



BEAM TETRODES

**BRIEF DATA**

Beam tetrodes suitable for use as r.f. power amplifiers in single side-band or Class C service, as audio amplifiers or modulators. They are also useful as pulse modulators and in series and shunt stabiliser service.

$P_{load}$ (SSB) . . . . .	110	W
$P_{load}$ (Class C) . . . . .	146	W
$P_{load}$ (Audio, per pair) . . . . .	140	W

**HEATER**

	TT21	TT22	
$V_h$ . . . . .	6.3	12.6	V
$I_h$ (approx) . . . . .	1.6	0.8	A

**MAXIMUM RATINGS (Absolute)**

	*CCS	†ICAS	
$V_a$ . . . . .	1.25	1.25	kV
$V_a$ ( $I_a = 0$ ) . . . . .	3.5	3.5	kV
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	600	600	V
$V_{g1}$ . . . . .	200	200	V
$P_a$ . . . . .	37.5	45	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	W
$P_{g1}$ . . . . .	2	2	W
$I_k$ . . . . .	230	230	mA
$i_k$ (pk) (r.f.) . . . . .	2	2	A
$i_a$ (pk) (pulse) . . . . .	7.5	7.5	A
$V_{h-k}$ . . . . .	150	150	V
$R_{g1-k}$ (fixed bias) . . . . .	100	100	k $\Omega$
$R_{g1-k}$ (cathode bias) . . . . .	220	220	k $\Omega$
$T_{bulb}$ . . . . .	250	250	$^{\circ}$ C

\*Continuous Commercial Service is defined as that type of service in which long life and reliability of performance under continuous operating conditions are the prime considerations.

†Intermittent Commercial and Amateur Service is defined as that type of service where minimum size, lightweight and maximum power output are more important than long life.

Intermittent operation implies that no 'on' period exceeds 5 minutes and an 'on' period is followed by an 'off' period of the same or longer duration.

## CAPACITANCES

$C_{a-g1}$ . . . . .	0.25	pF
$C_{a-all\ less\ g1}$ . . . . .	13.5	pF
$C_{g1-all\ less\ a}$ . . . . .	17	pF

## CHARACTERISTICS

$V_a$ . . . . .	250	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	250	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	140	mA
$g_m$ . . . . .	11	mA/V
$r_a$ . . . . .	12	k $\Omega$
$\mu_{g1-g2}$ . . . . .	8	

## OPERATING DATA

### A.F. Power Amplifier – Class AB1

The TT21 may be used as an alternative to the KT88 in existing audio designs and the following conditions are typical.

Push–Pull. Cathode Bias. Tetrode Connection.

$V_{a(b)}$ . . . . .	560	V
$V_{a(o)}$ . . . . .	521	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	V
$I_{a(o)}$ . . . . .	2 x 64	mA
$I_a$ (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 73	mA
$I_{g2(o)}$ . . . . .	2 x 1.7	mA
$I_{g2}$ (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 9	mA

$R_{load} (a-a)$	9	$k\Omega$
* $R_k$	$2 \times 460$	$\Omega$
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	30	V
$P_{out}$	50	W
$D_{tot}$	3	%
†IM	11	%
$P_{a(o)}$	$2 \times 33$	W
$P_a$ (max sig)	$2 \times 12$	W
$P_{g2(o)}$	$2 \times 0.5$	W
$P_{g2}$ (max sig)	$2 \times 2.7$	W
$V_{g1(ac)}$ (pk)	$2 \times 30$	V

\*It is essential to use two separate cathode bias resistors.

†Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

#### Push—Pull, Fixed Bias, Tetrode Connection.

$V_{a(b)}$	560	V
$V_{a(o)}$	552	V
$V_{g2}$	300	V
$I_{a(o)}$	$2 \times 60$	mA
$I_a$ (max sig)	$2 \times 145$	mA
$I_{g2(o)}$	$2 \times 1.7$	mA
$I_{g2}$ (max sig)	$2 \times 15$	mA
$R_{load} (a-a)$	4.5	$k\Omega$
* $-V_{g1}$ (approx)	34	V
$P_{out}$	100	W
$D_{tot}$	2.5	%
†IM	10	%
$P_{a(o)}$	$2 \times 33$	W
$P_a$ (max sig)	$2 \times 28$	W
$P_{g2(o)}$	$2 \times 0.5$	W
$P_{g2}$ (max sig)	$2 \times 4.5$	W
$V_{g1(ac)}$ (pk)	$2 \times 33.5$	V

\*It is essential to provide two separately adjustable bias voltage sources, having a voltage adjustment range of  $\pm 50\%$ .

†Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

Push–Pull. Cathode Bias. Ultra-Linear Connection (40% Tapping Points).

$V_{a,g2(b)}$ . . . . .	500	375	V
$V_{a,g2(o)}$ . . . . .	436	328	V
$I_{a+g2(o)}$ . . . . .	2 x 87	2 x 87	mA
$I_{a+g2}$ (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 99	2 x 96	mA
$R_{load}$ (a–a) . . . . .	6	5	k $\Omega$
* $R_k$ . . . . .	2 x 600	2 x 400	$\Omega$
$-V_{g1}$ (approx) . . . . .	52	35	V
$P_{out}$ . . . . .	50	30	W
$D_{tot}$ . . . . .	1.5	1	%
†IM . . . . .	4	3	%
$P_{a+g2(o)}$ . . . . .	2 x 38	2 x 28.5	W
$P_{a+g2}$ (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 17	2 x 16	W
$V_{g1(ac)}$ (pk) . . . . .	2 x 52	2 x 35.5	V
$Z_{out}$ . . . . .	4.8	4.5	k $\Omega$

\*It is essential to use two separate cathode bias resistors.

†Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

**A.F. Power Amplifier and Modulator – Class AB1 – Fixed Bias**  
(Tetrode Connection)

Maximum Permissible Conditions – CCS

$V_a$ . . . . .	1.25	kV
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	600	V
$P_a$ . . . . .	37.5	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	W

Typical Operation

Performance in an amplifier at various signal levels.

$V_{a(b)}$ . . . . .	1000	1000	1000	1000	V
$V_a$ . . . . .	996	993	990	989	V
$V_{g2(b)}$ . . . . .	300	300	300	300	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	300	299	298	V
* $-V_{g1}$ (approx) . . . . .	40	40	40	40	V
$V_{g1(ac)}$ (pk) . . . . .	2 x 0	2 x 16	2 x 25.5	2 x 32	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	2 x 35	2 x 55	2 x 79	2 x 90	mA
$I_{g2}$ . . . . .	2 x 0.35	2 x 1.2	2 x 4.5	2 x 11.5	mA
$P_{load}$ . . . . .	0	40	100	140	W
$R_{load}$ (a–a) . . . . .	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	k $\Omega$
$D$ . . . . .	1.25	1.5	4.8	%	

\*Must be separately adjusted on each tube with no signal. Bias supply should have an adjustment range of  $\pm 50\%$ .

A modulator operating under these conditions is described in Application Report No. 17. It is convenient for use with a TT21 with anode and screen modulation and with the modulator and r.f. stage operating from a common 1000V h.t. supply.

