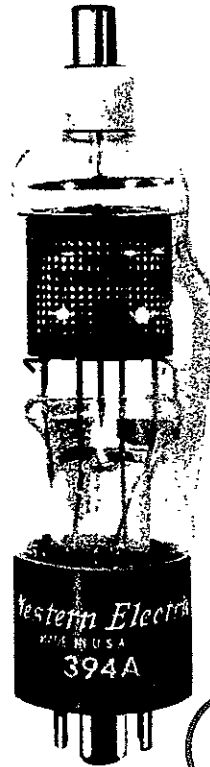

ELECTRON TUBE DATA SHEET
WESTERN ELECTRIC 394A ELECTRON TUBE



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DESCRIPTION

The 394A is a three-electrode mercury-vapor and gas-filled thyatron with a negative control characteristic. This tube is designed for regulated or controlled rectifiers.

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Peak Anode Voltage	1250 volts
Average Cathode Current	0.64 ampere

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MAXIMUM RATINGS, Absolute Values

Peak Anode Voltage	
Inverse	1250 volts
Forward	1250 volts
Cathode Current	
Peak	2.5 amperes
Average	0.64 ampere
Surge (maximum duration 0.1 second)	25 amperes
Averaging Time	5 seconds
Negative Grid Voltage	
Before Conduction	500 volts
During Conduction	10 volts
Positive Grid Current, Average (Averaging time=one cycle)	0.010 ampere
Condensed Mercury Temperature Limits ¹	-55 to +80 centigrade

ELECTRICAL DATA

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Bogey</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Filament Voltage	2.37	2.5	2.62 volts
Filament Current at 2.5 Volts.	---	3.25	3.50 amperes
Filament Heating Time Required	15	---	seconds
Anode to Grid Capacitance.	---	1.6	uuf.
Grid to Filament Capacitance	---	5.5	uuf.
Deionization Time, Approximate ²			
E _{bb} =1250-volts; I _b =2.5 amperes; E _{cc} =-18 volts; THg=80C; R _g =20000 ohms.	---	1000	microseconds
Ionization Time, Approximate ³			
E _{bb} =100 volts; THg=40C; Grid Overvoltage=5 volts	---	25	microseconds
E _{bb} =100 volts; THg=80C; Grid Overvoltage=25 volts	---	0.5	microseconds
Anode Voltage Drop	---	15	volts
Critical Grid Current at 220 Anode Volts	---	---	5 microamperes
Change in Critical Grid Voltage at			
500 Anode Volts from +20 to +80 THg	---	0.2	volts

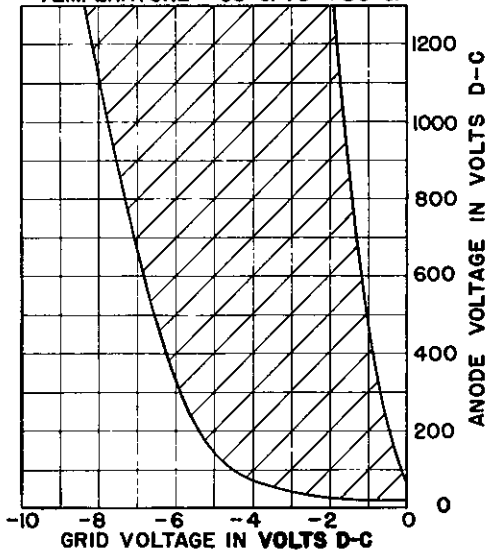
MECHANICAL DATA

Type of Cooling.	Convection
Equilibrium Condensed Mercury Temperature	
Rise Above Ambient	
At Full Load (Approximate).	17 Centigrade
At No Load (Approximate).	12 Centigrade
Mounting Position.	Vertical-base down
Net Weight, Approximate.	3 ounces

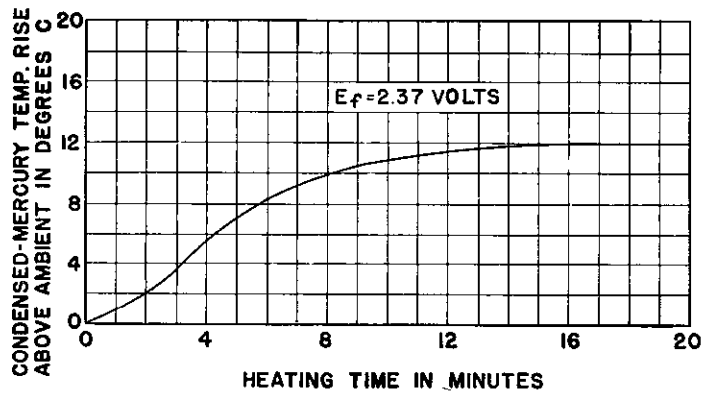
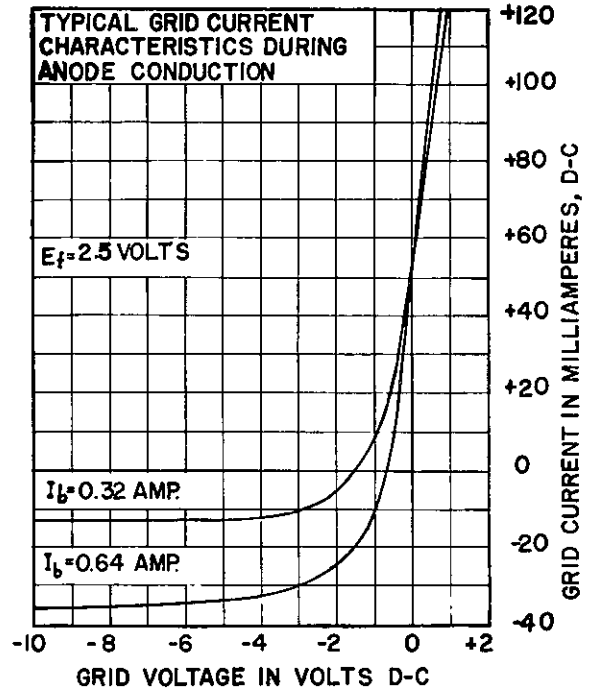
Dimensions and pin connections shown in outline drawing on Page 4.

