

# KBC 1 Double-diode triode

The KBC 1 is a directly-heated double-diode triode. This combination of triode with two diodes promotes a considerable saving in filament current, this being a matter of some importance in battery receivers.

This valve can be employed to advantage in "straight" circuits or in superheterodyne receivers; the triode unit may be used also as a driver in conjunction with the Class B output amplifier KDD 1, or as pre-amplifier for the output pentode KL 4.

The diode located at the negative end of the filament should be used as detector and the other diode, at the positive end, for the delayed A.G.C. In Fig. 2, the diode situated at the end of the filament marked  $f_1$  is shown as  $d_1$  and the other, at the extremity  $f_2$ , as  $d_2$ . If the filament extremity  $f_1$  is positive, diode  $d_2$  is employed as detector; otherwise weak signals are not properly rectified. The loading resistor on the diode should preferably be connected to the positive, not to the negative, end of the filament, as this gives a better detection characteristic.

The second diode is approximately 2 V negative with respect to the positive extremity of the filament, thus providing a similar amount of delay voltage; if a greater delay is desired, this can be obtained by the use of a special circuit (see Chapter XXV). The diode unit is separated from the triode section by a screen, which effectively prevents any coupling between the two.

## FILAMENT RATINGS

Heating: direct, by battery; parallel supply.

Filament voltage. . . . .  $V_f = 2$  V

Filament current. . . . .  $I_f = 0.115$  A

## CAPACITANCES

Diode section: $C_{d_1} = 2.7$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$	Triode section: $C_{ag} = 3.1$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$
$C_{d_2} = 2.5$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$	$C_a = 6.5$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$
$C_{d_1d_2} < 0.5$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$	$C_g = 3.0$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$
$C_{d_1g} < 0.003$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$	
$C_{d_2g} < 0.003$ $\mu\mu\text{F}$	

## STATIC DATA OF THE TRIODE SECTION

Anode voltage . . . . .	$V_a = 90$	135 V
Grid bias. . . . .	$V_g = -3.4$	-4.5 V
Anode current . . . . .	$I_a = 1$	2.5 mA
Amplification factor . . . . .	$\mu = 16$	16
Mutual conductance. . . . .	$S = 0.7$	1 mA/V
Internal resistance . . . . .	$R_i = 23,000$	16,000 ohms



Fig. 1  
Dimensions in mm

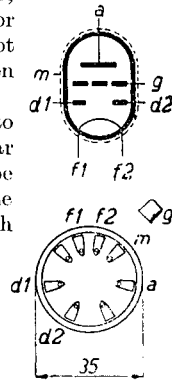


Fig. 2  
Arrangement of  
electrodes and  
base connections

# KBC 1

## MAXIMUM RATINGS

Triode section:	$V_a$	= max. 150 V
	$W_a$	= max. 0.6 W
	$I_k$	= max. 6 mA
	$V_g (I_g = + 0.3 \mu A)$	= max. -0.2 V
	$R_g$	= max. 3 Mohms
Diode section:		
Voltage on diode (peak value) .	$V_{d1} = V_{d2}$	= max. 125 V
Diode current . . . . .	$I_{d1} = I_{d2}$	= max. 0.2 mA
Diode voltage at diode current start . . . . .	$(I_{d2} = + 0.3 \mu A) V_{d2}$	= max. -0.4 V

When the triode section is to be employed as a resistance-coupled A.F. amplifier, the necessary data may be obtained from the following table:

**TABLE**  
KBC 1 used as a resistance-coupled A.F. amplifier

Battery voltage $V_a$ (V)	Coupling resistor $R_a$ (M ohm)	Anode current $I_a$ (mA)	Grid bias $V_g$ (V)	Output voltage $V_o$ ( $V_{eff}$ )	Distortion $d$ (%)	Stage gain $\frac{V_o}{V_i}$
135	0.2	0.35	-2.0	5 8	0.7 1.2	12.5
90	0.2	0.19	-2.0	3 5	0.8 1.3	11
135	0.1	0.69	-2.0	5 8	0.7 1.2	12
90	0.1	0.36	-2.0	3 5	0.8 1.3	11
135	0.05	1.25	-2.0	5 8	0.8 1.3	11
90	0.05	0.60	-2.0	3 5	1.0 1.6	10

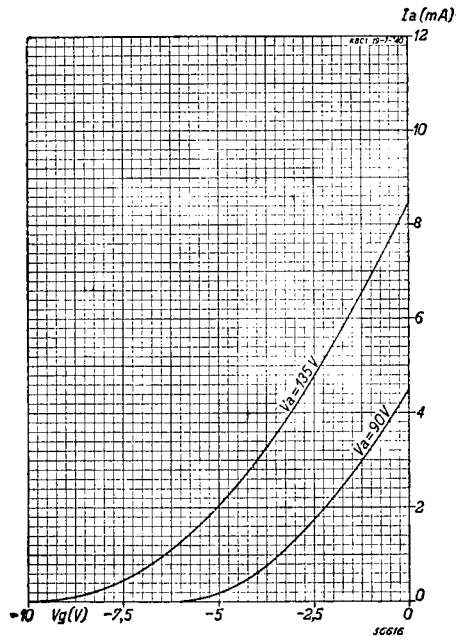


Fig. 3  
 $I_a/V_g$  characteristics for the triode section of the KBC 1.

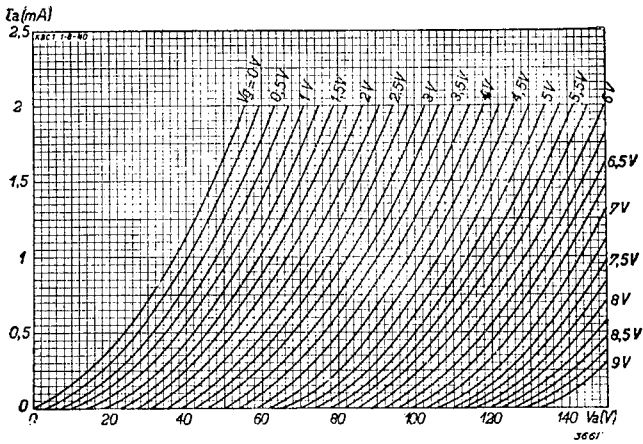


Fig. 4  
 Anode current of the triode section of the KBC 1 as a function of the anode voltage with grid bias as parameter.