6384

Bendix Red Bank Type TE-27
(Generic Type 6AR6-6098)

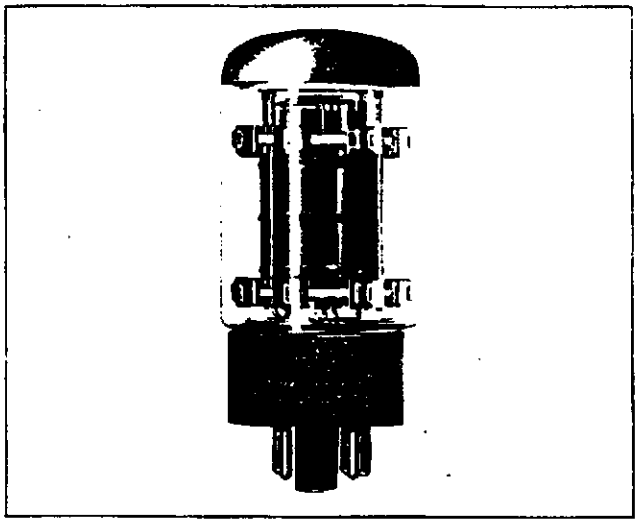
RELIABLE HARD GLASS BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER

DESCRIPTION

This high-perveance beam power amplifier has been designed as a direct retrofit for the 6AR6 or 6098 in aircraft, military and industrial applications where freedom from early failures, long average service life and uniform operating characteristics are extremely important. Each tube is given a 45-hour run-in under various overload, vibration and shock conditions likely to be encountered in service. This run-in serves to reduce early failures by eliminating tubes with any minor defects that might lead to failure under operating conditions.

Since this tube is designed for use in equipment with high ambient temperatures and where high levels of vibration and shock are encountered, special materials and techniques are employed. The hard glass bulb and tungsten stem seal construction are features similar to those found on many high-powered transmitting tubes. Careful exhaust to a high degree of vacuum, with thorough outgassing of all elements by means of electron bombardment, as well as the usual RF induction heating, insures maximum life expectancy. These factors, as well as a conservative design center of cathode temperature, permit operation of the 6384 at bulb temperatures up to 300°C as compared to the 225°C rating of the 6AR6. Moreover, because of the lower expansion (about ⅓ that of conventional receiving tube "soft glass"), greater resistance to thermal shock is attained.

This tube is constructed with ceramic spacers rather than the usual mica. Therefore, one of the most prevalent causes of tube failure is eliminated, namely, gas evolution under vibration (from deteriorated mica) and subsequent loss of cathode emission. In addition, ceramic spacers contribute to a much sturdier structure, which is further strengthened by multi-pillar supports locked together with 18 welded eyelets. Bulb snubbers are made with an alloy which retains its spring properties at the high



temperatures under which this tube can operate. These snubbers contact the bulb at 32 separate points and thus effectively cushion the mount structure from shock accelerations as high as 500G.

Other special features include a rugged, pure tungsten, helical heater which is used with a high purity aluminum oxide insulator, enabling reliable operation at high heater-cathode voltages. Also featured is a ceramic shield which prevents getter flash from forming interelectrode leakage paths. In addition, the ceramic spacers have slots between cathode and grid holes to prevent the development of any leakage during the service life of the tube.

The design of this tube is a result of extensive engineering evaluation on special impact vibration equipment in which the accelerations equal or exceed those encountered in severe aircraft applications. The shake table used for these studies shock excites the tubes at a repetition rate of 15 cycles per second with a minimum peak acceleration of 50G. These tests indicate that the Bendix 6384 will survive thousands of hours longer, under adverse conditions, than the prototype 6AR6 and 6098 tubes.

