

Clipperton V Instruction Manual

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Introduction

The DenTron Clipperton V was designed to provide amateurs with a low cost 500 watt amplifier for that something extra on the 2 meter band. The unit uses a 4CX250B in grounded grid, which makes it usable with most 2 meter rigs that have outputs in the 10 to 20 watt range.

The Clipperton V is a low profile unit with all metal construction, forced air cooling, RF keying, and a full compliment of controls and metering functions. A dual primary power transformer allows for 117V or 234V AC operation.

The Clipperton V's self contained power supply has separate plate and screen supplies to insure stability, and an adjustable bias supply for maximum versatility. The bias supply is factory set for class AB2 linear service.

Your new Clipperton V shares the same heritage as the other DenTron amplifiers and when operated properly, will provide many years of enjoyable and dependable service.

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CABINET! CONTACT WITH VOLTAGES IN THIS AMPLIFIER CAN BE FATAL!

Specifications

Frequency Ranges 144-148 MHz
 50-54 MHz with 6 meter modification kit
 30-165 MHz (custom from factory for commercial applications)
4CX250B ceramic/metal tetrode tube
Pressurized chassis tube cooling system
Modes USB, LSB, CW, RTTY, FM
Power requirements 117/234 Vac 50/60 Hz
RF Drive Power 25 watts maximum, 10 watts
RMS minimum for 500 watt dc input
RF Sensing Keying circuit with delay feature for SSB
DC plate voltage idle + 2250V approximate
DC screen voltage 200V dc
DC bias voltage Variable 55 to 130V
Input impedance 50 ohms nominal
Output impedance 50 ohms nominal
Antenna load VSWR 2:1 maximum
Harmonic suppression down 60 db or better
Size - H 6" x W 15" x D 17"
Weight 45 lbs.
Input 500 watts

!!WARNING!!

TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE CLIPPERTON V COOLING SYSTEM, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNIT BE RAISED UP WITH THE PROVIDED BAIL UNDER NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES.

CAUTIONS

1. Make no attempt to put the Clipperton V in service outside of the cabinet. Contact with voltages in this amplifier can be fatal to the human body.
2. Never attempt to operate the Clipperton V with drive power of more than 25 watts!
3. Never attempt to operate the Clipperton V without first connecting it to an antenna with an SWR of less than 2:1, or 50 Ohm dummy load of sufficient power handling capacity or serious damage may result to the amplifier.
4. Never run Amplifier from an extension cord.
5. Do not attempt to change jumper connections on back of the Amplifier without first removing power plug from the Clipperton V.
6. Do not cover the top of the Clipperton V with books, papers or other pieces of equipment or overheating may result.
7. Do not use different tuning procedures other than indicated in this manual.
8. When cleaning the Clipperton V, never blow high pressure air directly into the fan blades. Spinning the fan at higher speeds than it was designed for can cause damage and freeze the rotor assembly of the fan. Use brush in cleaning the fan assembly.
9. When returning unit for service it is imperative that you replace the tube packing material as received from factory.

!!WARNING!!

**IF ANY PROBLEMS OCCUR THAT ARE NOT EASILY REPAIRED IN THE FIELD,
PLEASE CONTACT DENTRON RADIO COMPANY FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE.**

THEORY OF OPERATION

When the power switch is turned on, the power transformer supplies 800 VAC to a voltage double circuit consisting of diodes 1 thru 8 and capacitors 11 thru 16. This supplies the plate with approximately 2250 VDC in the standby mode.

A second winding on the transformers provides 250 VAC to a full wave bridge which gives approximately 350 VDC for the screen supply.

The transformer also supplies 105 VAC for the half wave bias supply of — 130 VDC, 6.3 VAC for the filaments of V1 and V2, and 12 VAC for the half wave 12 volt supply which operates the antenna changeover relay and panel lights.

After the power light has come on, indicating proper warm up, power is available to operate the internal antenna changeover system. When drive is applied to the input jack (J2) and with the standby/operation switch in the operate position, a portion of the drive is sampled by C28 then rectified by D15 and 16. This voltage turns Q1 on and a ground path is open for K1 and the relay closes.

Three functions are switched by K1. First, the bias of the tube is switched from cutoff to the operating class desired. Second, the input is switched to the cathode of V1. Third, the antenna is connected to the output link at the 4CX250B tank circuit.

The antenna changeover relay can also be operated thru J3. This requires a path to ground during transmit.

When operating SSB or CW, it will be necessary to use the delay function by adjusting the time Q1 stays on after drive has been removed. This is done by adjusting VR2 mounted on the front panel.

The tank circuit is series tuned. Series tuning places the tube output capacitance in series with the tuning capacitor (C1), effectively reducing tank circuit capacitance. This allows for a larger tank coil which might become unworkably small if parallel tuning was used. The output circuit is link coupled to the plate circuit by L2. A capacitor (VC2) in series with L2 provides adjustable loading of the amplifier to maintain efficiency.

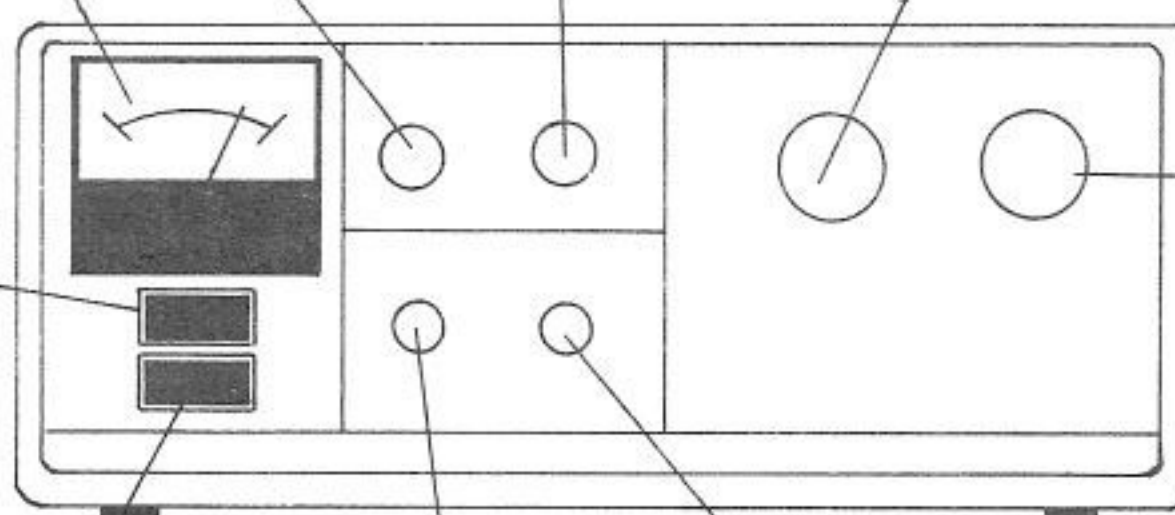
METER - When combined with the meter switch allows the operator to monitor either plate voltage or plate current.

DELAY - Adjusts the amount of time the unit stays keyed after the drive has been removed.

