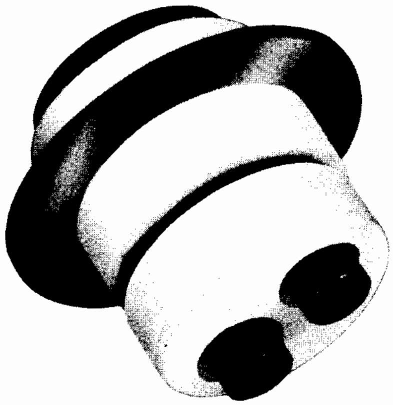
GE ELECTRONICS

7486

METAL-CERAMIC TRIODE

FOR UHF OSCILLATOR AND POWER AMPLIFIER APPLICATIONS



DESCRIPTION AND RATING

The 7486 is a high-mu triode of ceramic-and-metal planar construction intended for use as an oscillator or radio-frequency power amplifier in the ultra-high-frequency range. The 7486 is especially suited for use where unfavorable conditions of mechanical shock, mechanical vibration, and nuclear radiation are encountered.

GENERAL

ELECTRICAL

Cathode—Coated Unipotential
Heater Characteristics and Ratings

Heater Voltage, AC or DC*	6.3 ± 0.3	Volts
Heater Current	0.24	Amperes
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances‡		
Grid to Plate: (g to p)	1.0	pf
Input: g to (h+k)	1.7	pf
Output: p to (h+k)	0.01	pf
Heater to Cathode: (h to k)	1.1	pf

MECHANICAL

Mounting Position—Any

See Outline Drawing on page 3 for dimensions and electrical connections

MAXIMUM RATINGS

ABSOLUTE-MAXIMUM VALUES

Plate Voltage	250	Volts
Positive DC Grid Voltage	0	Volts
Negative DC Grid Voltage	50	Volts
Plate Dissipation	1.0	Watts
DC Grid Current	2.2	Milliamperes
DC Cathode Current	11	Milliamperes
Peak Cathode Current	40	Milliamperes
Heater-Cathode Voltage		
Heater Positive with Respect to Cathode	50	Volts
Heater Negative with Respect to Cathode	50	Volts
Grid Circuit Resistance	10000	Ohms
Envelope Temperature at Hottest Point§	250	C

Absolute-Maximum ratings are limiting values of operating and environmental conditions applicable to any electron tube of a specified type as defined by its published data and should not be exceeded under the worst probable conditions.

The tube manufacturer chooses these values to provide acceptable serviceability of the tube, making no allowance for equipment variations, environmental variations, and the effects of changes in operating conditions due to variations in the characteristics of the tube under consideration and of all other electron devices in the equipment.

The equipment manufacturer should design so that initially and throughout life no absolute-maximum value for the intended service is exceeded with any tube under the worst probable operating conditions with respect to supply-voltage variation, equipment component variation, equipment control adjustment, load variation, signal variation, environmental conditions, and variations in the characteristics of the tube under consideration and of all other electron devices in the equipment.

CHARACTERISTICS AND TYPICAL OPERATION

AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Plate Voltage	100	150	Volts
Grid Voltage	0	.....	Volts
Cathode-Bias Resistor	.....	82	Ohms
Amplification Factor	.....	90	
Transconductance	11500	10500	Micromhos
Plate Current	8.0	7.5	Milliamperes

UHF Oscillator Service

Plate Voltage	150	150	Volts
Grid Resistor	1000	1000	Ohms
Plate Current	8.0	8.0	Milliamperes
Grid Current	2.0	2.0	Milliamperes
Frequency	450	1200	Megacycles
Power Output, approximate	450	300	Milliwatts

Class C RF Amplifier

Plate Voltage	150	Volts
Grid Resistor	3000	Ohms
Plate Current	5.0	Milliamperes
Grid Current	1.0	Milliamperes
Frequency	450	Megacycles
Power Output, approximate	300	Milliwatts

FOOTNOTES

* The equipment designer should design the equipment so that heater voltage is centered at the specified bogey value, with heater supply variations restricted to maintain heater voltage within the specified tolerance.