CHART 1. ELECTRICAL RATINGS*

Heater Voltage (AC or DC)**	6.3 volts
Heater Current	1.20 amps
Plate Voltage (Max DC)	750 volts
Screen Voltage (Max DC)	325 volts
Peak Plate Voltage (Max Instantaneous)	1500 volts
Plate Dissipation (Absolute Max)	30 watts
Screen Dissipation (Absolute Max)	3.5 watts
Cathode Current (Max DC Value)	125 mA
Cathode Current (Max Inst. peak value—of continuous sine wave)	250 mA
Cathode Current (Max Inst. Peak Value) Pulse***	1000 mA
Heater-Cathode Voltage (Max)	±450 volts
Grid Resistance (Max)	0.1 megohm
Grid Voltage (Max DC)	+5.0 volts
(Min DC)	−200 volts
Cathode Warm-up Time	45 seconds
(plate and heater voltage may be applied simultaneously)	

*To obtain greatest life expectancy from tube, avoid designs where the tube is subjected to all maximum ratings simultaneously. See application notes.
**Voltage should not fluctuate more than ±5%.
***See pulse rating chart.

CHART 2. MECHANICAL DATA

Base	Intermediate (short) Shell Octal (6-pin) Mycalex (Glass filled Mica)
Bulb	Nonex Glass—T-11
Max Overall Length	3-15/32"
Max Seated Height	2-15/16"
Max Diameter	1-7/16"
Mounting Position	Any
Max Altitude****	80,000 feet
Max Bulb Temperature	300°C
Max Impact Shock	500G
Max Vibrational Acceleration	50G
(100-hour shock excited fatigue test, sample basis)	
Life Expectancy	10,000 hours

****See altitude chart on page 3.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST DATA

CHART 3.

TEST CONDITIONS AND CHARACTERISTIC LIMITS

All Tubes are Stabilized for 45 Hours Under Test Conditions and 2 G Vibration at 30 Cps Prior to 100% Testing.

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	MIN	DESIGN CENTER	MAX	UNITS
PRODUCTION TESTS:					
Short and Continuity					
Heater Current	If	1.14	1.20	1.26	A
Heater Cathode Leakage (Ehk = ± 450 Vdc)	Ihk	—	—	10	μAdc
Grid Current	Ic1	—	—	−0.2	μAdc
Plate Current	Ib	66	77	88	mAdc
Screen Grid Current	Ic2	0.5	3.5	6.5	mAdc
Transconductance (1)	Sm	4800	5400	6000	μmhos
Cut off Plate Current (Ec1 = −60 Vdc)	Ib			0.5	mAdc
DESIGN TESTS					
Transconductance (2) (Ef = 5.7 V)	△Sm	—	—	5%	
Accelerated Grid Current (Ef = 7.0 V)	Ic1			−0.3	μAdc
Primary Screen Grid Emission (Eg2 = 150 Vdc)	Ic2			−750	μAdc

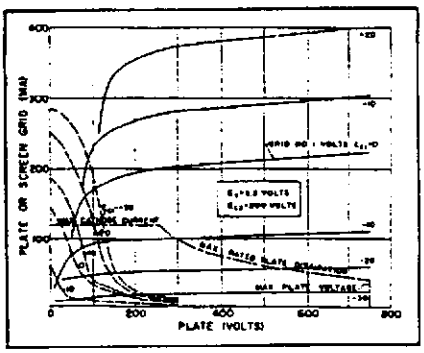
ELECTRODE:	Ef	Eb	Ec2	Ec1	Ehk
TEST CONDITIONS:	6.3 volts	250 Vdc	250 Vdc	−22.5 Vdc	0 Vdc

CHART 4.

ADDITIONAL TESTS

In addition to the production and design tests shown in Chart 3 other tests are performed on a sampling basis to assure a high outgoing quality level. See below.