TUNE - Tunes the plate circuit to the desired frequency.

OFF/ON - Applies power to the unit in the ON position. Disconnects power from the unit in the OFF position.

LOAD - Adjusts the amount of loading the antenna system puts on the plate circuit.



STBY/OPR - Bypasses the unit in the STBY position. Places the unit in the operating mode in the OPR position.

POWER LIGHT - Indicates power is available to operate the unit. It also indicates proper warm up time has elapsed for the 4CX250B.

TRANSMIT LIGHT - Indicates the unit is in the transmit mode.

RF OUT - This 50 ohm coaxial connector is used to connect the amplifier to an antenna, wattmeter*, or dummy load.

BIAS - Adjusts bias voltage to the power amplifier.

Primary Network - (Remove cover) Used to wire the primary windings of the transformer for 110VAC or 220VAC service.

RF IN - This 50 ohm coaxial connector is used to connect the excitor to the amplifier.

Power Cord - Connects the unit to the power source.

Key - jack used to connect the unit to relay contacts for manual keying.

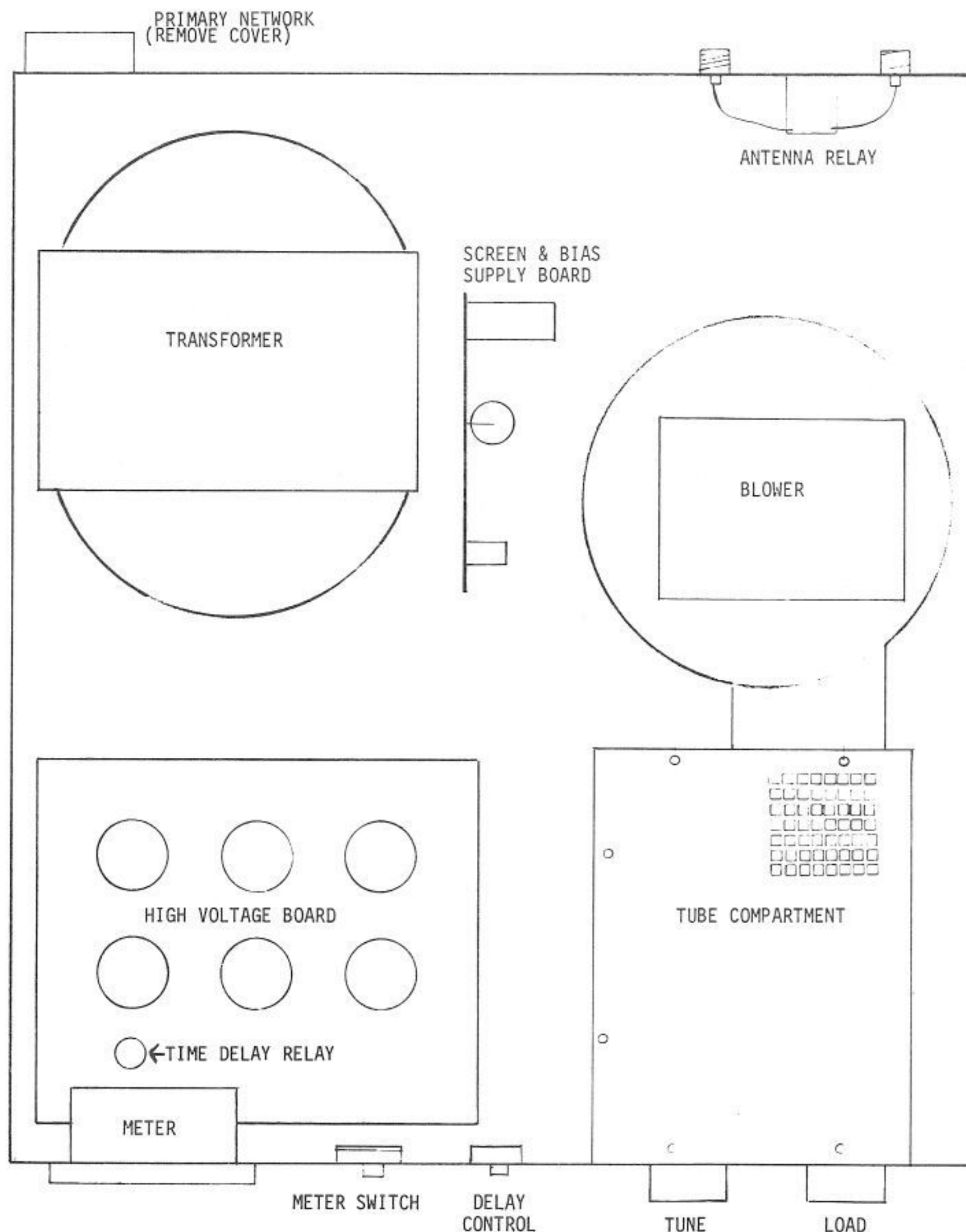
GND - Used to connect the unit to a proper earth ground.

Fuseholder - Contains the fuse that protects the unit against damage due to internal failure.

* note: A wattmeter is essential for proper tuning of the amplifier. (See Hook-Up Diagram)

Amplifier Preparation

- (1) Using the allen wrench supplied remove the six (6) hex screws that hold the top cover on and remove the top cover.
- (2) Remove the cover from the tube compartment and remove packing material.
- (3) Check the plate circuit to make sure the plate choke and the tank coil are not touching the chassis. Also, make sure the output link (L2) is not touching the tank coil (L1).
- (4) Replace the tube compartment cover.
- (5) Replace the top cover and lightly tighten the cabinet screws.



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Unpacking Instructions

Carefully remove your Clipperton V from its packing carton making sure there is no damage evident from shipping. If there is any damage, notify the delivering shipper immediately, fully describing the damage.

Fully complete the DenTron Registration card included in the information package and return it to DenTron. Do not destroy the packing material, since it will be usable later should you require factory service or need to transport the amplifier for any other reason.

In general, the location of your new Clipperton V is not critical. Be certain, however, to leave enough room to allow for proper air flow over and under the unit.

Installation

The Clipperton V is factory wired to operate from 117 VAC line. If 234 VAC is desired, you will have to rewire the power transformer primary per the schematic diagram. The terminal block is located on the rear panel, under cover box.

1. Position the Clipperton V so that the rear, sides, and top of the unit are clear of all obstructions. This will assure adequate air circulation.
2. Connect a wattmeter and a 50 ohm load (such as a DenTron Big Dummy), to the output connector using RG8 or its equivalent.
3. The Clipperton V will key when drive is applied to the amplifiers input jack. If hard wire keying is desired, connect the Clipperton V to your transmitter using shielded cable and the proper relay contact on the accessory jack.
4. Connect the RF input jack to the transmitter RF output using 50 ohm coax.
5. Connect as short a ground lead as possible from a good earth ground to the unit's rear panel GRD terminal.

After the amplifier has been unpacked and set up on your operating bench, you will need to make sure the amplifier is properly biased. The quickest way to do this is to key the amplifier with no signal applied. The idling current should read 50 MA. This is set at the factory, adjust the bias control on the back panel for proper current reading.

