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Specification MQA/CV4506	SECURITY
Issue 2 dated 24th August, 1960	<u>Specification</u> <u>Valve</u>
To be read in conjunction with K.1001, B.S.448 and B.S.1409	UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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TYPE OF VALVE - Reliable Sub-Miniature Variable - μ H.F. Pentode with Flying Leads			<u>MARKING</u> See K ₁ 001/4		
CATHODE	- Indirectly - heated			<u>BASE</u> See B.S.448/B8D/F/1.1	
ENVELOPE	- Glass				
PROTOTYPE	- CV475, VX7507				
<u>RATINGS</u> (Note A) (All Limiting values are absolute)			<u>CONNECTIONS</u>		
Heater Voltage	(V)	6.3	Note	Lead	Electrode
Heater Current	(mA)	175	B	1	Grid g1
Max. Heater - Cathode Voltage, Cathode +ve	(V)	100		2	Cath. Supp. Sh. k+g3+s
Cathode -ve	(V)	100		3	Heater h
Max. Anode Voltage ($I_a = 0$)	(V)	350		4	Cath. Supp. Sh. k+g3+s
Max. Screen Voltage ($I_{g2} = 0$)	(V)	350		5	Anode a
Max. Negative Grid Voltage	(V)	100		6	Heater h
Max. Operating Anode Voltage (pa.max.)	(V)	190		7	Screen g2
Max. Operating Screen Voltage (pg2.max.)	(V)	190		8	Cath. Supp. Sh. k+g3+s
Max. Anode Dissipation	(W)	1.1	<u>DIMENSIONS</u> See B.S.448/B8D/F/2.1 Size Ref. No.2		
Max. Screen Dissipation	(W)	0.55			
Max. Positive Grid Current	(mA)	0			
Max. Cathode Current	(mA)	14.5	F	Dimensions (mm)	Min.
Max. Grid Circuit Resistance (Fixed Bias)	(M)	0.25			Max.
(Auto Bias)	(M)	0.5		A Seated Height	29.0
Max. Vibration (100 Hours duration Max.)	(g)	5		B Overall Length	32.0
(10 Minutes duration Max.)	(g)	20	C	C Diameter	9.3
Max. Shock (short duration)	(g)	500		D Lead length	10.16
Max. Bulb Temperature	(°C)	165		(Note E)	38.1
Min. Operating Pressure	(mm.Hg.)	55			-
Max. Ambient Storage Temperature Range	(°C)	-60/+85	<u>MOUNTING POSITION</u>		
<u>Typical Operating Conditions</u>			Any		
Measured at $V_a = V_{g2} = 100V$; $V_{g1} = -1.1V$			<u>TYPE APPROVAL</u>		
Anode Current	(mA)	7.2	See K ₁ 001/15		
Screen Current	(mA)	2.0	Minimum quantity for		
Mutual Conductance	(mA/V)	4.5	submission 225		
Inner μ		3.4	See Note G		
<u>CAPACITANCES</u> (pF)			<u>APPLICATIONS DATA</u>		
C _{in} (Nom.) Shielded		4.3	Issue 1 - See section		
C _{out} (Nom.) Shielded		3.4	following page 7.6		
C _{ag1} (Max.) Shielded		0.015			
		0.017			
<u>NOTES</u>					
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- A. Caution to Electronic Equipment Design Engineers: Special attention should be given to the temperature of valves to be operated in Guided Weapons and Aircraft. Reliability will be seriously impaired if the maximum bulb temperature is exceeded. The life expectancy may be reduced if conditions other than those specified for life test are imposed on the valve and will be reduced appreciably if absolute maximum ratings are exceeded. Both reliability and performance will be jeopardized if heater voltage ratings are exceeded; life and reliability performance are directly related to the degree that regulation of the heater voltage is maintained at its centre-rated value. Under no circumstances should the heater voltage supply be allowed to deviate more than $\pm 5\%$ from the rated value.
- B. For greater reliability, the potential between heater and cathode, when cathode is negative with respect to heater, should not be allowed to exceed 10 volts.
- C. The maximum peak acceleration under continuous random vibration conditions specified assumes that the vibration frequency components are varying continuously over the band 10 to 1,000 cycles/sec in a random manner.
- D. The maximum peak acceleration under short term random vibration conditions specified assumes that the vibration frequency components are varying continuously over the band 10 to 1,000 cycles/sec. in a random manner.
- E. Direct soldered connections to the leads must be at least 5 mm. from the seal and any bending of the leads must be at least 1.5 mm. from the seal.
- F. For greater reliability during use, the grid circuit resistance should be kept to a minimum.
- G. When submitting for Type Approval the samples must be drawn from a lot which has met the requirements of the specification. The manufacturer shall provide the lot results, together with detailed measurements on the samples as required by the Type Approval Authority.

TO BE PERFORMED IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPLICABLE IN K.1001TESTS IN ANY ONE GROUP SHALL BE PERFORMED IN THE SPECIFIED ORDER

TEST CONDITIONS - UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED											
K1001	TEST	TEST CONDITIONS	AQL %	INSP. LEVEL	SYM-BOL	LIMITS					UNITS
						MIN.	IAL	BOGEY	UAL	MAX.	
AIX/2.1	<u>GROUP A</u>										
	Visual Inspection	Notes: 1, 2 No Voltages	100%								
5.14	Inoperatives		100%								
	Insulation	Va-all = -300V Vg2-all = -300V Vg1-all = -100V	100% 100% 100%	R R R	200 200 200	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	M M M
	Reverse Grid Current (1)	Rg1 = 500 k max. Vg1 = -2V	100%	Ig1		- -	- -	- -	0.3	-	μA
	Vibration Noise (1)	Notes: 2, 3 Acceleration = 15g peak min. Frequency = 50 c/s Rk = 120 Ck = 1000 μF min. Rg1 = 0 Va(b) = 250V Vg2 = 100V (Note: 4) Ra = 22k	100%		V _{out}	- -	- -	- -	120	-	mV r.m.s.
AIX/2.2		Note 5									
AIX/2.3											
	<u>GROUP B</u>										
5.3	Heater-Cathode Leakage Current	Vhk = ± 100V	0.4	II V2	Ihk Ihk	- -	- -	- -	2	10	μA
	Anode Current		0.4	II V2	Ia Ia	4.0 - 6.05	- -	7.2 8.35	-	10.4	mA
	Screen Current		0.4	II V2	Ig2 Ig2	0.25 1.39	- -	2.0 2.61	-	3.75 1.4	mA
	Mutual Conductance (1)		0.4	II V2	gm gm	2.75 - 3.88	- -	4.5 5.12	-	6.25 1.4	mA/V mA/V
	<u>GROUP C</u>										
	Heater Current		2.5	I	Ih	160	-	175	-	190	mA
	Mutual Conductance (2)	Vg1 = -14V	1.0	I	gm	10	-	-	-	75	μA/V
	Change of Mutual Conductance (1)	Vh = 5.7V Vg1 = 0 Rk = 120 Ck = 2000 μF Note 6	2.5	I	Δgm	-	-	-	-	15	%

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K1001	TEST	TEST CONDITIONS	AQL %	INSP. LEVEL	SYMBOL	LIMITS					UNITS	
						MIN.	LAL.	BOGEY	UAL	MAX.		
	<u>GROUP D</u>											
	Reverse Grid Current (2)	Vh = 6.9V; Va = Vg2 = 190V Ia = 5.8mA; Vg1 or Rk adjust Rg1 = 500 k max. Note: 7	2.5	Code G	Ig1	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	μA
5.9	Capacitances	Measured on a 1 Mc/s bridge valve mounted in a fully screened socket. Shielded Note: 8	2.5	Code G	Cin Cout Cag1	3.8 2.9 -	-	-	-	4.8 3.9 0.017	-	pF pF pF
	<u>GROUP E</u>											
AIX/ 2.4.2.3	Lead Fragility	No voltages	1.0	Code I								
AIX/ 2.4.2.1	Glass Strain	No voltages Note: 9	2.5	Code G								
	Vibration Noise (2)	Notes: 3, 10		Code L	V _{out}	-	-	-	30	-	-	mV re.m.s.
	Vibration Fatigue	Acceleration = 5g peak min. Time = 200 hours Note: 11										
	Vibration Noise (3)	Note : 12 Acceleration = 20g peak min. Rk = 120; Ck = 1000 μF min. Rg1 = 0; Ra = 22k; Va(b) = 250V Vg2 = 100V (Note: 4) Frequency = (1) 60 - 120 c/s (2) 120 - 250 c/s (3) 250 - 500 c/s (4) 500 - 1000 c/s (5) 1000-2000 c/s			V _{out}	-	-	-	500	-	-	mV (pk-pk) mV (pk-pk) mV (pk-pk) mV (pk-pk) mV (pk-pk)
	<u>Post Vibration Noise (3) Test:</u>	Combined AQL	2.5									
	Heater-Cathode Leakage Current	Vhk = ± 100V	1.0	Ihk		-	-	-	-	10	-	μA
	Reverse Grid Current (1)	Rg1 = 500k max Vg1 = -2V	0.25	Ig1		-	-	-	-	0.5	-	μA
	Mutual Conductance (1)		1.0	gm	2.55	-	-	-	-	6.25	-	mA/V
	Vibration Noise (1)	As in Group A. Note : 3	1.0	V _{out}		-	-	-	-	300	-	mV re.m.s.
	Catastrophics	Note : 13	0.25									
AIX/ 2.4.2. 4.3.	Shock	Hammer Angle = 30° No Voltage (T/A only)										
	<u>Post Shock Tests</u>	As for Post Vibration Noise (3) Tests										

K1001	TEST	TEST CONDITIONS	AQL %	INSP. LEVEL	SYMBOL	LIMITS						UNITS
						MIN.	IAL	BOGEY	UAL	MAX.	ALD	
	<u>GROUP F</u>											
AVI/5	Life	$Vg1 = 0V$ $Vhk = 135V$ heater positive $Rg1 = 470k$ $Rk = 120$										
AVI/5.1	<u>Stability Life</u>											
	Change in Mutual Conductance (1)		1.0	I	Δgm	-	-	-	-	10	-	%
AVI/5.3	<u>Intermittent Life</u>											
	<u>Test Point 200 hours</u>	Combined AQL	4.0	Code I								
5.14	Inoperatives	Note: 14	0.25									
	Heater-Cathode Leakage Current	$Vhk = \pm 100V$	1.5		I_{hk}	-	-	-	-	10	-	μA
	Reverse Grid Current (1)	$Rg1 = 500k$ max. $Vg1 = -2V$	1.0		I_{gt}	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	μA
	Mutual Conductance (1)		1.0		gm	2.55	-	-	-	6.25	-	mA/V
	Average Change of Mutual Conductance(1)				Δgm	-	-	-	-	10	-	%
	Insulation	$Va-all = -300V$ $Vg2-all = -300V$ $Vg1-all = -100V$	2.5		R	100	-	-	-	-	-	M
					R	100	-	-	-	-	-	M
					R	100	-	-	-	-	-	M
	<u>Test Point 1000 hours</u>	Combined AQL	6.5	Code H								
5.14	Inoperatives		1.5									
	Heater-Cathode Leakage Current	$Vhk = \pm 100V$	4.0		I_{hk}	-	-	-	-	10	-	μA
	Reverse Grid Current (1)	$Rg1 = 500k$ max. $Vg1 = -2V$	1.5		I_{gt}	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	μA
	Mutual Conductance (1)		1.5		gm	2.35	-	-	-	6.25	-	mA/V
	Insulation	$Va - all = -300V$ $Vg1 - all = -100V$	4.0		R	50	-	-	-	-	-	M
					R	50	-	-	-	-	-	M
	<u>Group G</u>											
AIX/2.5	<u>Electrical Re-test after 28 days holding period</u>				100%							
5.14	Inoperatives		0.5									
	Reverse Grid Current (1)	$Rg1 = 500k$ max. $Vg1 = -2V$	0.5		I_{gt}	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	μA
	Mutual Conductance (1)				gm	2.75	-	-	-	6.25	-	mA/V

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- The valve shall be visually inspected for good workmanship, using a visual aid having a X10 magnification. Particular attention shall be paid to the following:-

Structure quality, quality of welds, quality of lead tinning, external dimensions and shape, and freedom from harmful loose particles.

- This test may be done alternatively, in Group G, at the discretion of the manufacturer.
- The valve shall be mounted so that the direction of vibration is parallel to the minor axis of the electrode structure. The test shall be of sufficient duration to obtain a steady reading of noise output.
- Vg2 may be obtained from the 250 volt line via a resistor of 75k decoupled by a 2μF capacitor.
- At this stage the lot shall be formed. It shall be an identifiable lot not exceeding 5,000 valves. Normal Sampling (Single) shall apply.
- The change in mutual conductance is expressed: $\frac{(gm \text{ at } 6.3V) - (gm \text{ at } 5.7V)}{(gm \text{ at } 6.3V)} \times 100\%$
- For this test, the valve shall be pre-heated for 5 minutes under the test conditions. Ig1 shall not be rising or out of limit after a total of 5 minutes.
- The capacitance Test Jig connections shall be as follows:-

Test	Links to H.P.	Links to L.P.	Links to E
Cin	1	2,3,4,6, 7,8, Sh.	5
Cout	5	2,3,4,6, 7,8, Sh.	1
Cag1	1	5	2,3,4,6, 7,8 Sh.

- This is a destructive test and valves used for this test will not be accepted for delivery.
- Test conditions as for Vibration Noise (1) in Group A.
- The valves shall be randomly mounted on a vibrator mount in such a manner that each valve experiences an acceleration of at least 5g peak. The frequency of vibration shall be swept continuously over the range 60-1000 c/s at a rate of change of frequency not greater than 1 octave per minute. The heater supply shall be 6.6 V and switched approximately 8 minutes on 16 minutes off throughout the duration of the test. No other voltages are to be applied.
- This test to be applied to the total sample previously subjected to the Vibration Fatigue Test. Each valve shall be mounted so that the direction of vibration is parallel to the minor axis of the electrode structure and shall be vibrated over the frequency range 60 - 2,000 c/s. swept once only at a rate of change of frequency not greater than 1 octave per 30 secs. The voltages to be recorded shall be the values of noise output at the maximum resonance in each of the specified frequency bands, as measured in terms of peak to peak voltage using an approved equipment. See page 7.7% of cursor
- A valve shall be deemed to be catastrophic if it is either an inoperative as defined in K1001 Section 5.14, or has either or both the following defects:
 - Anode current outside the range $\pm 7\%$ of the bogey in Group B.
 - Vibration noise output, as measured in Group A, greater than 1000 mV r.m.s.
- Accept lot if 0 inoperatives in sample, reject lot if 2 or more inoperative. If 1 inoperative, take further sample of 50 and accept if no further inoperatives.

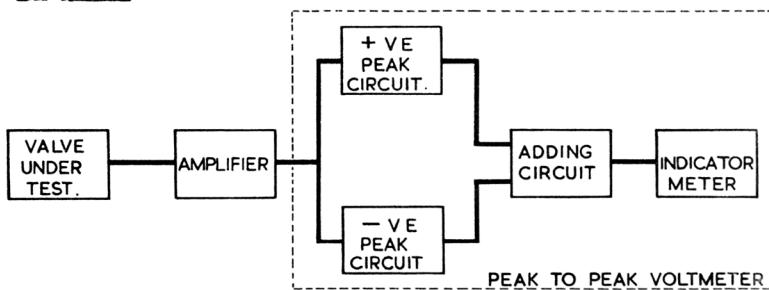
Test Circuit for Measurement of Peak-to-Peak Noise Output1. Basic CircuitARRANGEMENT OF APPARATUS.

FIG.1.