TEST	CONDITIONS	DURATION
Heater Cycling Life Test	On 1 Min Off 4 Min Ef = 7.0 Ehk = 300	3,000 On-Off Cycles
High Temp Life Test	Under "Test Conditions" at 30 W Plate Dis. Bulb Temp. 300°C	1,000 Hours
Pulse Life Test	Ip = 1.0 A	500 Hours
Life "Expectancy" Test	Under "Test Conditions"	10,000 Hours
High Level Fatigue Test	50G—Shock Excitation 15 Cycles/Sec.	100 Hours
Shock	500 G	20 Impacts
Altitude Test	80,000 Feet	5 Minutes
Glass Strain Test	Boiling Water to Ice Water	3 Minutes in Each
Mount Inspection	100% Test—Microscopic Inspection of 30 Possible Trouble Points	
Swept Freq Fatigue	5G—F = 16—512 CPS	96 Hours



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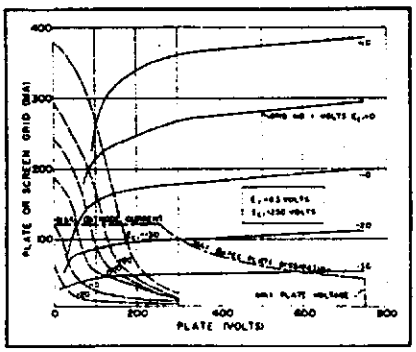

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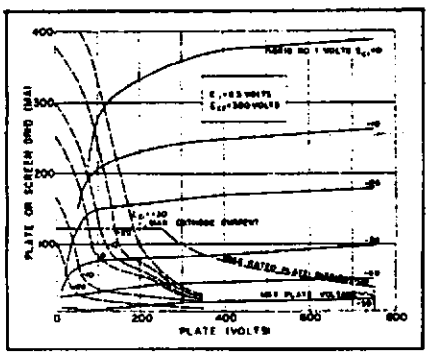

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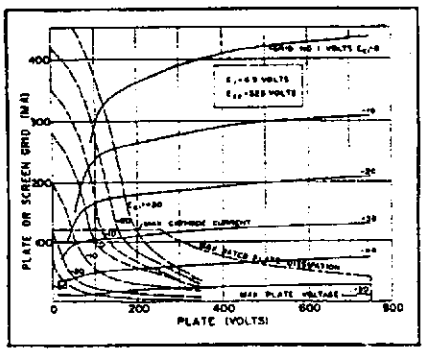

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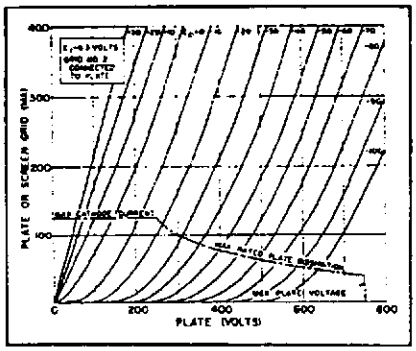

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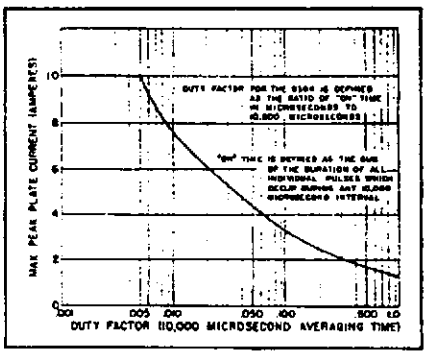

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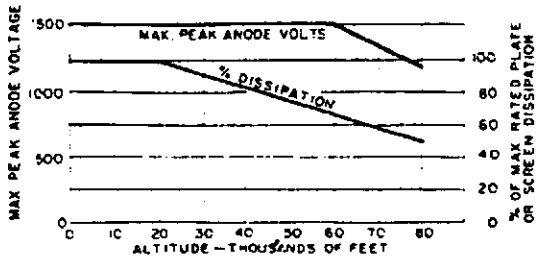
CHART 11.