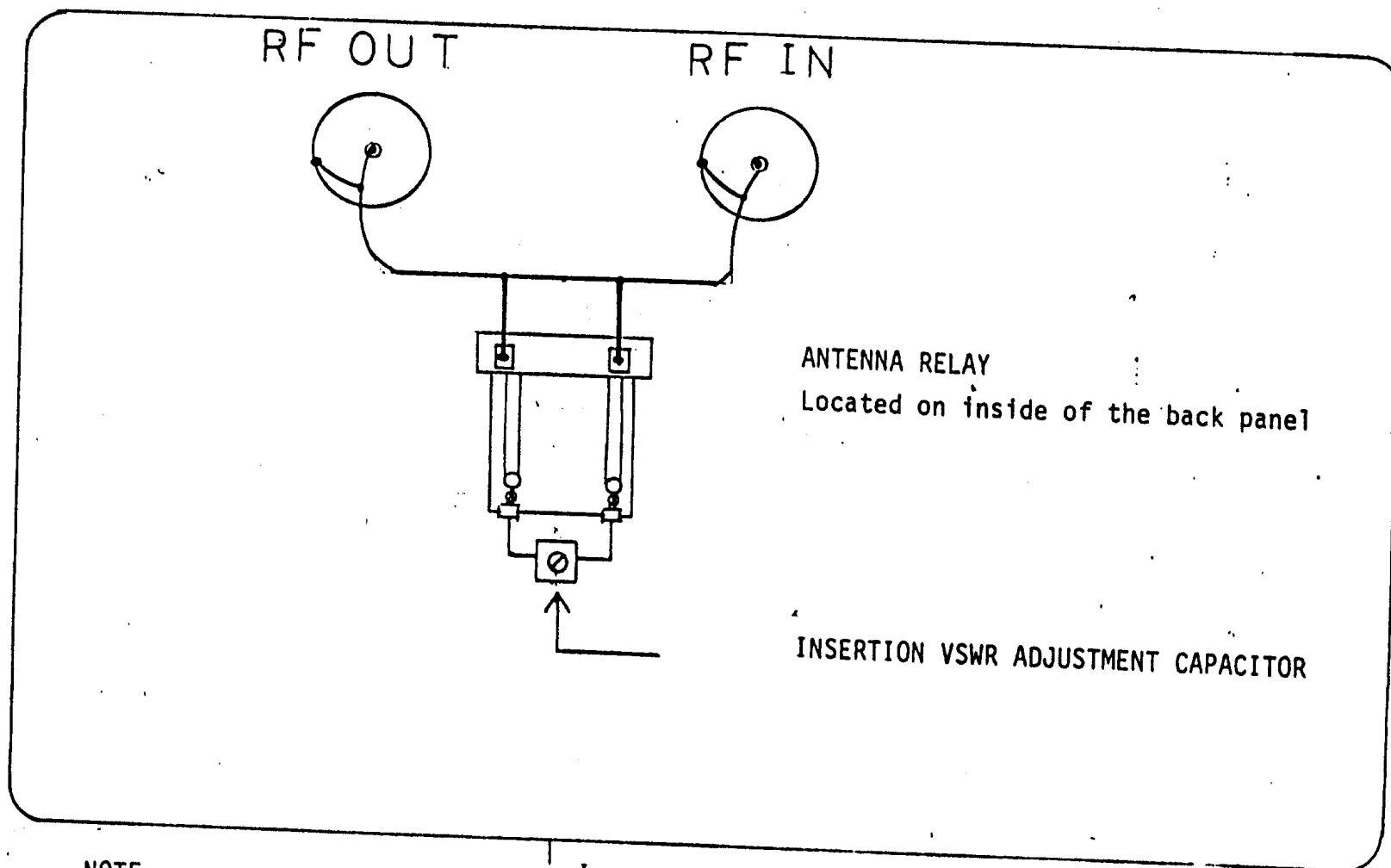
CAUTION: Whenever the Clipperton V is keyed, there should be a 50 ohm load connected to the output connector.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

(SSB, CW, FM, RTTY)

1. Position the Clipperton V front panel controls as follows:
PWR - OFF
STDBY/OPRTE - STDBY
PLATE TUNE - DESIRED RANGE
LOAD - MIDSCALE
2. Turn delay control for minimum.
3. Plug the amplifier into the appropriate outlet.
4. Turn power switch on and wait until power light comes on.
5. Turn the STDBY/OPRTE switch to operate.
6. Apply drive to the amplifier. The amplifier will key when drive is applied or by manual keying using the supplied key jack.
7. Quickly turn the tune control for maximum output as seen on an external RF watt meter.
8. Now turn the load control for not more than 250 MA plate current.
9. Repeat steps 7 & 8 for maximum output.
10. If SSB or CW is desired, it will be necessary to adjust the delay control so the relay will stay keyed during signal minimums. This is not necessary when hard wire keying is used.
11. If FM or RTTY is used, load the amplifier for no more than 250 MA plate current.

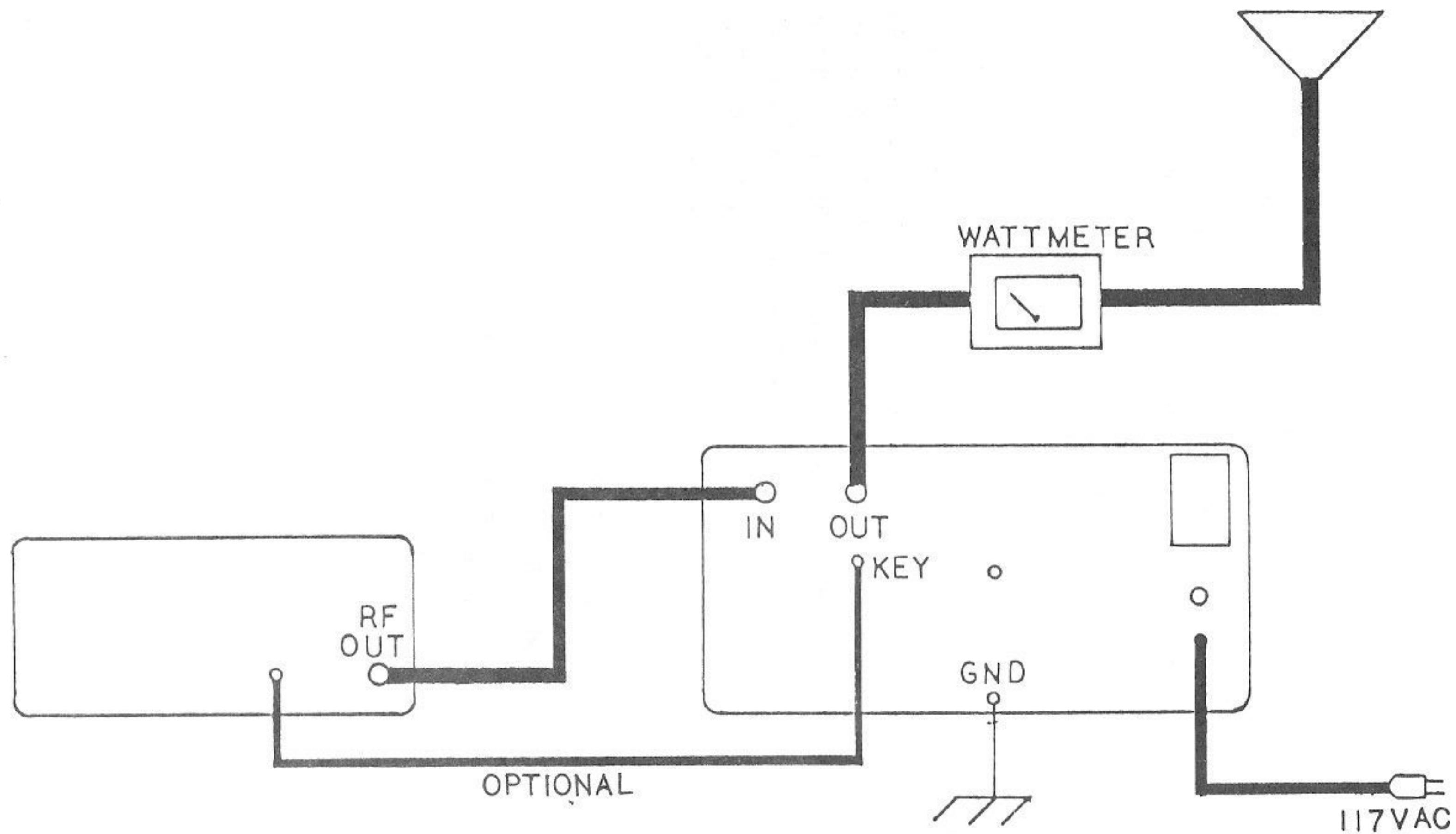
CLIPPERTON-V OWNERS MANUAL INSERTION SHEET #1



