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TECHNICAL INFORMATION  
ON THE



A NEW BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER  
for A.C.-D.C. Receivers

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RCA-25L6

**BEAM POWER AMPLIFIER**  
(TENTATIVE DATA)

The RCA-25L6 is a power-amplifier tube of the all-metal type for use in the output stage of "transformerless" (a.c.-d.c.) radio receivers, especially those designed to have ample reserve of power-delivering ability. This new tube provides high power output at the relatively low plate and screen voltages available for transformerless receivers. The high power output is obtained with high power sensitivity and high efficiency.

These distinctive features have been made possible by the application of directed-electron-beam principles in the design of the 25L6. The design is similar to that of the RCA-6L6 with the difference that the 25L6 is intended especially for operation in a.c.-d.c. receivers.

Heater Voltage	25.0	Volts
Heater Current	0.3	Ampere
Maximum Overall Length	3-1/4"	
Maximum Diameter	1-5/16"	
Base	Small Octal	7-Pin

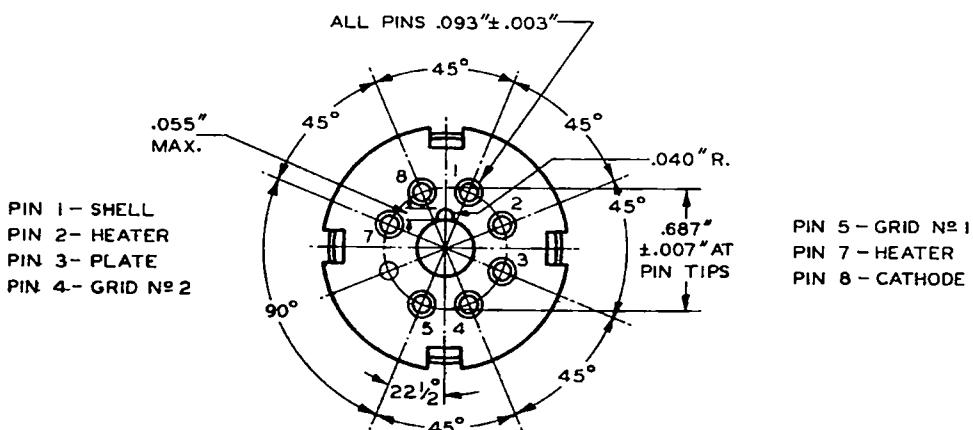
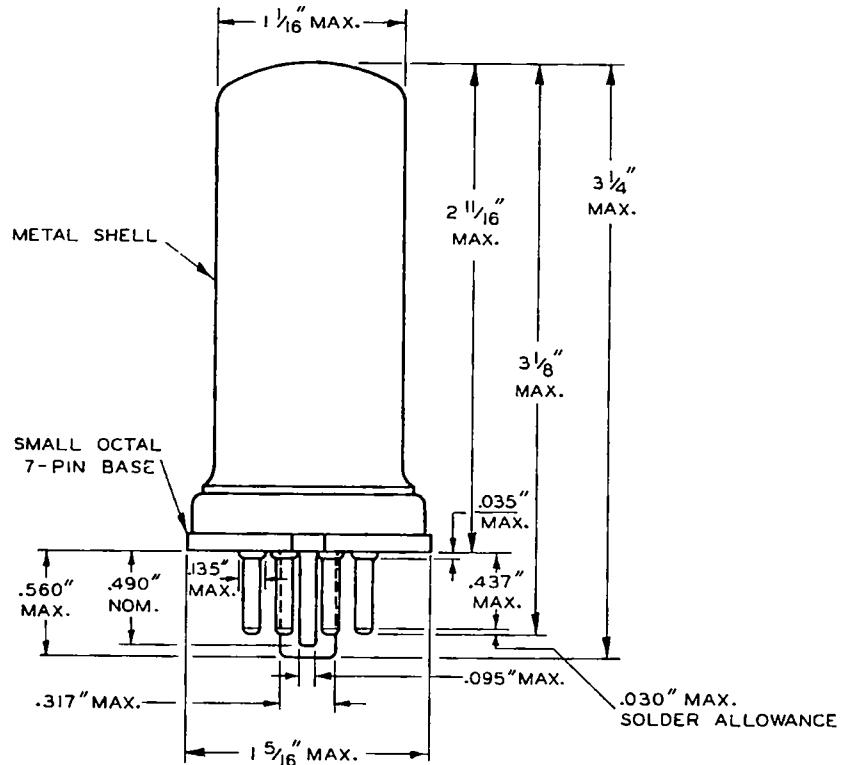
**Single-Tube Class A<sub>1</sub> Amplifier**

