



# ADVANCE PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

**9019  
YC130  
VHF  
RADIAL BEAM  
POWER  
TETRODE**

The EIMAC 9019/YC130 is a ceramic/metal VHF power tetrode. It is rated for full power input to 110 MHz and is recommended for use as a Class C power amplifier or plate modulated amplifier.

Air-system sockets and matching air chimneys are available from EIMAC. A connector clip is available for making the dc connection to the anode.



## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup>

### ELECTRICAL

Filament: Thoriated Tungsten Mesh		
Voltage	7.5 ± 0.37 V	
Current, at 7.5 volts	160 A	
Amplification Factor (average), Grid to Screen	2	4.5
Direct Interelectrode Capacitance (cathode grounded)		
Cin		160 pF
Cout		26.5 pF
Cgp	2	1.5 pF
Direct Interelectrode Capacitance (grids grounded) <sup>2</sup>		
Cin		67 pF
Cout		27.5 pF
Cpk		0.2 pF
Maximum Frequency for Full Ratings (CW)		110 MHz

1. Characteristics and operating values are based on performance tests. These figures may change without notice as the result of additional data or product refinement. Varian EIMAC should be consulted before using this information for final equipment design.
2. Capacitance values are for a cold tube as measured in a special shielded fixture in accordance with Electronic Industries Association Standard RS-191.

### MECHANICAL

Maximum Overall Dimensions:	
Length	9.375 In; 23.81 cm
Diameter	7.580 In; 19.25 cm
Net Weight	12.8 Lb; 5.8 kg
Operating Position	Axis Vertical, Base Up or Down
Maximum Operating Temperature, Ceramic/Metal Seals or Envelope	250°C
Cooling	Forced Air
Base	Special Concentric
Recommended Air-System Socket:	
For LF or HF Service	EIMAC SK-300A
For VHF Service	EIMAC SK-360
Recommended Air-System Chimney:	For Either the SK-300A or SK-360 Socket
Recommended Screen Grid Bypass Capacitor Kit for the SK-360 Socket	EIMAC SK-316
Available Anode Connector Clip	EIMAC SK-355
	EIMAC ACC-3

### RADIO FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER

Class C FM  
(Key-down conditions)

### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	10,000 VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	2000 VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-750 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT	5.0 AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION	18 KILOWATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION	450 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION	200 WATTS

### TYPICAL OPERATION (Frequencies to 110 MHz)

DC Plate Voltage	7.5	10.0	kVdc
DC Screen Voltage	750	750	Vdc
DC Grid Voltage	-510	-550	Vdc
DC Plate Current	4.65	4.55	Adc
DC Screen Current *	0.59	0.54	Adc
DC Grid Current *	0.30	0.27	Adc
Peak rf Grid Voltage *	730	790	v
Calculated Driving Power	220	220	W
Plate Dissipation	8.1	9.0	kW
Plate Output Power	26.7	36.5	kW

\* Approximate value; will vary with circuit and tube

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**PLATE MODULATED RF POWER AMPLIFIER**  
 Grid Driven  
 Class C Telephony - Carrier Conditions

**TYPICAL OPERATION**
**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

DC PLATE VOLTAGE . . .	8000 VOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE . .	2000 VOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE . . .	-750 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT . . .	4.0 AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION # . .	12 KILOWATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION ##	450 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION ## . .	200 WATTS

# Corresponds to 18 kW at 100% sine-wave modulation.

DC Plate Voltage . . . . .	6.0	8.0	kVdc
DC Screen Voltage . . . . .	750	750	Vdc
Peak AF Screen Voltage (100% Mod)	740	710	v
DC Grid Bias Voltage . . . . .	-600	-640	Vdc
DC Plate Current . . . . .	3.75	3.65	Adc
DC Screen Current * . . . . .	0.45	0.43	Adc
DC Grid Current * . . . . .	0.18	0.18	Adc
Peak rf Grid Voltage * . . . . .	800	840	v
Grid Driving Power (calculated) *	150	150	W
Plate Dissipation * . . . . .	5.1	5.8	kW
Plate Output Power * . . . . .	17.4	23.5	kW

\* Approximate value.

## Average, with or without modulation.

**AUDIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER OR MODULATOR**  
 Grid Driven, Class AB1, Sinusoidal Wave

**TYPICAL OPERATION (two tubes)**
**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

DC PLATE VOLTAGE . . .	10.0 KILOVOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE . .	2000 VOLTS
DC PLATE CURRENT . . .	6.0 AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION . . .	18.0 KILOWATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION . .	450 WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION . . .	200 WATTS

 \* Approximate value. # Per tube.  
 ## Adjust for specified zero-signal plate current.