† Heater current of a bogey tube at Ef = 6.3 volts.

‡ Measured using a grounded adapter that provides shielding between external terminals of tube.

§ Operation below the rated maximum envelope temperature is recommended for applications requiring the longest possible tube life. The 7486 is also capable of operation at envelope temperatures much higher than the rated maximum values. For specific recommendations concerning higher temperature operation, contact your General Electric tube sales representative.

INITIAL CHARACTERISTICS LIMITS

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Heater Current				
Ef = 6.3 volts	222	240	258	Milliamperes
Plate Current				
Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Rk = 82 ohms (bypassed)	4.5	.....	11	Milliamperes
Zero-Bias Transconductance				
Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 100 volts, Ec = 0 volts	8000	11500	.....	Micromhos
Transconductance Change with Heater Voltage				
Difference between Zero-Bias Transconductance measured at Ef = 6.3 volts and Ef = 6.0 volts (other conditions the same) expressed as a percentage	.....	.....	20	Percent
Amplification Factor				
Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Rk = 82 ohms (bypassed)	65	90	115	
Grid Voltage Cutoff				
Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Ib = 100 μa	.....	−2.4	−4.5	Volts
Interelectrode Capacitances				
Grid to Plate: (g to p)	0.84	1.00	1.16	Picofarads
Input: g to (h+k)	1.25	1.70	2.15	Picofarads
Output: p to (h+k)	0.004	0.010	0.016	Picofarads
Heater to Cathode: (h to k)	0.80	1.10	1.40	Picofarads

INITIAL CHARACTERISTICS LIMITS (Continued)

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Heater-Cathode Leakage Current				
Ef = 6.3 volts, Ehk = 100 volts				
Heater Positive with Respect to Cathode	.....	.....	20	Microamperes
Heater Negative with Respect to Cathode	.....	.....	20	Microamperes
Interelectrode Leakage Resistance				
Ef = 6.3 volts. Polarity of applied d-c interelectrode voltage is such that no cathode emission results.				
Grid to All at 100 volts d-c	100	.....	.....	Megohms
Plate to All at 300 volts d-c	100	.....	.....	Megohms
Grid Emission Current				
Ef = 7.0 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Ecc = −20 volts, Rg = 0.1 meg	.....	.....	2.0	Microamperes

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TESTS

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
1200 Megacycle Oscillator Power Output	200	.....	.....	Milliwatts

Tubes are tested for power output as an oscillator under the following conditions: F = 1200 mc ± 50 mc, Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Rg = 1000 ohms, Ib = 8.0 ma maximum, Ic = 1.6 − 2.0 ma

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Pulse Emission	90	.....	.....	Milliamperes

Tubes are tested for pulse emission under the following conditions: Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Ec = −10 volts, egk = +7 V, prr = 1000 pps, duty factor = 0.01. Pulse cathode current is measured

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Grid Recovery				
Change in Average Plate Current	.....	.....	0.6	Milliamperes
Peak Plate Current Backswing	.....	.....	1.0	Milliamperes

Tubes with poor grid recovery affect circuit operation, when the grid is driven positive by a pulse of signal or noise, somewhat as if a parallel RC circuit were in series with the grid. This effect may occur in tubes of any type, but is unimportant in many applications. In the majority of 7486 tubes the effect is negligible, but to eliminate the few in which it may be excessive, tubes are tested under the following conditions: Ef = 6.3 volts, Ebb = 250 volts, R_L = 0.01 meg. Ec is adjusted for Ib = 3.0 ma.

Upon application to the grid of a 5-volt positive pulse (prr = 60 pps, duty factor = 0.0012) the change in average plate current is noted, and the peak plate current backswing is measured. The following diagram shows qualitatively the plate current-time relationship for a tube (with poor grid recovery) subjected to this test.