Subscript 1 indicates that grid current does not flow during any part of input cycle.

**Operating Conditions and Characteristics:**

Heater Voltage	25.0	Volts
Plate Voltage	110 max.	110 max.
Screen Voltage	110 max.	110 max.
Grid Voltage	-7.5	-7.5
Zero-Signal Plate Cur.	4.9	4.9
Max.-Signal Plate Cur.	55	51
Zero-Signal Screen Cur.	4	4
Max.-Signal Screen Cur.	8	10.3
Signal Input Voltage	5.3	5.3
Plate Resist. (Approx.)	10000	10000
Transconductance	8200	8200
Load Resistance	1500	2000
Distortion:		
Total Harmonic	11	10
Second Harmonic	10	3.5
Third Harmonic	4	8.5
Power Output	2.1	2.2
		Watts

OUTLINE DRAWING



BOTTOM VIEW OF BASE

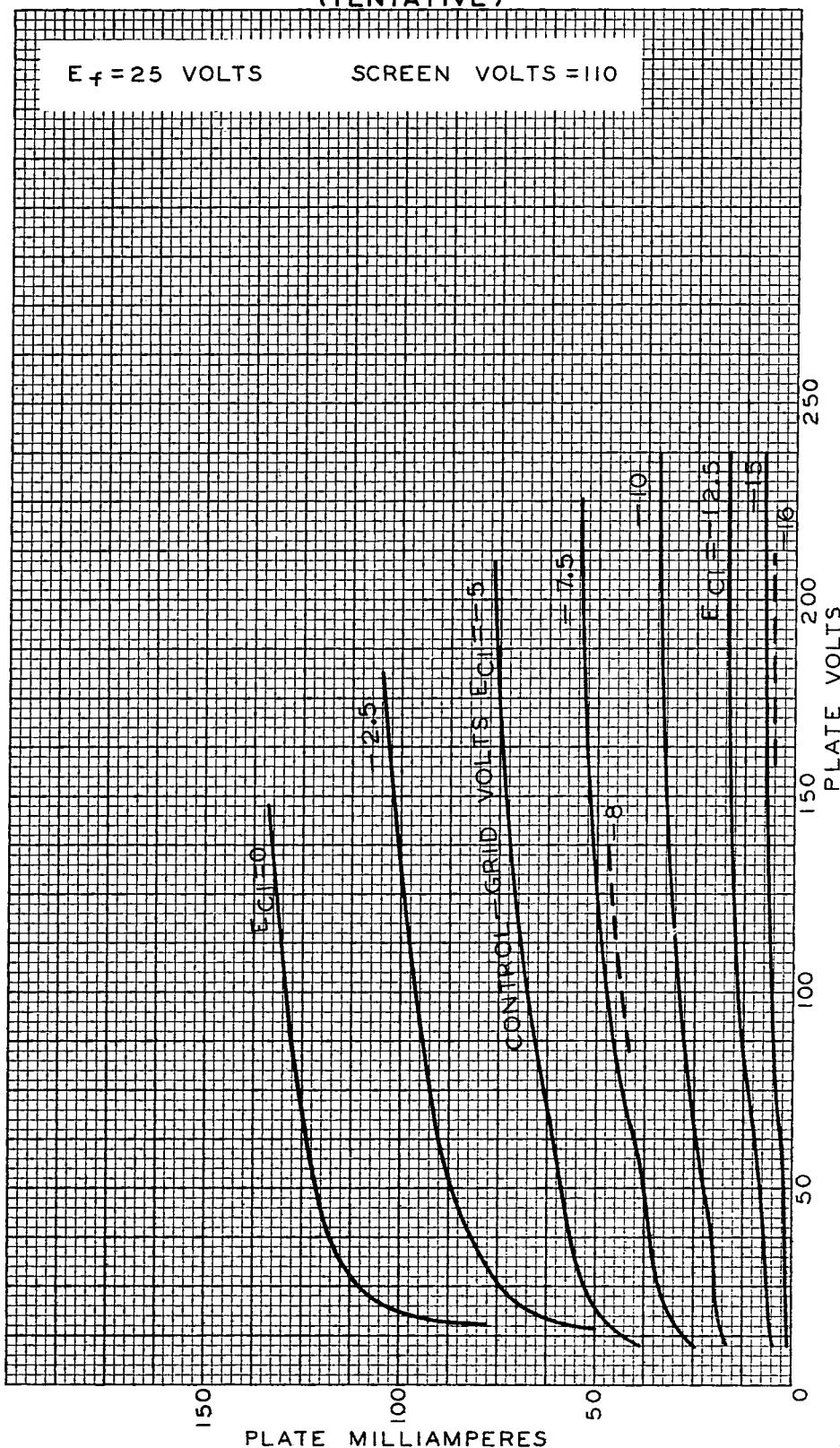


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AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS  
(TENTATIVE)

$E_f = 25$  VOLTS

SCREEN VOLTS = 110



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COMMITTEE ON RECEIVING TUBES

JETEC TYPE 25L6

BEAM PENTODE

MECHANICAL DATA

Coated unipotential cathode		
Outline drawing.	8-6	Bulb . . . . .
Base . . . . .		B7-22, small wafer octal 7-pin
Maximum diameter . . . . .		1-5/16"
Maximum overall length . . . . .		3-1/4"
Maximum seated height. . . . .		2-11/16"
Pin connections. . . . .		Easing 7AC
Pin 1 - Shell		Pin 5 - Grid #1