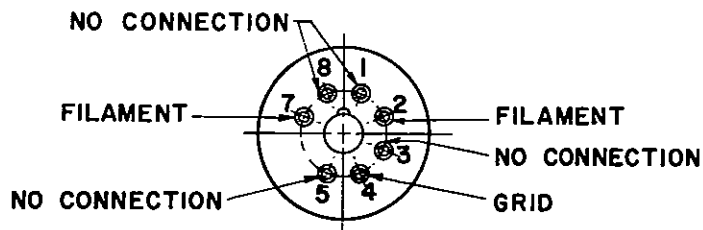
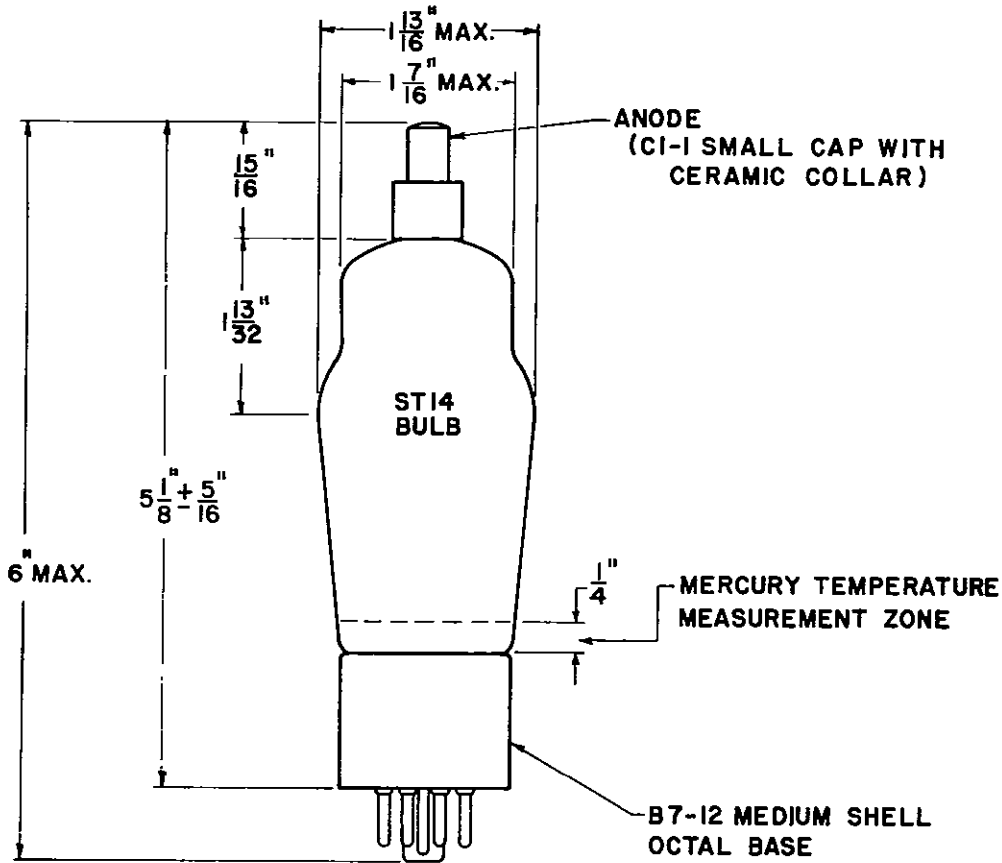
1. For starting conditions only. Equilibrium operation is limited to +20C minimum condensed mercury temperature.
2. Deionization time decreases with an increase in negative grid voltage or with a decrease in (a) condensed mercury temperature (THg), (b) grid resistance or (c) anode current immediately preceding the end of conduction.
3. Ionization time decreases with an increase in (a) anode voltage, (b) condensed mercury temperature (THg) or (c) grid overvoltage. Grid overvoltage is defined as the magnitude by which the applied voltage exceeds, in a positive direction, the critical grid voltage value. Critical grid voltage is the instantaneous value of grid voltage at the time when anode current starts to flow.

TYPICAL CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS.
 SHADED AREA SHOWS RANGE OF CHARACTERISTICS, CONDENSED MERCURY TEMPERATURE -55°C . TO $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$.



TYPICAL GRID CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS DURING ANODE CONDUCTION





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