

ML-7248 ML-7249

High Voltage Tetrodes

Plate Voltage
to 125 kV

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DESCRIPTION

The ML-7248 and ML-7249 are high-voltage tetrodes designed for use as switch tubes in hard pulse modulators for radar application and as general-purpose electronic switches in high-voltage switching and control circuits. The cathode of each type is a thoriated-tungsten filament.

The ML-7248 is designed for oil-immersed operation and

has a maximum d-c plate voltage rating of 125 kV. The ML-7249, which incorporates a radiator for increased plate dissipation ratings, is designed for either air insulation or oil-immersed operation. When operated in air, the maximum d-c plate voltage rating is 65 kV; in oil, the corresponding rating is 125 kV.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical

Filament Voltage	6.3 volts
Filament Current, approximate	11.7 Amps
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances, approximate	
Cathode-control grid	6.7 μmf
Cathode-screen grid	3.5 μmf
Cathode-plate	0.08 μmf
Plate-control grid	0.08 μmf
Plate-screen grid	2.0 μmf
Control grid-screen grid	20.0 μmf

Mechanical

Mounting Position	Horizontal or vertical cathode end down
Type of Cooling	
With oil insulation — ML-7248 & ML-7249	Convection†
Maximum oil temperature for maximum dissipation	75 °C
With air insulation — ML-7249	Forced air‡
Air flow on radiator	See Air Cooling Characteristics
Maximum incoming air temperature	50 °C
Maximum Glass Temperature	150 °C
Net Weight, approximate	
ML-7248	2.5 lbs.
ML-7249	4.3 lbs.

†When the ML-7248 or ML-7249 is mounted cathode end down in oil, a minimum oil flow of 3 pints per minute must be directed at the cathode stem during the application of filament power. Oil must be forced through the radiator of the ML-7249 in the vertical position.

‡When the ML-7249 is operated in air, a minimum air flow of 1½ cfm must be directed into the cathode stem before and during the application of filament power. (See outline drawing. This requirement applies to the ML-7248 if filament power is applied while the tube is in air.)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Maximum Ratings, Absolute Values	ML-7248	ML-7249
D-C Plate Voltage — in oil	125	125 kV
in air	—	65 kV
D-C Screen-Grid Voltage	1500	1500 Volts
D-C Control-Grid Voltage	-600	-600 Volts
Peak Negative Grid Voltage	-1500	-1500 Volts
Pulse Cathode Current*	2.0	2.0 amps
Plate Dissipation — in oil	200	350† Watts
in air	—	200‡ Watts
Screen-Grid Dissipation	20	20 Watts
Control-Grid Dissipation	10	10 Watts

* Represents maximum usable cathode current (plate current plus current to each grid) for any conditions of operation.

† With tube horizontal only.

‡ With forced-air cooling of 250 cfm minimum.

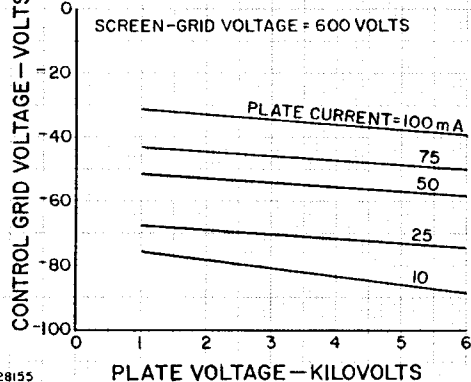
TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS

Typical Operation (in oil) — Pulse High-Voltage Switching

D-C Plate Voltage	125 kV
D-C Screen-Grid Voltage	600 Volts
D-C Control-Grid Voltage	-360 Volts
Pulse Positive Control-Grid Voltage	250 Volts
Pulse Plate Current	1.02 amps
Pulse Screen-Grid Current	0.27 amp
Pulse Control-Grid Current	0.22 amp
Tube Drop	1200 volts
Duty, maximum for this condition of operation	12 %

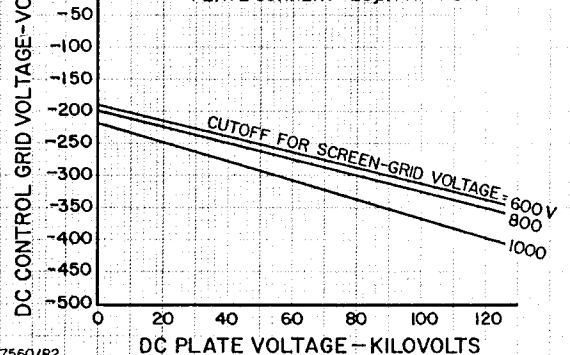
WARNING: Operation of this tube may produce x-rays. Adequate rayproof shielding must therefore be provided in the equipment.