OUTLINE DRAWING

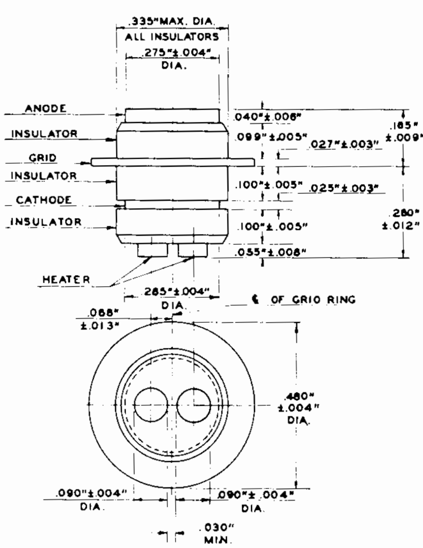
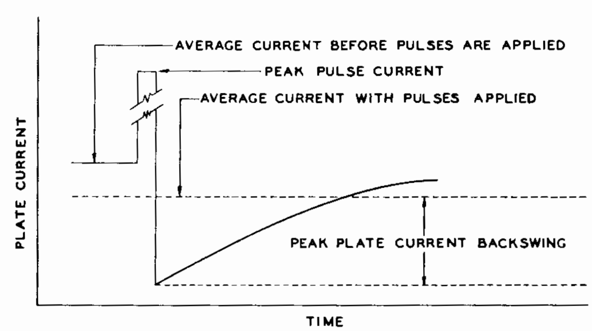


PLATE CURRENT VS TIME— GRID RECOVERY TEST



1—Maximum eccentricity of anode, grid, and cathode 0.005″ from center line.

2—Maximum eccentricity of insulators 0.010″ from center line.

3—Center line of grid ring used as reference line for horizontal tolerances.

4—Bottom surface of grid ring used as reference line for vertical tolerances.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TESTS (Continued)

	Min.	Bogey	Max.	
Low Frequency Vibrational Output	.....	.....	10	Millivolts RMS

Statistical sample is subjected to vibration in each of two planes at 40 cps, with peak acceleration 15G. Tube is operated with Ef = 6.3 volts, Ebb = 150 volts, Rk = 82 ohms (bypassed), R_L = 10000 ohms.

Variable Frequency Vibrational Output

The tube is designed to be free of vibrational outputs in excess of 15 mv RMS at any frequency within the range 100–2000 cps, when vibrated in either of two planes at 10G peak acceleration. Electrical conditions for this test are the same as for Low Frequency Vibrational Output.

Low Pressure Voltage Breakdown Test

Statistical sample tested for voltage breakdown at a pressure of 8 mm Hg, to simulate an altitude of 100,000 feet. Tubes shall not give visual evidence of flashover or corona when 300 volts RMS, 60 cps, is applied between the plate and grid terminals.

DEGRADATION RATE TESTS

Fatigue

Statistical sample vibrated for a total of six hours, three hours in each of two planes, at a peak acceleration of 10G. Frequency is continuously varied from 30 cps to 2000 cps and back to 30 cps, with a period of ten minutes. Tubes are operated during the test with Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, and Rk = 82 ohms. Following the test, tubes are evaluated for low frequency vibrational output, heater-cathode leakage, and heater current.

Shock

Statistical sample subjected to 5 impact accelerations of approximately 450G in each of four positions. The accelerating forces are applied by the Navy-type, High Impact (flyweight) Shock Machine using a 30° hammer angle. Tubes are operated during the test with Ef = 6.3 volts, Eb = 150 volts, Ehk = +100 volts, and Rk = 82 ohms. Following the test, tubes are evaluated for low frequency vibrational output, heater-cathode leakage, and heater current.

Stability Life Test

The statistical sample subjected to the Dynamic Life Test is evaluated for percent change in zero-bias transconductance of individual tubes, from the initial reading to readings following 2 hours and 20 hours of the life test.

Survival Rate Life Test

The combined statistical samples subjected to the Dynamic and Pulse Life Tests are evaluated for shorted and open elements following approximately 100 hours of life test.

Dynamic Life Test

Statistical sample operated, with a 60 cps grid signal, at maximum rated DC grid current and cathode current for a period of 1000 hours. Heater voltage is cycled (on 1¾ hours, off ¼ hour). Tubes are evaluated, following 500 and 1000 hours of life test, for shorted or open elements, heater current, oscillator power output, zero-bias transconductance, heater-cathode leakage, and interelectrode leakage resistance.