### R.F. Power Amplifier – Class C Telegraphy

#### Maximum Permissible Conditions

	CCS	ICAS	
$V_a$ . . . . .	1.25	1.25	kV
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	600	600	V
$-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	200	200	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	200	200	mA
$P_a$ . . . . .	37.5	45	W
$P_{in}$ . . . . .	200	220	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	W
$P_{g1}$ . . . . .	2	2	W

#### Typical Operation – CCS

$V_a$ . . . . .	500	800	1000	1250	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	300	300	300	V
$-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	90	90	90	90	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	192	182	175	160	mA
$I_{g2}$ . . . . .	20	20	20	20	mA
$I_{g1}$ . . . . .	8.5	7	5.5	4.5	mA
$P_a$ . . . . .	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	6	6	W
$P_{out}$ . . . . .	58.5	108.5	137.5	162.5	W
Efficiency . . . . .	61	75	78	81	%
* $P_{load}$ . . . . .	52	95	115	132	W
$P_{out(driver)}$ . . . . .	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	W

\*Measured at 30MHz

Typical Operation – ICAS

$V_a$	500	800	1000	1250	V
$V_{g2}$	300	300	300	300	V
$-V_{g1}$	90	90	90	90	V
$I_a$	200	200	190	175	mA
$I_{g2}$	20	20	20	20	mA
$I_{g1}$	9	9	7.5	6	mA
$P_a$	40	43	45	45	W
$P_{g2}$	6	6	6	6	W
$P_{out}$	60	117	145	174	W
Efficiency	59	74	76.5	79.5	%
* $P_{load}$	52	103	126	146	W
$P_{out}$ (driver)	2.1	2.1	2	1.9	W

\*Measured at 30MHz.

**R.F. Power Amplifier – Class C – Anode and Screen Modulated**

Maximum Permissible Conditions

	(Carrier Conditions)		
	CCS	ICAS	
$V_a$	1	1	kV
$V_{g2}$	600	600	V
$-V_{g1}$	200	200	V
$I_a$	160	180	mA
$P_a$	25	30	W
$P_{in}$	130	150	W
$P_{g2}$	6	6	W
$P_{g1}$	2	2	W
Modulation	100	100	%

### Typical Operation – CCS

$V_a$ . . . . .	550	700	850	1000	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	300	300	300	V
$-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	115	115	115	115	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	160	150	140	130	mA
$I_{g2}$ . . . . .	20	20	20	20	mA
$I_{g1}$ . . . . .	5	3.5	3	2.5	mA
$P_a$ . . . . .	25	25	25	25	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	6	6	W
$P_{out}$ . . . . .	63.5	80	95	105	W
Efficiency . . . . .	72	76	80	81	%
* $P_{load}$ . . . . .	54	70	82	87	W
$P_{out}$ (driver). . . . .	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	W
$P_{mod}$ . . . . .	50	60	68	75	W

\*Measured at 30MHz.

### Typical Operation – ICAS

$V_a$ . . . . .	550	700	850	1000	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	300	300	300	V
$-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	115	115	115	115	V
$I_a$ . . . . .	180	175	165	150	mA
$I_{g2}$ . . . . .	20	20	20	20	mA
$I_{g1}$ . . . . .	6.5	5.5	5	3.5	mA
$P_a$ . . . . .	30	30	30	30	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	6	6	W
$P_{out}$ . . . . .	69	92	110	123	W
Efficiency . . . . .	70	75.5	78.5	82	%
* $P_{load}$ . . . . .	61	82	94	101	W
$P_{out}$ (driver). . . . .	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	W
$P_{mod}$ . . . . .	55	68	80	85	W

\*Measured at 30MHz.

## R.F. Power Amplifier – Class AB1 – SSB

### Maximum Permissible Conditions

	CCS	ICAS	
$V_a$ . . . . .	1.25	1.25	kV
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	600	600	V
$-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	200	200	V
$P_a$ . . . . .	37.5	45	W
$P_{g2}$ . . . . .	6	6	W
$P_{g1}$ . . . . .	2	2	W

### Typical Operation

	CCS	CCS	ICAS†	
$V_a$ . . . . .	800	1000	1200	V
$V_{g2}$ . . . . .	300	300	300	V
$*-V_{g1}$ . . . . .	38	40	45	V
$V_{g1(ac)}$ (pk) . . . . .	37	39	44	V
$I_{a(o)}$ . . . . .	40	37.5	32.5	mA
$I_{g2(o)}$ . . . . .	0.5	0.3	—	mA
$P_{a(o)}$ . . . . .	32	37.5	39	W

	2-tone		1-tone		2-tone		1-tone		
$I_a$ (max sig) . . . . .	86	122	83	130	90	136			mA
$I_{g2}$ (max sig) . . . . .	4.5	11	5	9	4	8			mA
$I_{g1}$ (max sig) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0			
$P_a$ (max sig) . . . . .	33.5	26.5	34.5	33	47	41			W
$P_{g2}$ (max sig) . . . . .	1.4	3.3	1.5	2.7	1.2	2.4			W
$P_{out}$ (mean) . . . . .	35.5	71	48.5	97	61	122			W
PEP <sub>out</sub> . . . . .	71	—	97	—	122	—			W
$Z_a$ . . . . .	4	4	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.5			k $\Omega$
$R_{load}$ (mean) . . . . .	32	64	43.75	87.5	55	110			W
PEP <sub>load</sub> . . . . .	64	—	87.5	—	110	—			W
‡D <sub>3</sub> . . . . .	36	—	33	—	29	—			dB
‡D <sub>5</sub> . . . . .	49	—	46	—	43	—			dB

\*Adjust to obtain specified value of  $I_{a(o)}$ .

†The available output is limited by the anode dissipation under two-tone test conditions. Greater output may be possible if the peak to mean value of the modulation waveforms permit greater input power without exceeding the dissipation rating.

‡Measured with reference to either of the two tones.

A complete linear amplifier is described in Application Report No. 15.



## Pulse Modulator Service

### Maximum Permissible Conditions

$V_a$	3.5	kV
$V_{g2}$	600	V
$-V_{g1}$	200	V
$P_a$	37.5	W
$P_{g2}$	6	W
$P_{g1}$	2	W
$i_a(\text{pk})$	7.5	A

### Typical Operation

$V_a$	3.5	kV
$V_{g2}$	600	V
$-V_{g1}$	150	V
$V_{g1}(\text{pulse})$	380	V
$i_a(\text{pulse})$	6	A
$i_{g2}(\text{pulse})$	2.1	A
$i_{g1}(\text{pulse})$	2.3	A
$F_a$	460	$\Omega$
$t_p$	2	$\mu\text{s}$
PRF	1500	p/s