NOTE:

Adjust the insertion VSWR capacitor, for minimum VSWR to your transceiver while the Clipperton-V is in the standby mode.

This will be different in every application so, therefore, this adjustment cannot be factory set.



HOOK-UP DIAGRAM

SCALE:

APPROVED BY:

DRAWN BY BUD

DATE:

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CLIPPERTON - V

DRAWING NUMBER

29-009

CLIPPERTON V - PARTS LIST

RESISTORS

R1 - R6, R13, R18
R7, R9
R8
R10 - R12
R14
R15
R16
VR1
VR2

100K 2W
27K 2W
47K 2W
1 Meg 1W 1%
470 ohm 2W
100 ohm 2W
100 ohm 10W
100K .5 ohm
1K .5 ohm

CAPACITORS

C1 - C14; C21 - C24
C30, C32
C15 - C20, C25
C27
C28
C29, C38
C31
C33
C35
C36
C37

.01U 1KV

100Uf 450V Elect.
100Uf 150V Elect:
600Uf 25V Elect.
.001Uf 1KV
200Pf S.M.
Part of Socket SK600
12Pf S.M.
5Pf S.M.
500Uf 25V Elect.

DIODES

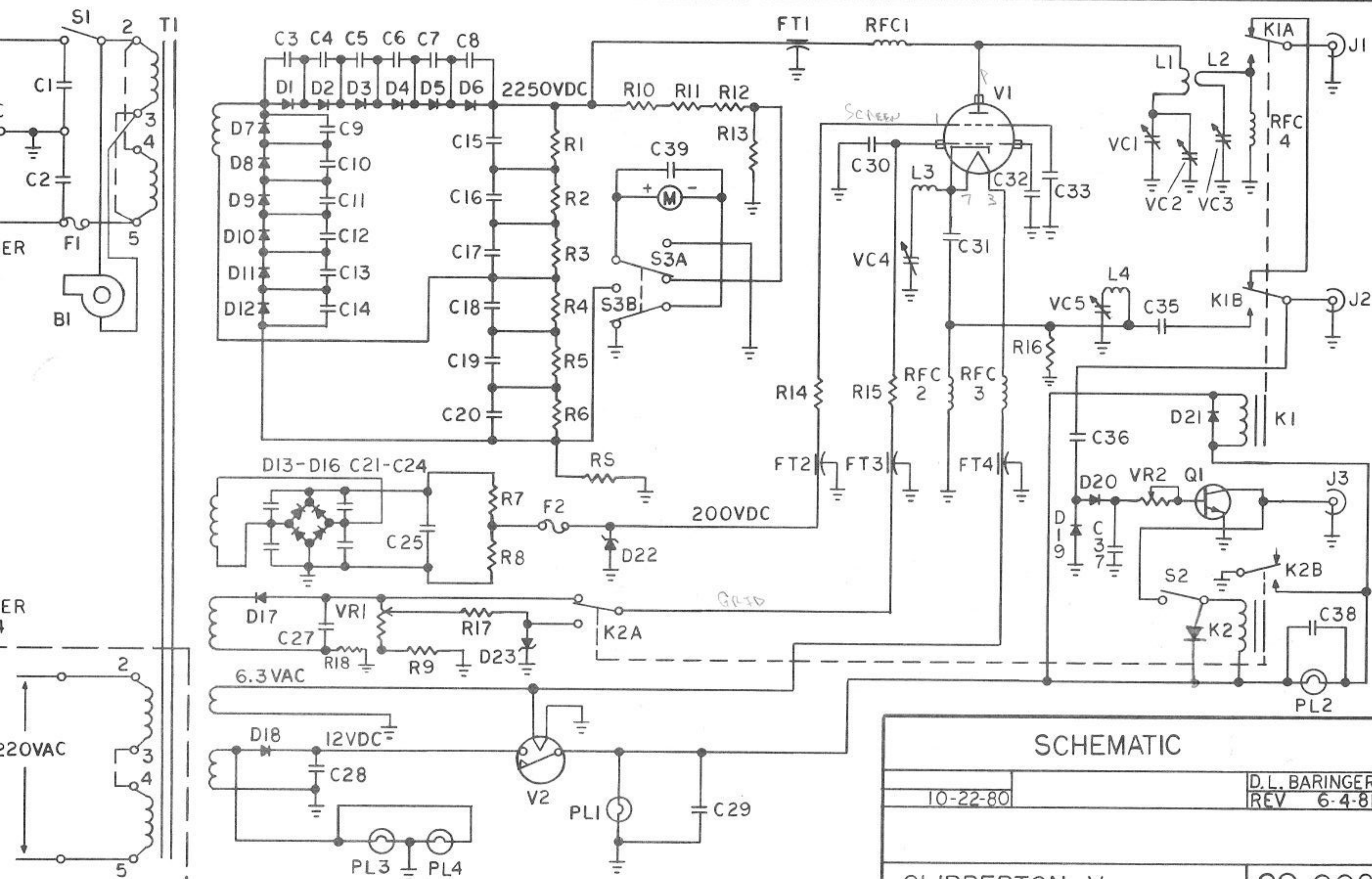
D1 - D16
D17, D18, D21
D19, D20
Q₁

M4G5 or Equivalent
1N4007
1N4148
2N2949

MISCELLANEOUS

FT,1 - FT,4
RCF-1
RFC-2, 3
RFC-4
L₁
L₂
L₃, L₄
S₁, S₂
S₃
VC₁
VC₂, VC₃
VC₄, VC₅
PL-1, PL-2
PL-3, PL-4
V₁
V₂
K₁, K₂
T₁
B₁

.001Uf Feedthru Cap
Z144 Plate Choke
Filament Choke
2.5Mh Choke
Primary Tank Coil
Output Link
Input Coil
SPST Switch
DPDT Switch
24Pf Variable
8Pf Variable
1-8Pf Piston Trimmers
382 Lamp
386 Lamp
4CX250B
6N060T Delay Replay
DPDT Relay
Power Transformer
Blower



