

# SUBMINIATURE ELECTROMETER PENTODE

# ME1403

Subminiature electrometer pentode with a grid current  
of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$ A.

## FILAMENT

Suitable for d.c. operation only

$V_f$	1.25	V
$I_f$	8.2	mA

## MOUNTING POSITION

Any

## CAPACITANCES

$C_{a-g1}$	0.2	pF
$C_{in}$	3.0	pF
$C_{out}$	4.0	pF

## CHARACTERISTICS (All voltages are with respect to the negative end of the filament)

Measured at  $V_f = 1.25V$ ,  $V_a = 10V$ ,  $I_a = 5.0\mu A$ ,  $V_{g1} = -2.5V$

	Min.	Av.	Max.	
$V_{g2}$	5.0	6.5	7.5	V
$g_m$	8.0	10.5	15	$\mu A/V$
$r_a$	—	10.5	—	$M\Omega$
$\mu_{(g1-a)}$	80	110	—	
* $I_{g1}$	—	$-3.0 \times 10^{-15}$	$-8.0 \times 10^{-15}$	A
$I_{g2}$	1.5	2.2	3.0	$\mu A$
† $V_{g1}(\text{crossover})$	—	-1.15	—	V

\*The quoted grid current characteristics will only be obtained if the tube is operated in complete darkness.