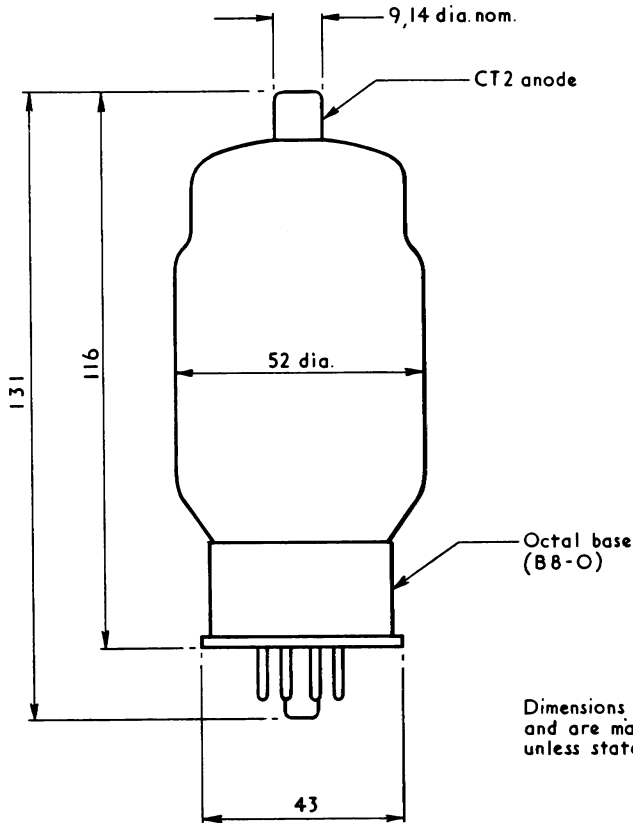
## INSTALLATION

The tube may be mounted either vertically or horizontally. When a pair of tubes is mounted vertically it is recommended that the centres of the tubeholders are not less than 100mm apart and that pins 4 and 8 of each tube are in line. When a pair of tubes is mounted horizontally it is recommended that the centres of the tubeholders are not less than 100mm apart and that pins 4 and 8 of each tube are in the same vertical line. If circuit layout makes closer mounting desirable, free air circulation around the tube must be ensured, if necessary by means of a small fan. The bulb temperature under the worst operating conditions must not exceed 250°C.

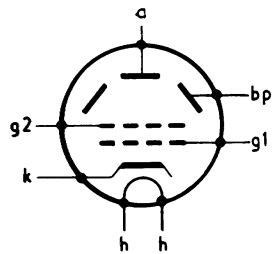
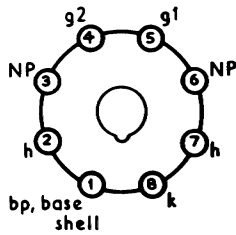
## OPERATING NOTES

In order to prevent parasitic oscillation, it is desirable to use a grid stopper resistor mounted close to the tubeholder. In Class AB1 audio circuits this may have a value up to 10k $\Omega$  reducing to about 100 $\Omega$  in r.f. circuits, when an anode stopper consisting of a 100 $\Omega$  ¼W resistor overwound with 2½ turns of 18 s.w.g. copper wire may also be necessary. The usual practice of using a single chassis point for all earth returns should always be adopted in r.f. equipment.

