



# EIMAC

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**8188**  
**4PR400A**  
RADIAL-BEAM  
PULSE TETRODE  
MODULATOR  
OSCILLATOR  
AMPLIFIER

The Eimac 8188/4PR400A is a pulse tetrode intended for use in pulse-modulator, pulsed-amplifier, and pulsed-oscillator service. This compact, high vacuum, radial-beam tetrode, incorporating a Pyrovac plate and non-emitting grids, is recommended for use in new equipments where high voltage, high current, or high duty factor is encountered.

Cooling of the tube is accomplished by radiation from the plate and by circulation of forced-air through the base and around the envelope. Cooling can be simplified by the use of the Eimac SK-410 Air-System Socket and the SK-406 Air Chimney.

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

### ELECTRICAL

	Min.	Nom.	Max.	
Filament: Thoriated Tungsten				
Voltage	-	5.0	-	volts
Current	13.5	-	14.7	amperes
Amplification Factor (Grid to Screen)	-	5.1	-	
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances, Grounded Cathode:*				
Grid-Plate	-	-	0.17	uuf
Input	10.7	-	14.5	uuf
Output	4.2	-	5.6	uuf
Transconductance ( $I_b = 100$ ma)	-	4,000	-	umhos
Highest Frequency for Maximum Ratings	-	-	110	mc



### MECHANICAL

Base	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-pin metal shell
Basing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	See drawing
Recommend Socket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Eimac SK-410 Air-System Socket
Operating Position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vertical, base down or up
Maximum Operating Temperatures:										
Base Seals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200° C
Plate Seal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225° C
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Radiation and forced-air
Recommended Heat-Dissipating Plate Connector	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Eimac HR-6
Maximum Over-all Dimensions										
Length	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.38 inches
Diameter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.56 inches
Net Weight (tube only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 ounces
Shipping Weight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5 pounds

\*In Shielded Fixture

### PULSE MODULATOR SERVICE

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	20 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	2.5 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-1.0 MAX. KILOVOLT
PEAK PLATE CURRENT	4.0 MAX. AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION (AVG.)	400 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION (AVG.)	35 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION (AVG.)	10 MAX. WATTS

#### TYPICAL OPERATION

DC Plate Voltage	10	15	20 kilovolts
DC Screen Voltage	1.5	1.5	1.5 kilovolts
DC Grid Voltage	-450	-490	-525 volts
Pulse Plate Voltage	8.25	13.25	18.25 kilovolts
Peak Pulse Current	3.5	3.5	3.5 amperes
Pulse Screen Current	0.40	0.40	0.40 ampere
Pulse Grid Current	0.06	0.06	0.06 ampere
Pulse Pos. Grid Voltage	60	60	60 volts
Pulse Drive Power	31.0	33.0	35.0 watts
Pulse Plate Input Power	35.0	52.5	70.0 kilowatts
Pulse Plate Output Power	29.0	46.5	64.0 kilowatts
Duty	5.5	5.5	5.5 percent

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**RADIO-FREQUENCY PLATE AND SCREEN-PULSED AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR\*****MAXIMUM RATINGS**

PEAK DC PLATE VOLTAGE	15 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	2.5 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-1.0 MAX. KILOVOLT
PEAK CATHODE CURRENT**	5.4 MAX. AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION (AVG.)	400 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION (AVG.)	35 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION (AVG.)	10 MAX. WATTS

\*When used as a rf Plate-and Screen-Pulsed Amplifier, the grid drive must also be pulsed to avoid over-heating this element during the inter-pulse periods.

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

Pulse Plate Voltage	10	12.5	15 kilovolts
Pulse Screen Voltage	1.5	1.5	1.5 kilovolt
DC Grid Voltage	-725	-750	-785 volts
Pulse Plate Current**	0.87	0.87	0.87 ampere
Pulse Screen Current	70	70	70 ma
Pulse Grid Current	10	10	10 ma
Peak RF Grid Voltage	845	870	905 volts
Pulse Drive Power	8.5	8.7	9.0 watts
Pulse Plate Input Power	8.7	11.0	13.0 kilowatts
Pulse Plate Output Power	6.8	8.8	10.5 kilowatts
Duty	20	18	16 percent