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7203
4CX250B
8621
4CX250FG
RADIAL-BEAM
POWER TETRODE

The 7203/4CX250B and 8621/4CX250FG are ceramic/metal forced-air cooled, external-anode radial-beam tetrodes with a maximum plate dissipation rating of 250 watts and a maximum input-power rating of 500 watts. The 7203/4CX250B is designed to operate with a heater voltage of 6.0 volts, while the 8621/4CX250FG is designed for operation at a heater voltage of 26.5 volts. Otherwise, the two tube types have identical characteristics.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS¹

ELECTRICAL

Cathode: Oxide Coated, Unipotential

Heater: Voltage (4CX250B)	6.0 ± 0.3 V
Current, at 6.0 volts	2.6 A
Cathode-Heater Potential, maximum	±150 V
Heater: Voltage (4CX250FG)	26.5 ± 1.3 V
Current, at 26.5 volts	0.54 A
Cathode-Heater Potential, maximum	±150 V

Amplification Factor (Average):

Grid to Screen	> 5
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Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Grounded cathode)²

Input	15.7 pF
Output	4.5 pF
Feedback	0.04 pF

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (grounded grid and screen)²

Input	13 pF
Output	4.5 pF
Feedback	0.01 pF

Frequency of Maximum Rating:

CW	500 MHz
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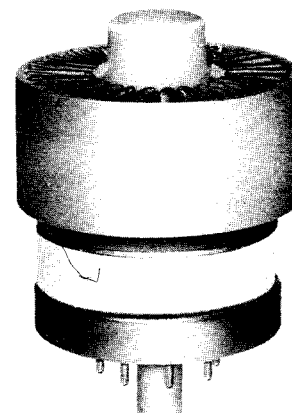
1. Characteristics and operating values are based upon performance tests. These figures may change without notice as the result of additional data or product refinement. EIMAC Division of Varian should be consulted before using this information for final equipment design.

2. In Shielded Fixture.

MECHANICAL

Maximum Overall Dimensions:

Length	2.46 in; 62.5 mm
Diameter	1.64 in; 41.7 mm
Net Weight	4 oz; 113 gm
Operating Position	Any





4CX250B-4CX250FG

Maximum Operating Temperature:

Ceramic/Metal Seals 250°C

Anode Core 250°C

Cooling Forced Air

Base Special 9-pin JEDEC-B8-236

Recommended Socket EIMAC SK-600 Series

Recommended Chimney EIMAC SK-600 Series

RADIO FREQUENCY LINEAR AMPLIFIER GRID DRIVEN (SSB)

Class AB₁

MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	2000 VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	400 VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-250 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	0.25 AMPERE
PLATE DISSIPATION	250 WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	12 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	2 WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION (Frequencies to 175 MHz)

Class AB₁, Grid Driven, Peak Envelope or Modulation Crest Conditions

Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	Vdc
Screen Voltage	350	350	350	Vdc
Grid Voltage 1	-55	-55	-55	Vdc
Zero-Signal Plate Current	100	100	100	mAdc
Single Tone Plate Current	250	250	250	mAdc
Two-Tone Plate Current	190	190	190	mAdc
Single-Tone Screen Current ²	10	8	5	mAdc
Two-Tone Screen Current ²	2	-1	-2	mAdc
Single-Tone Grid Current ²	0	0	0	mAdc
Peak rf Grid Voltage ²	50	50	50	v
Plate Output Power	120	215	300	W
Resonant Load Impedance	2000	3000	4000	Ω

1. Adjust to specified zero-signal dc plate current.

2. Approximate value.

RADIO FREQUENCY LINEAR AMPLIFIER GRID DRIVEN, CARRIER CONDITIONS

Class AB₁

MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	2000 VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	400 VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-250 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	0.25 AMPERE
PLATE DISSIPATION	250 WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	12 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	2 WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION (Frequencies to 175 MHz)

Class AB₁, Grid Driven

Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	Vdc
Screen Voltage	350	350	350	Vdc
Grid Voltage 1	-55	-55	-55	Vdc
Zero-Signal Plate Current	100	100	100	mAdc
Carrier Plate Current	150	150	150	mAdc
Carrier Screen Current	-3	-4	-4	mAdc
Peak rf Grid Voltage ²	25	25	25	v
Plate Output Power	30	50	65	W

1. Adjust to specified zero-signal dc plate current

2. Approximate value.

RADIO FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER OR OSCILLATOR

Class C Telephony or FM Telephony

(Key-Down Conditions)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	2000 VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	300 VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-250 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	0.25 AMPERE
PLATE DISSIPATION	250 WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	12 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	2 WATTS

TYPICAL OPERATION (Frequencies to 175 MHz) 500 MHz²

Plate Voltage	500	1000	1500	2000	2000	Vdc
Screen Voltage	250	250	250	250	300	Vdc
Grid Voltage	-90	-90	-90	-90	-90	Vdc
Plate Current	250	250	250	250	250	mAdc
Screen Current ¹	45	38	21	19	10	mAdc ²
Grid Current ¹	35	31	28	26	10	mAdc ²
Peak rf Grid Voltage ¹	114	114	112	112	---	v
Measured Driving Power ¹	4.0	3.5	3.2	2.9	---	W
Plate Input Power	125	250	375	500	500	W
Plate Output Power	70	190	280	390	290	W ²
Heater Voltage (4CX250B)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	V
Heater Voltage (4CX250FG)	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	24.3	V

1. Approximate value.

2. Measured values for a typical cavity amplifier circuit.



PLATE MODULATED RADIO FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER-GRID DRIVEN

Class C Telephony (Carrier Conditions)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	1500	VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	300	VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-250	VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	0.20	AMPERE
PLATE DISSIPATION ¹	165	WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION ²	12	WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION ²	2	WATTS

1. Corresponds to 250 watts at 100% sine-wave modulation.

2. Average, with or without modulation.

TYPICAL OPERATION (Frequencies to 175 MHz)

Plate Voltage	500	1000	1500	Vdc
Screen Voltage	250	250	250	Vdc
Grid Voltage	-100	-100	-100	Vdc
Plate Current	200	200	200	mAdc
Screen Current	31	22	20	mAdc
Grid Current	15	14	14	mAdc
Peak rf Grid Voltage	118	117	117	v
Calculated Driving Power	1.8	1.7	1.7	W
Plate Input Power	100	200	300	W
Plate Output Power	60	145	235	W