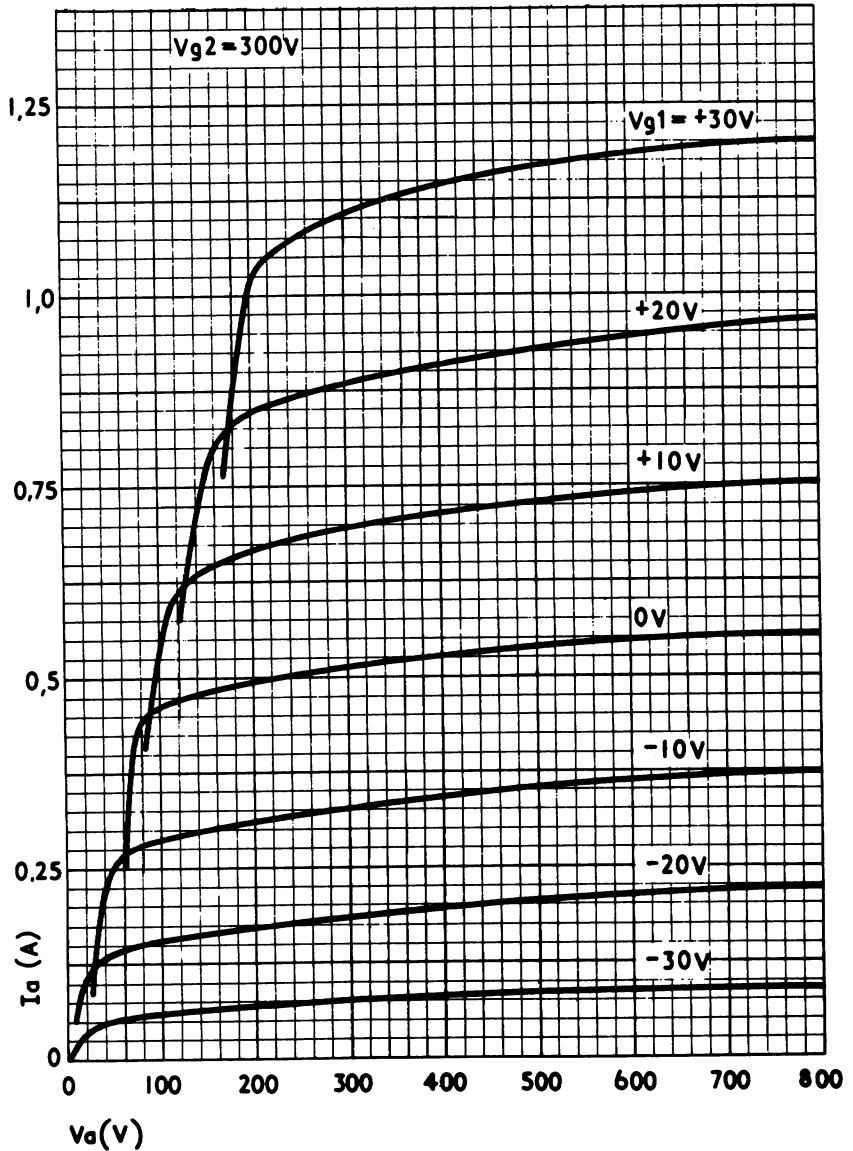
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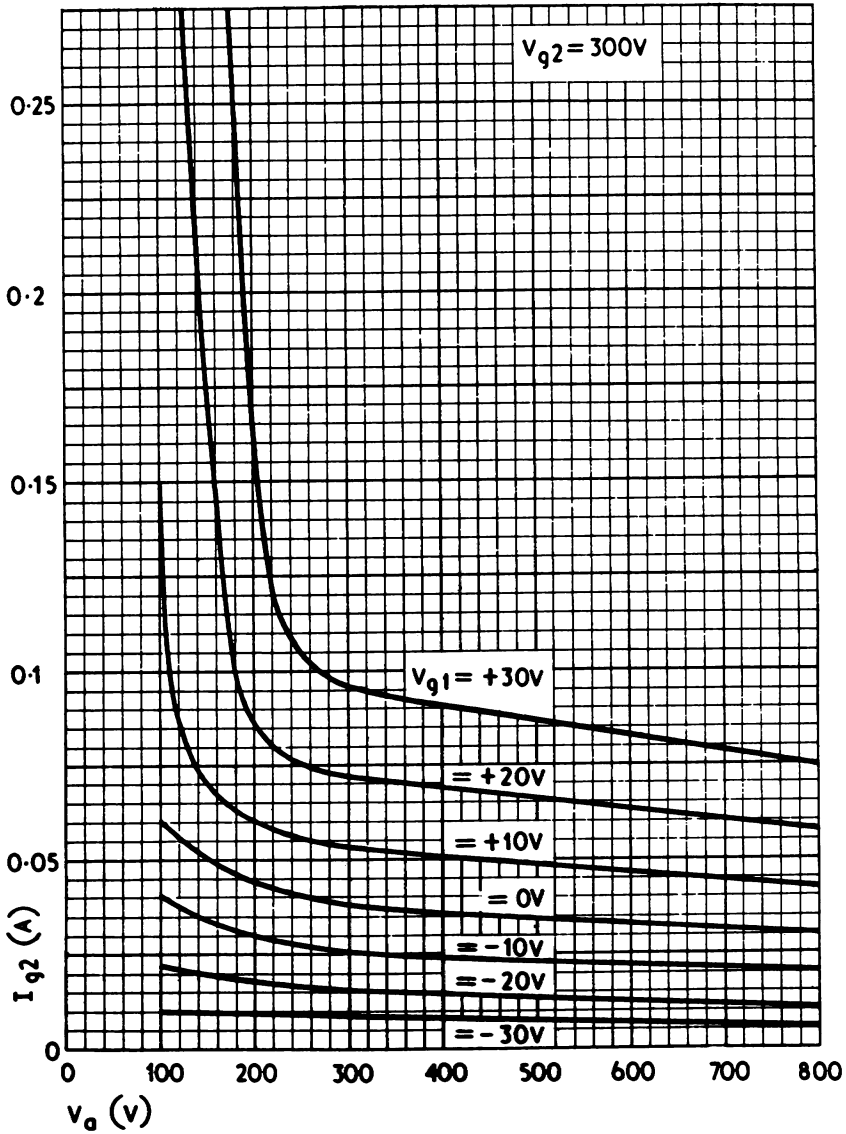
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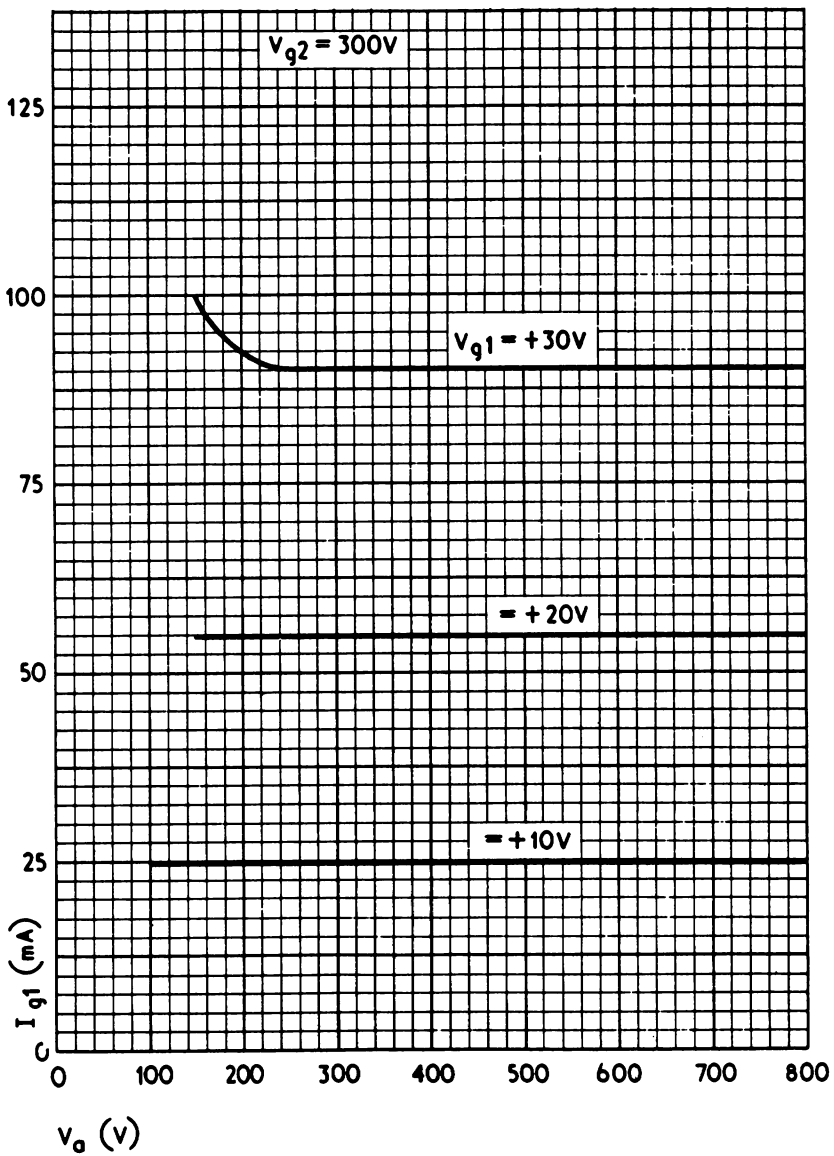
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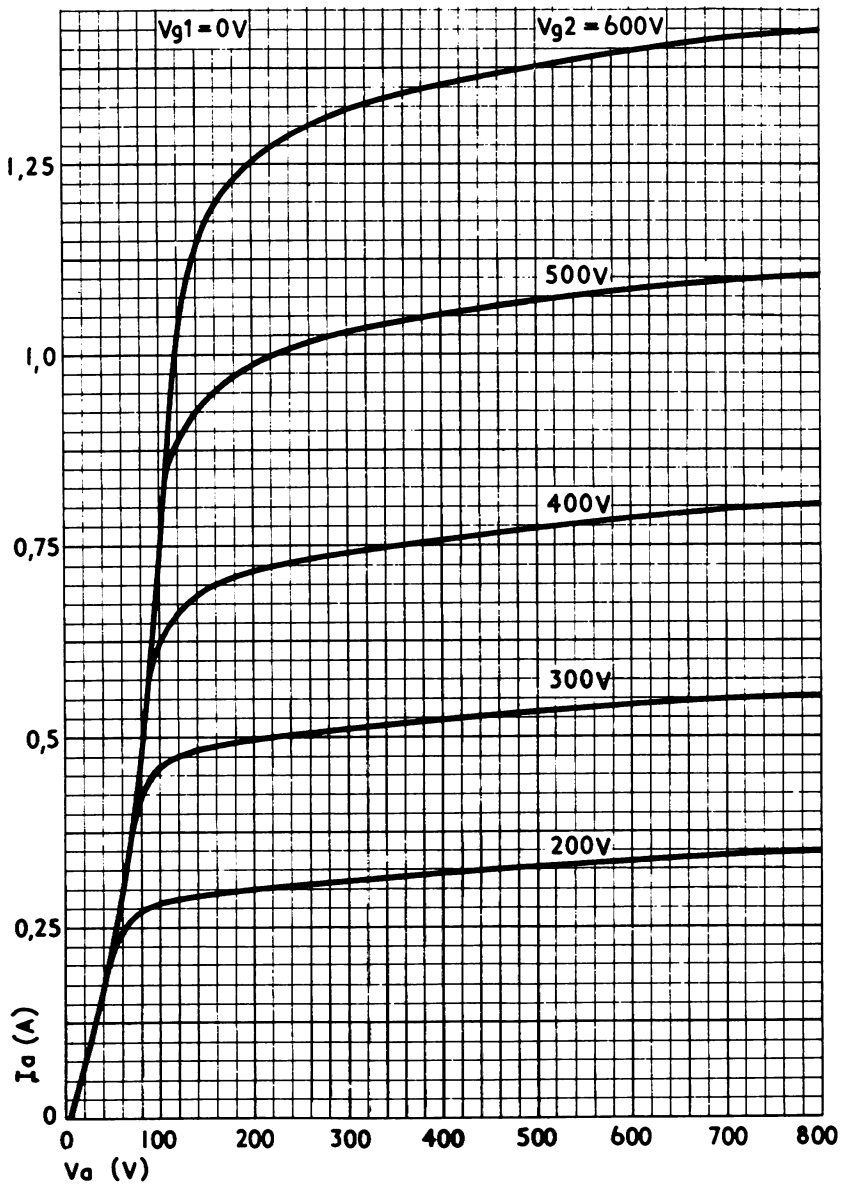