**RADIO-FREQUENCY GRID-PULSED AMPLIFIER AND OSCILLATOR****MAXIMUM RATINGS**

DC PLATE VOLTAGE	10 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC SCREEN VOLTAGE	2.5 MAX. KILOVOLTS
DC GRID VOLTAGE	-1.0 MAX. KILOVOLT
PEAK CATHODE CURRENT**	5.4 MAX. AMPERES
PLATE DISSIPATION (AVG.)	400 MAX. WATTS
SCREEN DISSIPATION (AVG.)	35 MAX. WATTS
GRID DISSIPATION (AVG.)	10 MAX. WATTS

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

DC Plate Voltage	5	7.5	10 kilovolts
DC Screen Voltage	1.5	1.5	1.5 kilovolts
DC Grid Voltage	-680	-700	-725 volts
Pulse Plate Current**	0.87	0.87	0.87 ampere
Pulse Screen Current	70	70	70 ma
Pulse Grid Current	10	10	10 ma
Peak RF Grid Voltage	800	820	845 volts
Pulse Drive Power	8.0	8.2	8.5 watts
Pulse Plate Input Power	4.3	6.5	8.7 kilowatts
Pulse Plate Output Power	2.7	4.7	6.6 kilowatts
Duty	25	22	19 percent

\*\* The maximum peak cathode current rating refers to the instantaneous peak cathode current available. This rating is based on available emission throughout life of 80 milliamperes per watt of filament power. The pulse plate current data shown under the Typical Operation section refers to the dc plate current component during the pulse.

**APPLICATION****MECHANICAL**

**Mounting**— The 4PR400A must be operated vertically, base up or down. When the SK-410 Air-System Socket is used in conjunction with the SK-406 Air Chimney, the socket must be mounted to the under surface of the chassis to maintain proper air space between the plate seal and the chimney opening, otherwise plate seal cooling will be seriously impaired.

In the event the SK-410 Air-System Socket is not used, the socket must provide clearance for the glass tip-off which extends from the center of the tube. The metal tube-base shell should be grounded by means of suitable spring fingers.

**Cooling**— Adequate forced-air cooling must be provided to maintain base-seal and plate-seal temperatures below 200° C and 225° C, respectively. In all classes of operation it is recommended that a heat-radiating connector, the Eimac HR-6 or equivalent, be installed on the anode terminal, and that a socket and chimney be employed which provides for proper seal cooling. When the Eimac 4PR400A is operated at d-c or low frequencies in an Eimac SK-410 Air System Socket, complete with SK-406 Air Chimney and HR-6 Heat Radiator, the minimum airflow requirements to maintain seal temperatures at 200° C in 50° C inlet air are tabulated:

Ave. Plate Dissipation (watts)	Sea Level		10,000 Feet	
	Air Flow (CFM)	Plenum Pressure Drop. (Inches of Water)	Air Flow (CFM)	Plenum Pressure Drop. (Inches of Water)
200	6.5	0.045	9.5	0.063
300	8.5	0.076	12.5	0.110
400	10.5	0.125	15.5	0.180

When the Eimac 4PR400A is used as a pulsed-amplifier or oscillator at frequencies above 30 Mc, additional cooling may be required to compensate for the effects of plate and base-seal heating caused by r-f charging currents and dielectric losses. Since the amount of seal heating varies with the particular application, it is suggested that the user monitor the seal temperatures to determine the adequacy of the cooling air.

Cooling air should be applied before or simultaneously with the application of filament voltage and may be removed simultaneously with filament voltage. In any questionable situation, the only criterion for adequate cooling is temperature. Tube temperature may be measured conveniently by using a temperature-sensitive paint.

**ELECTRICAL**

**Filament Voltage**— For maximum tube life the filament voltage, as measured directly at the filament pins, should be 5.0 volts. Variations in filament voltage must be kept within the range of 4.75 to 5.25 volts.



When the 4PR400A is utilized in pulse applications where high peak currents are demanded, filament voltage must be maintained at the rated value; the normally allowable five-percent variation in this voltage cannot be tolerated if the tube's peak-current capabilities are to be realized.