3. Approximate value.

AUDIO FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER OR MODULATOR

Class AB, Grid Driven (Sinusoidal Wave)

MAXIMUM RATINGS (Per Tube)

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	2000	VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	400	VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-250	VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	0.25	AMPERE
PLATE DISSIPATION	250	WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	12	WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	2	WATTS

1. Approximate value.

2. Per Tube.

TYPICAL OPERATION (Two Tubes)

Plate Voltage	1000	1500	2000	Vdc
Screen Voltage	350	350	350	Vdc
Grid Voltage ^{1/3}	-55	-55	-55	Vdc
Zero-Signal Plate Current	200	200	200	mAdc
Max Signal Plate Current	500	500	500	mAdc
Max Signal Screen Current ¹	20	16	10	mAdc
Max Signal Grid Current ¹	0	0	0	mAdc
Peak af Grid Voltage ²	50	50	50	v
Peak Driving Power	0	0	0	W
Plate Input Power	500	750	1000	W
Plate Output Power	240	430	600	W
Load Resistance (plate to plate)	3500	6200	9500	Ω

3. Adjust to give stated zero-signal plate current.

NOTE: TYPICAL OPERATION data are obtained from direct measurement or by calculation from published characteristic curves. Adjustment of the rf grid voltage to obtain the specified plate current at the specified bias, screen and plate voltages is assumed. If this procedure is followed, there will be little variation in output power when the tube is changed, even though there may be some variation in grid and screen current. The grid and screen currents which result when the desired plate current is obtained are incidental and vary from tube to tube. These current variations cause no difficulty so long as the circuit maintains the correct voltage in the presence of the variations in current. In the case of Class C Service, if grid bias is obtained principally by means of a grid resistor, the resistor must be adjustable to obtain the required bias voltage when the correct rf grid voltage is applied.

RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN

	Min.	Nom.	Max.
Heater: 4CX250B Current at 6.0 volts	2.3	---	2.9 A
Heater: 4CX250FG Current at 26.5 volts	0.45	---	0.62 A
Cathode Warmup Time	30	60	--- sec.
Interelectrode Capacitances ¹ (grounded cathode connection)			
Input	14.2	---	17.2 pF
Output	4.0	---	5.0 pF†
Feedback	---	---	0.06 pF
Interelectrode Capacitances ¹ (grounded grid and screen)			
Input	---	13.0	--- pF
Output	4.0	---	5.0 pF†
Feedback	---	0.01	--- pF

† Cout values shown are for 4CX250B; for 4CX250FG, values are 4.0 --- 5.3 pF 3



APPLICATION

MECHANICAL

MOUNTING - The 4CX250B and 4CX250FG may be operated in any position. An EIMAC Air-System Socket, SK-600 series, or a socket having equivalent characteristics, is required. Sockets are available with or without built-in screen capacitors and may be obtained with either grounded or ungrounded cathode terminals.

COOLING - Sufficient forced-air cooling must be provided for the anode, base seals, and body seals to maintain operating temperatures below the rated maximum values. Air requirements to maintain anode core temperatures at 200°C with an inlet air temperature of 50°C are tabulated below. These requirements apply when a socket of the EIMAC SK-600 series and an EIMAC SK-606 chimney are used with air flow in the base to anode direction.

SEA LEVEL			10,000 FEET	
Plate Dissipation(watts)	Air Flow (CFM)	Pressure Drop(In.of water)	Air Flow (CFM)	Pressure Drop(In.of water)
200	5.0	0.52	7.3	0.76
250	6.4	0.82	9.3	1.20

The blower selected in a given application must be capable of supplying the desired airflow at a back pressure equal to the pressure drop shown above plus any drop encountered in ducts and filters. The blower must be designed to deliver the air at the desired altitude.

At 500 MHz or below, base cooling air requirements are satisfied automatically when the tube is operated in an EIMAC Air-System Socket and the recommended air flow rates are used. Experience has shown that if reliable long life operation is to be obtained, the cooling air flow must be maintained during standby periods when only the heater voltage is applied to the tube. The anode cooler should be inspected periodically and cleaned when necessary to remove any dirt which might interfere with effective cooling.

VIBRATION - These tubes are capable of satisfactorily withstanding ordinary shock and vibration, such as encountered in shipment and normal handling. The tubes will function well in automobile and truck mobile installations and similar environments. However, when shock and vibration more severe than this are expected, it is suggested that the EIMAC 4CX300A or 4CX250R be employed.

ELECTRICAL

HEATER - The rated heater voltage for the 4CX250B and 4CX250FG is 6.0 volts and 26.5 volts, respectively, and the voltage should be maintained as closely as practicable. Short-time changes of $\pm 10\%$ will not damage the tube, but variations in performance must be expected. The heater voltage must be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ to minimize these variations and to obtain maximum tube life.

At frequencies above approximately 300 MHz transit-time effects begin to influence the cathode temperature. The amount of driving power diverted to heating the cathode by back-bombardment will depend upon frequency, plate current, and driving power. When the tube is driven to maximum input as a class-C amplifier, the heater voltage should be reduced according to the table below;

Frequency MHz	4CX250B	4CX250FG
300 and lower	6.00 volts	26.5 volts
301 to 400	5.75 volts	25.3 volts
401 to 500	5.50 volts	24.3 volts

CATHODE OPERATION - The oxide coated unipotential cathode must be protected against excessively high emission currents. The maximum rated dc input current is 200 mA for plate-modulated operation and 250 mA for all other types of operation except pulse.

The cathode is internally connected to the four even-numbered base pins and all four of the corresponding socket terminals should be used to make connection to the external circuits. At radio frequencies it is important to keep the cathode leads short and direct and to use conductors with large areas to minimize the inductive reactances in series with the cathode leads.

It is recommended that rated heater voltage be applied for a minimum of 30 seconds before other operating voltages are applied. Where the circuit design requires the cathode and heater to be operated at different potentials, the rated maximum heater-to-cathode voltage is 150 volts regardless of polarity.

GRID OPERATION - The maximum rated dc grid bias voltage is -250 volts and the maximum grid dissipation rating is 2.0 watts. In ordinary audio and radio-frequency amplifiers the grid dissipation usually will not approach the maximum rating. At operating frequencies above the 100 MHz region, driving-power requirements for



amplifiers increase noticeably. At 500 MHz as much as 20 watts of driving power may have to be supplied. However, most of the driving power is absorbed in circuit losses other than grid dissipation, so that grid dissipation is increased only slightly. Satisfactory 500 MHz operation of the tube in a stable amplifier is indicated by grid-current values below approximately 15 mA.

The grid voltage required by different tubes may vary between limits approximately 20% above and below the center value, and means should be provided in the equipment to accommodate such variation. It is especially important that variations between individual tubes be compensated when tubes are operated in parallel or push-pull circuits, to assure equal load sharing.

