

# 12AX7-A

## High-Mu Twin Triode

9-PIN MINIATURE TYPE  
For High-Fidelity Audio-Amplifier Applications Critical as to Noise and Hum

### GENERAL DATA

#### Electrical:

Heater, for Unipotential Cathodes:

Heater arrangement	Series	Parallel	
Voltage (AC or DC) . . . . .	12.6	6.3 ± 10%	volts
Current . . . . .	0.15 ± 6%	0.3	amp

Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Approx.):<sup>▲</sup>

	Unit No. 1	Unit No. 2	
Grid to plate . . . . .	1.7	1.7	μf
Grid to cathode and heater . .	1.6	1.6	μf
Plate to cathode and heater . .	0.46	0.34	μf

Equivalent Noise and Hum Voltage  
(Referenced to Grid, Each Unit):

Average Value (RMS) . . . . . 1.8 μvolts  
Measured in "true rms" units under the following conditions: Heater volts (AC) = 6.3; center-tap of heater transformer connected to ground; plate supply volts (DC) = 250; plate load resistor (megohms) = 0.1; cathode resistor (ohms) = 2700; cathode bypass capacitor (μf) = 100; grid resistor (ohms) = 0; amplifier frequency range 25 to 10000 cps.

Characteristics, Class A<sub>1</sub> Amplifier (Each Unit):

Plate Voltage . . . . .	100	250	volts
Grid Voltage . . . . .	-1	-2	volts
Amplification Factor . . . . .	100	100	
Plate Resistance (Approx.) . . . . .	80000	62500	ohms
Transconductance . . . . .	1250	1600	μmhos
Plate Current . . . . .	0.5	1.2	ma

#### Mechanical:

Operating Position . . . . . Any  
Maximum Overall Length . . . . . 2-3/16"  
Maximum Seated Length . . . . . 1-15/16"  
Length, Base Seat to Bulb Top (Excluding tip). 1-9/16" ± 3/32"  
Diameter . . . . . 0.750" to 0.875"  
Dimensional Outline . . . . . See *General Section*  
Bulb . . . . . T6-1/2  
Base . . . . . Small-Button Noval 9-Pin (JEDEC No. E9-1)



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Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW . . . . . 9A

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|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Pin 1 - Plate of<br>Unit No.2       |  | Pin 6 - Plate of<br>Unit No.1   |
| Pin 2 - Grid of<br>Unit No.2        |  | Pin 7 - Grid of<br>Unit No.1    |
| Pin 3 - Cathode of<br>Unit No.2     |  | Pin 8 - Cathode of<br>Unit No.1 |
| Pins 4 & 9 - Heater of<br>Unit No.2 |  | Pin 9 - Heater Tap              |
| Pins 5 & 9 - Heater of<br>Unit No.1 |  |                                 |

### AMPLIFIER — CLASS A<sub>1</sub>

*Values are for Each Unit*

#### Maximum Ratings, Design-Maximum Values:

PLATE VOLTAGE. . . . .	330	max.	volts
GRID VOLTAGE:			
Negative-bias value. . . . .	55	max.	volts
Positive-bias value. . . . .	0	max.	volts
PLATE DISSIPATION. . . . .	1.2	max.	watts
PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE:			
Heater negative with respect to cathode.	200	max.	volts
Heater positive with respect to cathode.	200 <sup>•</sup>	max.	volts

#### Typical Operation as Resistance-Coupled Amplifier:

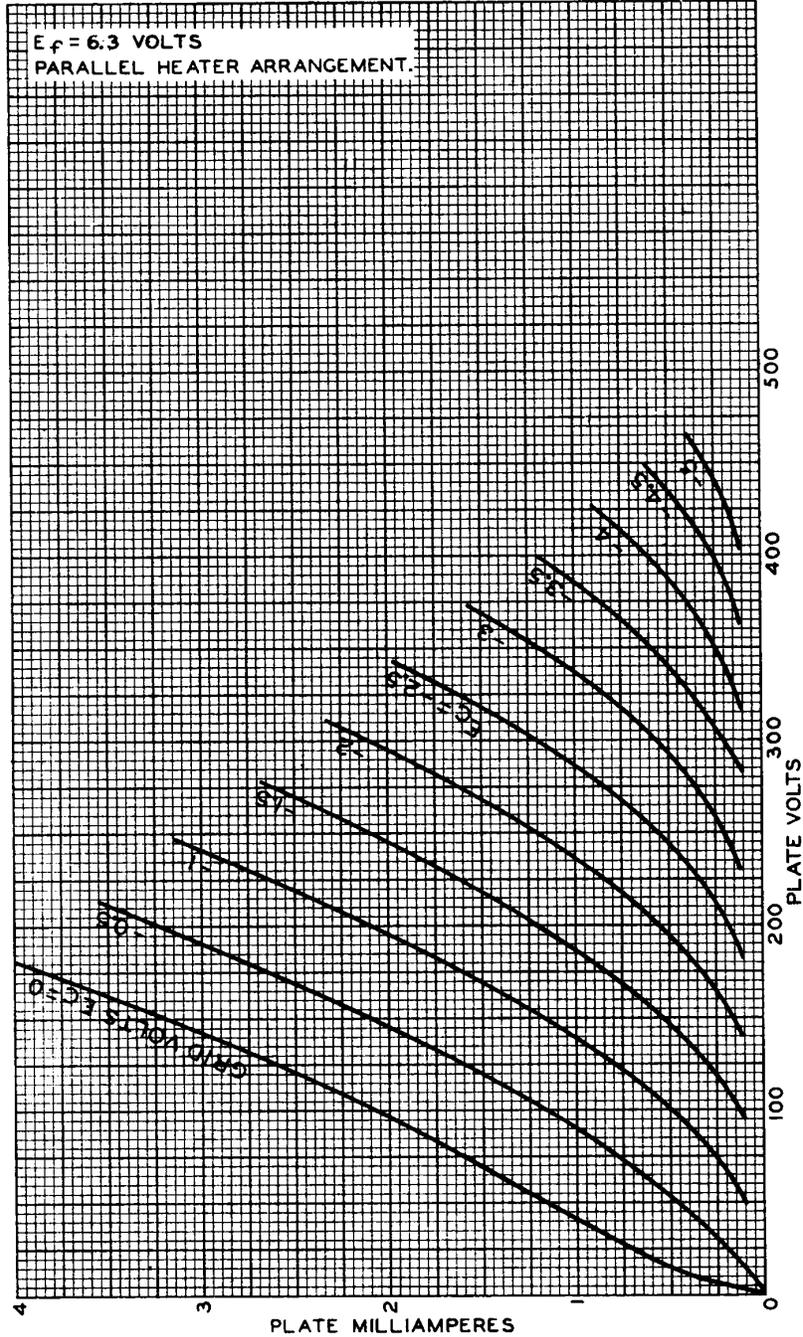
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- ▲ without external shield.
- The dc component must not exceed 100 volts.