**Element Dissipation**— Under normal operating conditions, the average plate dissipation of the 4PR400A should not be allowed to exceed 400 watts. Dissipation in excess of this maximum rating is permissible for short periods of time, such as during tuning procedures.

The average power dissipated by the screen-grid and the control-grid must not exceed 35 watts and 10 watts, respectively.

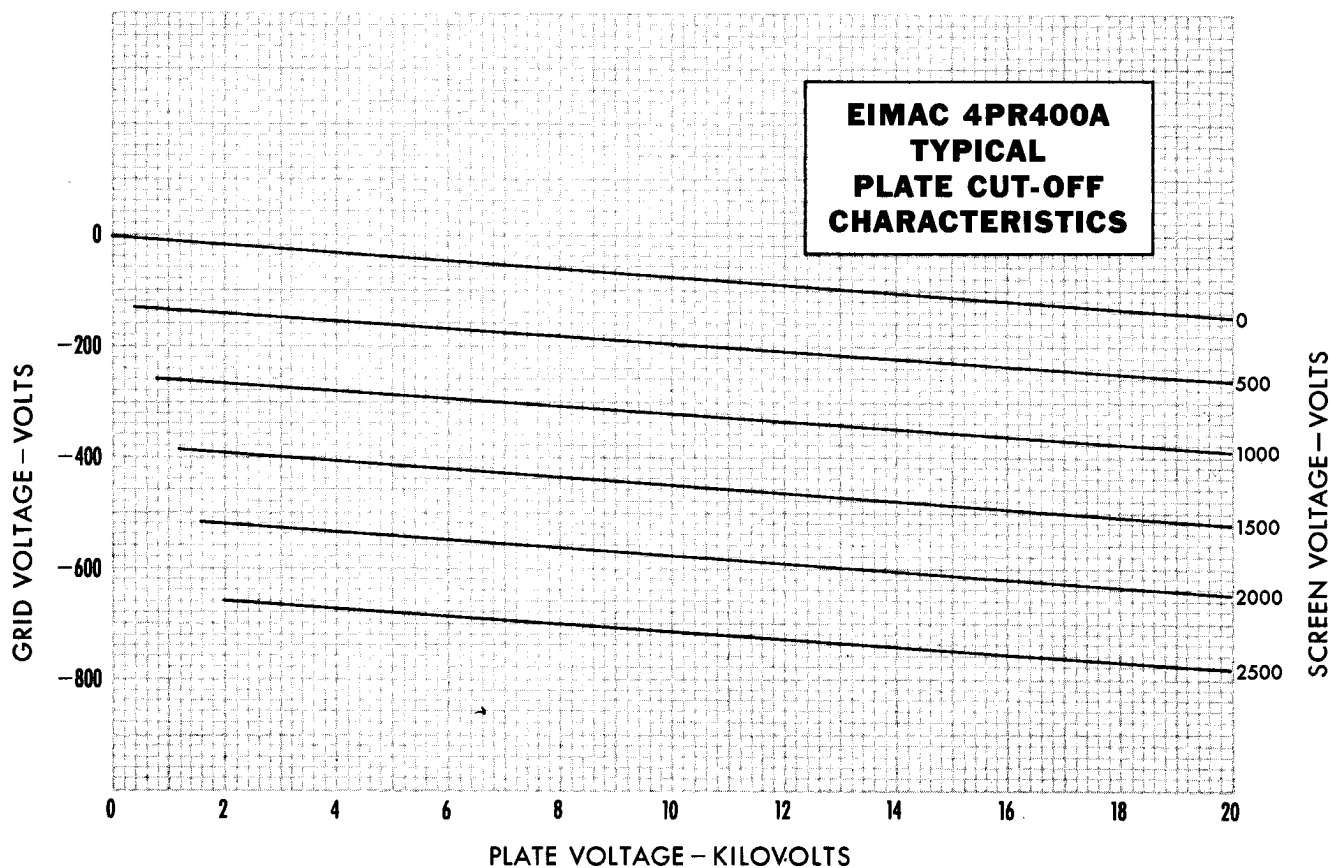
**Cut-Off Characteristics**— The Plate Current Cut-Off Characteristics of the 4PR400A are shown in the graph below. These curves indicate the value of negative grid voltage required to maintain a plate-current flow of 50 microamperes or less at the various plate and screen voltages noted. These curves were plotted from a "typical" tube whose electrical characteristics closely approximate the mean value in the tube test specification.

