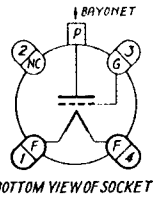


**TRIODE  
POWER AMPLIFIER  
OSCILLATOR**

The RK-18 is a triode type power amplifier tube having a thoriated tungsten filament, a molybdenum plate and an isolantite base. It is designed for use as a power amplifier, oscillator or frequency multiplier.



BOTTOM VIEW OF SOCKET

**FILAMENT RATING**

Filament Voltage	7.5	volts
Filament Current	3	amp

**DIRECT INTERELECTRODE CAPACITANCES**

Grid to Plate	4.8	$\mu\text{f}$
Input	6	$\mu\text{f}$
Output	1.8	$\mu\text{f}$

**R-F POWER AMPLIFIER OR OSCILLATOR—  
CLASS C**

**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

D-C Plate Voltage—Telegraphy	1250	volts
D-C Plate Voltage—Telephony	1250	volts
With Grid Modulation	1000	volts
With Plate Modulation	100	ma
D-C Plate Current	40	ma
D-C Grid Current	5	amp
R-F Grid Current	40	watts
Plate Dissipation		

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

	Telephony Grid Modulation	Telephony Plate Modulation	Telephony	
D-C Plate Voltage	1250	1000	1250	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-140	-160	-160	volts
D-C Plate Current	38	80	100	ma
D-C Grid Current	0.5	13	12	ma
Peak R-F Input Voltage	150	265	255	volts
R-F Driving Power	3.8*	3.1	2.8	watts
Carrier Power Output	18	64	95	watts
Peak A-F Voltage—Plate	—	1000*	—	volts
Peak A-F Voltage—Grid	60*	—	—	volts
A-F Modulating Power	1.5*	40	—	watts
Peak Power Output	72*	256*	—	watts

\*At the peak of the a-f cycle with 100% modulation.

**R-F POWER AMPLIFIER—CLASS B—TELEPHONY**

**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

D-C Plate Voltage	1250	volts
D-C Plate Current (Carrier)	50	ma
Plate Dissipation (Carrier)	40	watts

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

D-C Plate Voltage	1250	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-70	volts
D-C Plate Current	40	ma
Peak R-F Input Voltage	160*	volts
R-F Driving Power	2.1*	watts
Carrier Power Output	18	watts
Peak Power Output	72*	watts

**A-F POWER AMPLIFIER—CLASS B—TWO TUBES**

**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

D-C Plate Voltage	1250	volts
D-C Plate Current (per tube)	115	ma
Plate Dissipation (per tube)	40	watts

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

D-C Plate Voltage	1000	1250	volts
D-C Grid Voltage	-45	-60	volts
D-C Plate Current (no signal)	35	35	ma
D-C Plate Current (max. signal)	230	220	ma
D-C Grid Current (max. signal)	38	60	ma
Peak A-F Input Voltage (grid to grid)	268	352	volts
A-F Driving Power	4.3	9	watts
Load Resistance (plate to plate)	12000	18000	ohms
Power Output	150	190	watts

\*At the peak of the a-f cycle with 100% modulation.

**OPERATING NOTES**

**FREQUENCY RANGE**

The RK-18 may be operated at the maximum ratings at frequencies up to 60 megacycles. Above 60 megacycles, the reduced efficiency realized requires that the plate voltage be lowered to prevent the plate dissipation from exceeding the maximum rated value.

**BIAS**

At least 60 volts of fixed bias should be used with 1250 volts on the plate to protect the tube in case of failure of the bias or excitation.

**PLATE TEMPERATURE**

The RK-18 will show a light cherry color (See Plate Temperature Color Scale) when operated at the maximum rated plate dissipation. Dissipations above the rated value should be avoided.