The maximum permissible grid-circuit resistance per tube is 100,000 ohms.

SCREEN OPERATION - The maximum rated power dissipation for the screen is 12 watts, and the screen input power should be kept below that level. The product of the peak screen voltage and the indicated dc screen current approximates the screen input power except when the screen current indication is near zero or negative.

In the usual tetrode amplifier, where no signal voltage appears between cathode and screen, the peak screen voltage is equal to the dc screen voltage.

When signal voltages appear between screen and cathode, as in the case of screen-modulated amplifiers or cathode-driven tetrode amplifiers, the peak screen-to-cathode voltage is the sum of the dc screen voltage and the peak ac or rf signal voltage applied to screen or cathode.

Protection for the screen should be provided by an over-current relay and by interlocking the screen supply so that plate voltage must be applied before screen voltage can be applied.

The screen current may reverse under certain conditions and produce negative current indications on the screen milliammeter. This is a normal characteristic of most tetrodes. The screen power supply should be designed with this characteristic in mind so that the correct operating voltage will be maintained on the screen under all conditions. A current path from screen to cathode must be provided by a bleeder resistor, gaseous voltage regulator tubes, or an electron

tube *shunt* regulator connected between screen and cathode and arranged to pass approximately 15 milliamperes per connected screen. An electron tube *series* regulator can be used only when an adequate bleeder resistor is provided.

Self-modulation of the screen in plate-modulated tetrode amplifiers using these tubes may not be satisfactory because of the screen-voltage screen-current characteristics. Screen modulation from a tertiary winding on the modulation transformer or by means of a small separate modulator tube will usually be more satisfactory. Screen-voltage modulation factors between 0.75 and 1.0 will result in 100% modulation for plate-modulated rf amplifiers using the 4CX250B or 4CX250FG.

PLATE OPERATION - The maximum rated plate dissipation power is 250 watts. In plate-modulated applications the carrier plate dissipation power must be limited to 165 watts to avoid exceeding the plate dissipation rating with 100% sine wave modulation. The maximum dissipation rating may be exceeded for brief periods during circuit adjustment without damage to the tube.

MULTIPLE OPERATION - Tubes operating in parallel or push-pull must share the load equally. It is good engineering practice to provide individual metering and individual adjustment of bias or screen voltage to equalize the inputs.

Where overload protection is provided, it should be capable of protecting the surviving tube(s) in the event that one tube fails.

VHF OPERATION - The 4CX250B and 4CX250FG are suitable for use in the VHF region. Such operation should be conducted with heavy plate loading, minimum bias, and the lowest driving power consistent with satisfactory performance. It is often preferable to operate at a sacrifice in efficiency to obtain increased tube life.

HIGH VOLTAGE - The 7203/4CX250B and 8621/4CX250FG operate at voltages which can be deadly, and the equipment must be designed properly and operating precautions must be followed. Equipment must be designed so that no one can come in contact with high voltages. All equipment must include safety enclosures for high-voltage circuits and terminals, with interlock switches to open the primary circuits of the power supplies and to discharge high-voltage condensers whenever access doors are opened. Interlock switches must not be bypassed or "cheated" to allow operation with access doors open. Always remember that **HIGH VOLTAGE CAN KILL**.

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS - If it is desired to operate these tubes under conditions widely different from those given here, write to Application Engineering Dept., EIMAC Division of Varian, San Carlos, Calif. 94070 for information and recommendations.

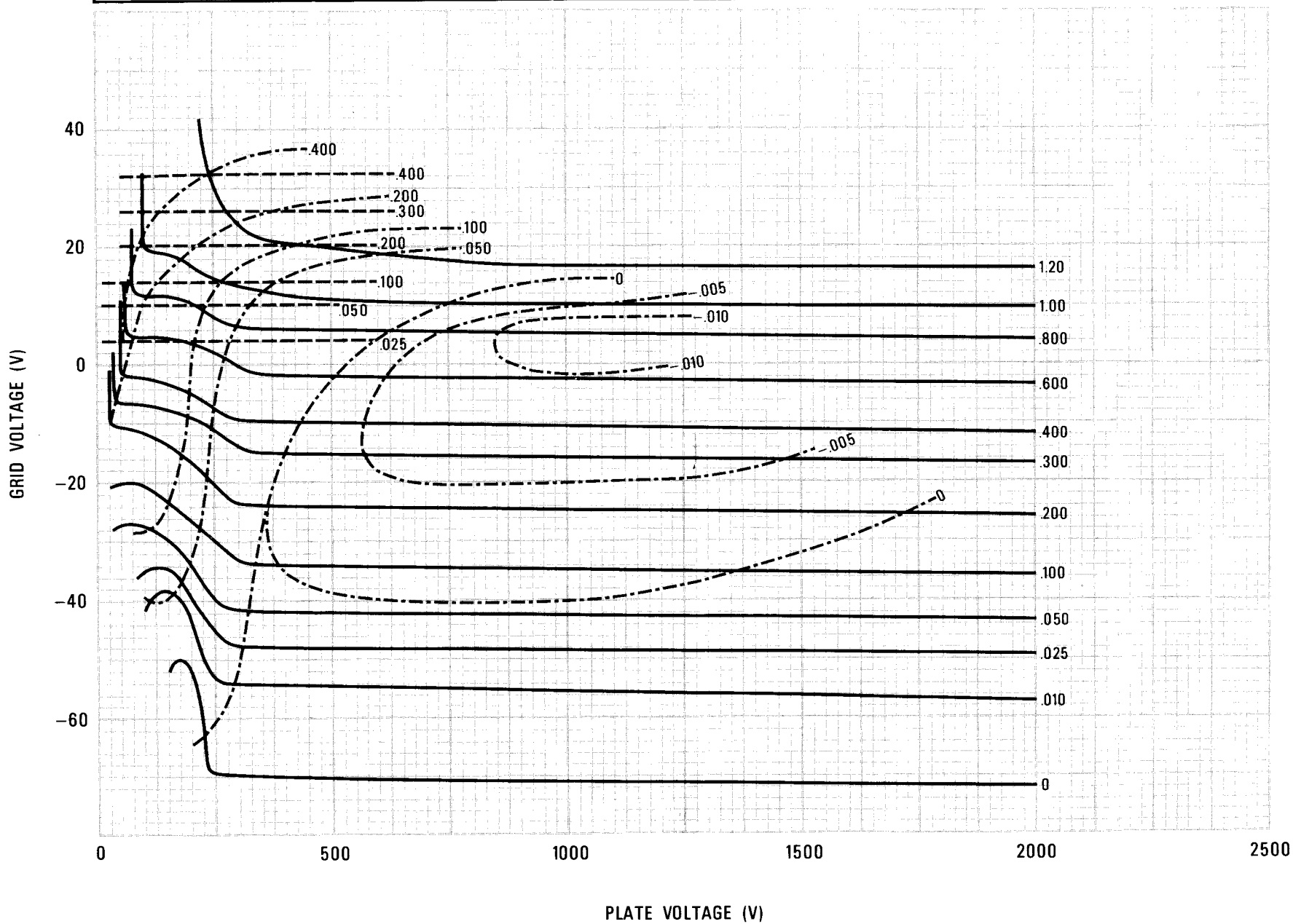
TYPICAL CONSTANT CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