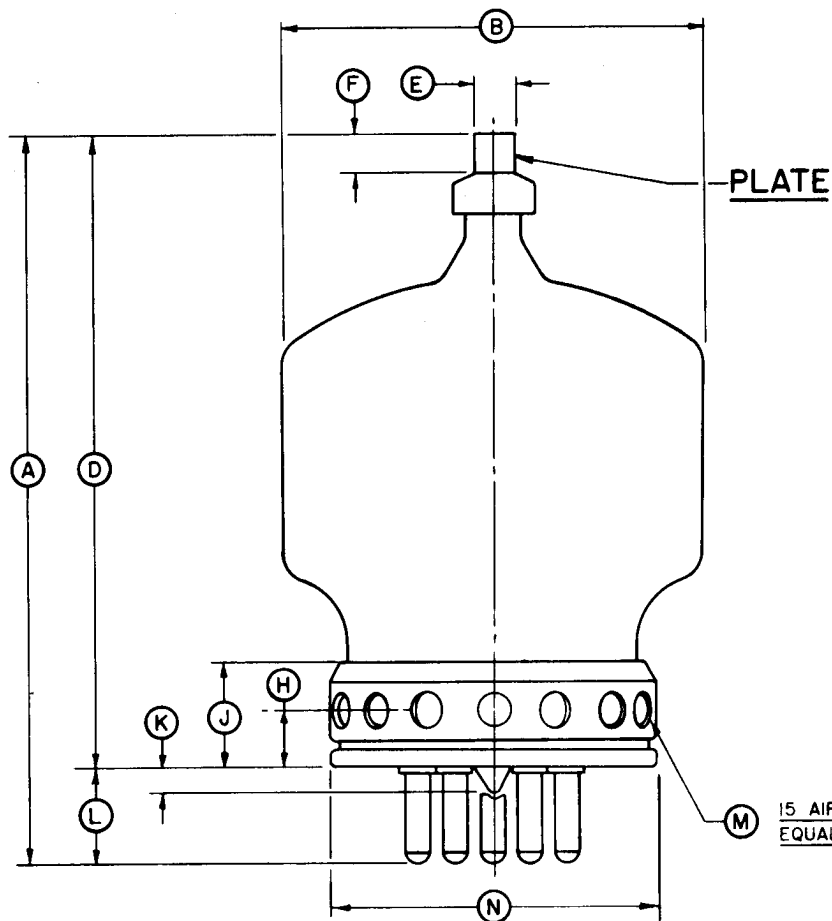
Each 4PR400A is tested to insure proper cut-off characteristics at maximum ratings. This cut-off test is made with a plate voltage of 20 KV, a screen voltage of 1.5 KV, with the grid voltage adjusted to maintain a plate current of 10 microamperes. Under these test conditions the negative grid bias must not exceed 675 volts. Due to tube-to-tube variation this cut-off point will vary and the typical range can be expected to be between -500 volts and -650 volts.

**Pulse-Modulator Service**— The data shown in the "Typical Operating" section of Pulse-Modulator Service was calculated assuming a rectangular plate voltage waveform, ignoring the effects of shunt capacity. In reality, the total shunt capacitance (including the output capacity of the tube, stray capacitance, etc.) affects the output wave form and can have considerable effect on plate dissipation. Since the actual plate wave form is not rectangular, even though the grid pulse is, additional power will be dissipated during the rise time and can, under some circumstances, be much greater than that dissipated during the remainder of the pulse. The total power dissipated is then the sum of the power dissipated during the rise time and the power dissipated during the remainder of the pulse.

### Special Applications

If it is desired to operate this tube under conditions widely different from those given here, write to Power Grid Tube Marketing, Eimac Division of Varian Associates, 301 Industrial Way, San Carlos, California, for information and recommendations.