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## AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS Each Unit



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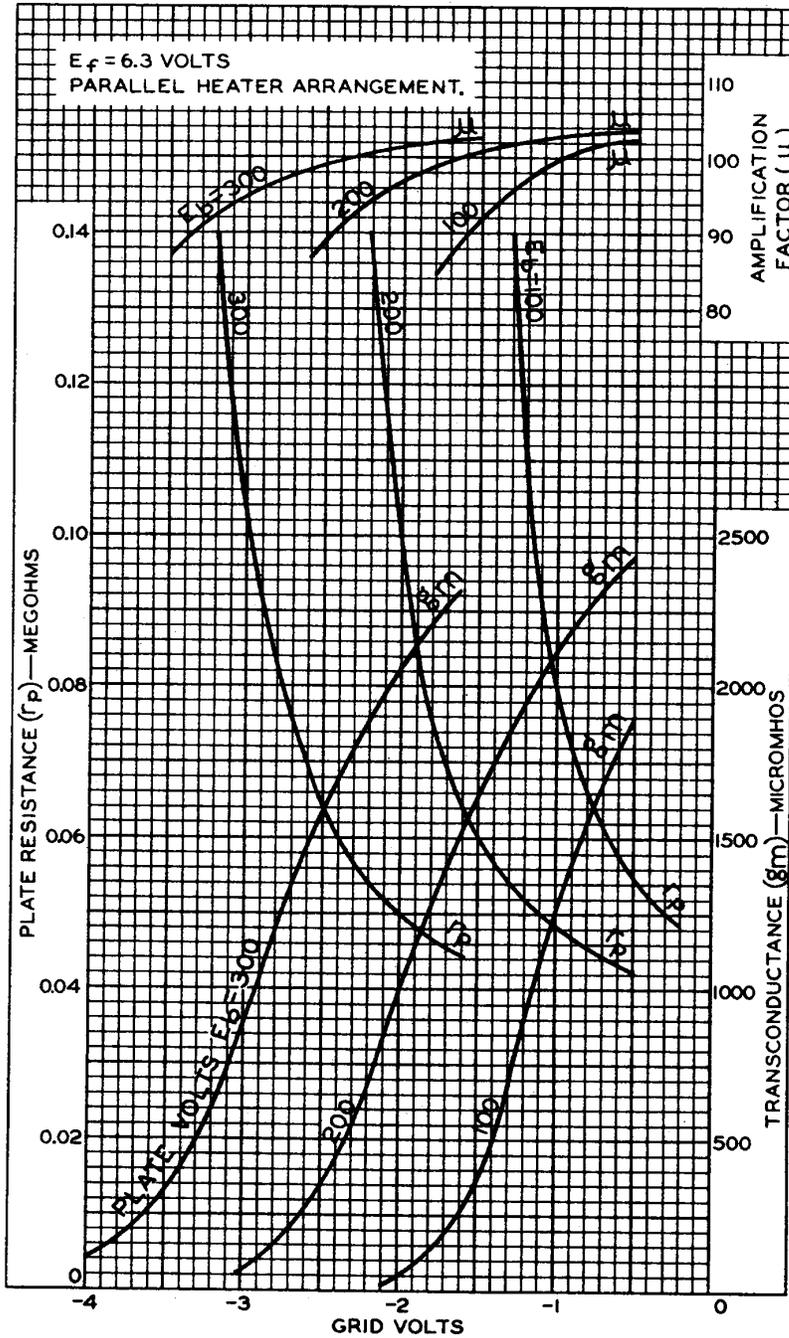


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