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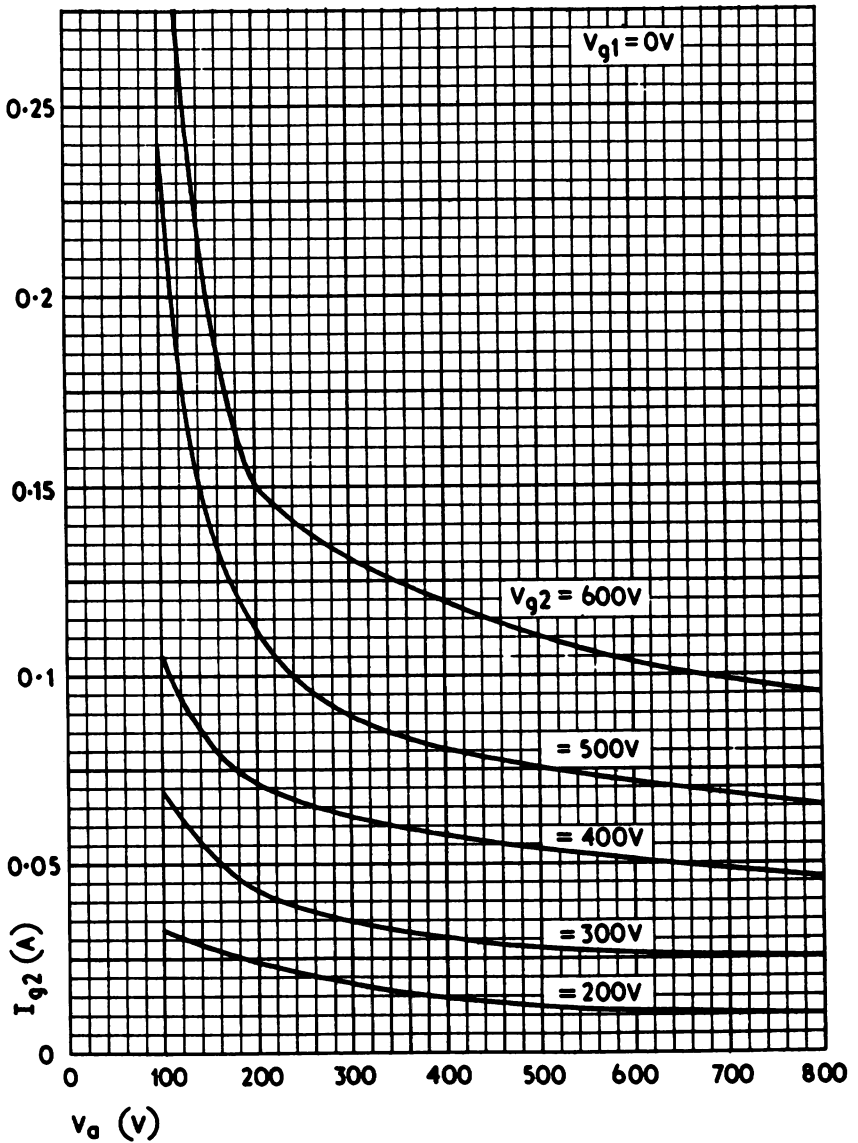
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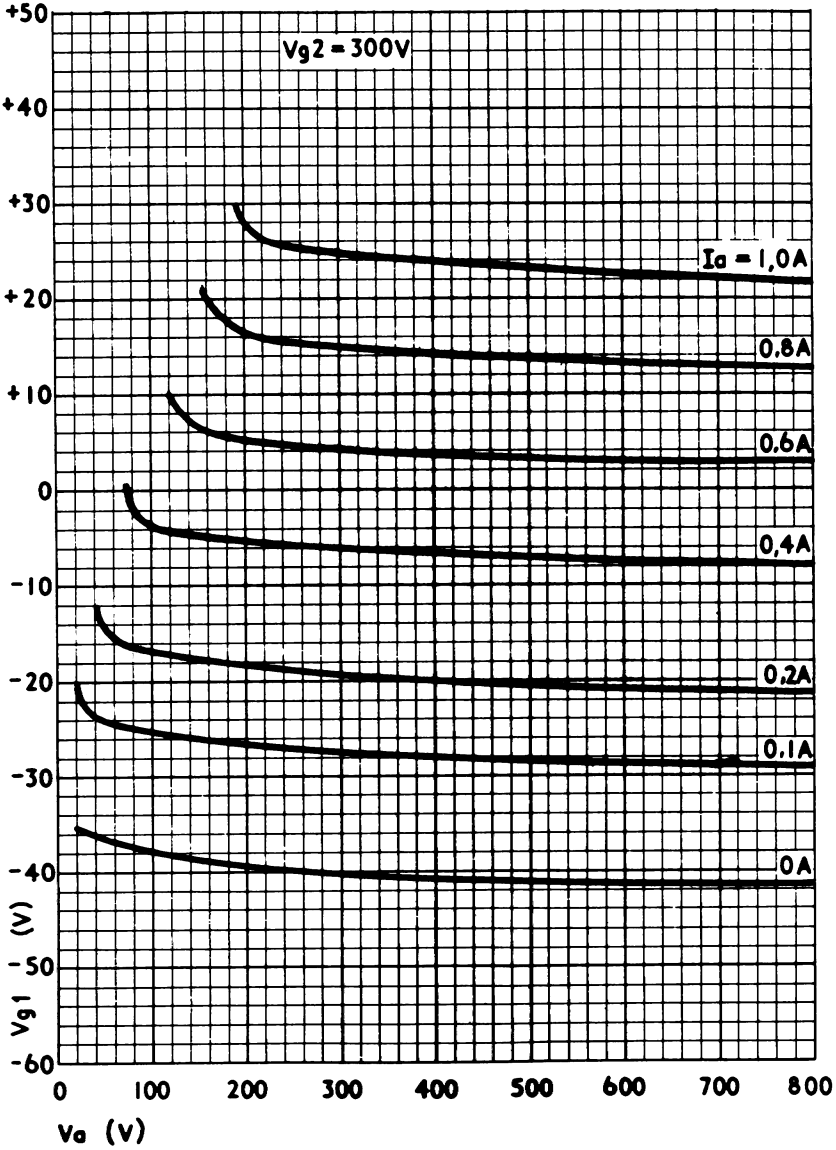
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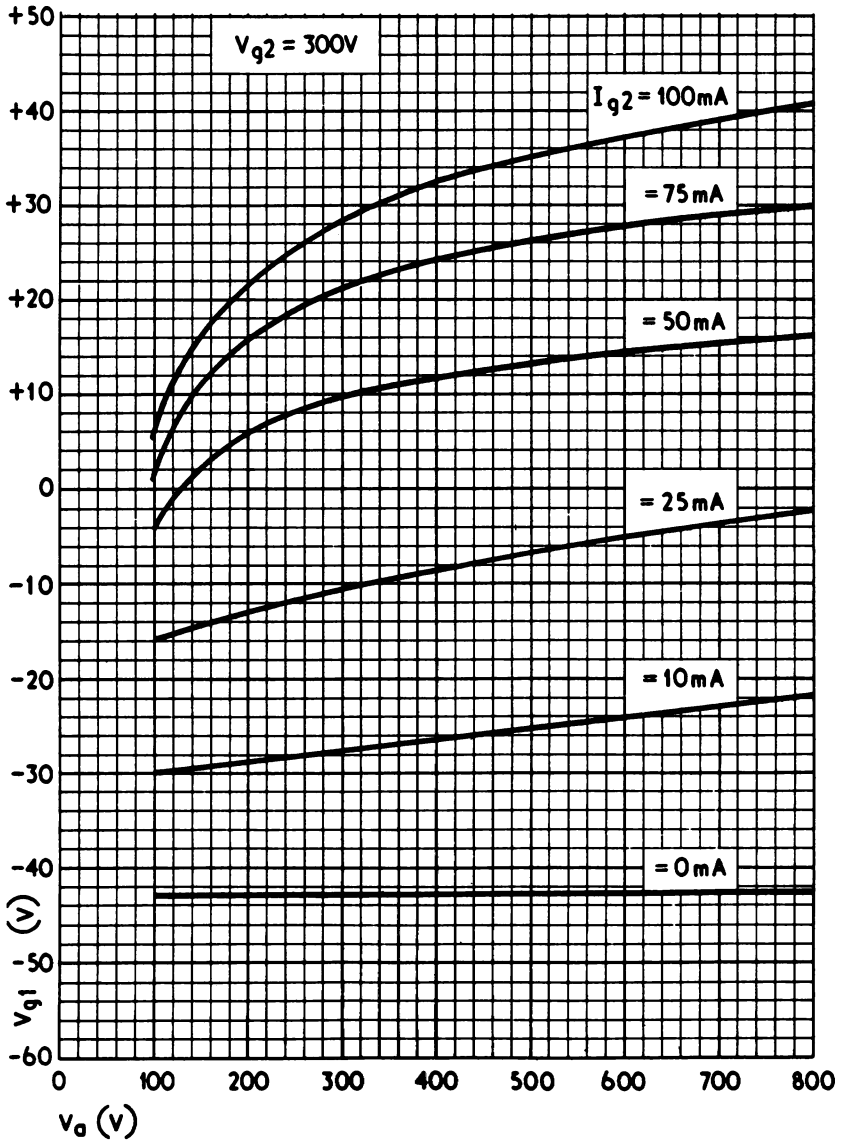