2. Amplifier. The Input Impedance shall be 1M coupled through a $0.1\mu F$ capacitor to the valve under test. From 60c/s to 50Kc/s the frequency response shall be within $\pm 1\text{dB}$. of the reference voltage at 1000 c/s. At 60Kc/s it shall be -3dB. $\pm 0.5\text{dB}$, and at 100Kc/s it shall be -15dB $\pm 1\text{dB}$.
3. Peak-to-Peak Voltmeter. This shall comprise of the Charging Circuits, Adding Circuit and an Indicator Meter. Its sensitivity shall be such that a signal of 25V R.M.S applied to its input terminals shall produce full-scale deflection on the Indicator Meter. An approved circuit for the peak-to-peak Voltmeter is given in Fig.2.
- 3.1 Charging Circuits. The positive peak and negative peak charging circuits shall each consist of a diode in series with the capacitor to be charged, or alternatively be such that the combined circuit will develop a peak-to-peak charge equal to that which would have been indicated had these specified circuits been employed. The two time constants shall be the same and shall be such that a single pulse of 25 micro-seconds duration, applied to the input of the amplifier, will result in an indicated reading of not less than 63% of the pulse amplitude. This is equivalent to saying that a 100 micro-second pulse will give a reading of not less than 98% of the pulse amplitude. The leakage rate shall not exceed that which would cause the meter reading at full scale deflection to decay by more than 1% per minute.
- 3.2 Adding Circuit. The adding circuit shall be capable of summing accurately the voltages developed across the respective charging circuit capacitors.
- 3.3 Indicator Meter. The Indicator Meter shall be such that it will show the magnitude of the total voltage developed in the adding circuit and shall be calibrated to give the peak-to-peak voltage value of the microphony developed at the anode of the valve under test.
4. Calibration. Overall calibration of the test circuit shall be effected by applying a 1000 c/s sinusoidal waveform of known amplitude to the input of the amplifier. The overall sensitivity shall be controlled by varying the Amplifier gain.

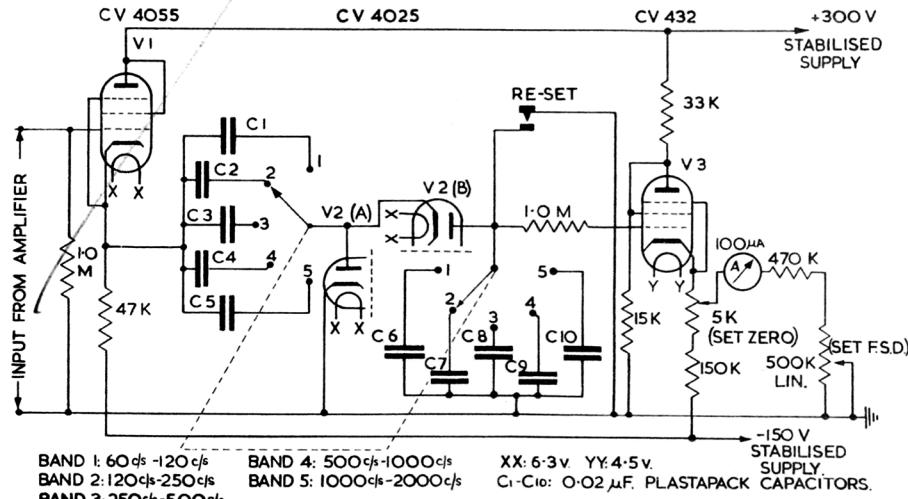


FIG.2.

ELECTRONIC VALVE SPECIFICATIONS

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AMENDMENT NO.1

Page 1 CAPACITANCES (pF)

Cag1 (Max.) Shielded

Amend "0.015" to "0.017"

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AMENDMENT NO.2

Page 1 Amend 'No. of Pages' to read '6'

Amend Specification Authority to read 'D.L.R.D.(T)/R.R.E.
In 'Applications Data' box amend 'Page 7' to read 'Page 6'

Page 4 Group E Vibration Noise (2) Amend 'Inspection Level' column
to read 'Code L'

Page 6 Note 12 Amend last sentence to read 'See pages 7 and 8 of CV4504'

Page 7 Remove and destroy page 7

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Grid Characteristics.

Ia & Ig2 : Vg1 Va=Vg2=50V, 100V, 150V,
 gm : Vg1 Va=Vg2=50V, 100V, 150V
 ra : Vg1 Va=Vg2=50V, 100V, 150V

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Anode & Screen Characteristics.

Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=50V For nominal valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=50V For bottom lmt. valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=50V For top lmt. valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=100V For nominal valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=100V For bottom lmt. valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=100V For top lmt. valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=150V For nominal valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=150V For bottom lmt. valve
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg2=150V For top lmt. valve

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Triode-connected Characteristics.

Ia : Vg1 Va=50V, 100V, 150V
 Ia : Va Vg1= -6V to +2V
 u, gm, ra, Vg1 : Ia Va=50V
 u, gm, ra, Vg1 : Ia Va=100V
 u, gm, ra, Vg1 : Ia Va=150V

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Dynamic Characteristics.

Ia & Ig2 : Vg1 Va(b)=250V, Vg2=10-45V, Ra=100K
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg1 Va(b)=250V, Vg2=10-45V, Ra=220K
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg1 Va(b)=250V, Vg2=10-45V, Ra=470K
 Ia & Ig2 : Vg1 Va=100V Vg2(b)=100V, Rg2=22K, 33K, 47K

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Miscellaneous.

Pa & Pg2 : Ambient Temperature
 Bulb Hot Spot Temp. : Ambient Temperature
 Maximum permissible value of Grid to Cathode Resistor
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STATISTICAL ASPECTS OF CV4500 SPECIFICATIONS

These test specifications have been drawn up on a statistical basis involving the following considerations:-

1. The use of 100% testing on its own does not, with presently known methods, and with reasonable economy, result in 100% perfect items reaching the customer, because reliability cannot be tested into a product.
2. To control the average and spread of the characteristics of a batch of valves is a better guarantee that the product is under control, than to accept all of a product solely on the basis that the characteristics lie within certain limits. In general it is true to say that a valve which is just inside a limit is neither better nor more reliable than one which is just outside that limit.
3. It may be demonstrated that the main characteristics of valves fairly closely follow normal or log-normal Gaussian distributions.

The inspection of these valves when submitted for acceptance is therefore carried out in two complementary stages.

Acceptance Sampling by Attributes.

Each Attribute sampling test in the specification has two conditions which define the inspection which must be made in order to ensure that the corresponding characteristic meets the required standard. The conditions are:-

- (a) The Inspection Level, which defines, directly or indirectly, the size of the sample which must be taken.
- (b) The Acceptance Quality Level (AQL), which defines, indirectly, the number of rejects which can be tolerated in the sample.

These conditions also define the Operating Characteristic of the sampling scheme (Page 5), which gives the relationship between the quality of the submitted lot and the probability of its acceptance. In general the levels are so calculated that if lots containing a percentage of rejects equal to the AQL were constantly submitted, then approximately 95% of the lots would be accepted.

It can be seen that the above scheme only defines the permissible percentage of valves outside the specified test limits, and not the distribution of the values of the characteristic within those limits. Theoretically therefore, it would be possible for all the values to lie just within a limit and the product would still be accepted.

To ensure that this situation does not occur on the major electrical characteristics, Variables sampling is introduced.

Acceptance Sampling by Variables

Each Variables sampling test in the specification has one condition which defines the inspection which must be made in order to ensure that the corresponding characteristic meets the required standard. This condition is the Inspection Level, which defines the size of the sample which must be taken.

The sample is divided into groups of five and the required characteristics are recorded. From these results the average value of each characteristic for the whole sample, and the average of the individual ranges for each group of five, are calculated. These values define the location and the dispersion of the characteristic distribution, respectively. The average must lie between the Lower Acceptance Limit (LAL) and the Upper Acceptance Limit (UAL), and the average range must not exceed the Acceptance Limit for Dispersion (ALD)

/Illustrations

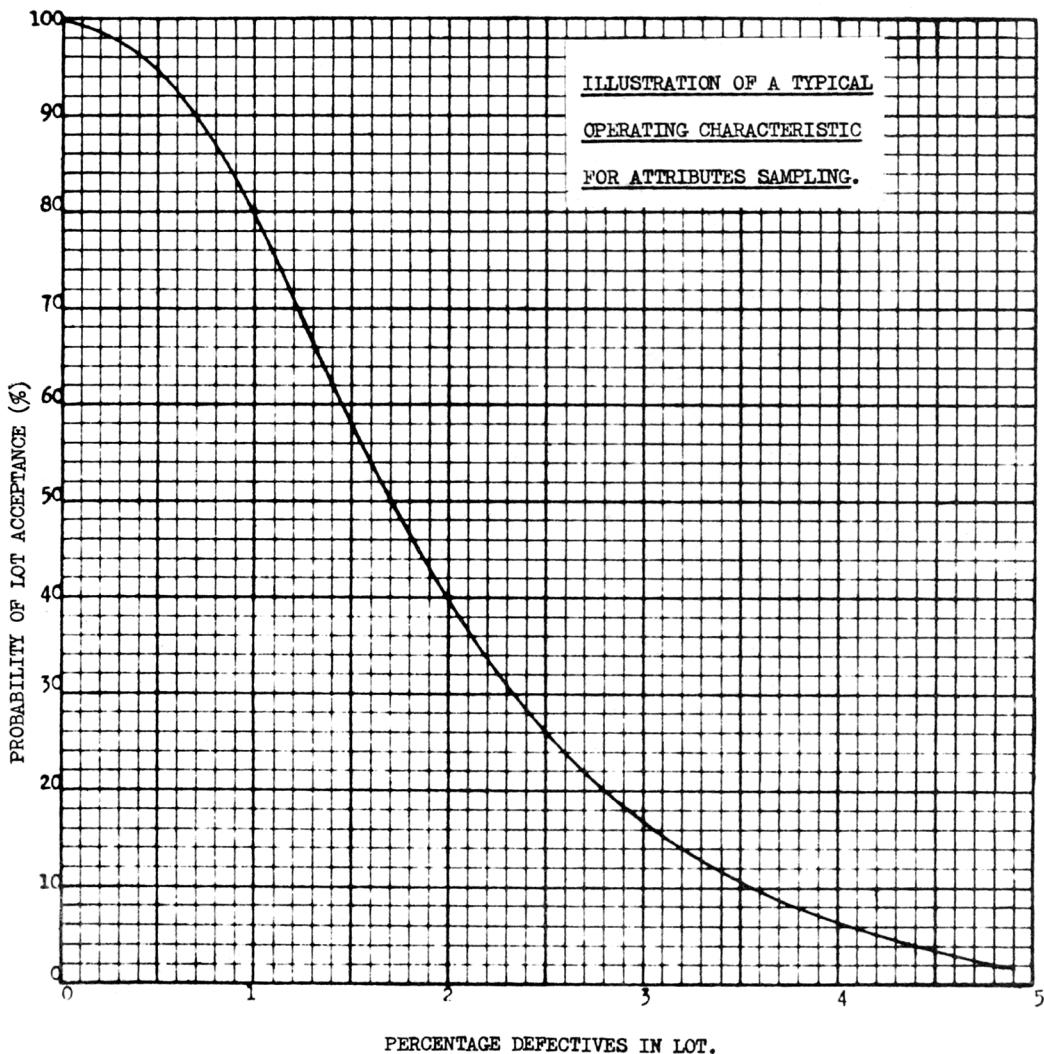
Illustrations of the limiting distributions for this valve, which would be just accepted by the above controls, are given on Pages 6 and 7. These show normal curves with the maximum permissible spread allowed by the ALD, centered on the LAL and UAL, respectively, and the maximum spread distributions, centered on the bogey value.

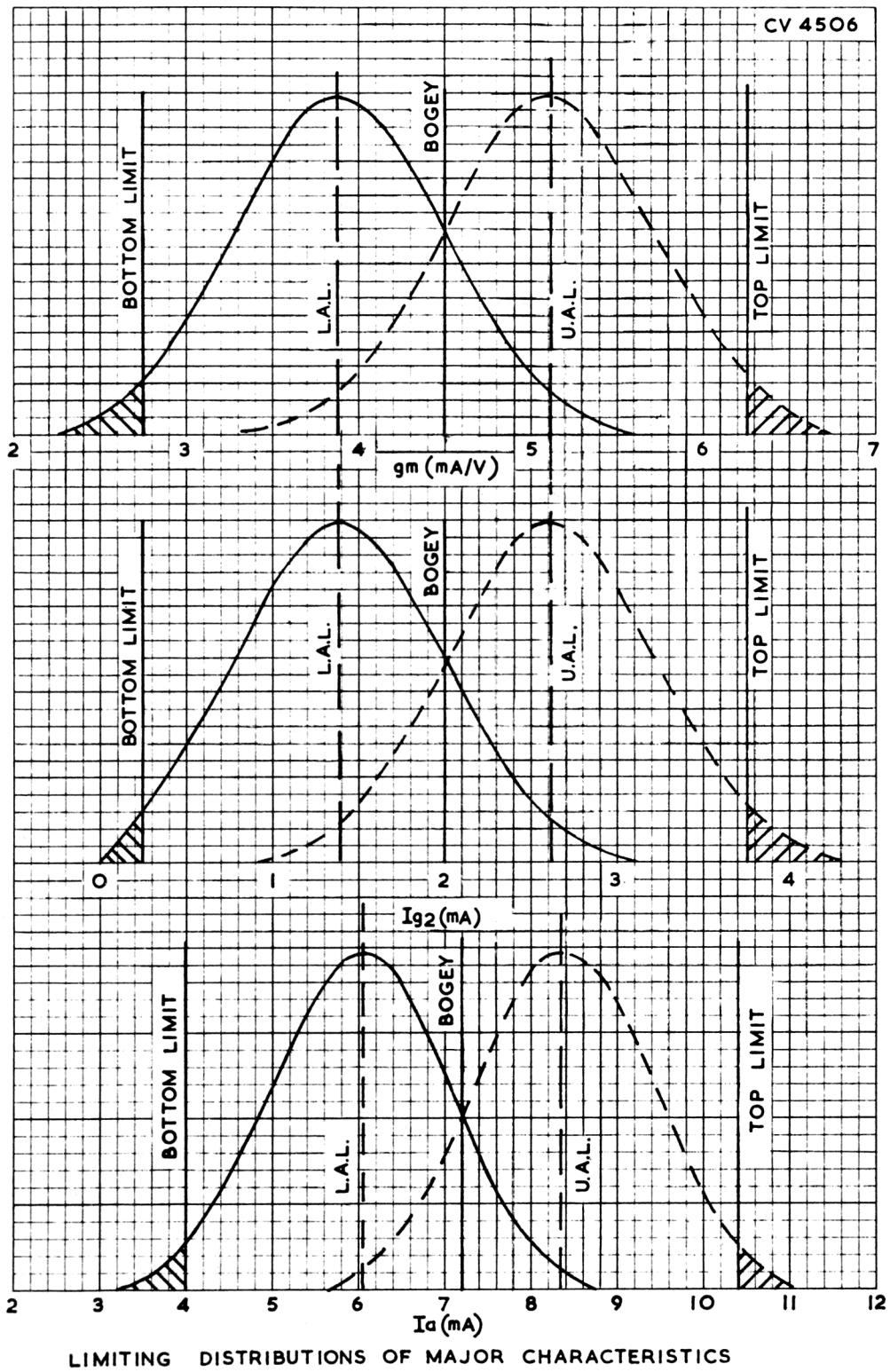
For further details of sampling inspection procedures for Attributes and Variables, reference should be made to K1001, Appendix XI, and MIL Standard 105A, Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes.

