Top (Excluding tip)	2" ± 3/32"
Diameter	0.750" to 0.875"
Dimensional Outline	JEDEC No.6-3
Bulb	T6-1/2
Base	Small-Button Noval 9-Pin (JEDEC No.E9-1)

AMPLIFIER – Class A^f

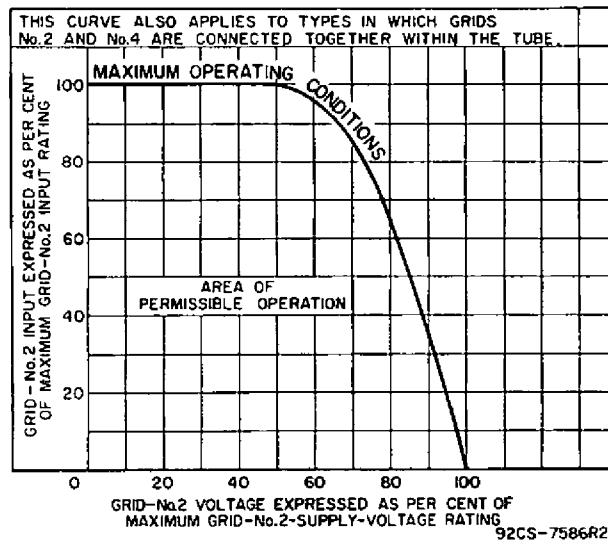
Maximum Ratings, Design-Maximum Values:

	<i>Triode Unit as Class A1 or A2 Amplifier</i>	<i>Pentode Unit as Class A1 Amplifier</i>	
Plate Voltage.	330 max.	330 max.	volts
Grid-No.2 (Screen-Grid) Supply Voltage	-	330 max.	volts
Grid-No.2 Voltage	-	See GRID-NO.2-INPUT RATING CHART	

	Triode Unit as Class A ₁ or A ₂ Amplifier	Pentode Unit as Class A ₁ Amplifier		Maximum Circuit Values:	
				Triode Unit	Pentode Unit
Grid-No.1 (Control-Grid) Voltage:					
Negative-bias value	55 max.	55 max.	volts	0.5 max.	0.25 max. megohm
Positive-bias value	4 max.	0 max.	volts	1 max.	1 max. megohm
Grid-No.1 Current	8 max.	0 max.	ma		
Grid-No.2 Input:					
For grid-No.2 voltages up to 165 volts. . . .	-	1.1 max.	watts		
For grid-No.2 voltages between 165 and 330 volts. . . .	-	See GRID-No.2-INPUT RATING CHART			
Plate Dissipation	1.1 max.	3.75 max.	watts		

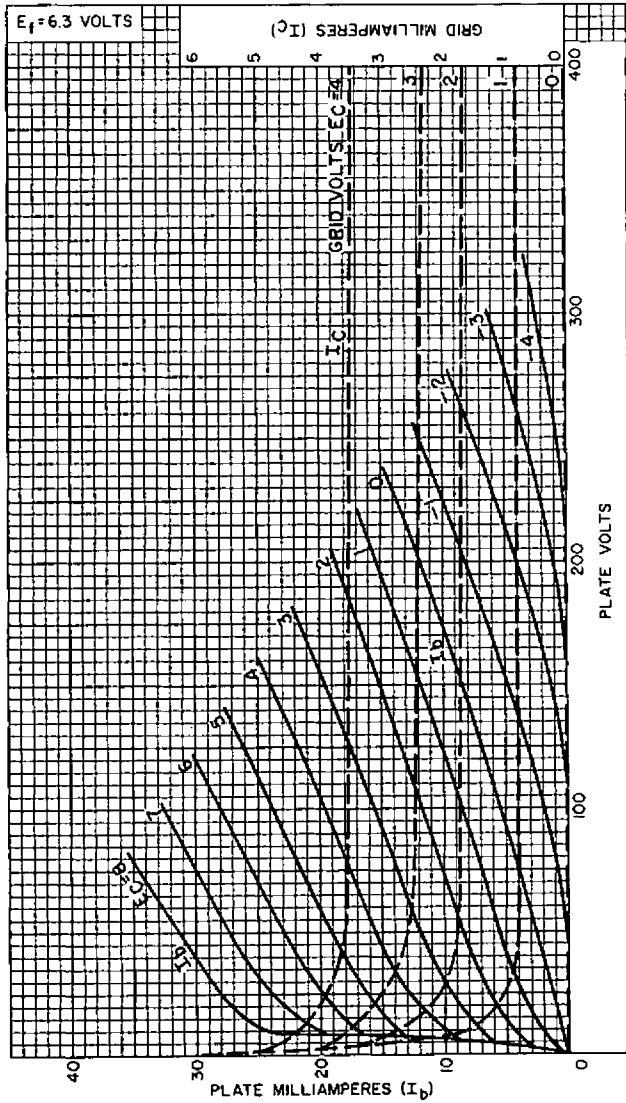
- Grid-No.1-Circuit Resistance:
- a At heater amperes = 0.600.
 - b At heater volts = 6.3.
 - c The dc component must not exceed 100 volts.
 - d Without external shield.
 - e This value can be measured by a method involving a recurrent wave form such that the maximum ratings of the tube will not be exceeded.
 - f A *Class A Amplifier* is an amplifier in which the grid bias and varying grid voltages are such that plate current flows at all times. The subscript 1 added to the class letter denotes that *grid current* does not flow during any part of the input cycle. The subscript 2 denotes that *grid current* flows during some part of the cycle.

