

# Full-Wave Mercury-Vapor Rectifier

For DC Power Supplies Having Large Current Requirements

## GENERAL DATA

### Electrical:

Filament, Coated:

Voltage (AC or DC) . . . . .	5.0	volts
Current . . . . .	3.000	amp

### Mechanical:

Operating Position . . . . .	Vertical, base down
Maximum Overall Length . . . . .	5-3/8"
Maximum Seated Length . . . . .	4-3/4"
Maximum Diameter . . . . .	2-1/16"
Bulb . . . . .	ST-16
Base . . . . .	Medium 4-Pin
Basing Designation for BOTTOM VIEW . . . . .	
	4C

Pin 1 - Filament  
Pin 2 - Plate of  
Unit No. 2



Pin 3 - Plate of  
Unit No. 1  
Pin 4 - Filament

FULL-WAVE RECTIFIER

### Maximum and Minimum Ratings:

PEAK INVERSE VOLTAGE . . . . .	1550	max.	volts
PEAK PLATE CURRENT PER PLATE . . . . .	1	max.	amp
CONDENSED MERCURY TEMPERATURE RANGE . . . . .	20 - 60		°C

#### *With Capacitor-Input Filter*

AC PLATE VOLTAGE PER PLATE (RMS) . . . . .	450	max.	volts
TOTAL EFFECTIVE PLATE-SUPPLY IMPEDANCE			
PER PLATE <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	50	min.	ohms
DC OUTPUT CURRENT . . . . .	225	max.	ma

#### *With Choke-Input Filter*

AC PLATE VOLTAGE PER PLATE (RMS) . . . . .	550	max.	volts
INPUT-CHOKE INDUCTANCE . . . . .	3	min.	henries
DC OUTPUT CURRENT . . . . .	225	max.	ma

### Characteristics:

Tube Voltage Drop (Approx.) . . . . .	15		volts
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<sup>a</sup> When a filter-input capacitor larger than 40  $\mu$ f is used, it may be necessary to use more plate-supply impedance than the minimum value shown to limit the peak plate current to the rated value.



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## HALF-WAVE RECTIFIER

As a half-wave rectifier, the 83 is operated with plates connected in parallel. Two 83's so connected in a full-wave circuit can supply twice the output current of a single tube. Both plates within the same tube should be connected to the same terminal of the plate transformer. To equalize the current distribution between plates, a resistor of not less than 50 ohms should be connected in series with each plate.