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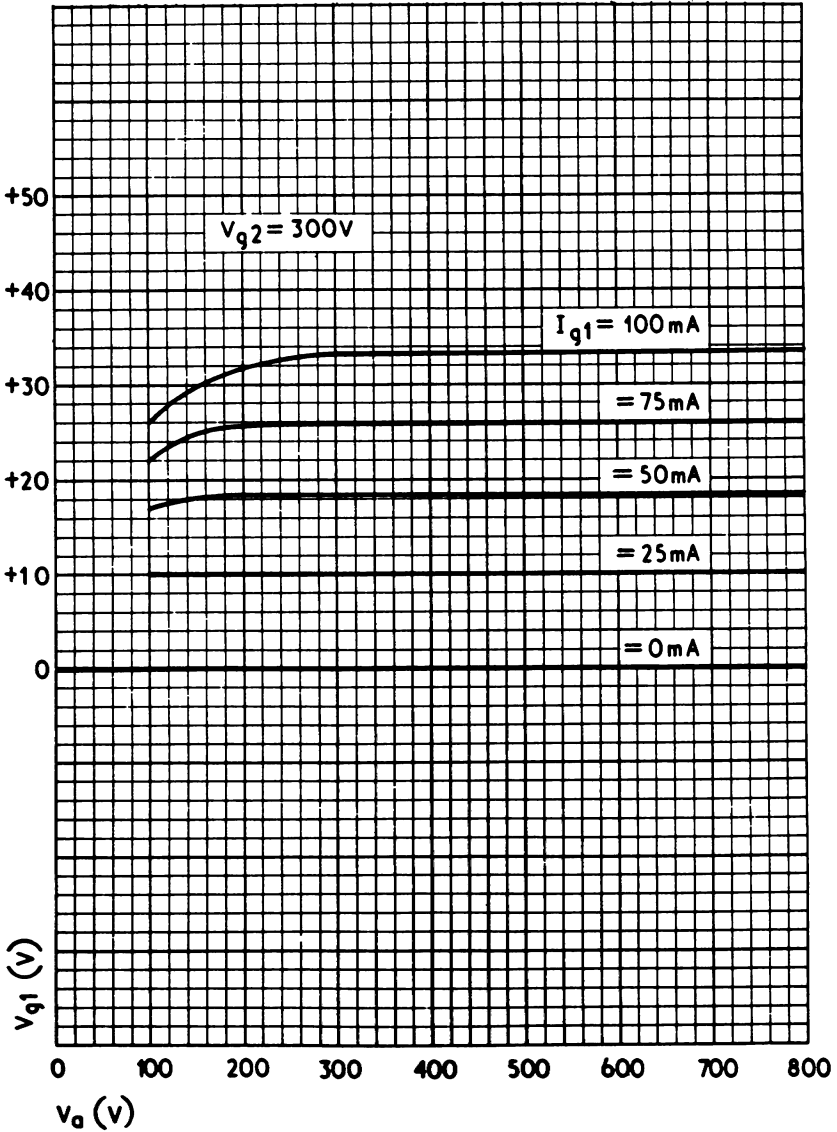