CONSTANT PLATE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS IN NEGATIVE GRID-VOLTAGE REGION



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CUTOFF CHARACTERISTICS



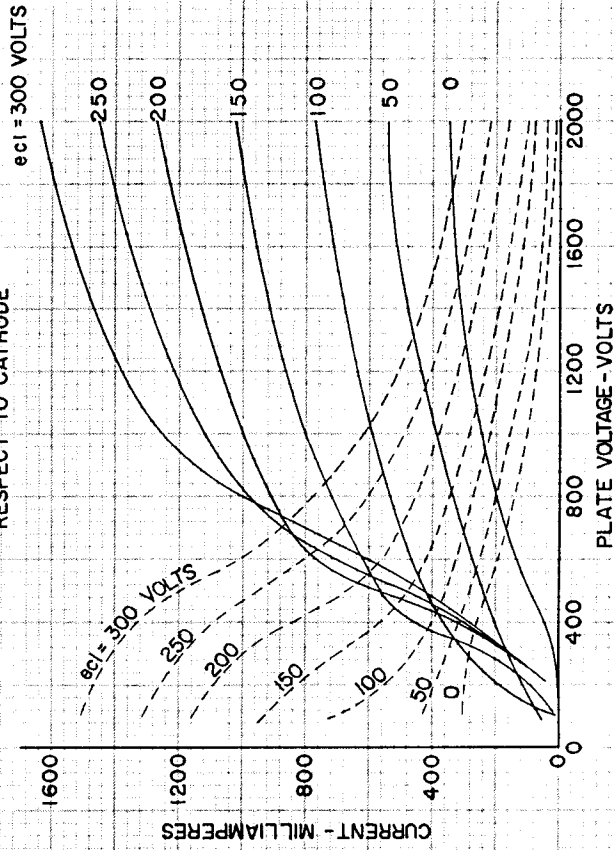
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TYPICAL CONSTANT GRID VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

SCREEN GRID VOLTAGE = + 1000 VOLTS

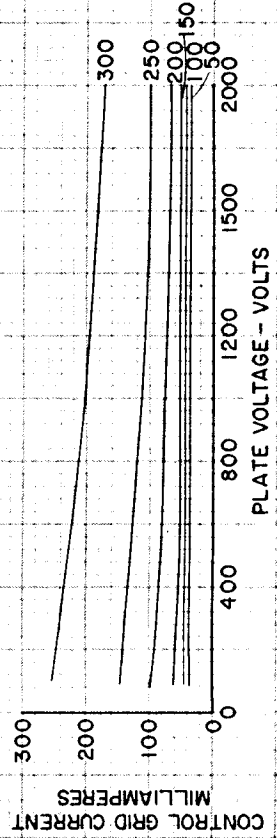
— PLATE CURRENT IN MILLIAMPERES
- - - SCREEN GRID CURRENT IN MILLIAMPERES

e_{c1} = POSITIVE PEAK GRID VOLTAGE WITH RESPECT TO CATHODE



CONTROL GRID CURRENT VERSUS PLATE VOLTAGE

SCREEN GRID = + 1000 VOLTS



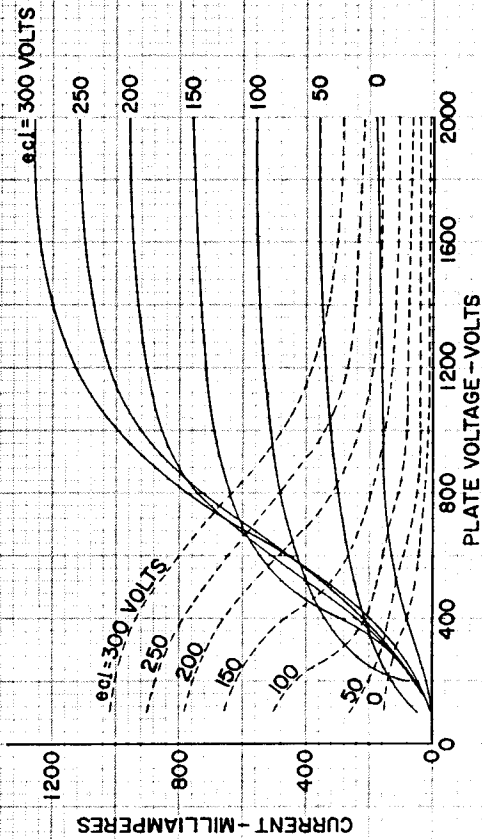
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TYPICAL CONSTANT GRID VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

