

# PLIOTRON

## DESCRIPTION

The PJ-8 is a high-vacuum tube designed for use in amplification and relay applications. The low grid power and uniformity of characteristics are particularly valuable in many control applications.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

*These data are for reference only. For design information refer to specifications.*

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of electrodes . . . . . 3

### Electrical

- Filament voltage . . . . . 4.5 volts
- Filament current . . . . . 1.1 amperes
- Average characteristics when  $E_b = 350$  volts,  
 $I_b = 19$  milliamperes,  $E_f = 4.5$  volts d-c
  - Grid voltage . . . . . -20 volts
  - Amplification factor . . . . . 8.5
  - Grid-plate transconductance . . . . . 1330 micromhos
- Direct interelectrode capacitance
  - Grid-plate . . . . . 8.3 micromicrofarads
  - Grid-cathode . . . . . 4.0 micromicrofarads
  - Plate-cathode . . . . . 3.0 micromicrofarads



**TECHNICAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)**

**Mechanical**

Base .....	medium 4-pin bayonet
Net weight, approx. ....	3 ounces
Shipping weight, approx. ....	3 pounds
Operating position .....	vertical or horizontal with plane of electrodes vertical

**MAXIMUM RATINGS AND TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS**

**CLASS A AUDIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER AND MODULATOR**

	<b>Typical Operation</b>	<b>Maximum Ratings</b>
D-c plate voltage .....	350	350 volts
Plate dissipation .....	...	7.5 watts
D-c grid voltage .....	-30	... volts
Peak grid swing, approx. ....	30	... volts
D-c plate current .....	9	... milliamperes
Plate resistance .....	8700	... ohms
Load resistance .....	18,000	... ohms
Plate power output, 5% second harmonic .....	0.6	... watts

**CLASS B RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER**

*Carrier conditions per tube for use with a maximum modulation factor of 1.0*

D-c plate voltage .....	350	350 volts
D-c grid voltage .....	-40	... volts
D-c plate current .....	32	40 milliamperes
Plate input .....	...	14 watts
Plate dissipation .....	...	10 watts
Peak r-f grid input .....	90	... volts
†Driving power, approx. ....	0.1	... watts
Output, approx. ....	2	... watts

**CLASS C RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR, PLATE MODULATED**

*Carrier conditions per tube for use with a maximum modulation factor of 1.0*

D-c plate voltage .....	300	350 volts
D-c grid voltage .....	-100	-150 volts
D-c plate current .....	30	40 milliamperes
D-c grid current, approx. ....	2	10 milliamperes
Plate input .....	...	14 watts
Plate dissipation .....	...	7 watts
Peak r-f grid input voltage, approx. ....	140	... volts
Driving power, approx. ....	0.3	... watts
Plate power output .....	4	... watts

**CLASS C RADIO-FREQUENCY POWER AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR**

*Key-down conditions per tube without modulation\**

D-c plate voltage .....	350	350 volts
D-c grid voltage .....	-80	-150 volts
D-c plate current .....	35	40 milliamperes
D-c grid current, approx. ....	2	10 milliamperes
Plate input .....	...	14 watts
Plate dissipation .....	...	10 watts
Peak r-f grid input voltage, approx. ....	130	... volts
Driving power, approx. ....	0.25	... watts
Plate power output, approx. ....	6	... watts

†At crest of audio-frequency cycle.