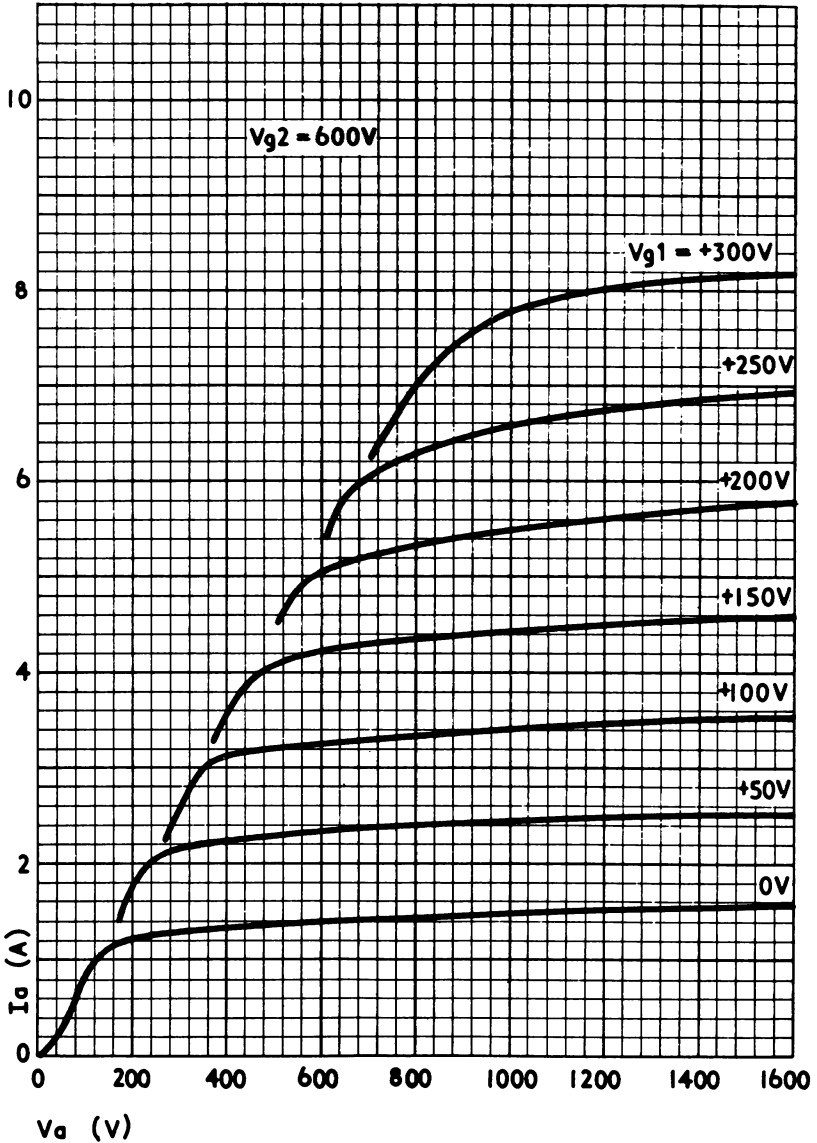
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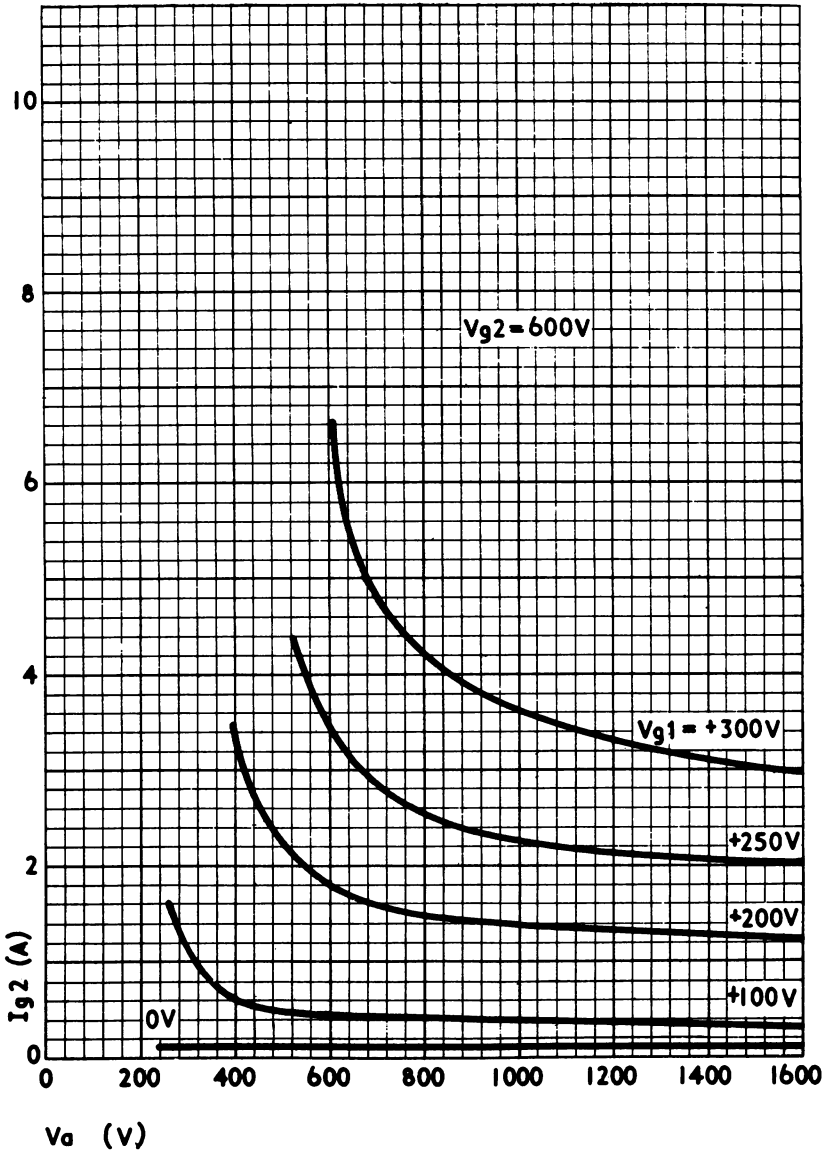
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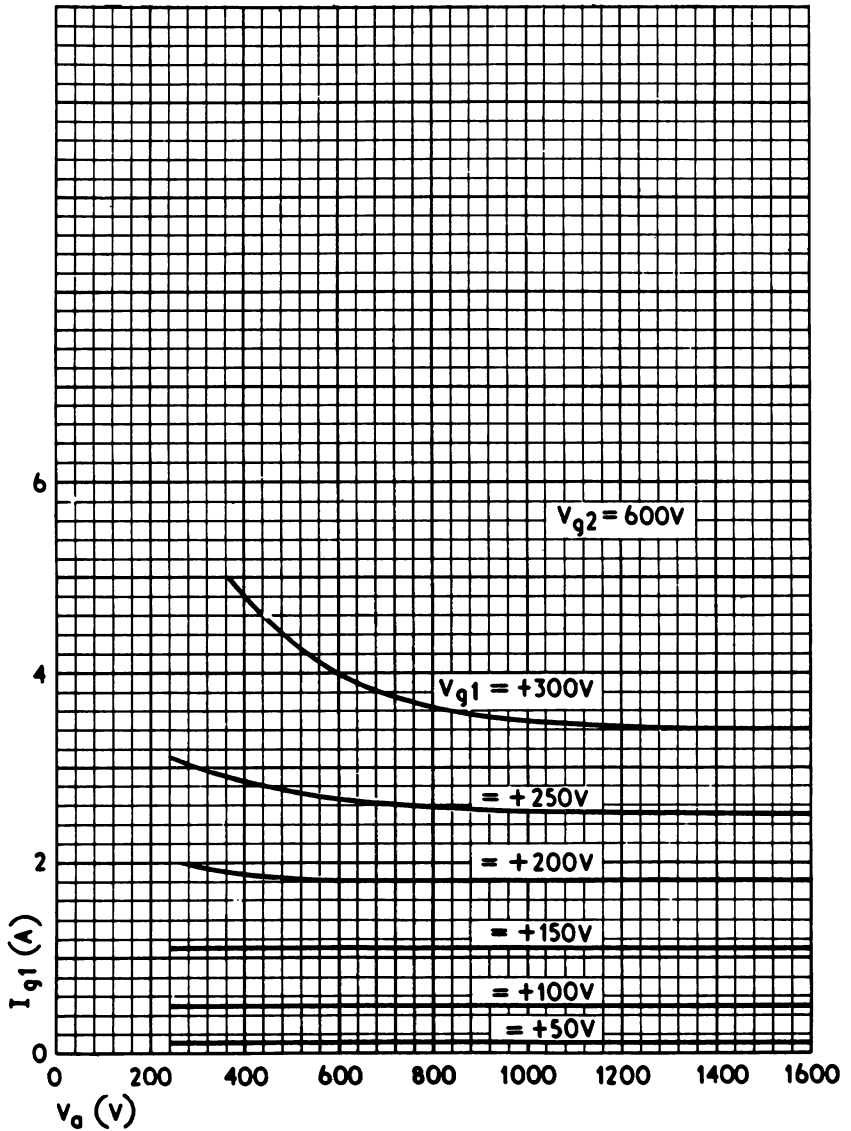