GRID-No.2-INPUT RATING CHART



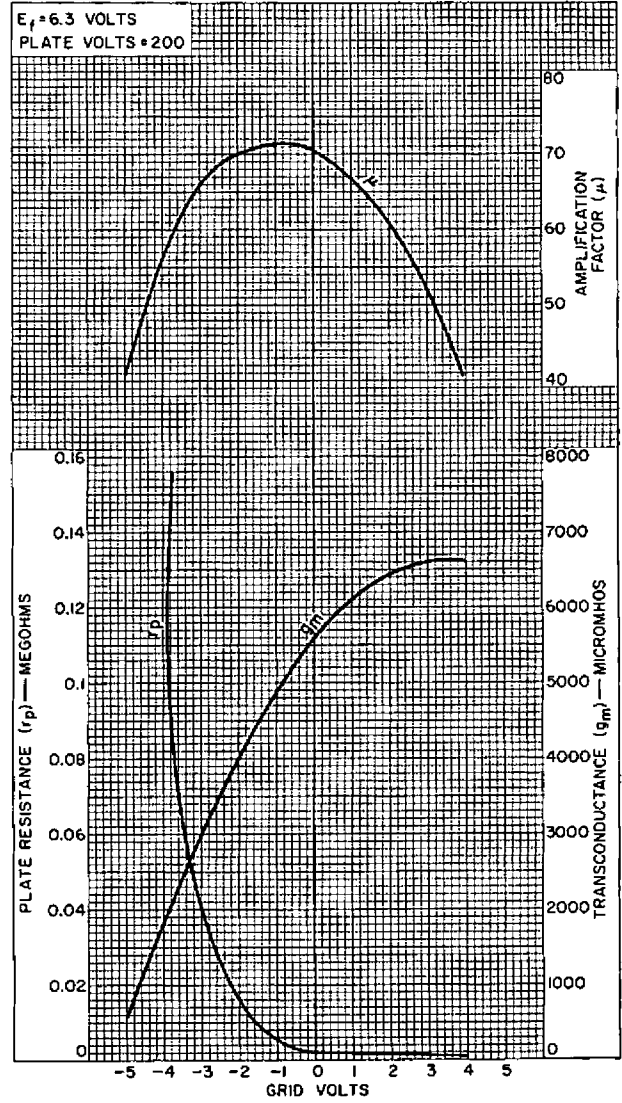
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AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS
Triode Unit



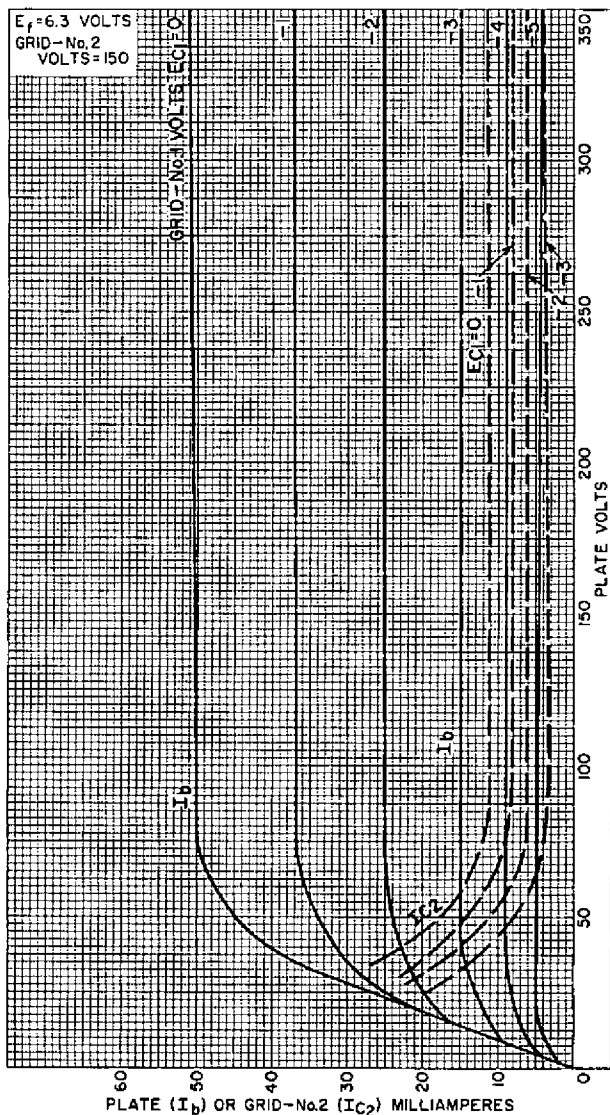
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Triode Unit