†'Crossover' is the point at which the polarity of the grid current is reversed (measured at  $V_f = 1.25V$ ,  $V_a = 10V$ ,  $V_{g2}$  = the value which gives  $I_a = 5\mu A$  when  $V_{g1} = -2.5V$ )

## LIMITING VALUES

$V_a$ max.	45	V
$V_{g2}$ max.	45	V
$I_k$ max.	180	$\mu A$
$V_f$ limits	1.1 to 1.5	V

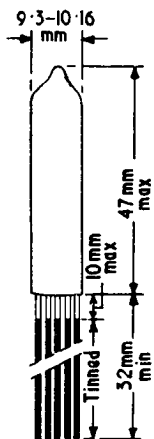
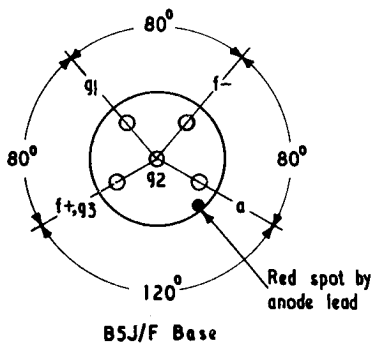
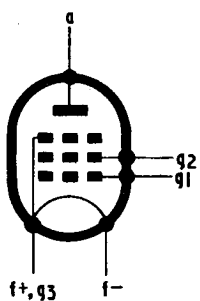
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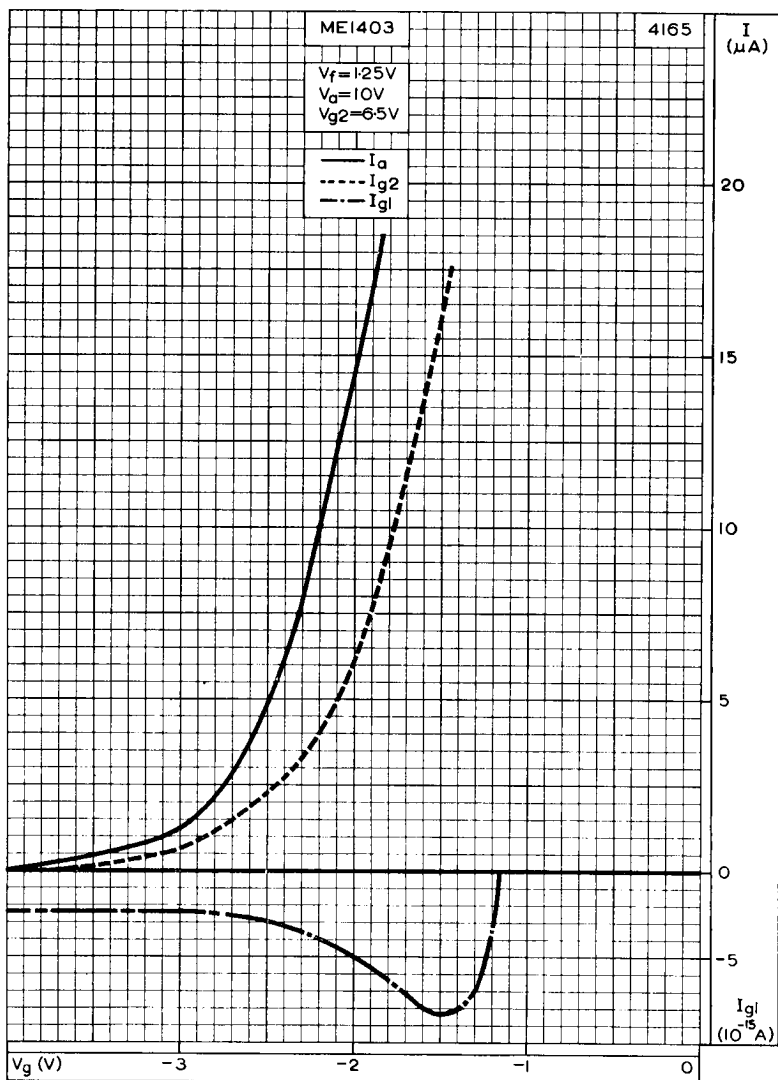
1. In order to avoid excessive drift of characteristics the filament voltage must be applied before the anode voltage.
2. To avoid contamination of the glass, the valve should not be removed from its protective envelope until it is fitted into the equipment.
3. Direct soldered connections to the leads of the valve must be at least 13mm from the seal and any bending of the valve leads must be at least 1.5mm from the seal.