Pulse Life Test

Statistical sample operated with 120 ma peak cathode current, 0.01 duty factor, for 1000 hours. Heater voltage is cycled (on 1¾ hours, off ¼ hour). Tubes are evaluated, following 500 and 1000 hours of life test, for shorted or open elements, heater current, pulse cathode current, heater-cathode leakage, and interelectrode leakage resistance.

Interface Life Test

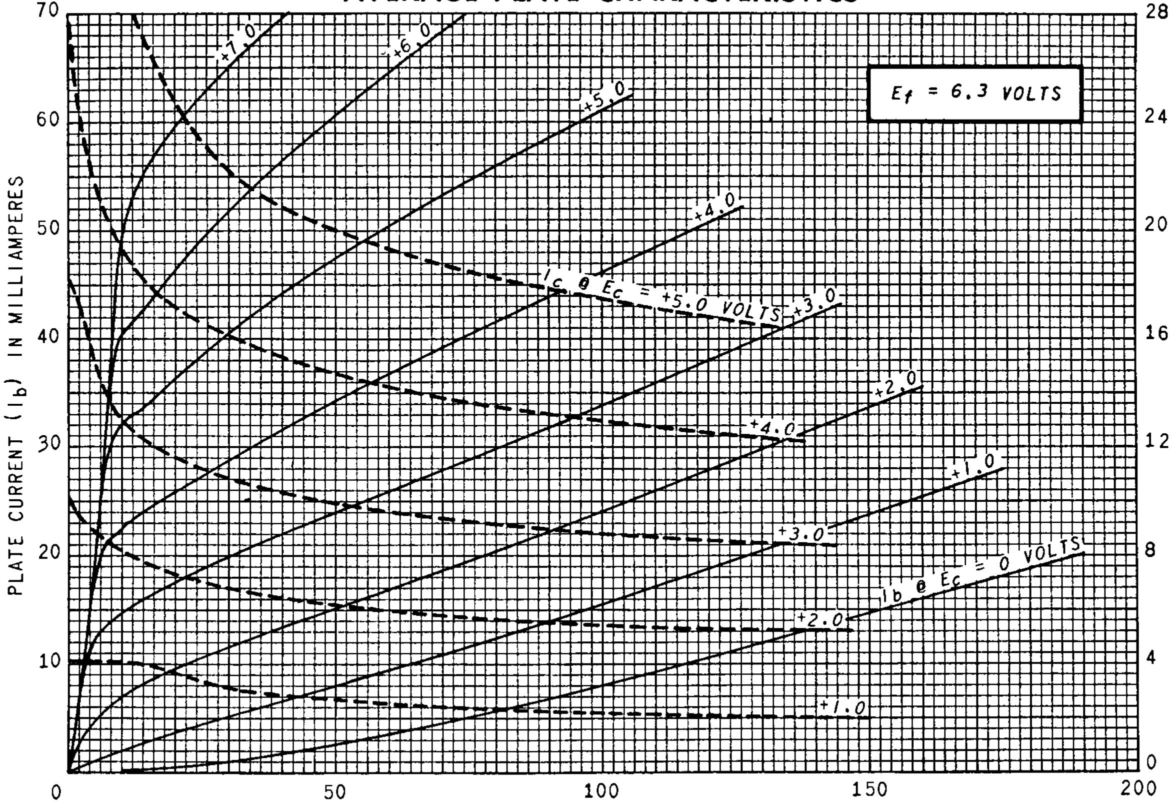
Statistical sample operated for 1000 hours with Ef = 6.6 volts, no other voltages applied, and evaluated for cathode interface resistance following the life test.

Heater-Cycling Life Test

Statistical sample operated for 2000 cycles minimum to evaluate and control heater-cathode defects. Conditions of test include Ef = 7.0 volts cycled for one minute on and one minute off, Eb = Ec = 0 volts, and Ehk = 70 volts with heater positive with respect to cathode. Following this test, tubes are evaluated for open heaters, heater-cathode shorts, and heater-cathode leakage current.