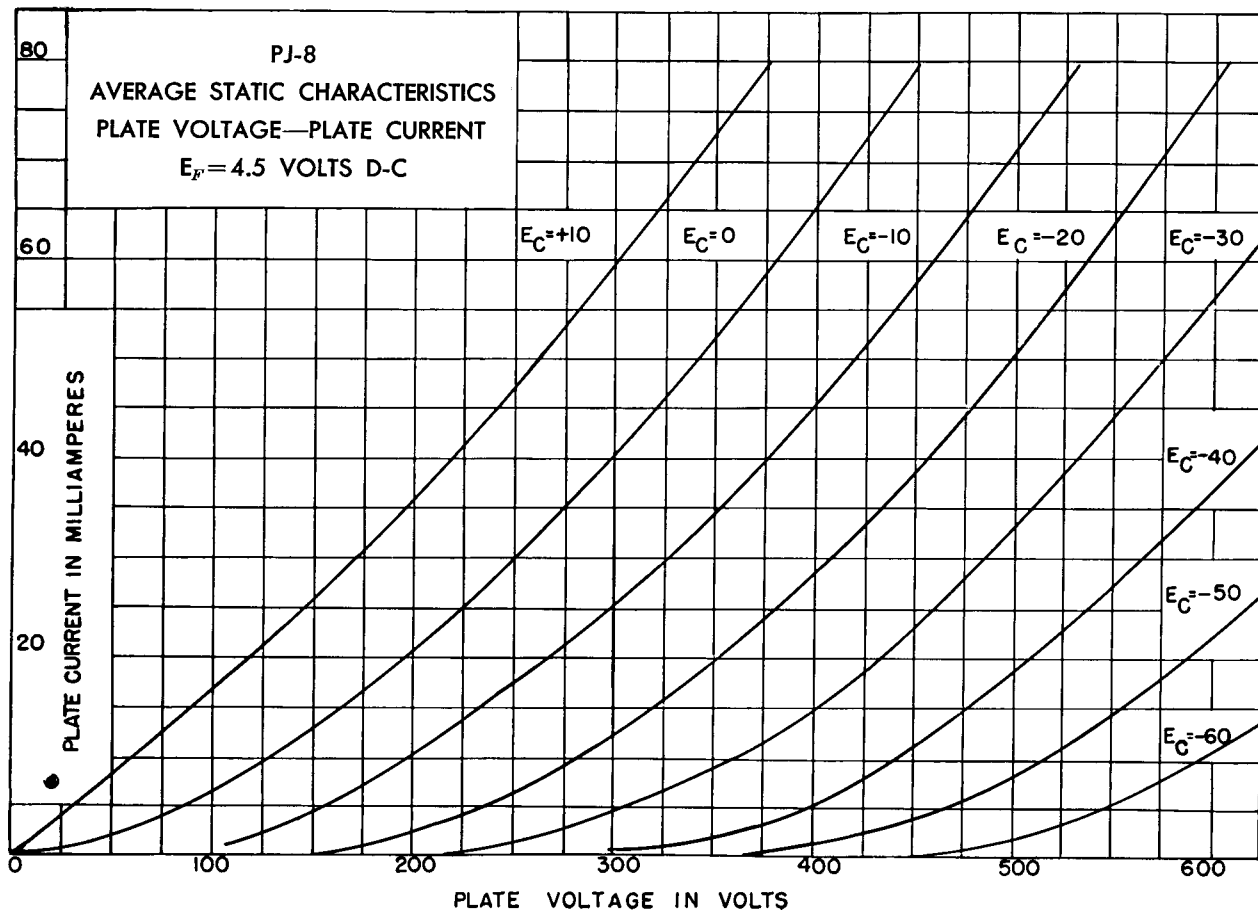
\*Modulation, essentially negative, may be used if the positive peak of the audio-frequency envelope does not exceed 115 per cent of the carrier conditions.