DC Plate Voltage . . . . .	7.5	10.0	kVdc
DC Screen Voltage . . . . .	1500	1500	Vdc
DC Grid Voltage ## . . . . .	-350	-370	Vdc
Zero-Signal Plate Current . . . . .	1.0	1.0	Adc
Maximum Signal Plate Current . . . . .	8.8	8.5	Adc
Maximum Signal Screen Current * . . . . .	0.34	0.30	Adc
Peak AF Grid Voltage * # . . . . .	330	340	v
Driving Power * . . . . .	0	0	W
Load Resistance Plate-to-Plate . . . . .	1730	2520	Ohms
Maximum Signal Plate Dissipation * #	12.2	14.0	kW
Plate Output Power * . . . . .	41.6	57.0	kW

TYPICAL OPERATION values are obtained by measurement or by calculation from published characteristic curves. To obtain the specified plate current at the specified bias, screen, and plate voltages, adjustment of the rf grid voltage is assumed. If this procedure is followed, there will be little variation in output power when the tube is replaced, even though there may be some variation in grid and screen currents. The grid and screen currents which occur when the desired plate current is obtained are incidental and vary from tube to tube. These current variations cause no performance degradation providing the circuit maintains the correct voltage in the presence of the current variations.

**RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN**

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>	
Filament: Current at 7.5 volts . . . . .	148	168	A
Interelectrode Capacitance (grounded filament connection) <sup>1</sup>			
Cin . . . . .	154	167	pF
Cout . . . . .	24	29	pF
Cgp . . . . .	---	2.0	pF

1 Capacitance values are for a cold tube as measured in a special shielded fixture in accordance with Electronic Industries Standard RS-191.

APPLICATION

## MECHANICAL

**MOUNTING** - The tube must be mounted vertically, base up or down at the designer's convenience, and should be protected from vibration and shock.

**STORAGE** - If a tube is to be stored as a spare it should be kept in its original shipping carton, with the original packing material, to minimize the possibility of handling damage.

Before storage a new tube should be operated in the equipment for 100 to 200 hours to establish it has not been damaged and operates properly (See FILAMENT OPERATION for recommendations on initial value of filament voltage during this operation period). If the tube is still in storage 6 months later it again should be operated in the equipment for 100 to 200 hours to make sure there has been no degradation. If operation is satisfactory the tube can again be stored with great assurance of being a known-good spare.

**SOCKETING** - An air-system socket should be used in all applications to assure cooling of the tube base seals. The EIMAC SK-300A is recommended for audio or LF/HF rf operation; the SK-360 is recommended for VHF operation. The SK-360 incorporates low-inductance filament bypassing in the form of three 5000 pF copper-clad Kapton® capacitors. A screen grid bypass capacitor kit (the SK-355) is also available for the SK-360 socket, and includes eight 1000 pF 5000 DCWV capacitors (EIMAC P/N 050706), 16 mounting clips (EIMAC P/N 242859), and an assembly drawing (EIMAC P/N 243135) which shows how the parts are attached to the socket.

**COOLING** - The tube requires forced-air cooling in all applications. An air-system socket is recommended, with a matching air chimney. Normally the tube socket is mounted in a pressurized compartment so the cooling air passes through the socket and is then guided to the anode cooling fins by an air chimney. A chimney is available from EIMAC, the SK-316, for use with the SK-300A socket at frequencies below 30 MHz and with the SK-360 at VHF. If all cooling air is not passed around the base of the tube and through the socket, then arrangements must be made to assure adequate cooling of the tube base and the socket contacts themselves.

In this regard it should be noted the contact fingers used in the four contact collet assemblies (inner and outer filament, control grid and screen grid) are made of beryllium copper. If operated above 150°C for any appreciable length of time this material will lose its temper (or springy characteristic) and then will no longer make good contact to the base rings of the tube. This can lead to arcing which, in an extreme case, can burn through the metal of the tube base ring and the tube's vacuum integrity is then destroyed.

Thus adequate movement of cooling air around the base of the tube accomplishes a double purpose in keeping the tube base and the socket contact fingers at a safe operating temperature.

Though the maximum temperature rating for seals and the anode core is 250°C, it is considered good engineering practice to allow some safety factor

and the table shown is for sea level with cooling air at 50°C and maximum tube anode temperature of 225 °C. Such a safety factor makes some allowance for variables such as dirty air filters, dirty tube anode cooling fins which will effect cooling efficiency, duct losses, etc. The figures shown are for the tube in an air-system socket with an air chimney in place, with air passing in a base-to-anode direction. Pressure drop values shown are approximate and are for the tube/socket/chimney combination.