SCREEN GRID VOLTAGE = + 600 VOLTS

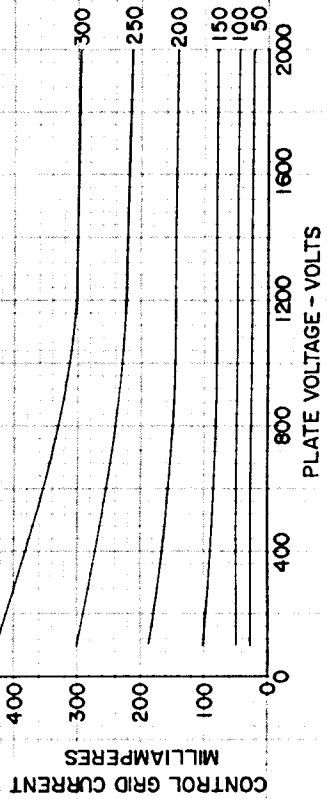
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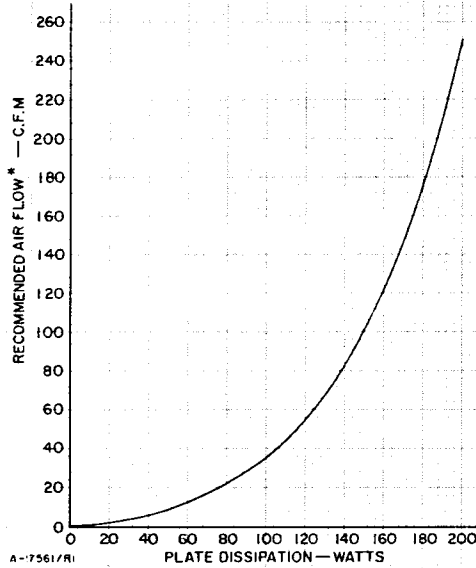
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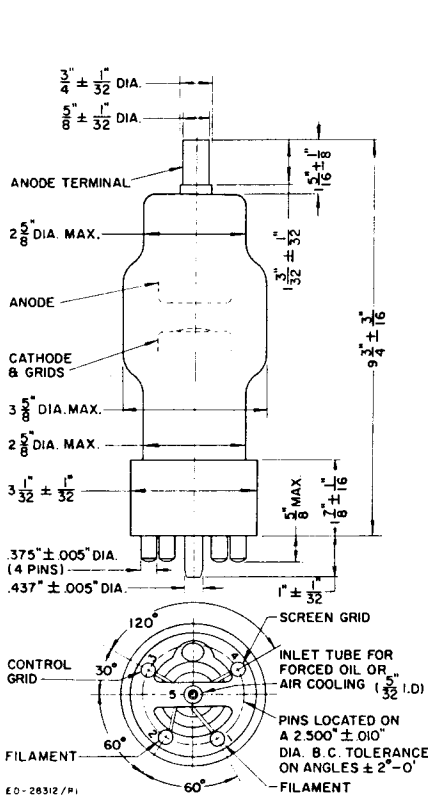
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AIR-COOLING CHARACTERISTICS

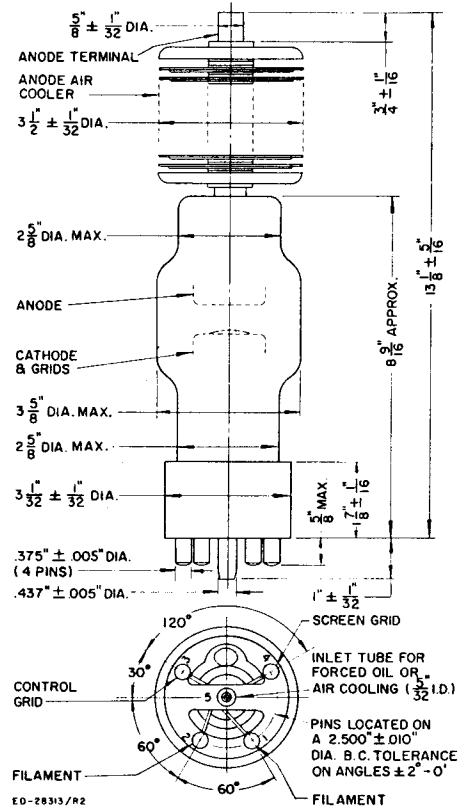
*AIR FLOW TO BE DIRECTED AT CENTRAL PORTION OF RADIATOR, PARALLEL TO FINS, THROUGH A 3-INCH DIAMETER NOZZLE AT A MAXIMUM DISTANCE OF 4 INCHES FROM THE RADIATOR



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