ALTITUDE RATINGS



THIS CHART IS INCLUDED AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE AMOUNT OF DISSIPATION DERATING NECESSARY IN A SPECIFIC APPLICATION TO AVOID EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM BULB TEMPERATURE. EACH APPLICATION SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE THAT THE MAXIMUM BULB TEMPERATURE IS NOT EXCEEDED. EITHER DERATING OR COOLING OR BOTH MAY BE NECESSARY

CRITERIA FOR DERATING FOLLOWS:

1. VOLTAGE DERATING—TO KEEP BELOW BASE PIN ARC OVER POINT.
2. DISSIPATION DERATING—TO KEEP BULB TEMPERATURE BELOW MAXIMUM RATING.

CHART 12.

EFFECT ON LIFE OF INCREASED RATINGS

See also Application Notes	OPERATING CONDITIONS		
RATING OR CHARACTERISTIC	CONSERVATIVE	TYPICAL	MAXIMUM
Heater Voltage	6.3V ± 2%	6.3V ± 5%	6.3V ± 10%
Plate Voltage	300 Vdc	500 Vdc	750 Vdc
Screen Voltage	200 Vdc	275 Vdc	375 Vdc
Peak Plate Voltage	600 V	1000 V	1500 V
Plate Current (Av.)	70 mA	50 mA	40 mA
Screen Current (Av.)	3 mA	4 mA	6 mA
Power Dissipation	21 W	25 W	30 W
K-K Voltage	200 V	300 V	450 V
Grid Resistance	25,000 ohms	75,000 ohms	100,000 ohms
Bulb Temperature	200°C	250°C	300°C
Altitude	0-20,000'	60,000'	80,000'
Vibration	2 G	5 G	10 G
LIFE EXPECTANCY	MAXIMUM	HIGH	MEDIUM

APPLICATION NOTES

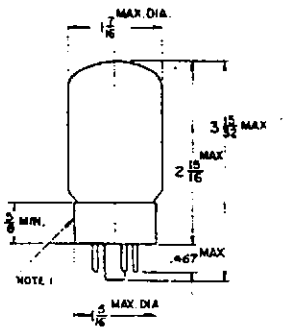
Special attention should be given to the temperatures at which the tubes are to be operated. Reliability will be seriously impaired if maximum bulb temperature is exceeded. The life expectancy will be reduced if conditions other than those specified for life test are imposed on the tube and will be reduced appreciably if absolute maximum ratings are exceeded. Both reliability and performance will be jeopardized if filament voltage ratings are exceeded. Life and reliability of performance are directly related to the degree that regulation of the heater voltage is maintained at its center rated value.

This tube is constructed using nonex glass and thus can withstand higher ambient temperatures in operation. However, the bulb temperature should never exceed 300°C at its hottest point and cooling should be employed if necessitated by the additive effects of operation at high altitudes and high dissipation simultaneously or by other sources of heat in the equipment. The altitude rating chart shows the correct voltage derating necessary for various altitudes. However, the dissipation derating is only approximate and must be measured for each application because of the additive effects mentioned above.

When used with A.C. on plate and screen with an inductive load such as in servo discriminator circuits, sufficient unshunted resistance in series with the screen should be used to avoid damage to the tube during that portion of the cycle when the plate may be negative with respect to the screen.

The plate voltage rating and high-perveance of the 6384 make it readily adaptable to varied pulse applications. In order to insure maximum reliability in pulse service the peak plate current should not exceed the value shown in Chart 10 for the required duty factor.

Chart 12 is presented to emphasize the dangers of operating simultaneously at or near all maxima. In general, the effect on life of operation at increased ratings is additive and cumulative. Interpolation within this chart will give the designer a general idea of the life expectancy and reliability of his application. Each proposed application should be life tested under maximum environmental conditions in order to check that the design gives the desired reliability. When conservatively used this tube has a life expectancy of 10,000 hours.