Plate Diss. (Watts)	Air Flow (cfm)	Press.Drop Inches Water
7,500	230	0.7
12,500	490	2.7
15,000	645	4.6
18,000	970	8.2

At altitudes significantly above sea level flow rate must be increased for equivalent cooling. At 5000 feet both the flow rate and the pressure drop should be increased by a factor of 1.20, while at 10,000 feet both flow rate and pressure drop must be increased by 1.46.

Anode and base cooling should be applied before or simultaneously with filament voltage turnon and should normally continue for a brief period after shutdown to allow the tube to cool down properly.

**IMPACT AND VIBRATION** - The 9019/YC130 has a thoriated tungsten mesh filament and is intended for regular commercial service. Any tube with a thoriated tungsten filament should be protected from undue shock and vibration and if not installed in equipment should always be stored in its protective packing material in its shipping container.

## ELECTRICAL

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS** - Values shown for each type of service are based on the "absolute system" and are not to be exceeded under any service conditions. These ratings are limiting values outside which the serviceability of the tube may be impaired. In order not to exceed absolute ratings the equipment designer has the responsibility of determining an average design value for each rating below the absolute value of that rating by a safety factor so the absolute values will never be exceeded under any usual conditions of supply-voltage variation, load variation, or manufacturing variation in the equipment itself. It does not necessarily follow that combinations of absolute maximum ratings can be attained simultaneously.

**HIGH VOLTAGE** - Normal operating voltages used with this tube are deadly, and the equipment must be designed properly and operating precautions must be followed. Design all equipment 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 primary circuits of the power supply and to discharge high-voltage capacitors 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.

**FILAMENT OPERATION** - With a new tube, or one which has been in storage for some period of time, operation with filament voltage only applied for a period of 30 to 60 minutes is recommended before full operation begins. This allows the active getter material mounted within the filament structure to absorb any residual gas molecules which have accumulated during storage. Once normal operation has been established a minimum filament warmup time of four to five seconds is normally sufficient.

At rated (nominal) filament voltage the peak emission capability of the tube is many times that needed for communication service. A reduction in filament voltage will lower the filament temperature, which will substantially increase life expectancy. The correct value of filament voltage should be determined for the particular application. It is recommended the tube be operated at full nominal voltage for an initial stabilization period of 100 to 200 hours before any action is taken to operate at reduced voltage. The voltage should gradually be reduced until there is a slight degradation in performance (such as power output or distortion). The voltage should then be increased a few tenths of a volt above the value where performance degradation was noted for operation. The operating point should be rechecked after 24 hours.

Filament voltage should be closely regulated when voltage is to be reduced below nominal in this manner, to avoid any adverse influence by normal line voltage variations.

Filament voltage should be measured at the tube base or socket, using an accurate rms-responding meter. Periodically throughout the life of the tube the procedure outlined above for reduction of voltage should be repeated, with voltage reset as required, to assure best tube life.

EIMAC Application Bulletin #18 titled "EXTENDING TRANSMITTER TUBE LIFE" contains valuable information and is available on request.

**GRID OPERATION** - Maximum control grid dissipation is 200 watts, determined approximately by the product of the dc grid current and the peak positive grid voltage. A protective spark-gap device should be connected between control grid and cathode to guard against excessive voltage.

**SCREEN OPERATION** - The maximum screen grid dissipation is 450 watts. With no ac applied to the screen grid, dissipation is simply the product of dc screen voltage and the dc screen current. With screen modulation, dissipation is dependent on rms screen voltage and rms screen current. Plate voltage, plate loading, or bias voltage must never be removed while filament and screen voltages are present, since screen dissipation ratings will be exceeded. A protective spark-gap device should be connected between the screen grid and the cathode to guard against excessive voltage.

**PLATE DISSIPATION** - The rated maximum plate dissipation of the tube is 18 kilowatts, which may be safely sustained with adequate air cooling. When the tube is used as a plate-modulated rf amplifier

the dissipation under carrier conditions should be limited to 12 kilowatts.

**FAULT PROTECTION** - In addition to the normal plate over-current interlock, screen current interlock, and cooling air interlock, the tube must be protected from internal damage caused by an internal plate arc which may occur at high plate voltage. A protective resistance should always be connected in series with each tube anode, to help absorb power supply stored energy if an internal arc should occur. An electronic crowbar, which will discharge power supply capacitors in a few microseconds after the start of an arc, is recommended. The protection criteria for each electrode supply is to short each electrode to ground, one at a time, through a vacuum relay switch and a 6-inch length of #30 AWG copper wire. The wire will remain intact if protection is adequate.