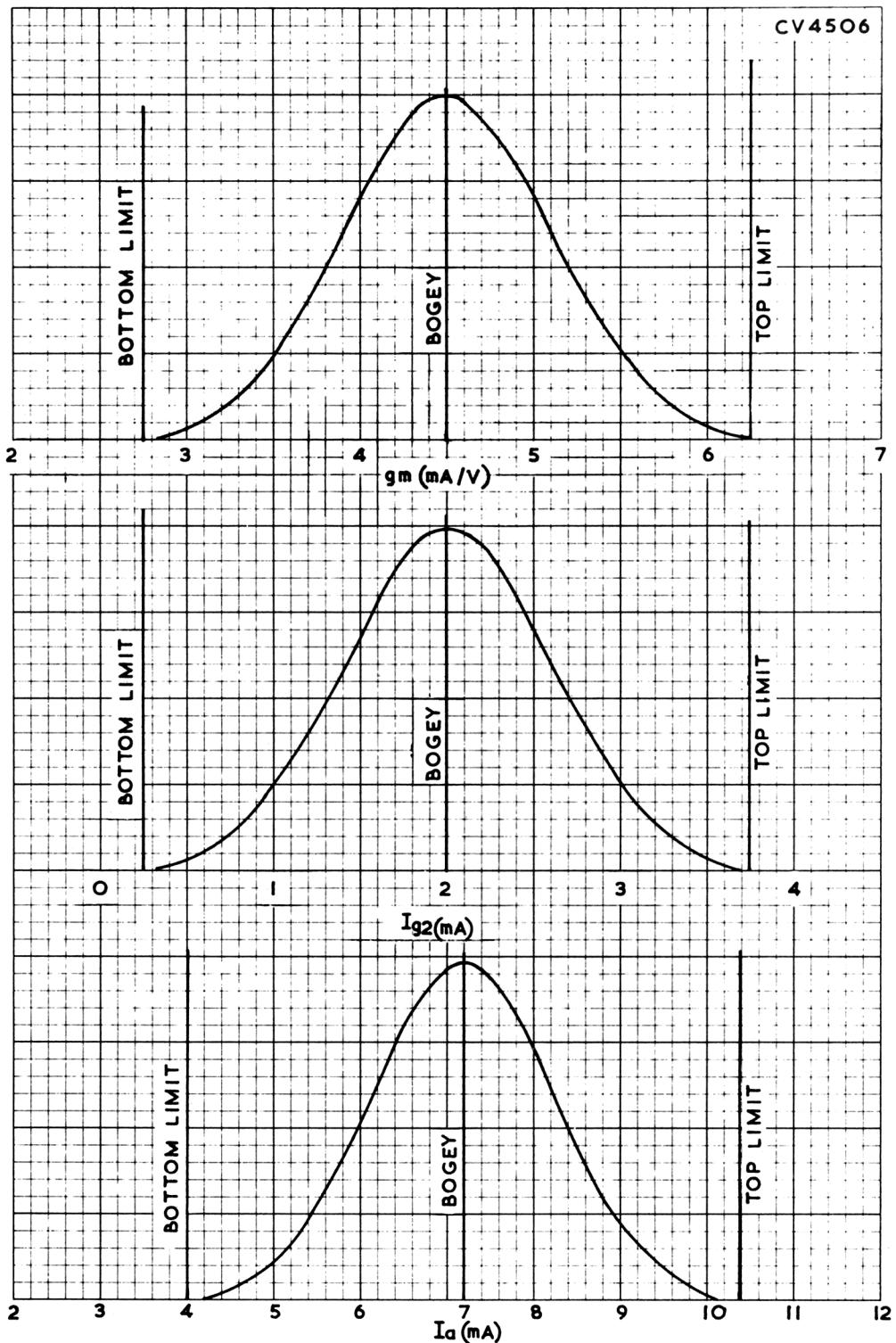
Typical Operating Characteristic

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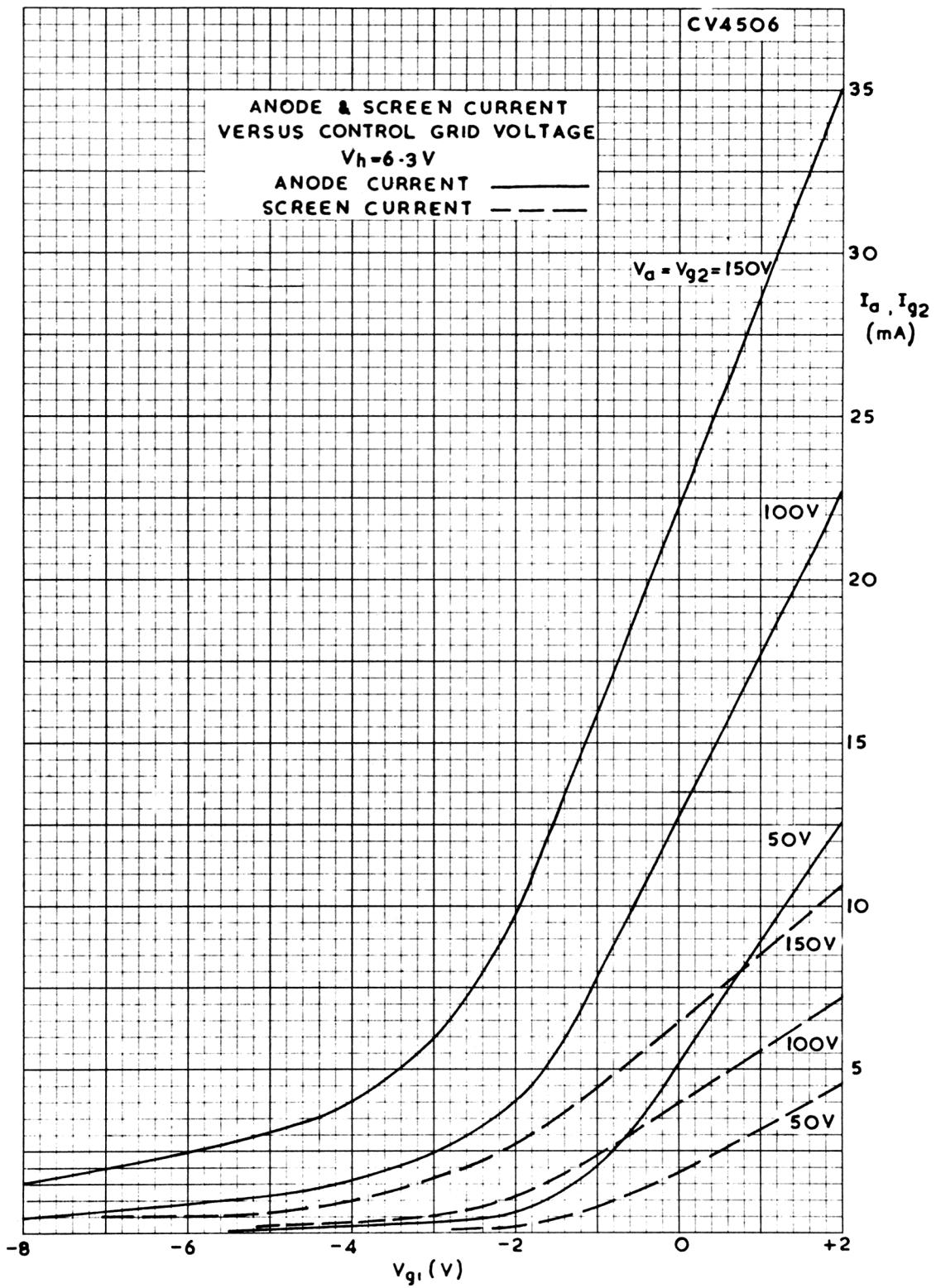
Lot Size of between 1301 and 3200
 Inspection Level II (Code Letter L, Sample size 150)
 An AQL of 0.4% (Accept on 2, reject on 3).