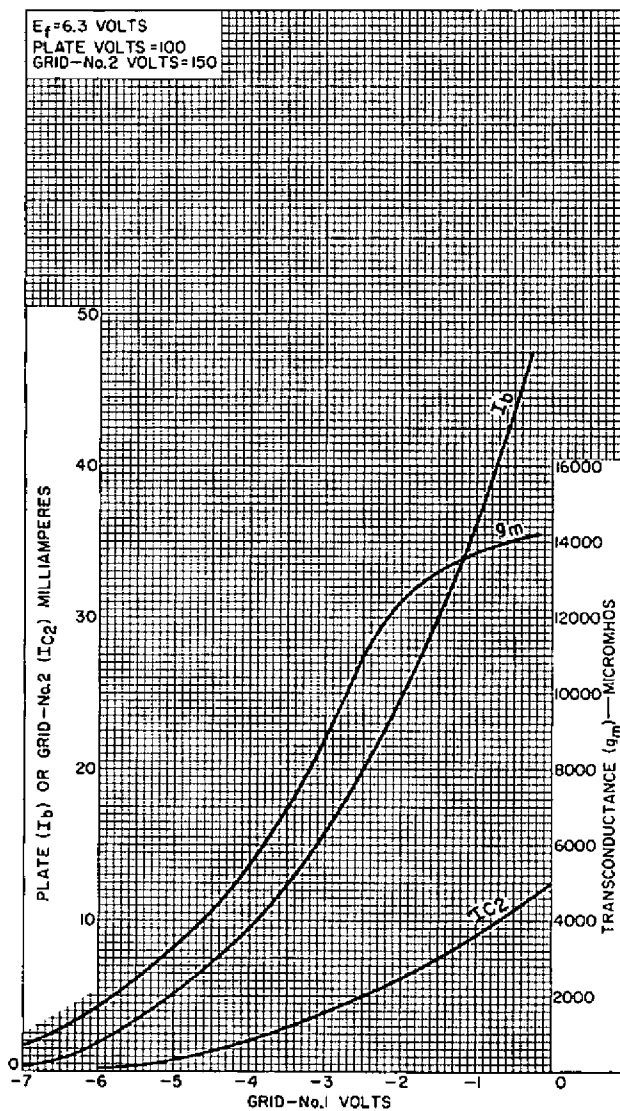
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Pentode Unit



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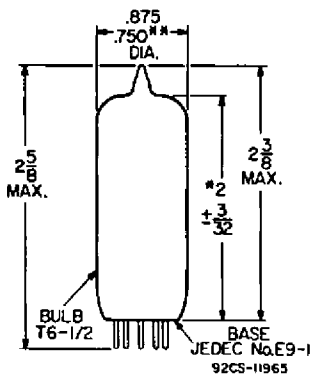
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Pentode Unit



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DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE JEDEC No. 6-3

Dimensions in Inches

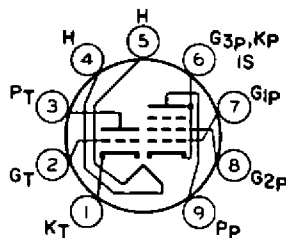


* Measured from base seat to bulb-top line as determined by ring gauge of 7/16" inside diameter.

** Applies in zone starting 0.375" from base seat.

TERMINAL DIAGRAM

Bottom View



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|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Pin 1 - Triode Cathode | Pin 4 - Heater | Pin 7 - Pentode Grid No.1 |
| Pin 2 - Triode Grid | Pin 5 - Heater | Pin 8 - Pentode Grid No.2 |
| Pin 3 - Triode Plate | Pin 6 - Pentode Cathode, Grid No.3, Internal Shield | Pin 9 - Pentode Plate |