SCREEN VOLTAGE = 250V

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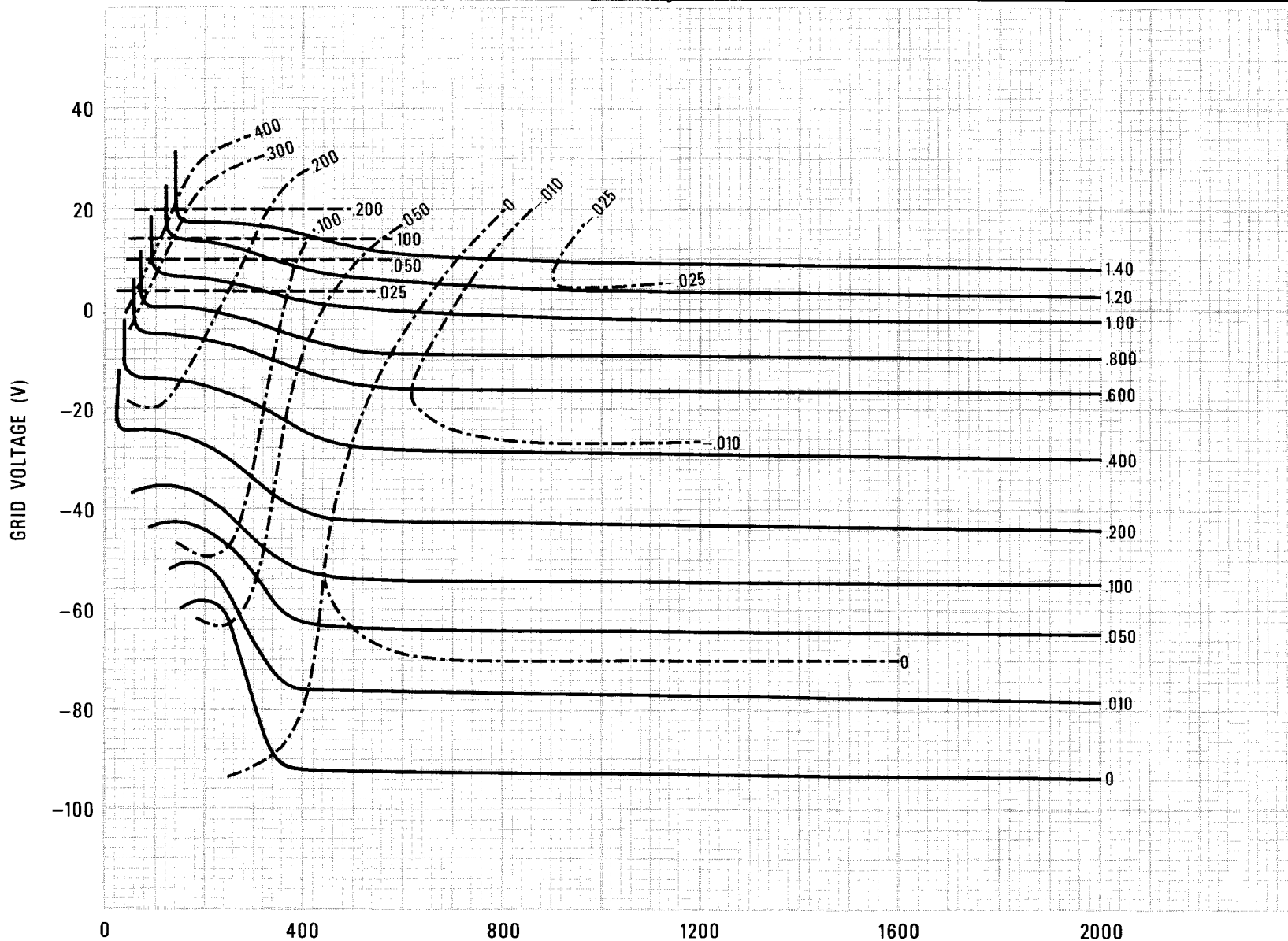
TYPICAL CONSTANT CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

SCREEN VOLTAGE = 350V

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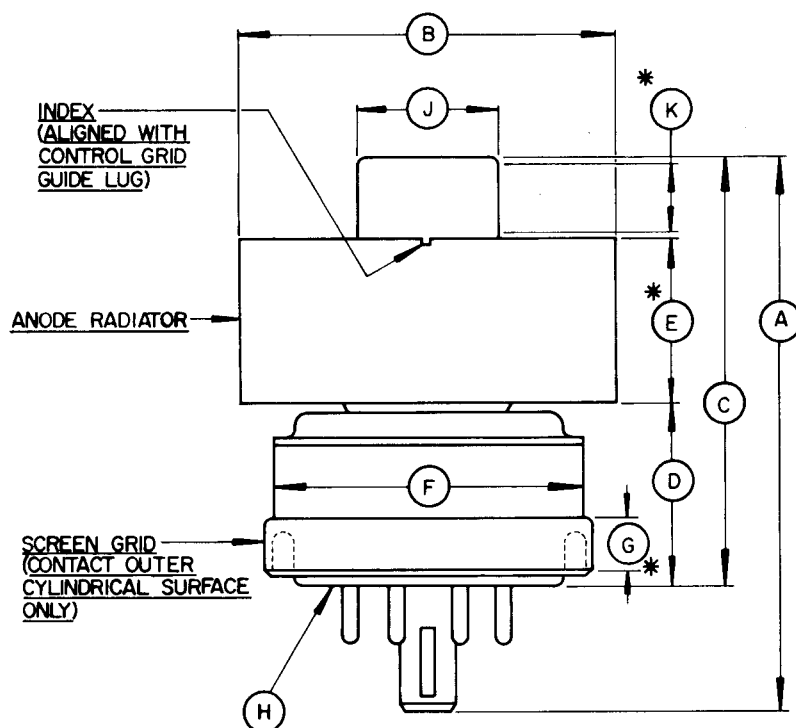


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PIN DESIGNATION

PIN NO.1 SCREEN GRID
PIN NO.2 CATHODE
PIN NO.3 HEATER
PIN NO.4 CATHODE
PIN NO.5 I.C. DO NOT USE FOR EXTERNAL CONNECTION.
PIN NO.6 CATHODE
PIN NO.7 HEATER
PIN NO.8 CATHODE
CENTER PIN-CONTROL GRID

DIM.	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.
A	2.342	2.464	59.03	62.59
B	1.610	1.640	40.89	41.66
C	1.810	1.910	45.97	48.51
D	0.750	0.810	19.05	20.57
E	0.710	0.790	18.03	20.07
F	--	1.406	--	35.71
G	0.187	--	4.75	--
H	BASE: B8-236 (JEDEC DESIGNATION)			
J	0.559	0.573	14.20	14.55
K	0.240	--	6.10	--



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