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This data should be read in conjunction with DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS—THYRATRONS, preceding this section of the handbook.

LIMITING VALUES (absolute ratings, not design centre)

It is important that these limits are never exceeded and such variations as mains fluctuations, component tolerances and switching surges must be taken into consideration in arriving at actual valve operating conditions.

Max. peak anode voltage Inverse Forward	1.3 650	kV V
Max. cathode current Peak Average (max. averaging time 15s) Surge (fault protection max. duration 0.1s)	2.0 300 10	A mA A
Max. negative control-grid voltage Before conduction During conduction	250 10	V
Max. average positive control-grid current for anode voltage more positive than -10V (averaging time 1 cycle)	20	mA
Max. control-grid resistance $ \begin{matrix} I_a \!<\! 200 \text{mA} \\ I_a \!>\! 200 \text{mA} \end{matrix} $	10 2.0	ΜΩ ΜΩ
Max. negative shield-grid voltage Before conduction During conduction	100 10	V
Max. average positive shield-grid current for anode voltage more positive than -10V (averaging time 1 cycle)		
Max. screen-grid resistor	1.0	$M\Omega$
Max. peak heater-cathode voltage Cathode negative Cathode positive	25 100	y
Min. valve heating time (for $i_{k(pk)}$ max = 2.0A)	20	s
Ambient temperature limits -75	5 to +90	°C

Note—Where circuit conditions permit, the shield-grid should be connected directly to the cathode.



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CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical

Heater voltage Heater current at 6.3V	6.3 950	V mA
Capacitances		
Anode to grid Anode to cathode Grid to cathode Anode to shield-grid	0.25 0.06 0.2 3.0	pF pF pF pF
Control ratio		
${\sf g}_2$ to ${\sf k}$ and ${\sf R}_{\sf g}{}_1{=}{\sf 0}\Omega$	275	
g_1 to k and $R_{g2}{=}0\Omega$	370	
Anode voltage drop	10	V
Recovery (deionisation) time		
$V_a = 650V$, $i_{a(pk)} = 2A$, $R_{g1} = 100k\Omega$		
$V_{g1} = -100V$	240	μς
$V_{g1} = -50V$	1.0	ms

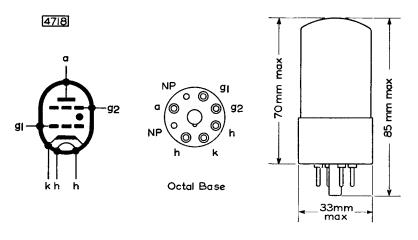
Mechanical

Type of cooling	Convection
Mounting position	Any

CONTROL CHARACTERISTIC (See page 5).

The curves given indicate the spread in characteristics due to:

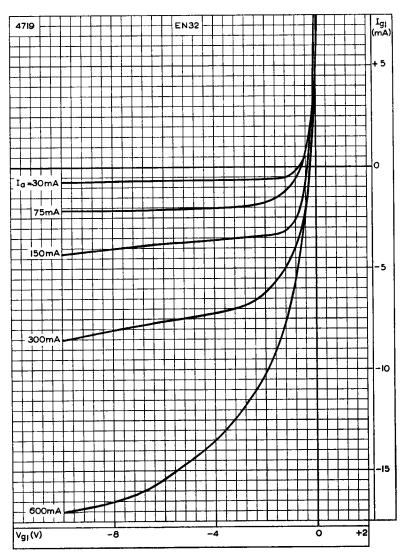
- (a) Variations in characteristics due to changes in heater voltage.
- (b) Variations in characteristics during life.
- (c) Variation in grid resistor.



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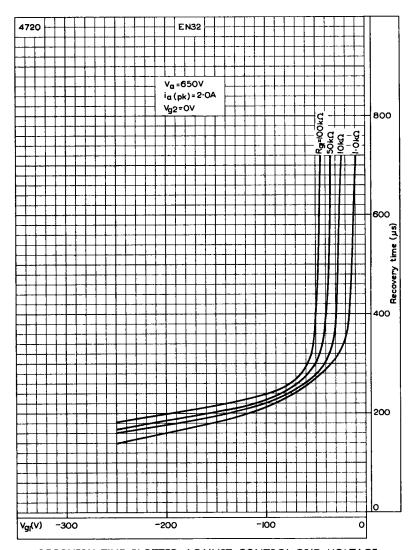


GRID ION CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

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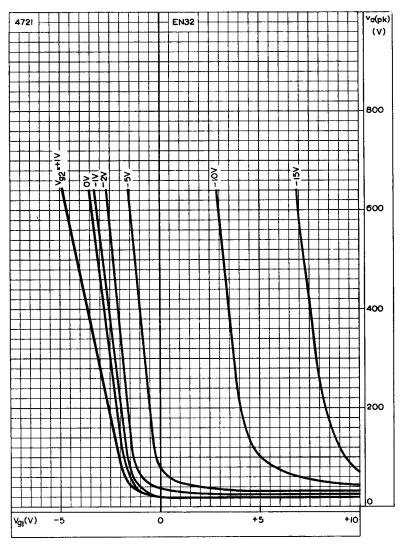
RECOVERY TIME PLOTTED AGAINST CONTROL-GRID VOLTAGE



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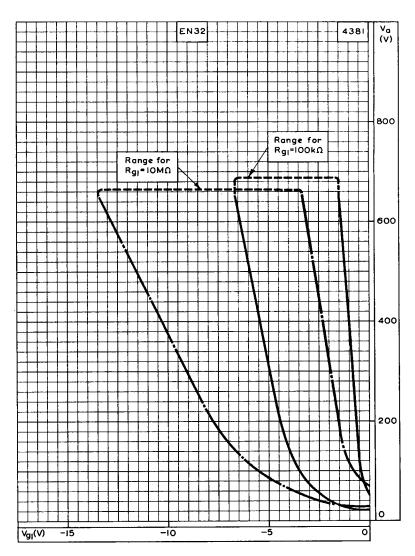


CONTROL CHARACTERISTIC (see page 2)

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OPERATING RANGE OF CRITICAL GRID VOLTAGE