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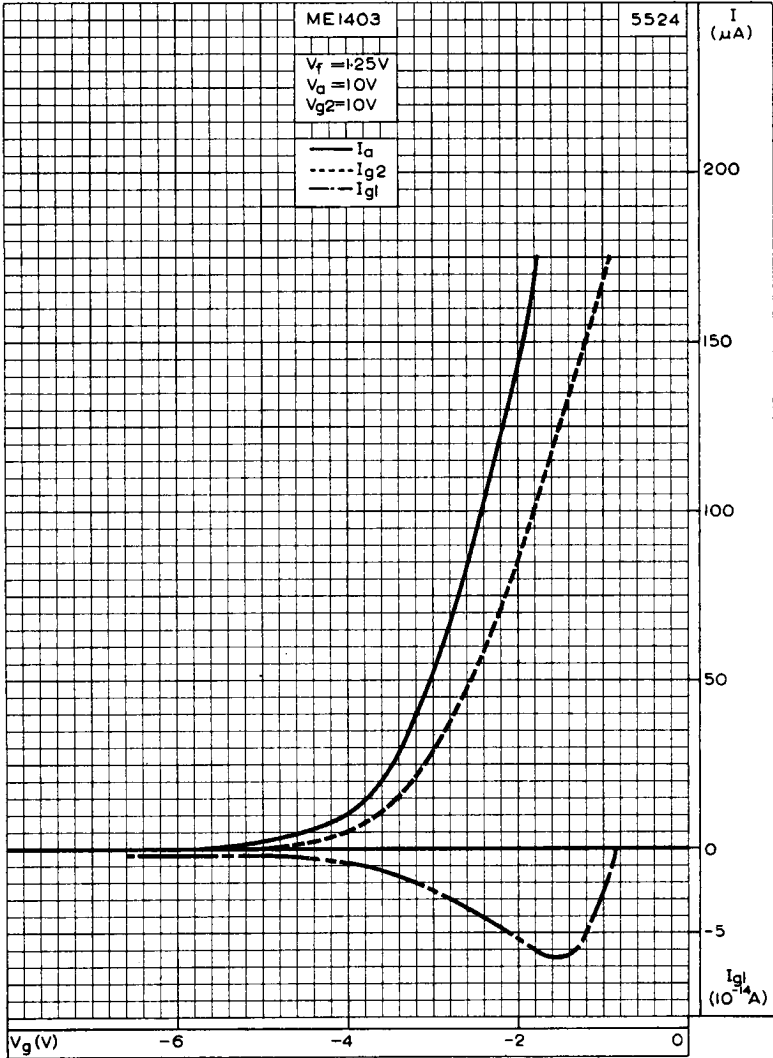