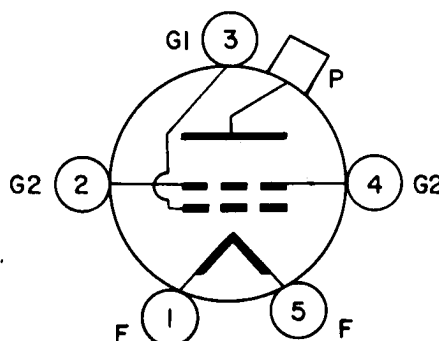
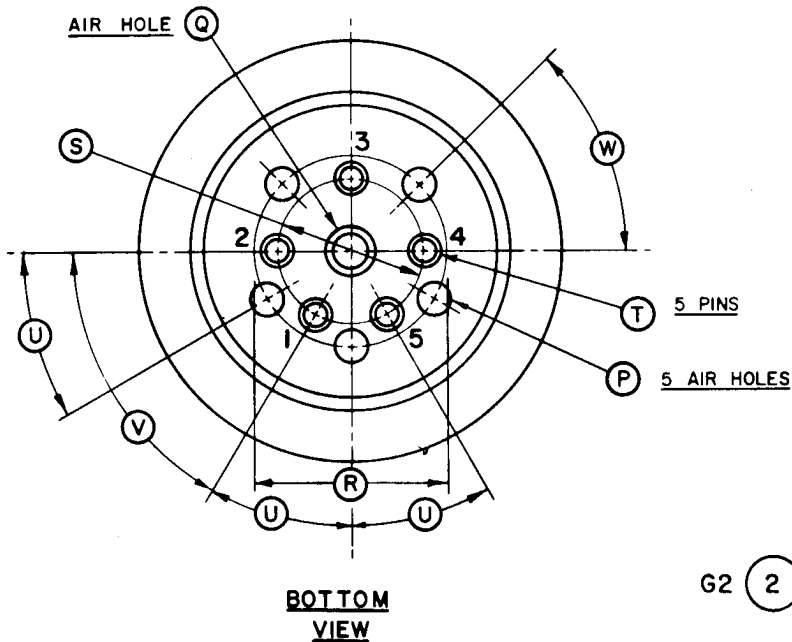




DIMENSIONS IN INCHES  
DIMENSIONAL DATA

REF.	MIN.	MAX.	NOM.
A	5-7/8	6-3/8	
B		3-9/16 D.	
D	5-1/8	5-5/8	
E	.350 DIA.	.365 DIA.	
F	21/64		
H			7/16
J		31/32	
K		1/4	
L			3/4
M			1/4 D.
N		2-3/4 D.	
P			5/16 D.
Q			1/2 D.
R			1-5/8 D.
S			1-1/4 D. PC.
T	.85 DIA.	.191 DIA.	
U			30°
V			60°
W			45°