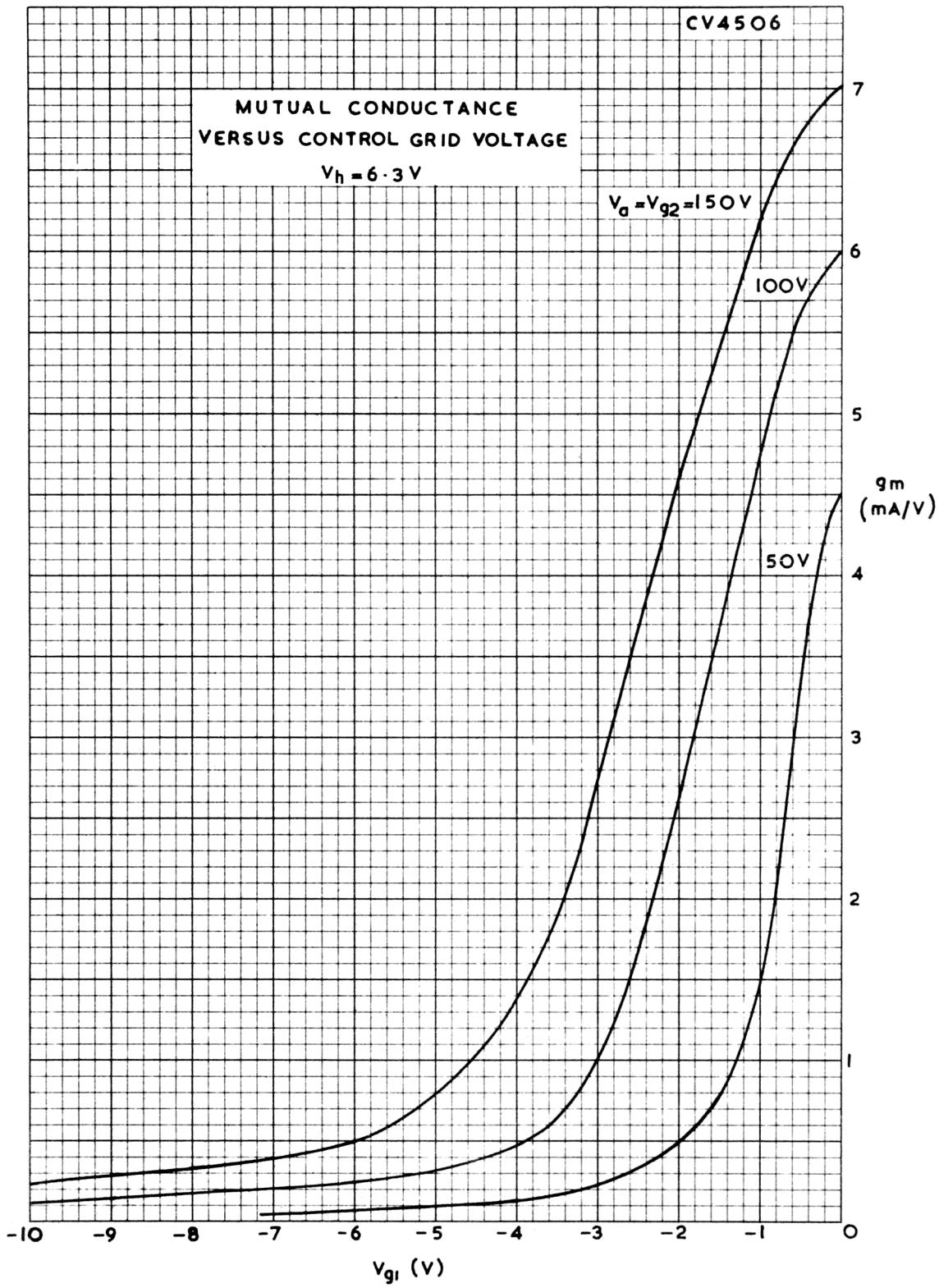


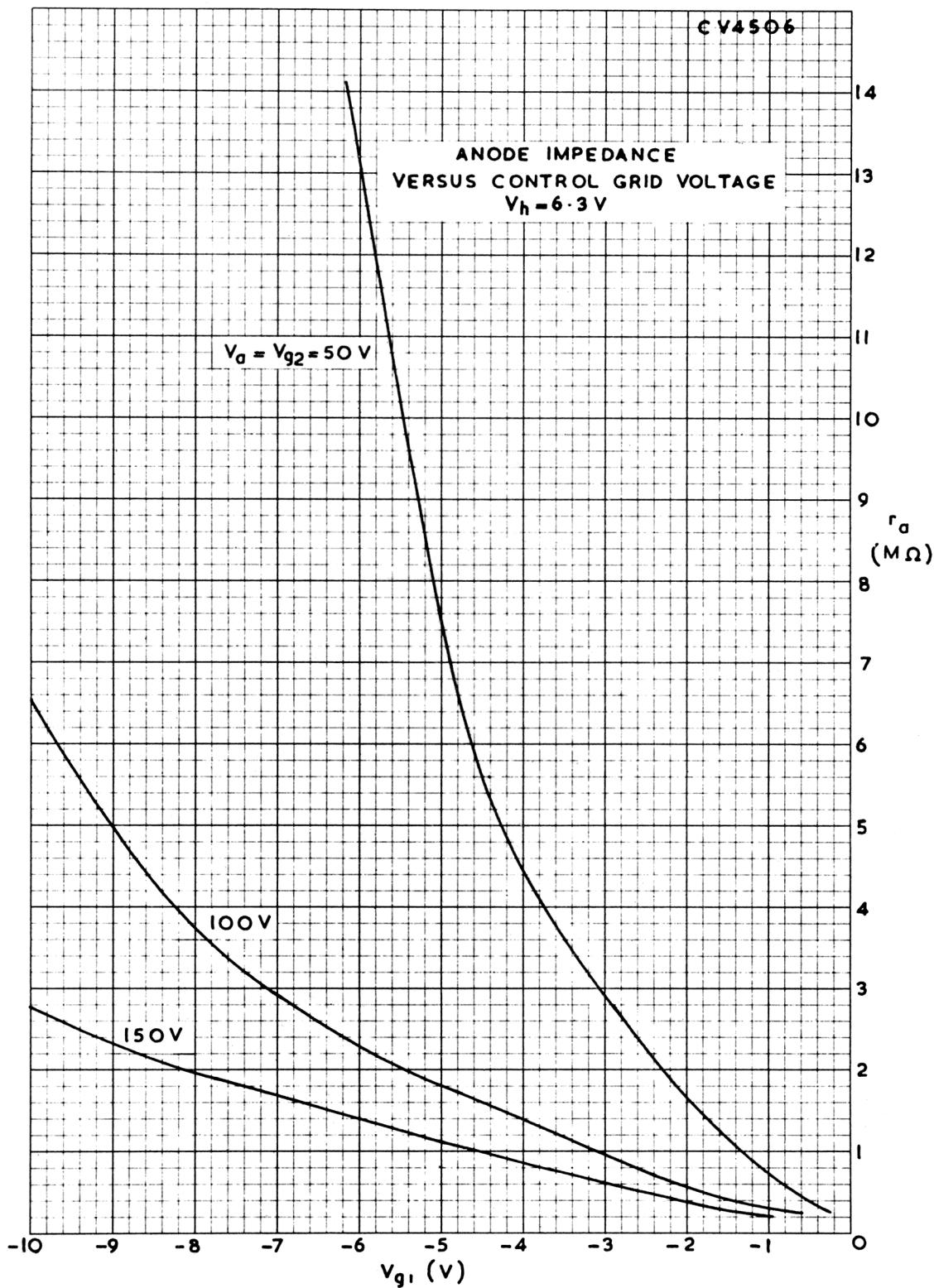


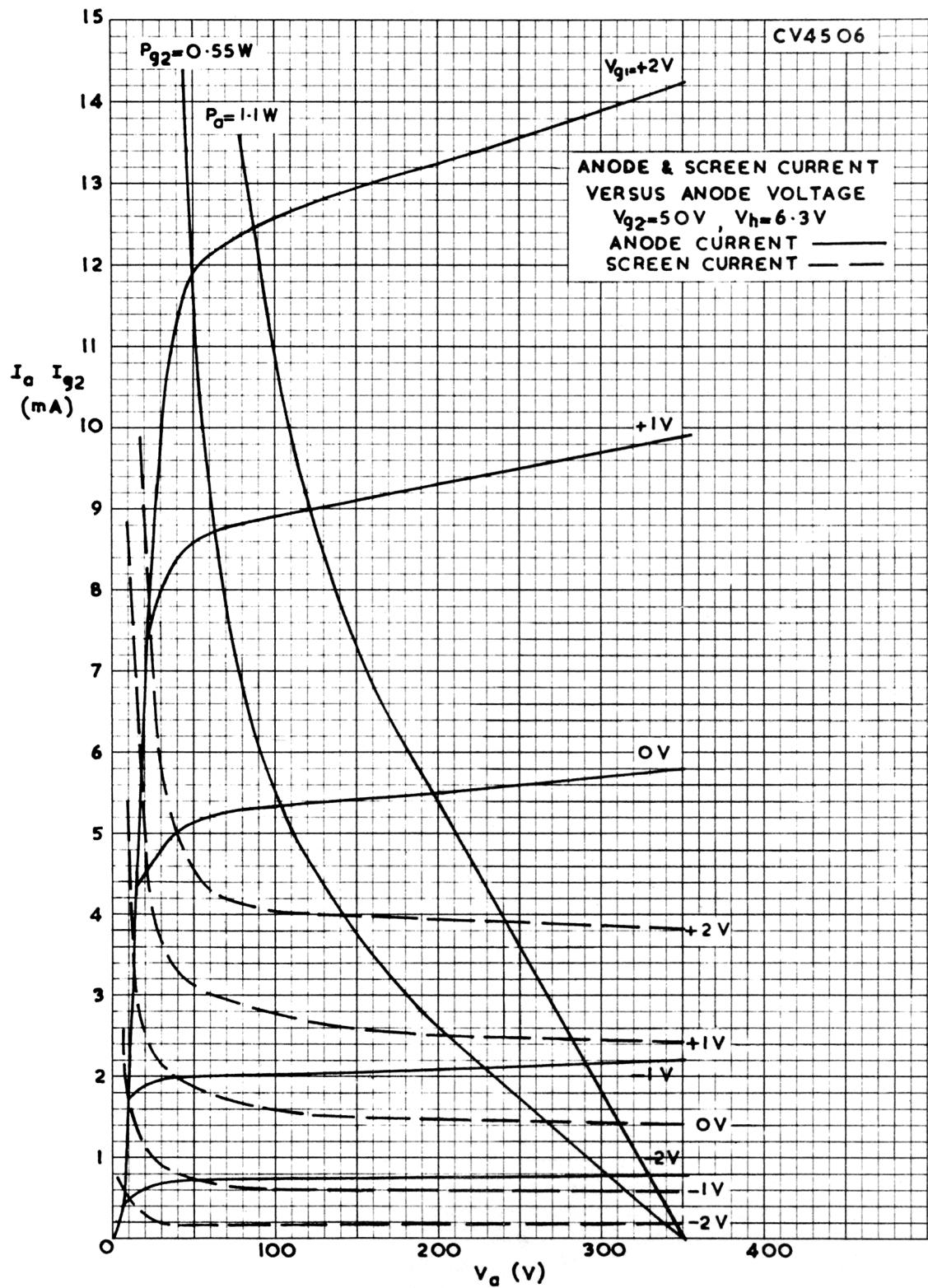


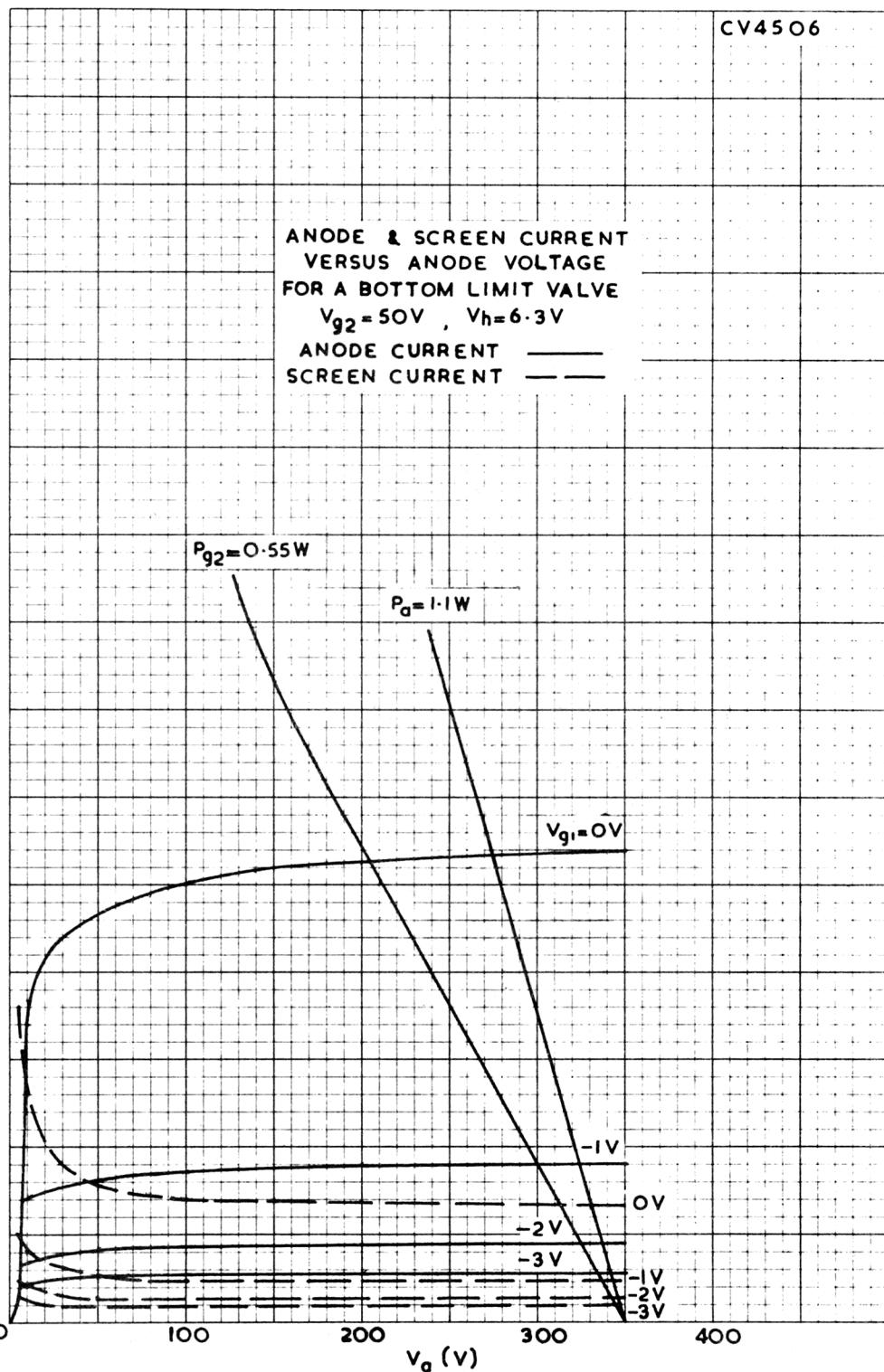
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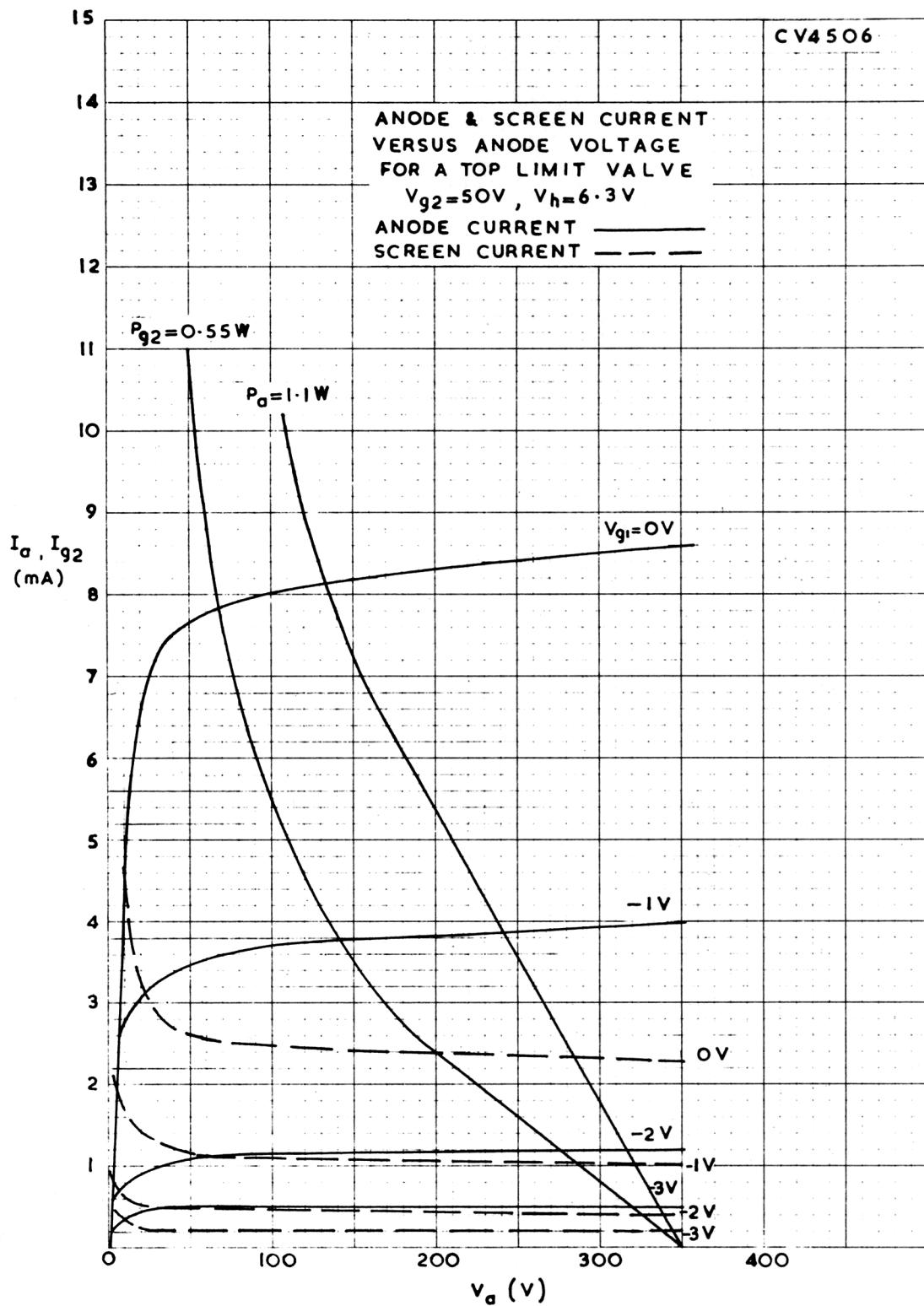