Pin 2 - Heater		Pin 7 - Heater
Pin 3 - Plate		Pin 8 - Cathode, Beam plates
Pin 4 - Grid #2		
Mounting position. . . . .		any

ELECTRICAL DATA

Ratings

Heater voltage . . . . .	25.0	volts
Maximum plate voltage. . . . .	200	volts
Maximum grid #2 voltage. . . . .	117	volts
Maximum plate dissipation. . . . .	10	watts
Maximum grid #2 dissipation. . . . .	1.25	watts
Maximum grid #1 circuit resistance:		
Self-bias . . . . .	0.5	megohm
Fixed-bias . . . . .	0.1	megohm
Maximum heater-cathode voltage . . . . .	90	volts

Typical Operating Conditions and Characteristics, Class A1 Amplifier

Heater voltage. . . . .	25.0	25.0	volts
Heater current. . . . .	300	300	ma
Plate voltage . . . . .	110	200	volts
Grid #2 voltage . . . . .	110	110	volts
Grid #1 voltage . . . . .	-7.5	-8	volts
Peak A-F signal voltage . . . . .	7.5	8	volts
Transconductance. . . . .	9000	9500	umhos
Plate resistance (approx.). . . . .	13,000	30,000	ohms
Zero-signal plate current . . . . .	49	50	ma
Maximum-signal plate current. . . . .	50	55	ma
Zero-signal grid #2 current (nominal) . . . . .	4	2	ma
Maximum-signal grid #2 current (nominal). . . . .	11	7	ma
Load resistance. . . . .	2000	3000	ohms
Total harmonic distortion . . . . .	10	10	%
Power output . . . . .	2.1	4.3	watts