

Tube of the Month

826

In 1943, RCA developed a small 60 watt triode for VHF equipment. I can't remember ever seeing one of these tubes being used in a particular set. After the War, The Gonset Company started building a series of emergency transceivers the hams called the "Gooney Boxes". They were standard equipment for Civil Defense and RACES installations. They built a 6 meter amplifier that used a pair of the 826s which seems to be the only reason anyone still looks for the tube.

Eimac made a few of these tubes. Recently a pair of experimental tubes was found that seemed to be an attempt to use the basic 826 with a heavy plate structure and equip it with a plate cap. The plate was massive for the size and without heavy air cooling would surely melt the glass. It is possible they wanted to use it for pulse service. No markings or data have been found for this tube that seems to have been made in the 1960s. You are free to speculate as to its use as your guess is as good as anyone's.

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