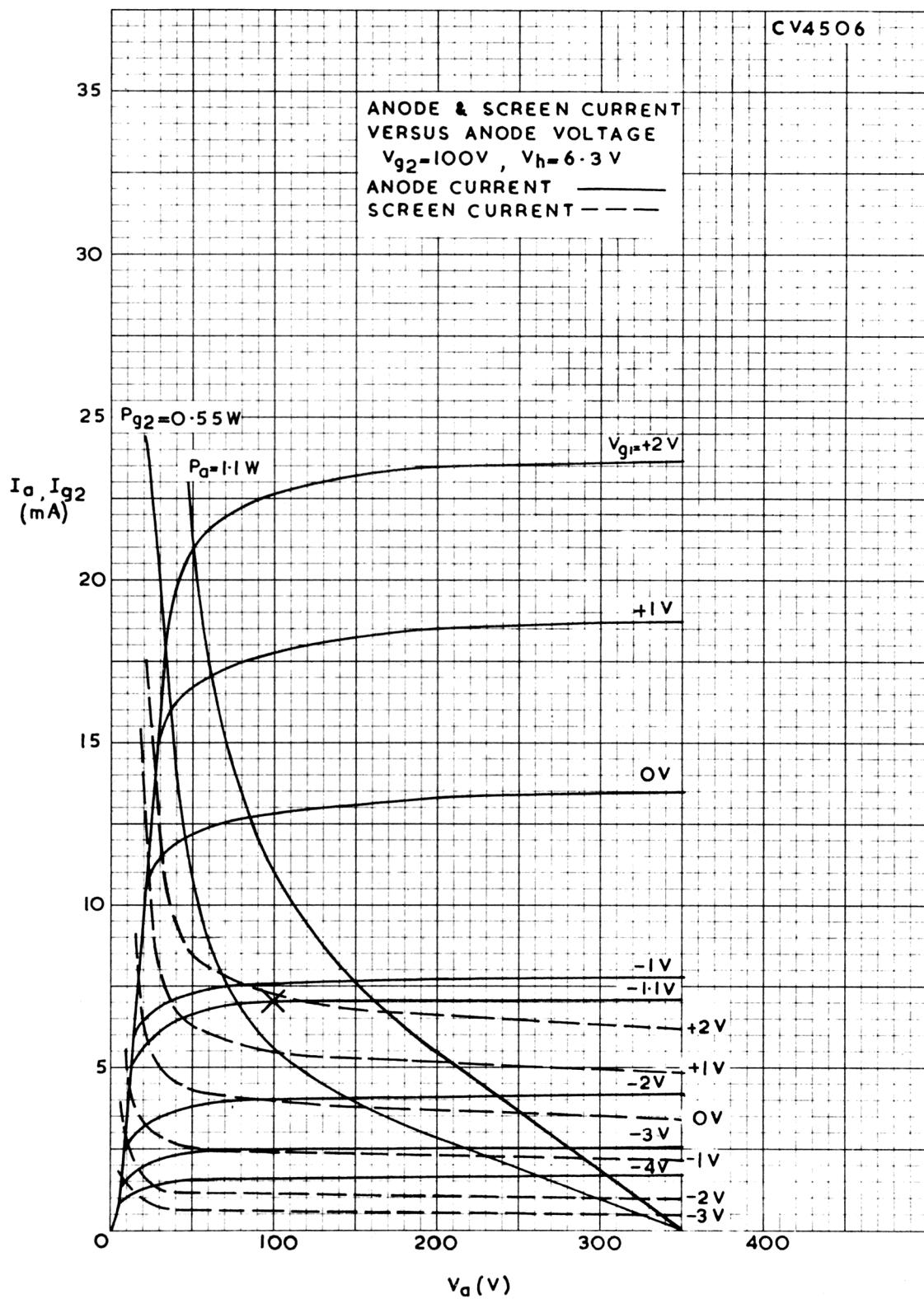


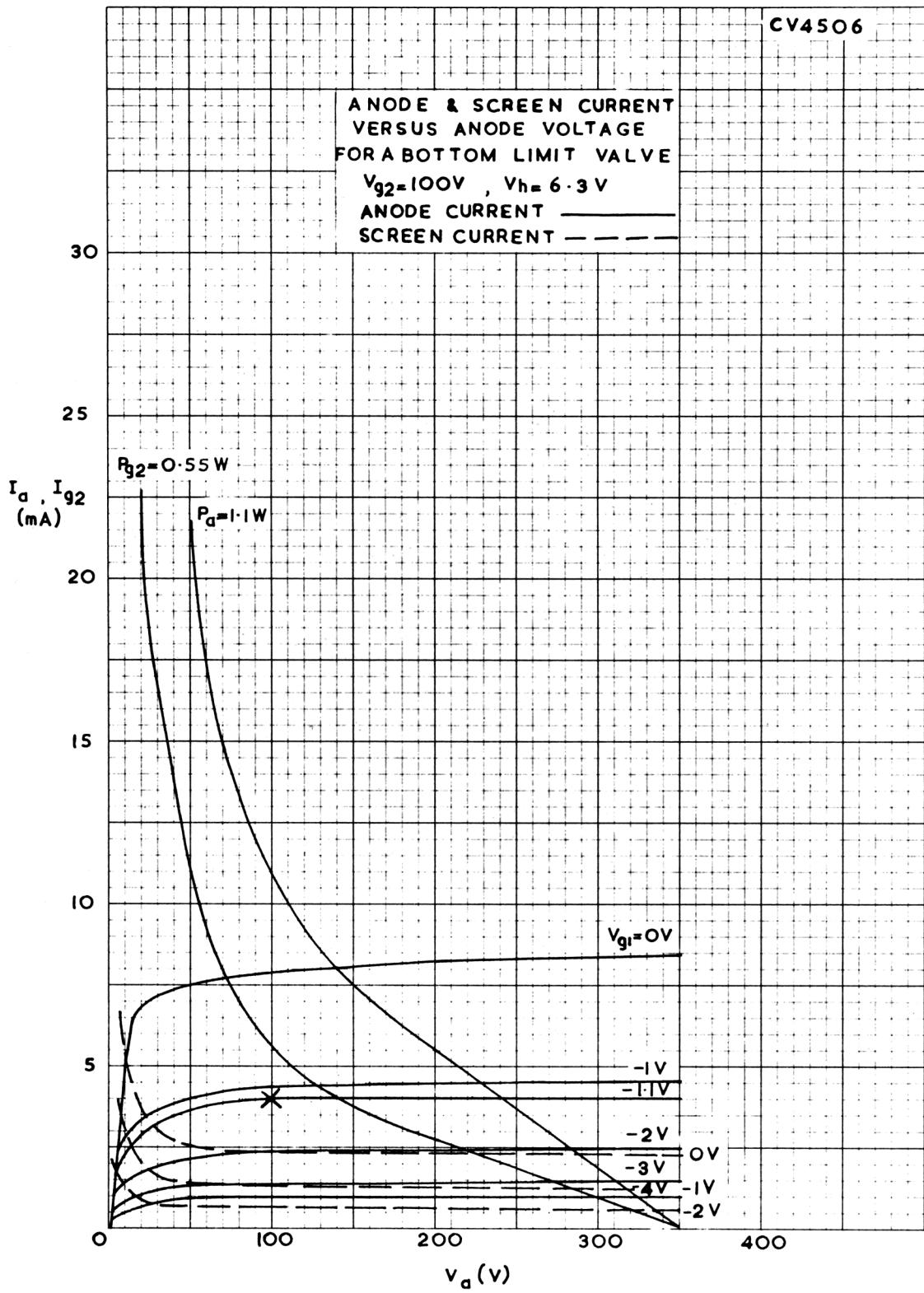


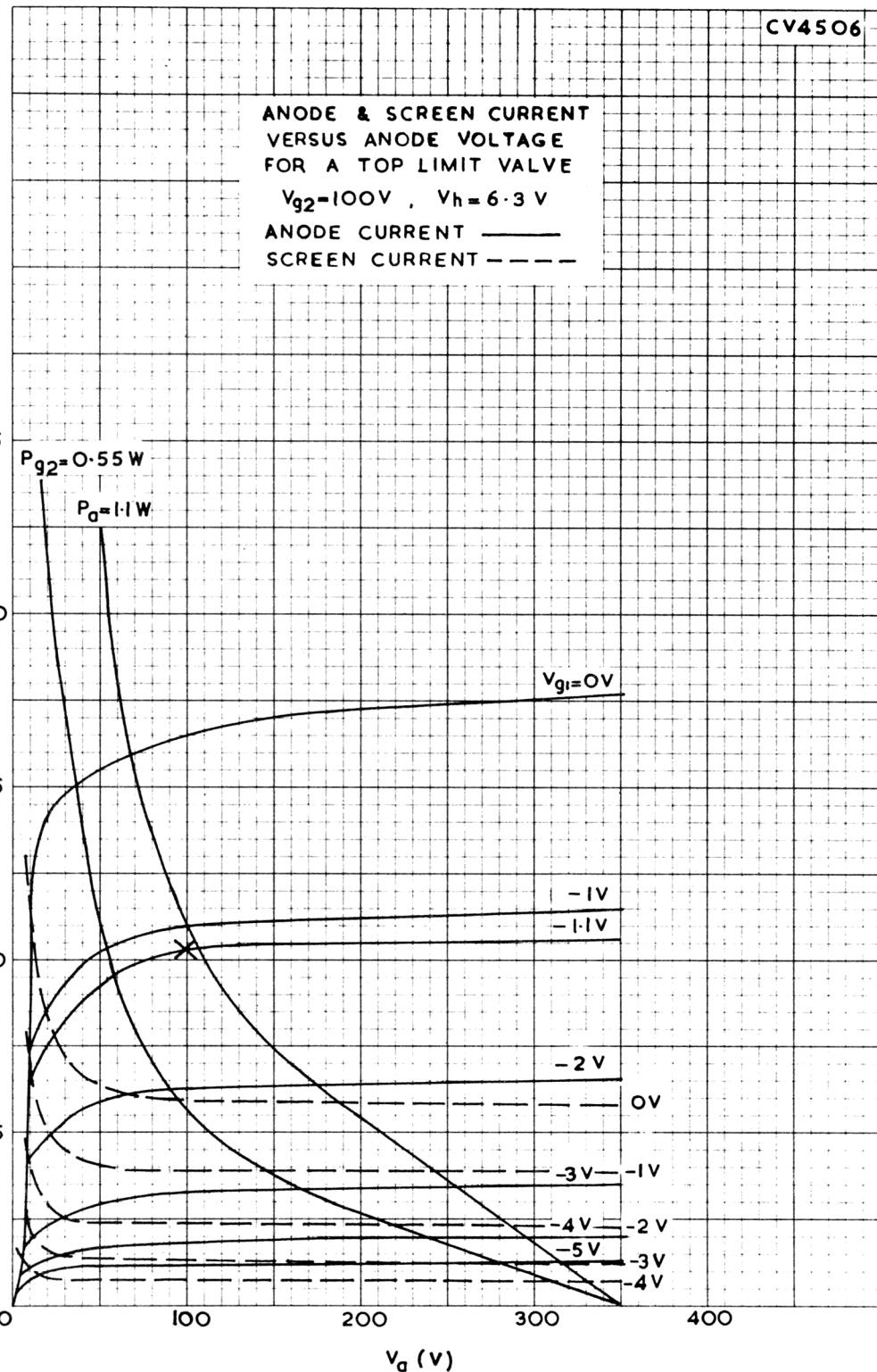


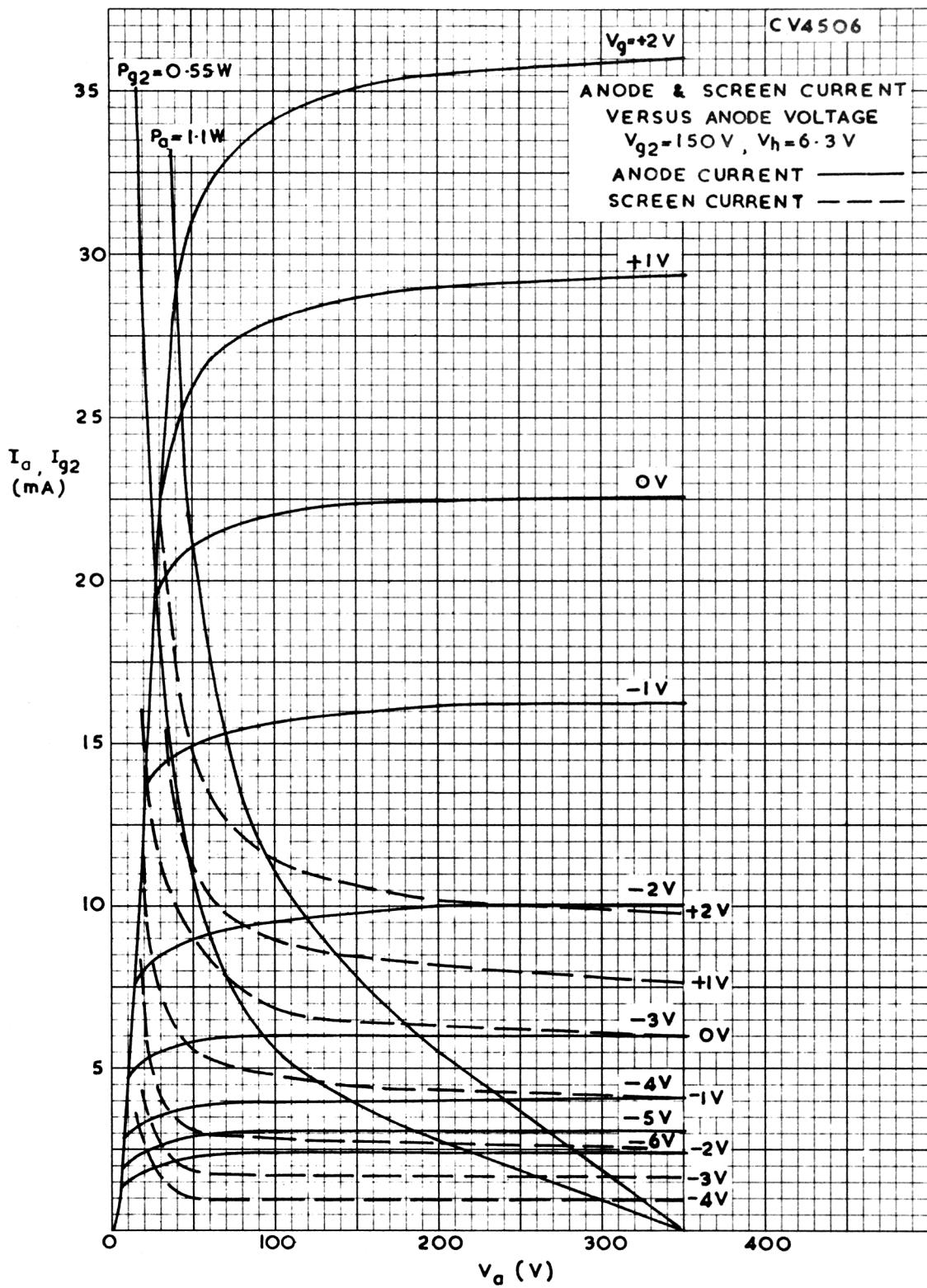


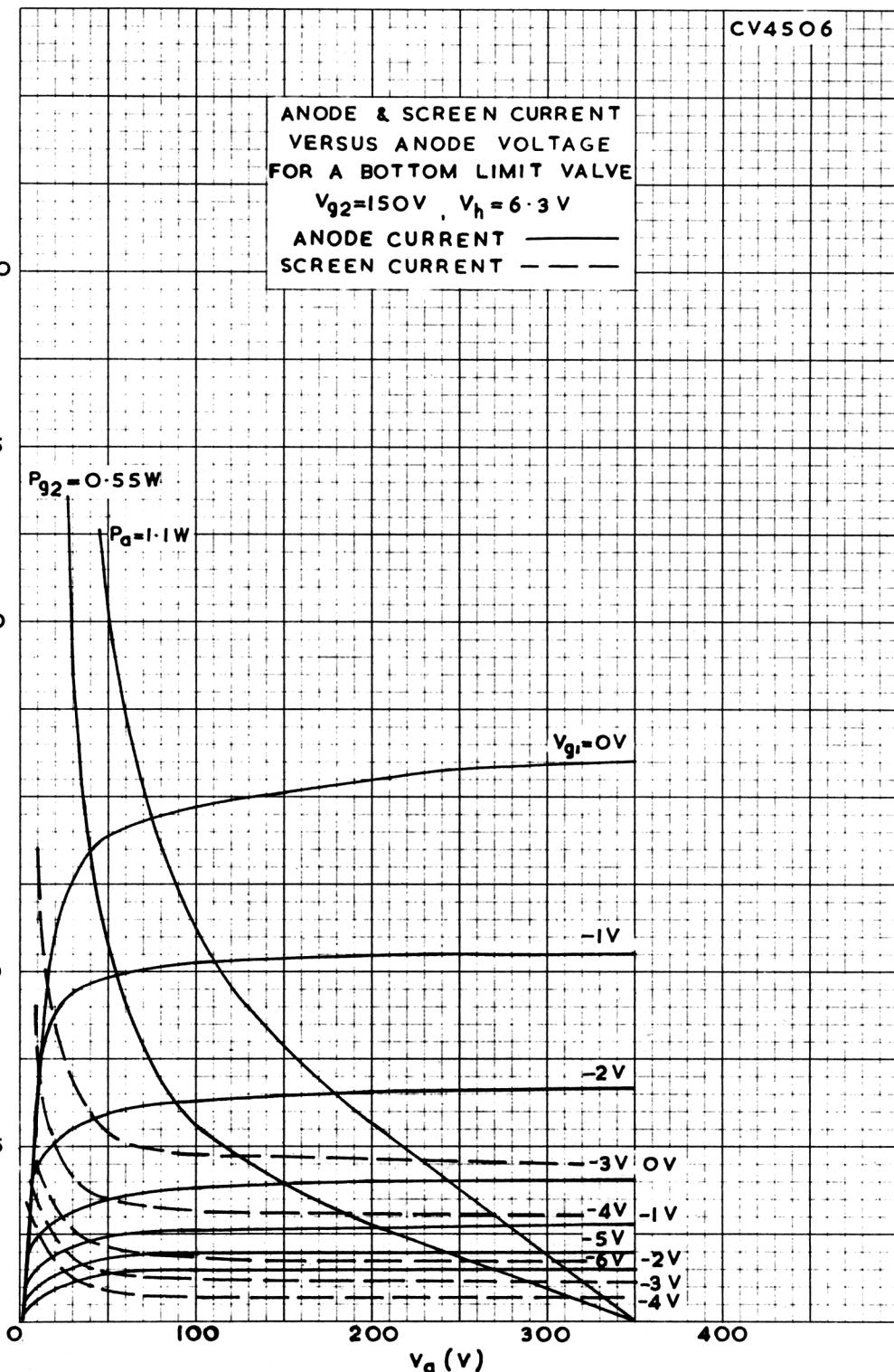


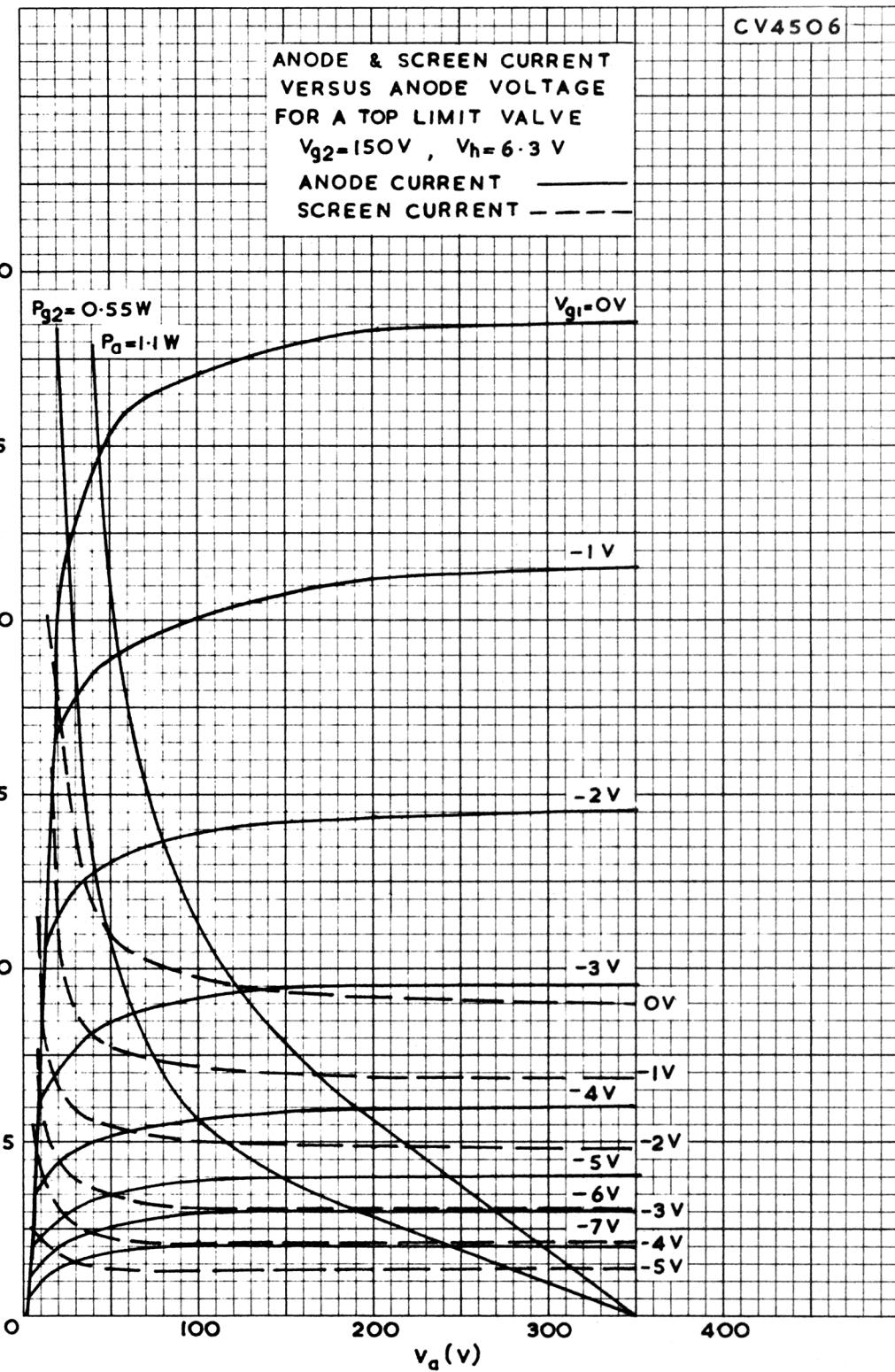


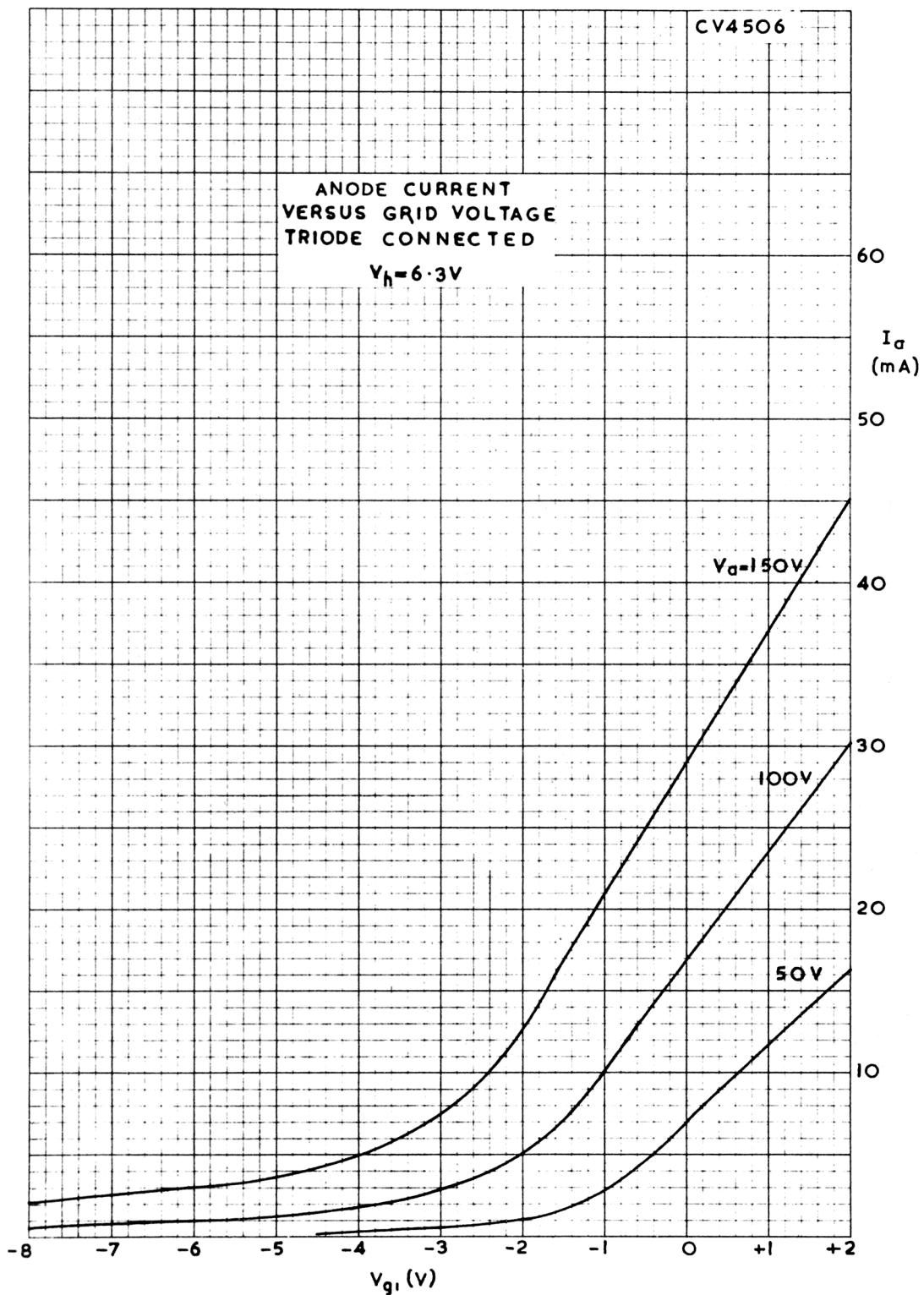


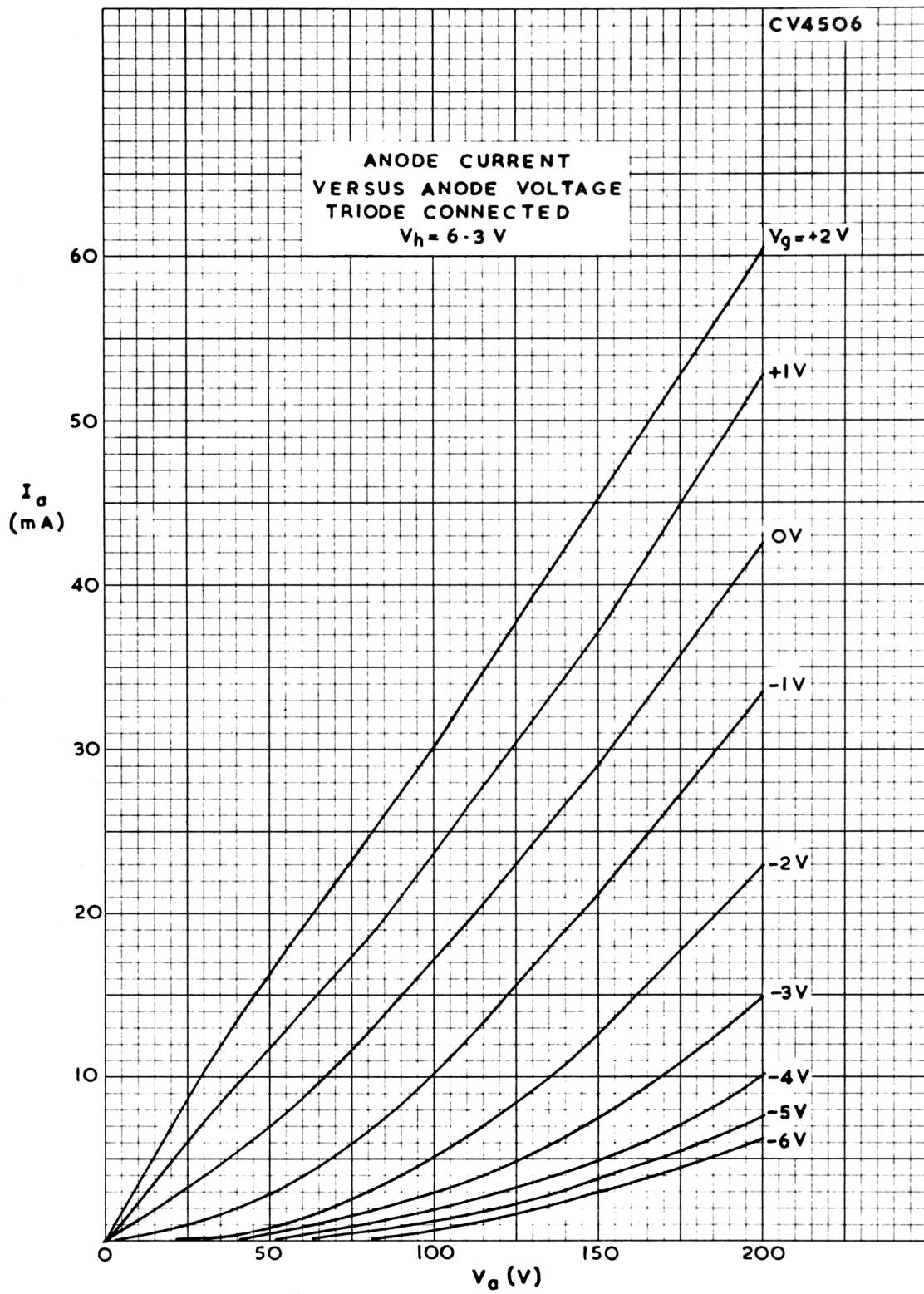


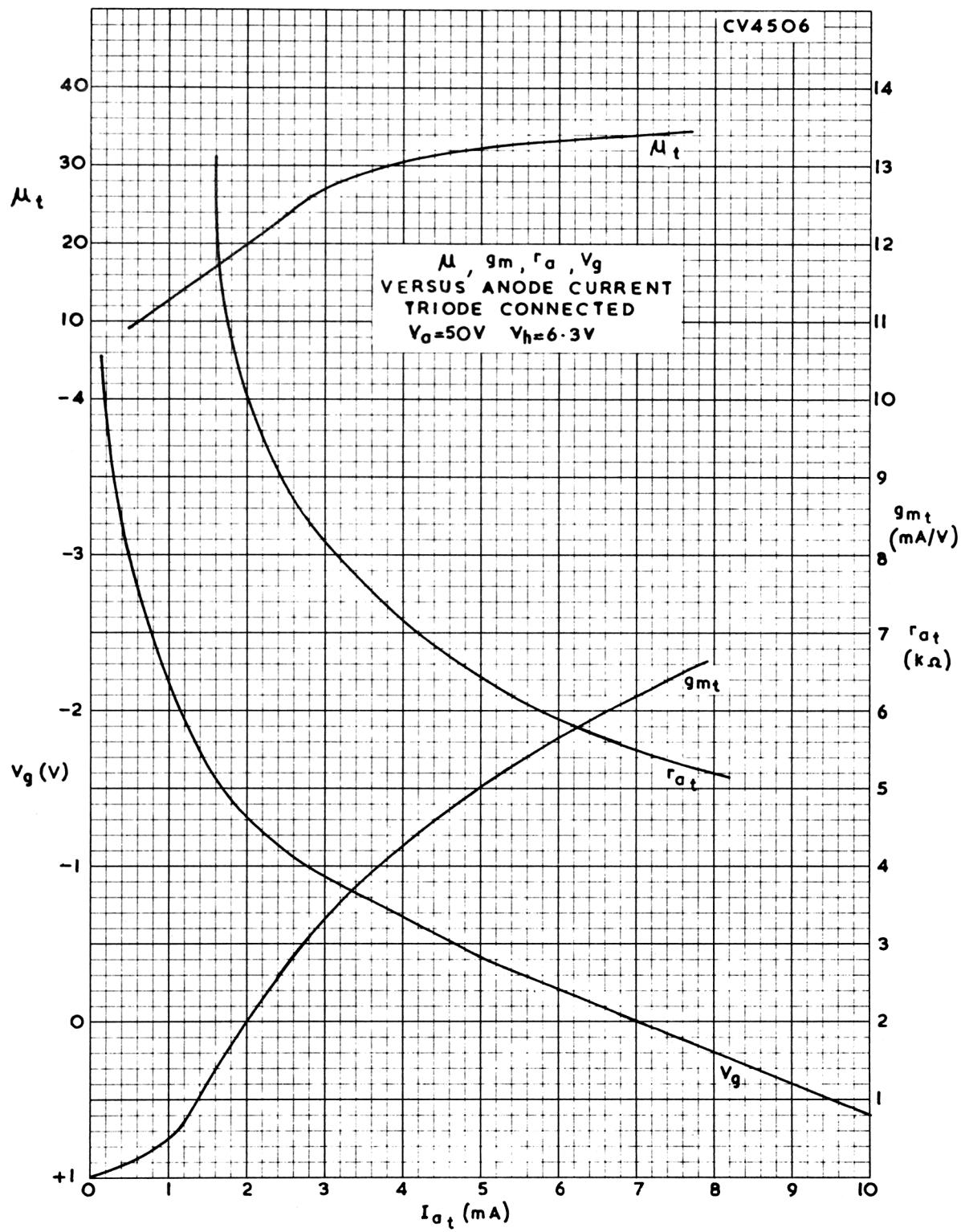


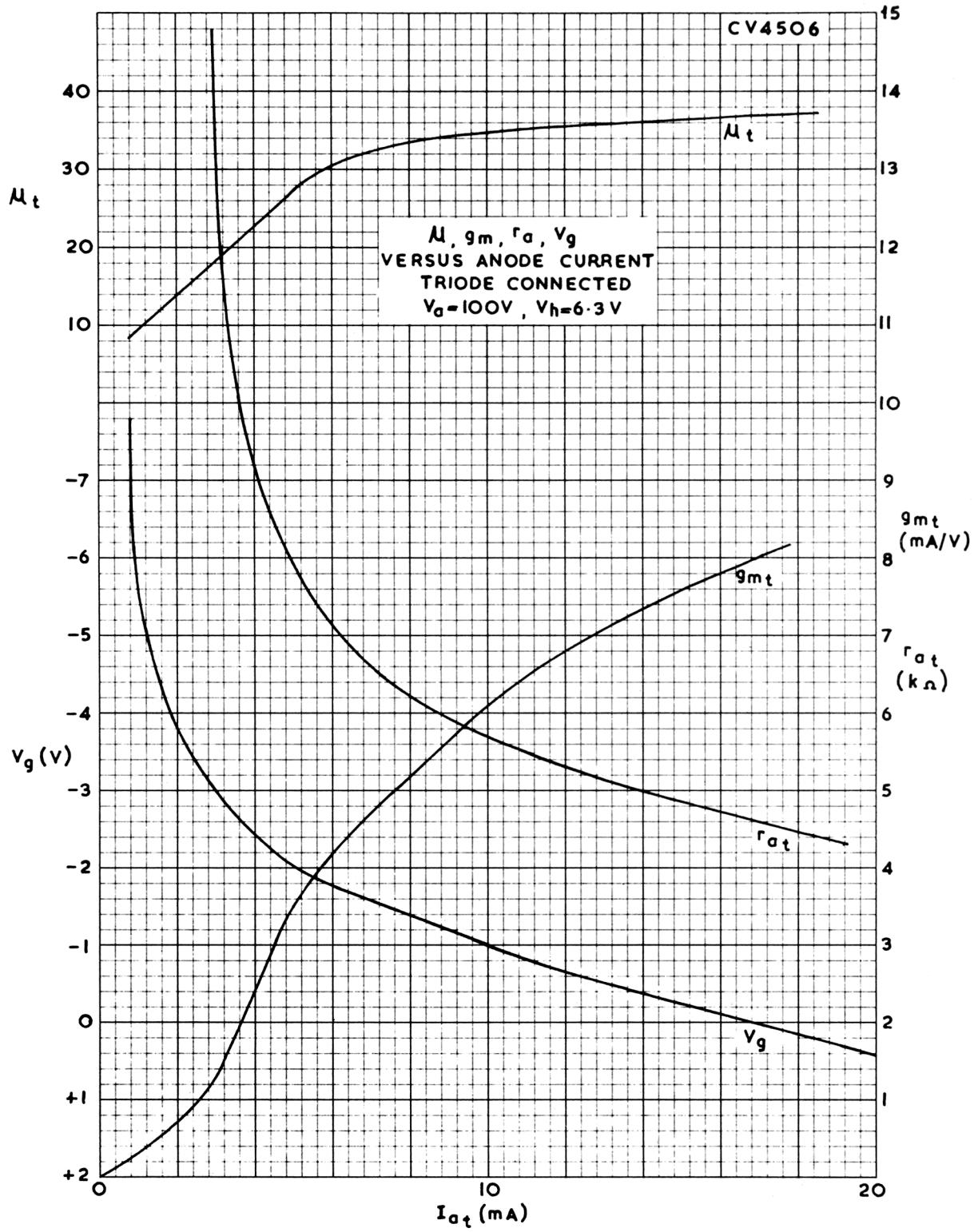


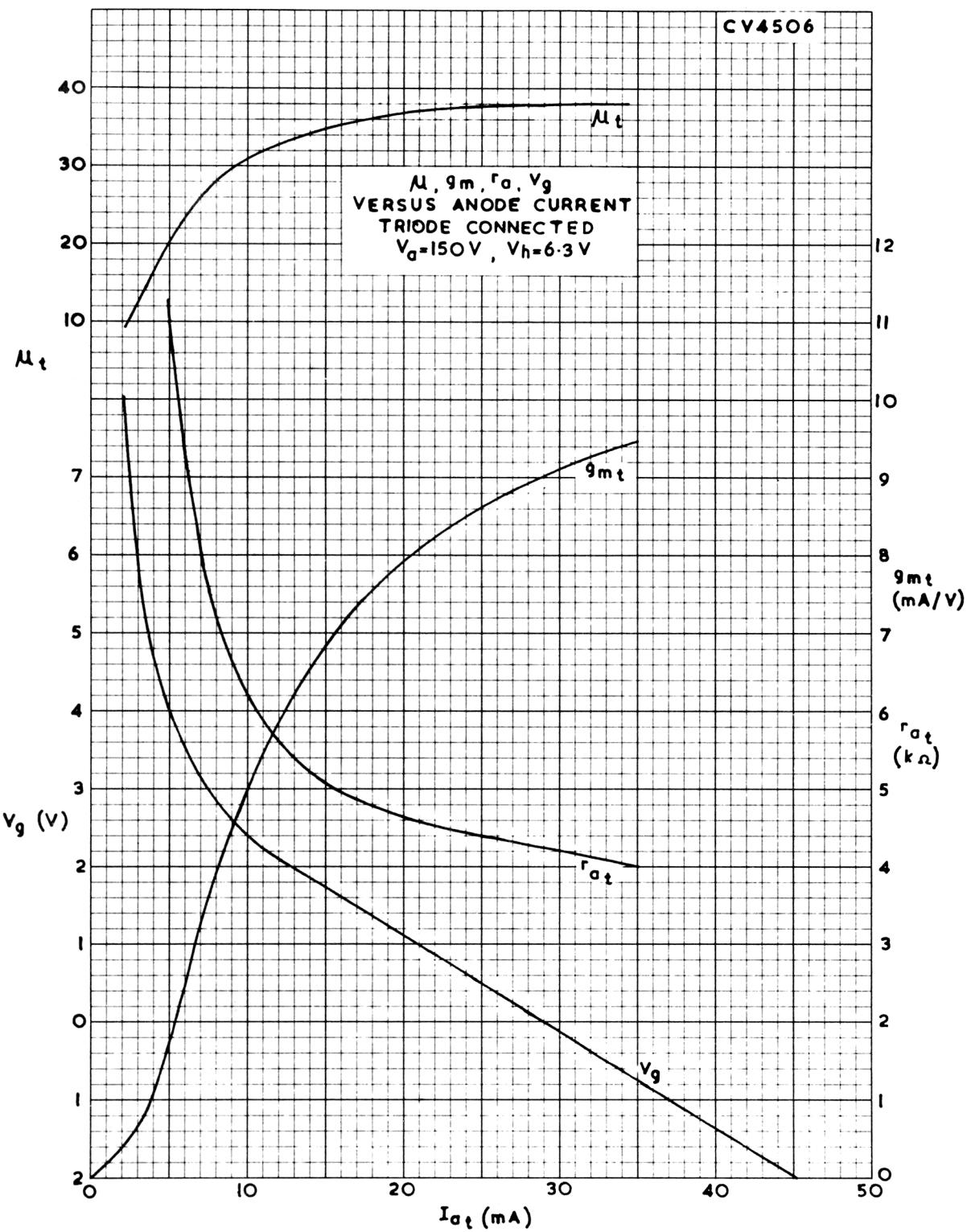




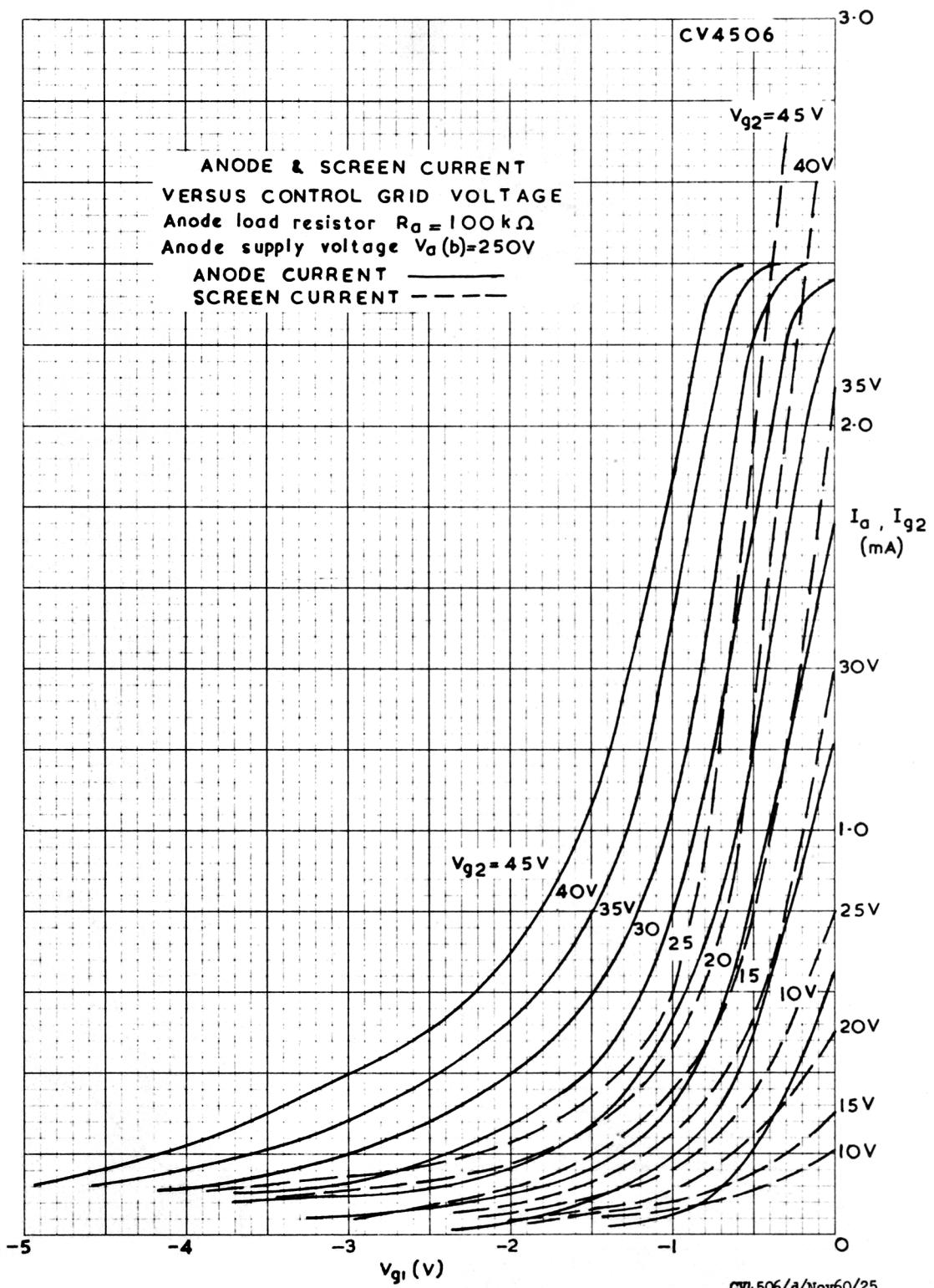


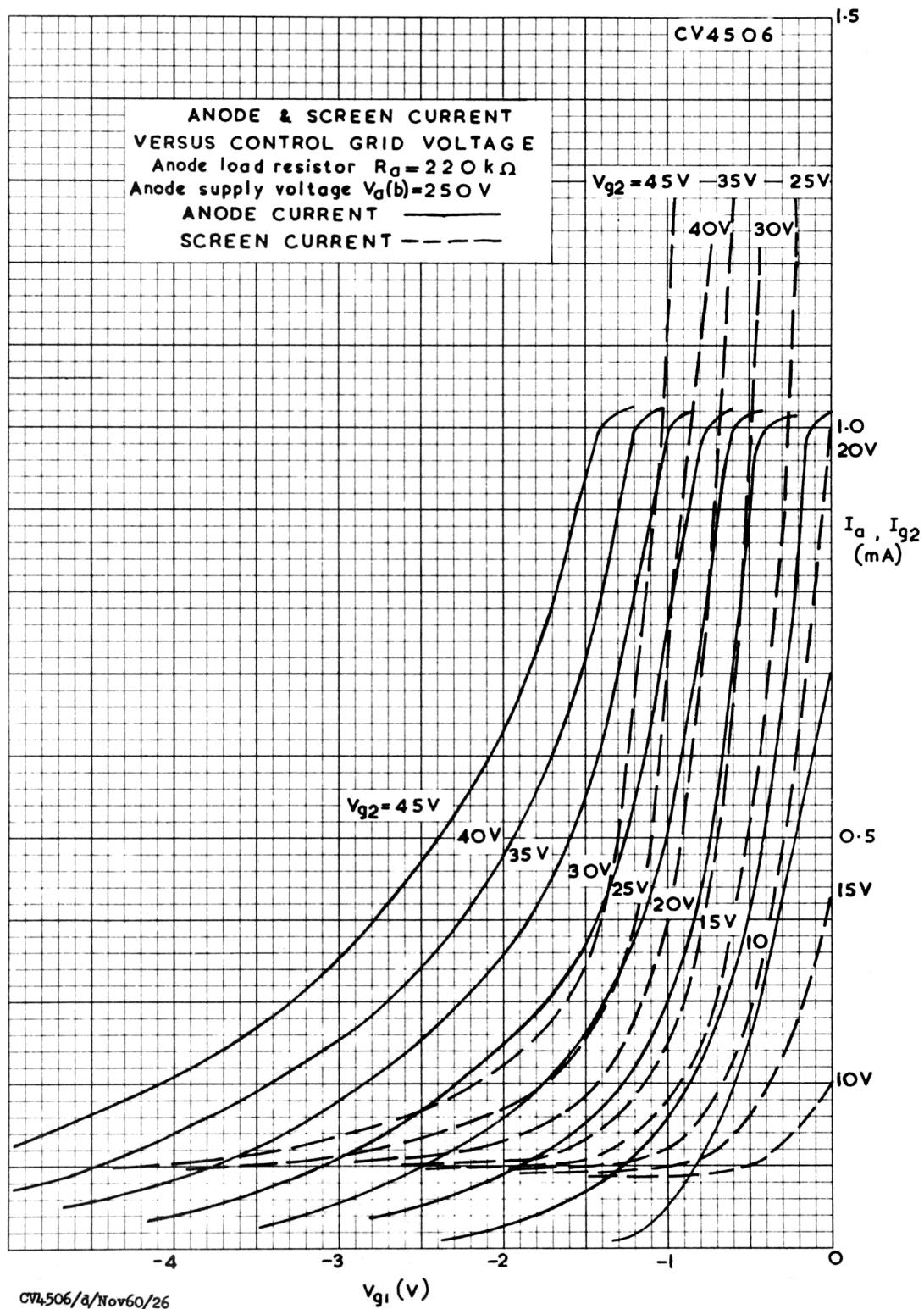


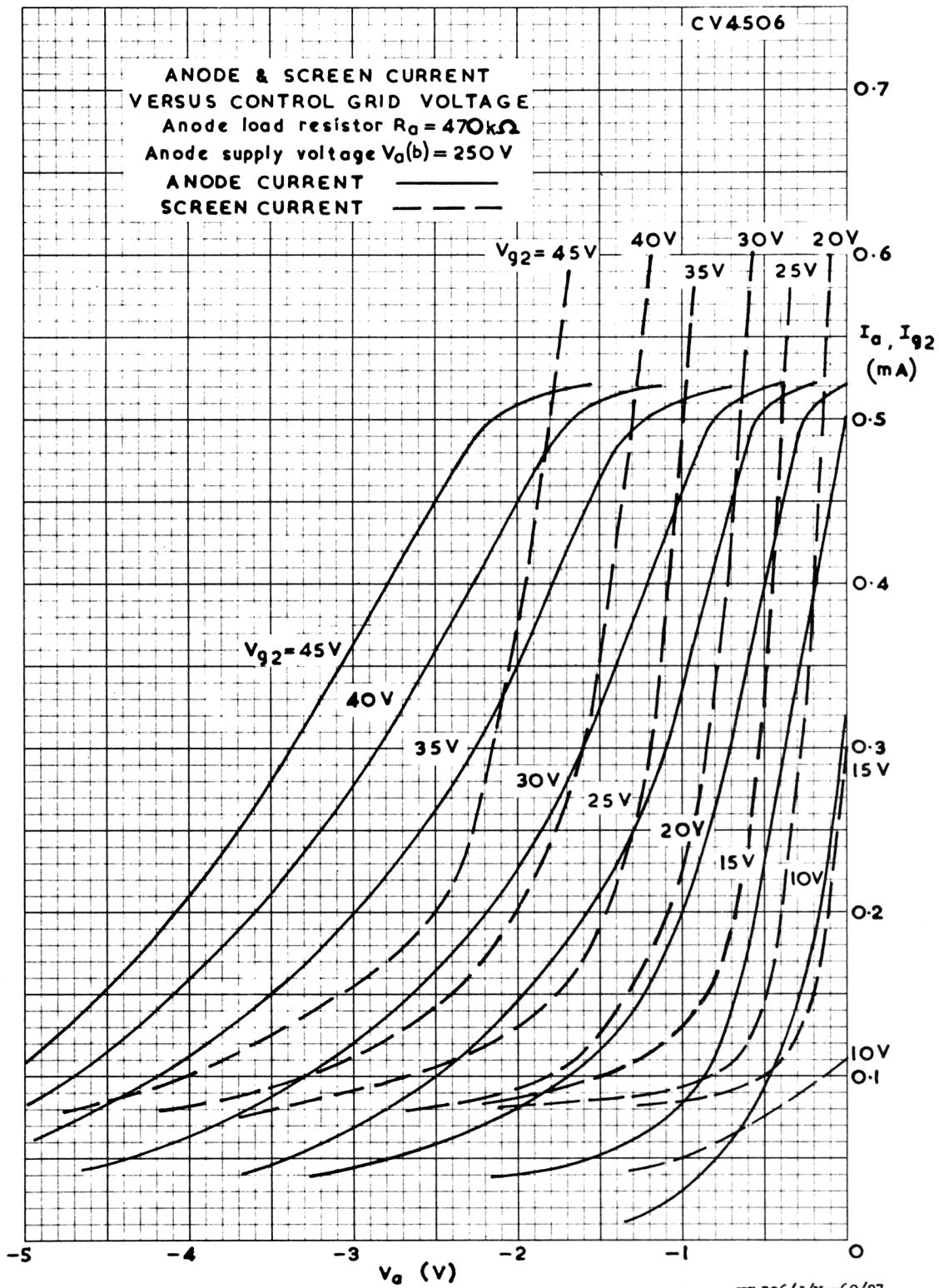


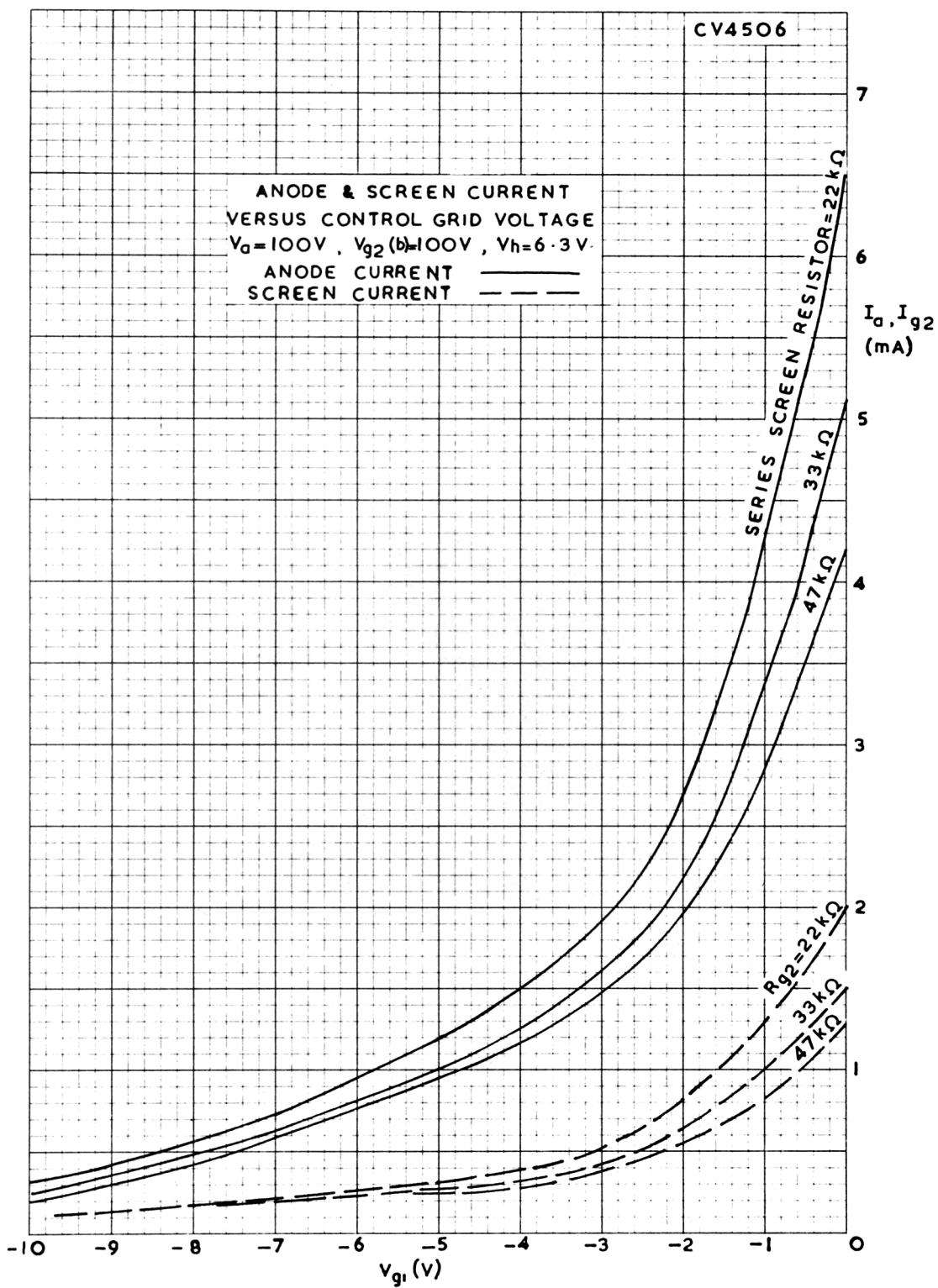


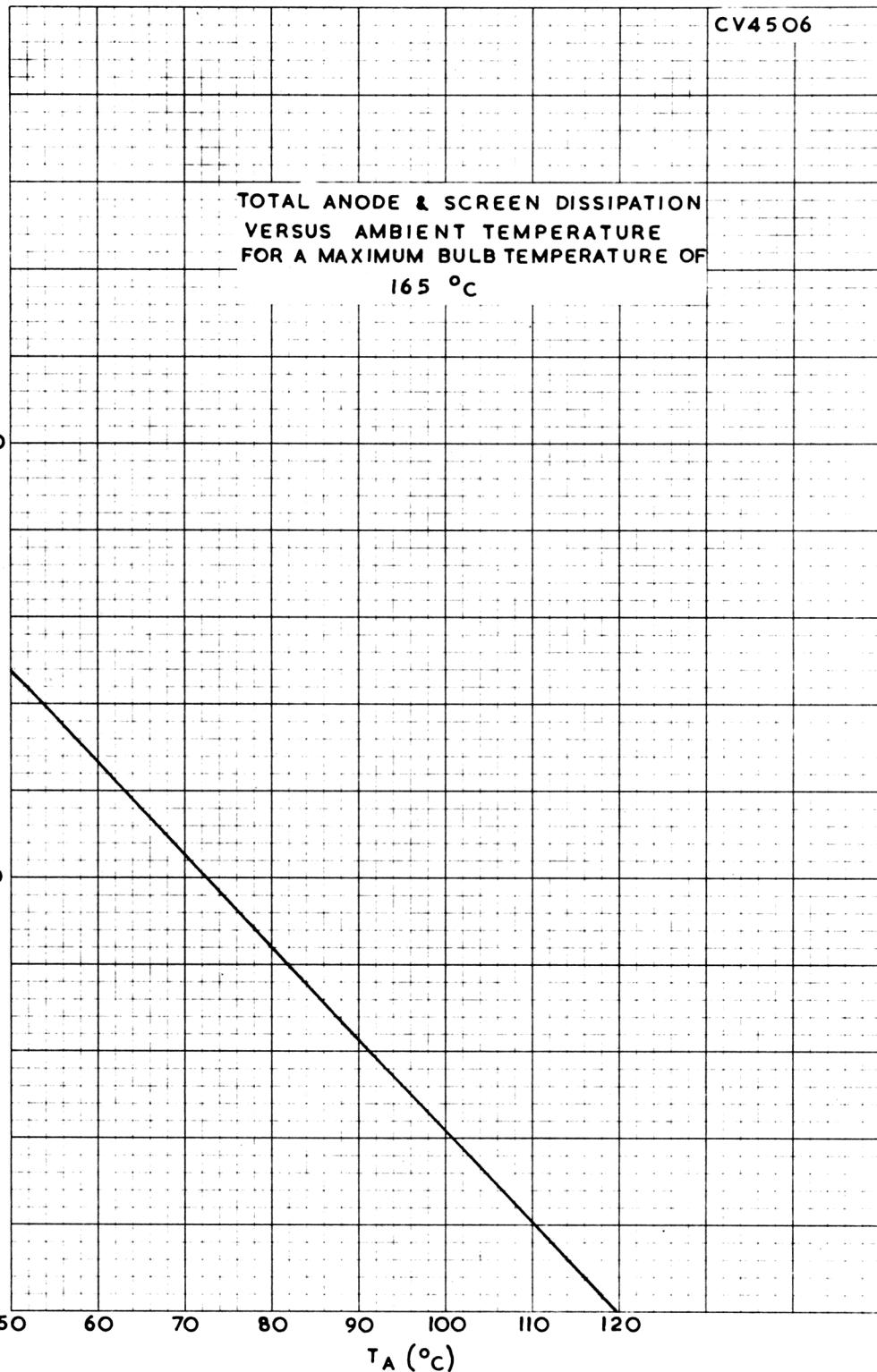
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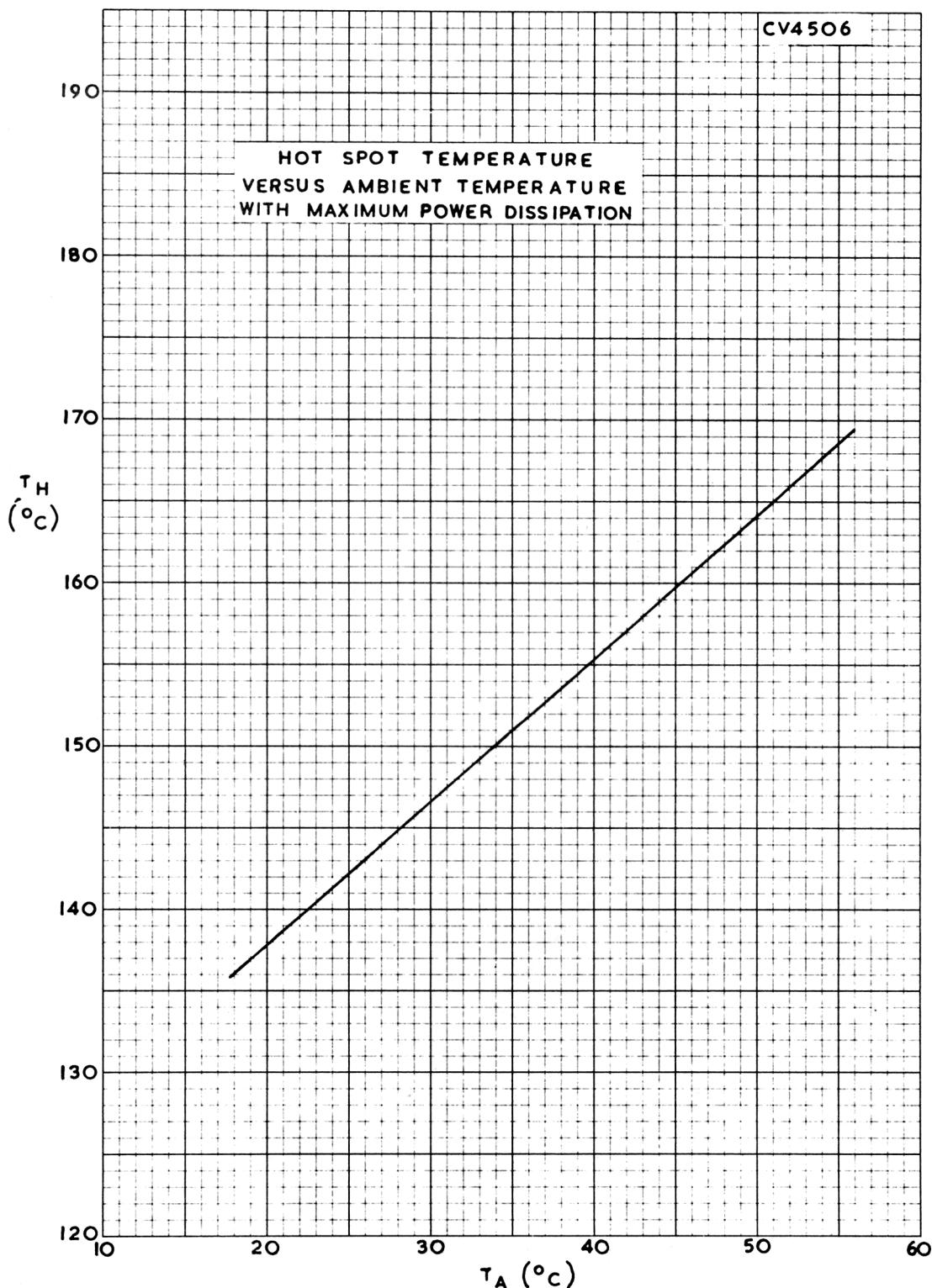