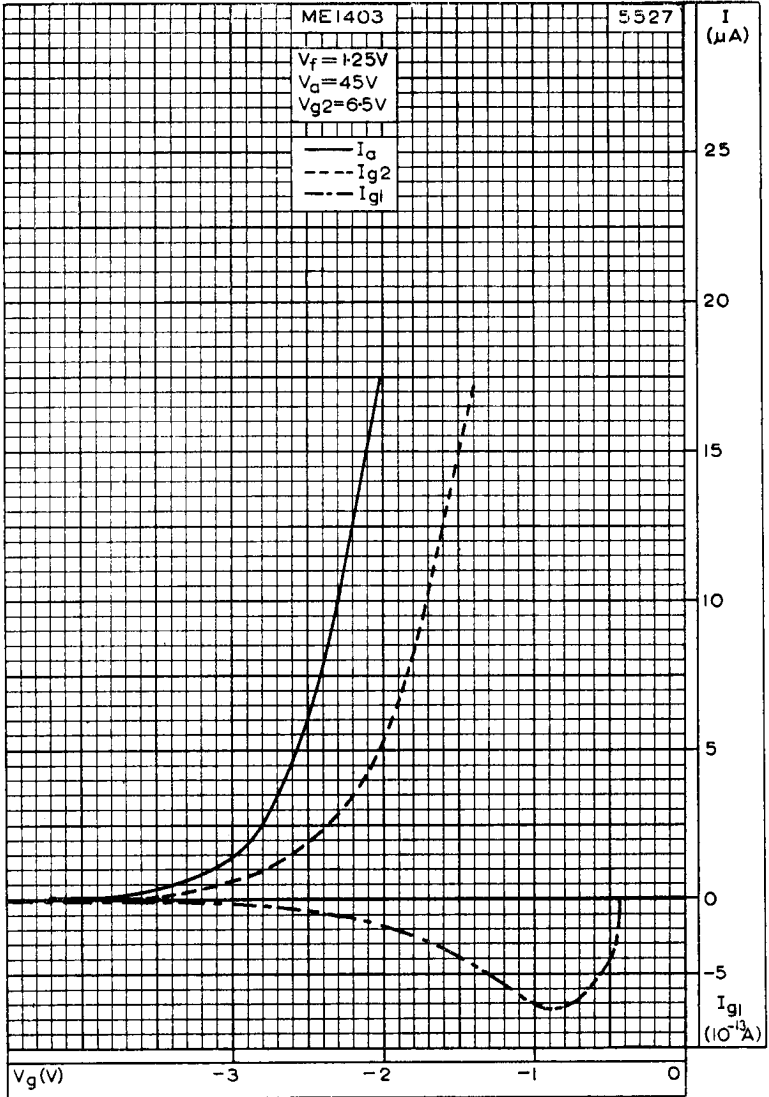
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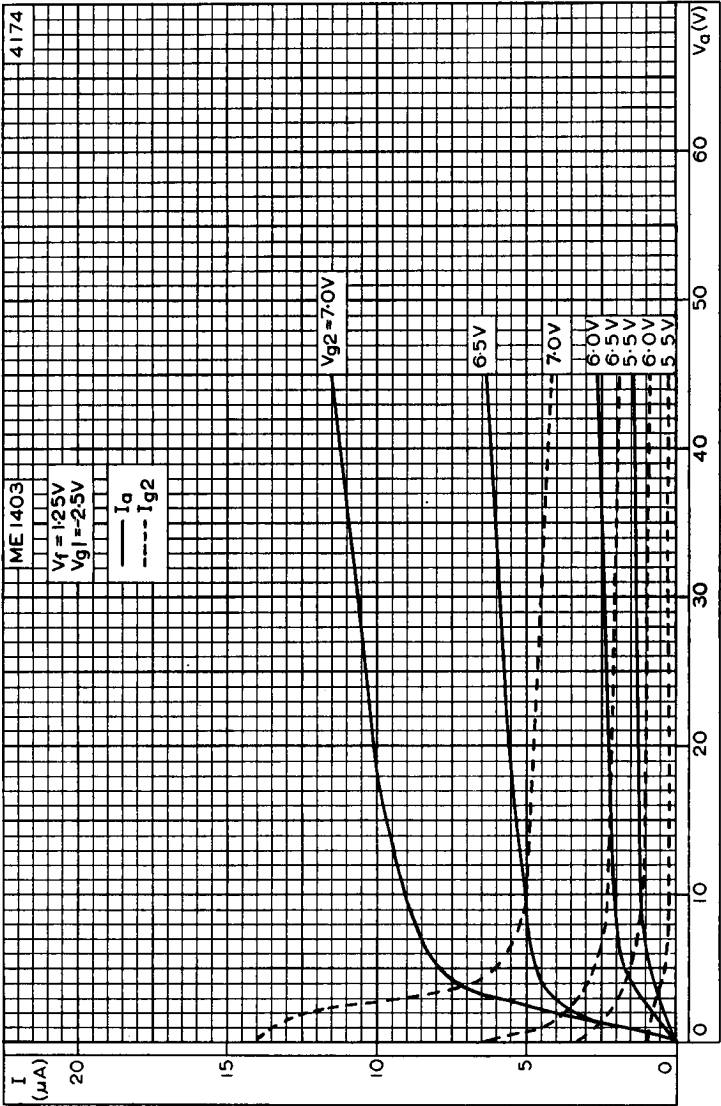