EIMAC Application Bulletin #17 titled FAULT PROTECTION contains considerable detail and is available from EIMAC on request.

**RADIO-FREQUENCY RADIATION** - Avoid exposure to strong rf fields even at relatively low frequency. Absorption of rf energy by human tissue is dependent on frequency. Under 300 MHz most of the energy will pass completely through the human body with little attenuation or heating affect. Public health agencies are concerned with the hazard even at these frequencies. OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) recommends that prolonged exposure to rf radiation should be limited to 10 milliwatts per square centimeter.

**INTERELECTRODE CAPACITANCE** - The actual internal interelectrode capacitance of a tube is influenced by many variables in most applications, such as stray capacitance to the chassis, capacitance added by the socket used, stray capacitance between tube terminals, and wiring effects. To control the actual capacitance values within the tube, as the key component involved, the industry and Military Services use a standard test procedure as described in Electronic Industries Association Standard RS-191. This requires the use of a specially constructed test fixture which shields all external tube leads or contacts from each other and eliminates any capacitance reading to "ground". The test is performed on a cold tube. Other factors being equal, controlling internal tube capacitance in this way normally assures good interchangeability of tubes over a period of time. The capacitance values shown in the technical data are taken in accordance with Standard RS-191.

The equipment designer is therefore cautioned to make allowance for the actual capacitance values which will exist in the application. Measurements should be taken with the mounting which represents approximate final layout if capacitance values are highly significant in the design.

**SPECIAL APPLICATIONS** - When it is desired to operate this tube under conditions widely different from those listed here, write to Varian EIMAC; attn: Product Manager; 301 Industrial Way; San Carlos, CA 94070 U.S.A.

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OPERATING HAZARDS

PROPER USE AND SAFE OPERATING PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO POWER TUBES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND USERS OF SUCH TUBES. ALL PERSONS WHO WORK WITH OR ARE EXPOSED TO POWER TUBES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH UTILIZES SUCH TUBES MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. DO NOT BE CARELESS AROUND SUCH PRODUCTS.

The operation of this tube may involve the following hazards, any one of which, in the absence of safe operating practices and precautions, could result in serious harm to personnel:

- a. HIGH VOLTAGE - Normal operating voltages can be deadly. Remember that HIGH VOLTAGE CAN KILL.
- b. LOW-VOLTAGE HIGH-CURRENT CIRCUITS - Personal jewelry, such as rings, should not be worn when working with filament contacts or connectors as a short circuit can produce very high current and melting, resulting in severe burns.
- c. RF RADIATION - Exposure to strong rf fields
- d. HOT SURFACES - Surfaces of tubes can reach temperatures of several hundred °C and cause serious burns if touched for several minutes after all power is removed.
- should be avoided, even at relatively low frequencies. The dangers of rf radiation are more severe at UHF and microwave frequencies and can cause serious bodily and eye injuries. CARDIAC PACEMAKERS MAY BE EFFECTED.