Note: The conditions for some of the indicated tests have deliberately been selected to aggravate tube failures for test and evaluation purposes. In no sense should these conditions be interpreted as suitable circuit operating conditions.

AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS



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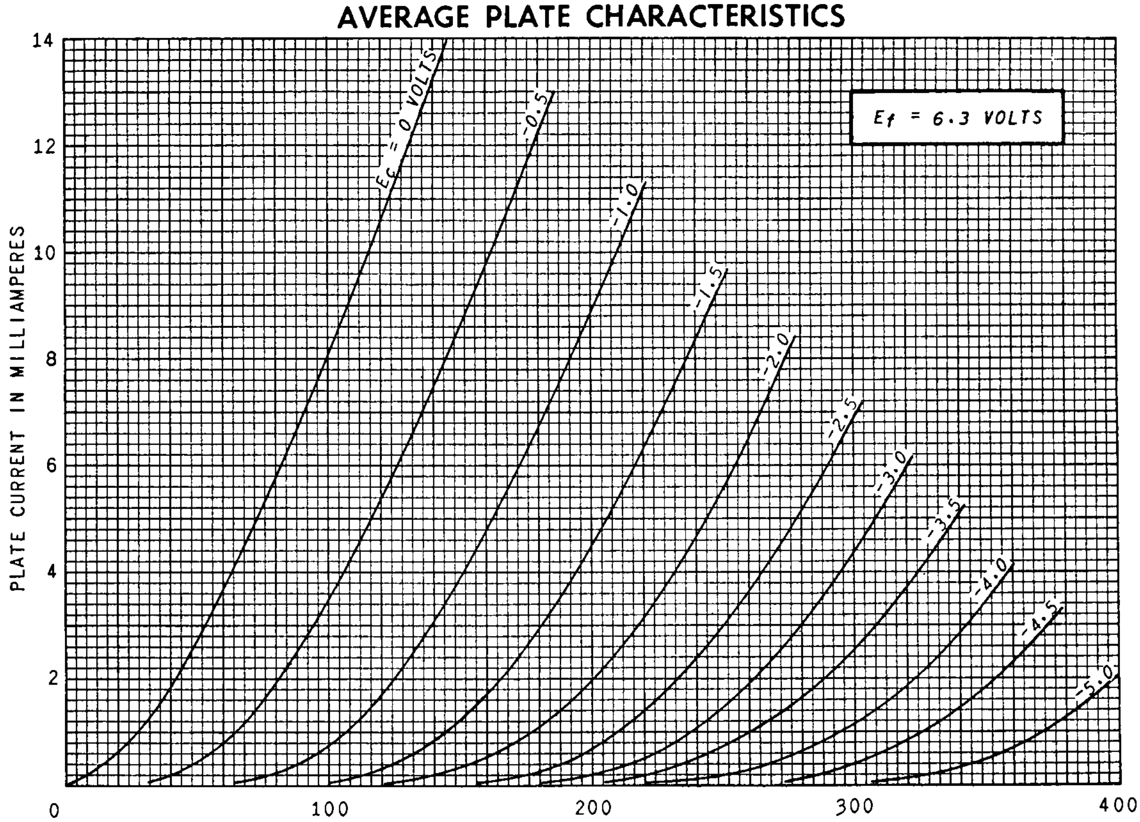