MAXIMUM VALUE OF GRID-TO-CATHODE RESISTOR

The value of the external grid to cathode resistor which can be used with a valve in circuit is limited by the negative grid current of the valve and the D.C. effective mutual conductance of the valve in the circuit.

In simple circuits, the maximum safe value of grid to cathode resistor can be obtained with the aid of the curves given on the next page, by taking the working slope from characteristic curves and calculating the value of the effective cathode resistor from the following equations:-

$$\text{For Triodes:-- } R_{k \text{ eff.}} = R_k + \frac{R_a}{\mu}$$

$$\text{For Pentodes:-- } R_{k \text{ eff.}} = \frac{I_k \times R_k + I_{g2} \times R_{g2}}{I_a \times \mu(g_1 - g_2)}$$

Example

CV4502 operating as a voltage amplifier with $V_a(b) = 250V$, $R_a = 100K$, $R_{g2} = 330K$, $R_k = 560$. $I_a = 2.0mA$, $I_{g2} = 0.67mA$, $gm \text{ working} = 3.5mA/V$.

$$\text{Then } R_{k \text{ eff.}} = \frac{2.67 \times 560}{2.0} + \left(\frac{0.67 \times 330,000}{2.0 \times 28} \right)$$

$$= 4715 \text{ ohms.}$$

From the curves for these values of $R_{k \text{ eff.}}$ and $gm \text{ working}$:-

$$\frac{R_{g1} \text{ (maximum)}}{R_{g1} \text{ (max)} \text{ (Fixed bias published)}} \times \frac{gm \text{ (working)}}{gm \text{ (published)}} = 16$$

$$\text{Therefore } R_{g1} \text{ maximum} = 16 \times 0.25 \times 10^6 \times \frac{5.2}{3.5} = 6M$$

In more complex circuits, for example, those employing feedback additional to that given by a cathode, anode or screen grid resistor, or those having large signals and driven into positive grid current, the working slope and effective cathode resistor are difficult to assess. For these cases the maximum value of grid to cathode resistor in circuit is given by the following relationship:-

$$\frac{R_{g1} \text{ (maximum)}}{R_{g1} \text{ (max)} \text{ (fixed bias published)}} = \frac{gm \text{ (published)}}{gm \text{ (w; eff.)}}$$

where the effective working mutual conductance $gm \text{ (w; eff.)}$ is obtained by measurement in the circuit and is the change of anode current that would occur in that circuit for unit change of grid voltage, where this change of voltage is that which would be caused by a change of negative grid current within the valve.