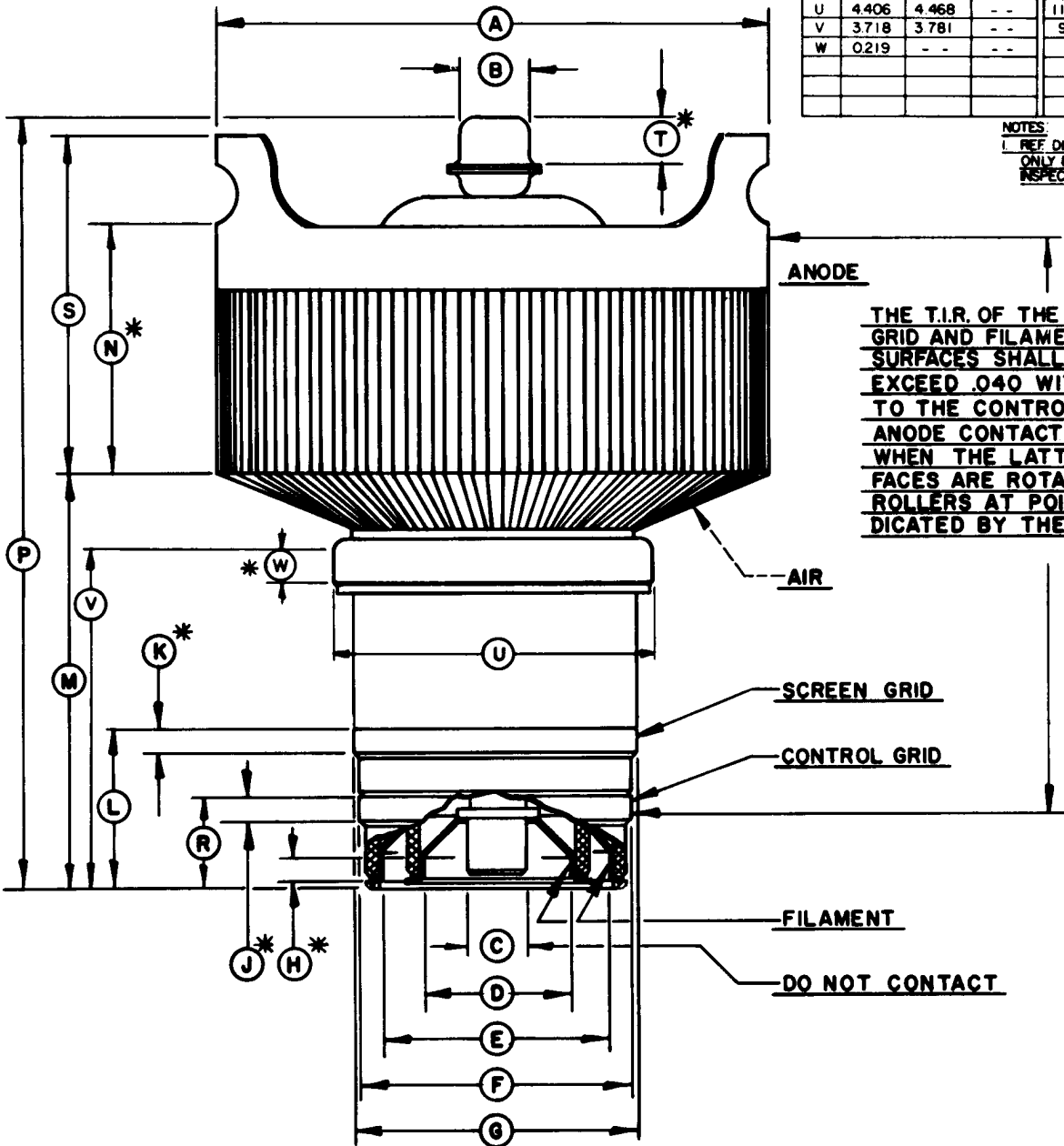
Please review the detailed operating hazards sheet enclosed with each tube, or request a copy from: Varian EIMAC, Power Grid Application Engineering, 301 Industrial Way, San Carlos CA 94070.

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**DIMENSIONAL DATA**

DIM.	INCHES			MILLIMETERS		
	MIN.	MAX.	REF.	MIN.	MAX.	REF.
A	7.460	7.580	--	189.48	192.53	--
B	0.855	0.895	--	21.72	22.73	--
C	0.720	0.760	--	18.29	19.30	--
D	1.896	1.936	--	46.63	49.17	--
E	3.133	3.173	--	79.58	80.59	--
F	3.792	3.832	--	96.32	97.33	--
G	3.980	4.020	--	101.09	102.11	--
H	0.188	--	--	4.78	--	--
J	0.188	--	--	4.78	--	--
K	0.188	--	--	4.78	--	--
L	1.764	1.826	--	44.81	46.38	--
M	4.659	4.783	--	118.34	121.49	--
N	2.412	2.788	--	61.26	70.82	--
P	9.000	9.375	--	228.60	238.13	--
R	0.986	1.050	--	25.04	26.67	--
S	3.560	3.684	--	90.42	93.57	--
T	0.375	--	--	9.53	--	--
U	4.406	4.468	--	111.91	113.49	--
V	3.718	3.781	--	94.44	96.04	--
W	0.219	--	--	5.56	--	--

**NOTES:**  
 1. REF. DIMENSIONS ARE FOR INFO.  
 ONLY & ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR  
 INSPECTION PURPOSES.



**THE T.I.R. OF THE SCREEN  
 GRID AND FILAMENT CONTACT  
 SURFACES SHALL NOT  
 EXCEED .040 WITH RESPECT  
 TO THE CONTROL GRID AND  
 ANODE CONTACT SURFACE  
 WHEN THE LATTER SUR-  
 FACES ARE ROTATED ON  
 ROLLERS AT POINTS IN-  
 DICATED BY THE ARROWS.**

**\* CONTACT SURFACE**