

Tube Of The Month

150T

In 1934, RCA was found to be operating a monopoly by the government and was forced to sign a "consent agreement" that would allow others to build transmitting tubes. Bill Eitel and Jack McCullough had been building tubes for Heinz & Kaufman and decided to form a new company. The 150T was EIMAC's first product. They had estimated that it could safely handle 150 watts of dissipation, but in testing, the tube easily did 250 and would run red hot without damage. They set up a ham station at their factory and visitors could use the rig running the red-hot tubes. Every DXer wanted one. In a short time the 150T was re-designated the 250T. If you were a big gun, you had a final with a pair of 250Ts in push pull. These tubes were popular well into the 1950s. About 1938 they were again renamed as the 250TH and 250TL. For more info on old and current transmitting tubes go to Norm's website at <http://n6jv.com/>.