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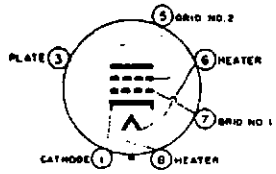

BASE DIAGRAM
(BOTTOM VIEW)

NOTES

1. SHORT INTERMEDIATE SHELL OCTAL 6-PIN BASE.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
3. NUMERALS ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND DO NOT APPEAR ON TUBE BASE

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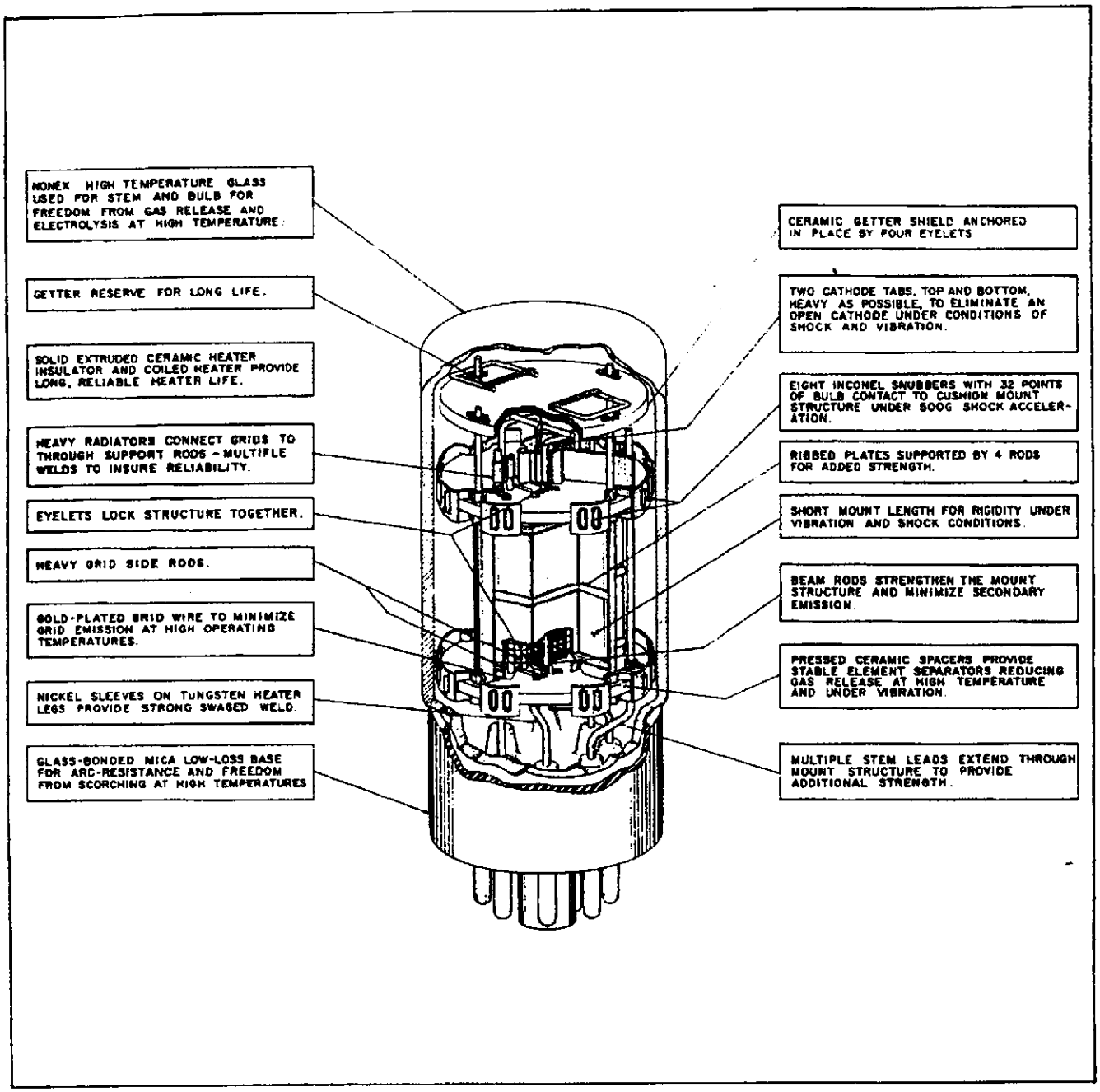

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