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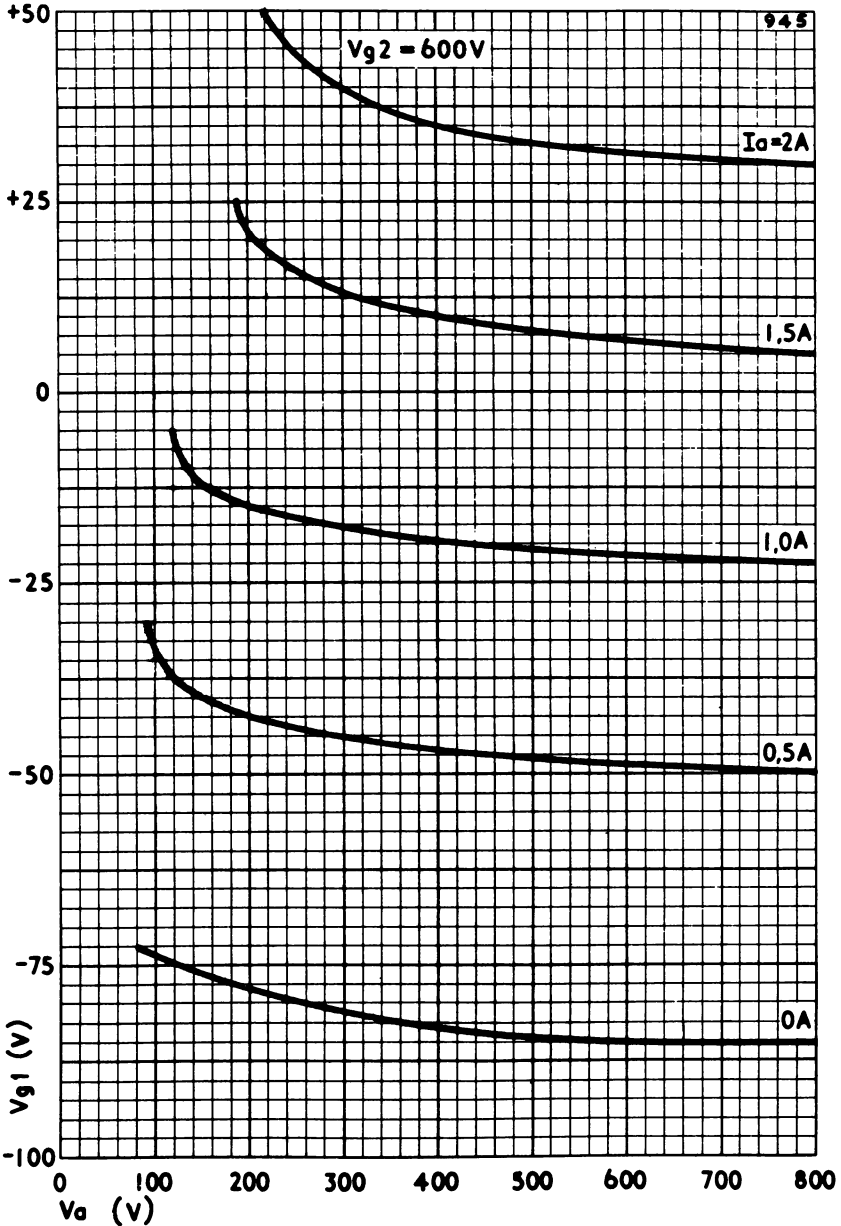
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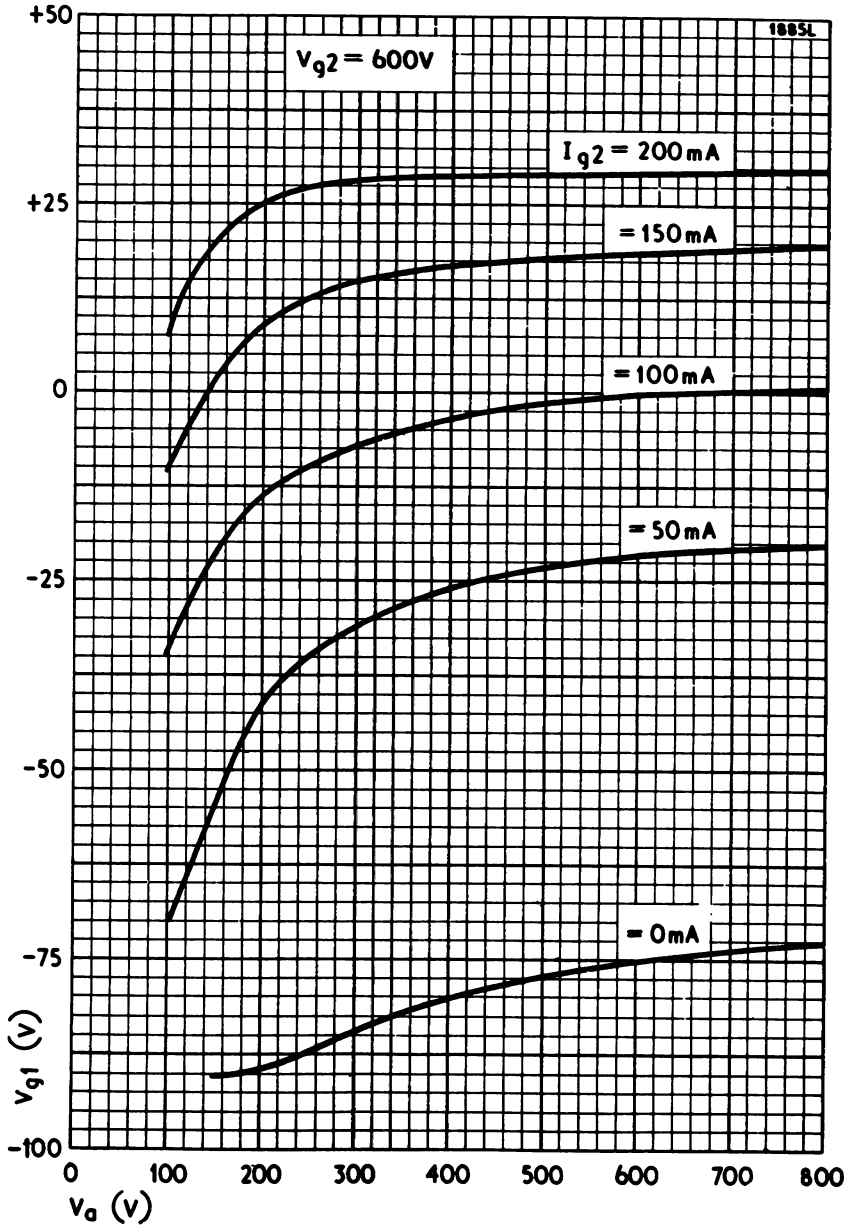
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