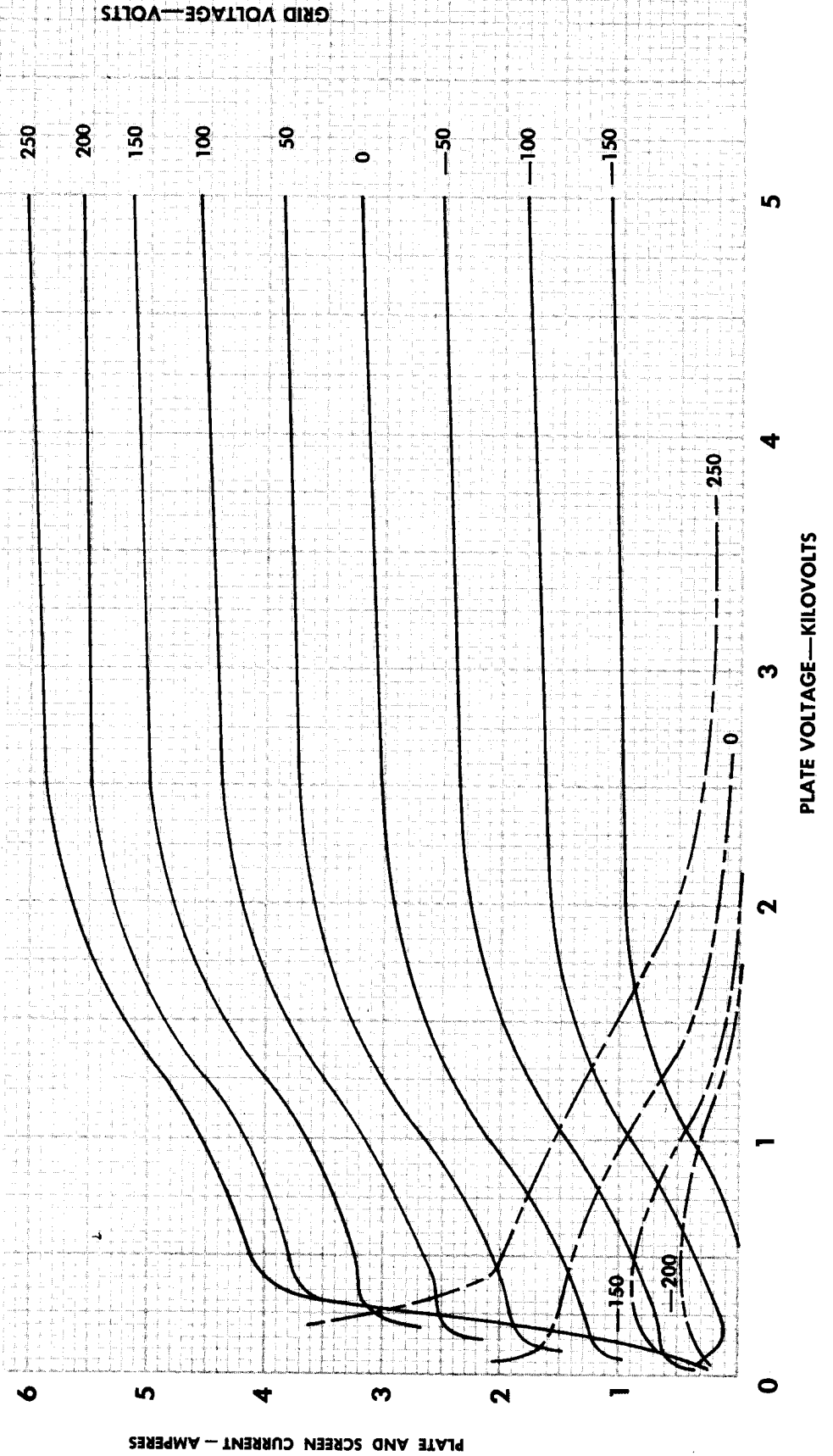
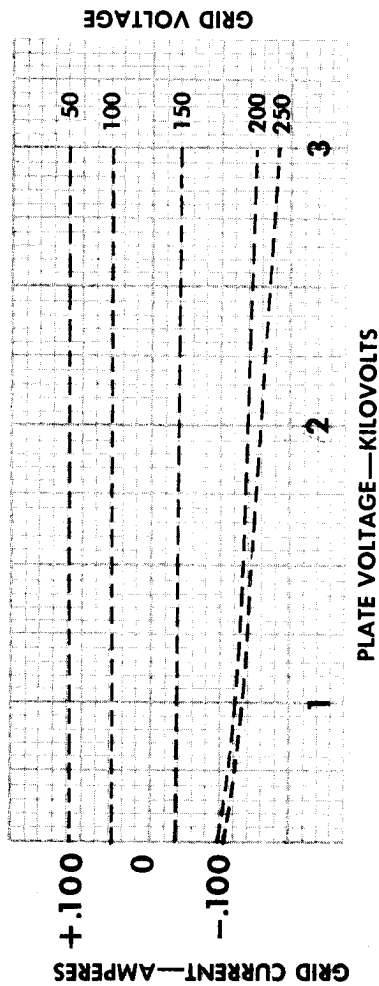
15 AIR HOLES  
EQUALLY SPACED





### EIMAC 4PR400A TYPICAL PLATE CHARACTERISTICS

- SCREEN VOLTAGE=1500 VOLTS
- PLATE CURRENT—AMPERES
- - - SCREEN CURRENT—AMPERES
- - - GRID CURRENT—AMPERES





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**EIMAC 4PR400A**  
**TYPICAL**  
**CONSTANT CURRENT**  
**CHARACTERISTICS**  
SCREEN VOLTAGE = 1500 VOLTS  
— PLATE CURRENT — AMPERES  
- - - SCREEN CURRENT — AMPERES  
- - - GRID CURRENT — AMPERES