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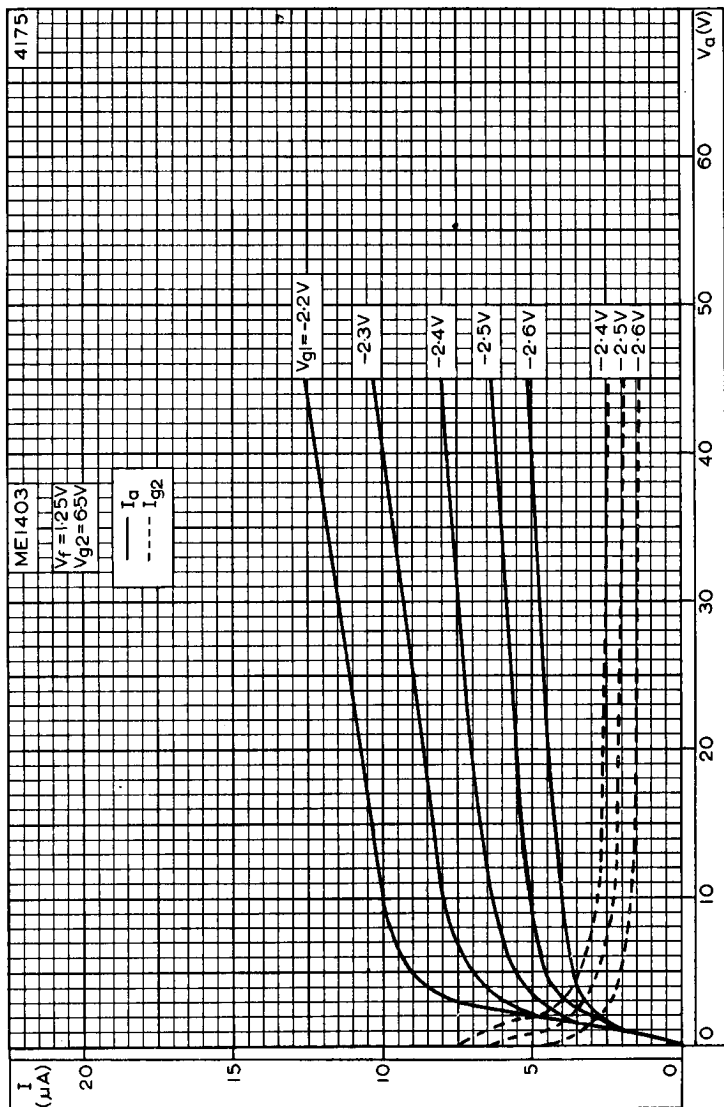
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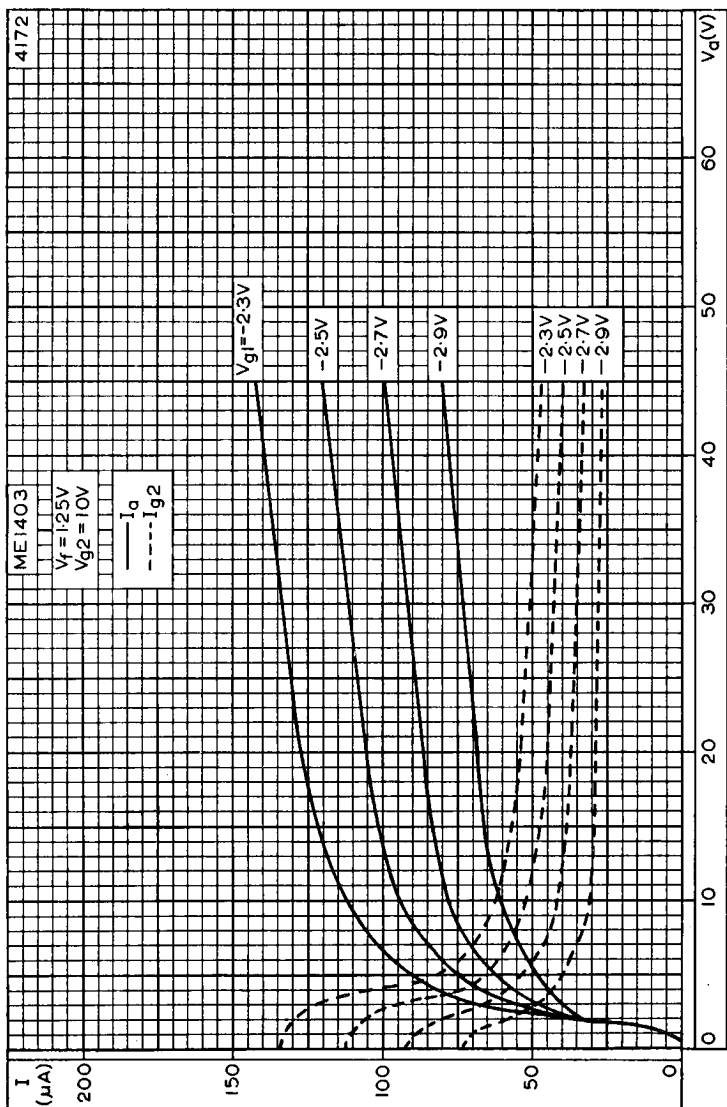


ANODE AND SCREEN-GRID CURRENTS PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE VOLTAGE WITH SCREEN-GRID VOLTAGE AS PARAMETER





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