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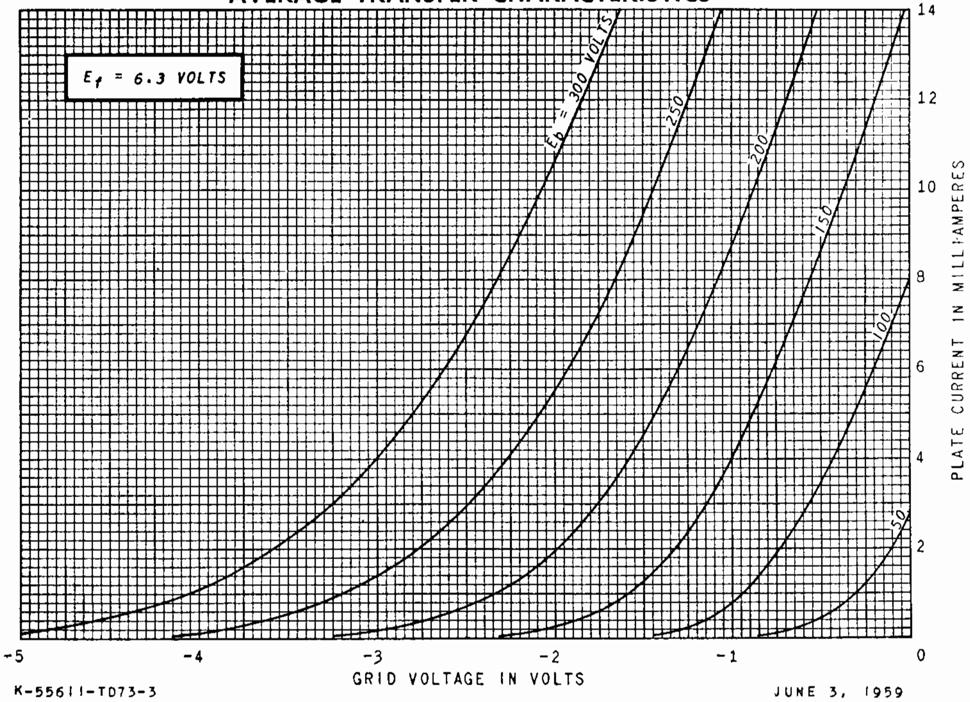
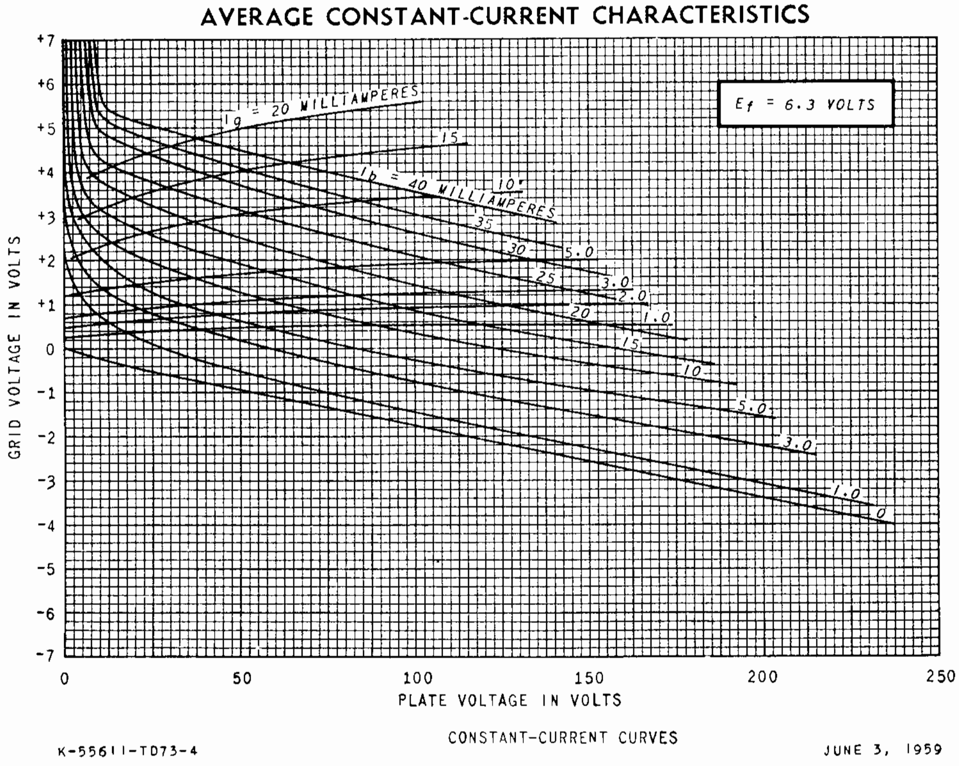
AVERAGE TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS



AVERAGE CONSTANT-CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS



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