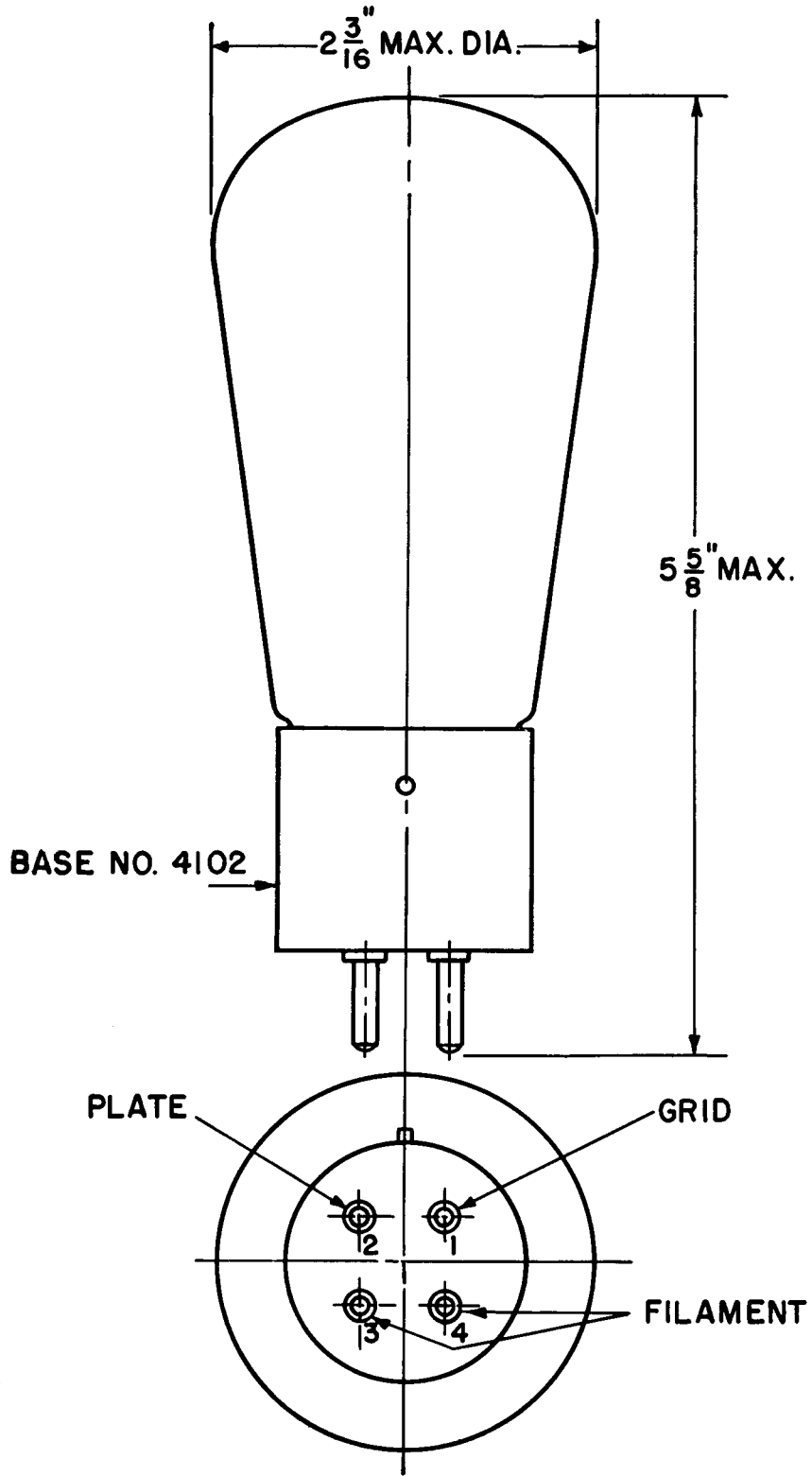
**APPLICATION NOTES**

The PJ-8 can be operated at frequencies as high as six megacycles, and may be operated at higher frequencies provided the maximum values of plate voltage and power input are reduced as the frequency is raised (other maximum ratings are the same as shown under **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**). The tabulation below shows highest percentage of maximum plate voltage and power input that can be used up to thirty megacycles for the various classes of service. Special attention should be given to adequate ventilation of the bulb at these frequencies.

Frequency .....	6	15	30 megacycles
Class B, r-f .....	100	85	70 per cent
Class C, plate modulated or unmodulated .....	100	75	50 per cent

The normal value of grid leak, when the PJ-8 is used as an oscillator or r-f power amplifier (Class C), is in the neighborhood of 10,000 ohms, although this may be replaced by a suitable fixed bias. If self-bias is used, the cathode should be approximately 2000 ohms.





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