

*Eimac*  
**EITEL-McCULLOUGH, INC.**  
 SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA

**6C21**  
 PULSE TRIODE  
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 MODULATOR  
 AMPLIFIER

The Eimac 6C21 is a high-vacuum power triode designed for pulse-modulator service at d-c plate voltages up to 30 kilovolts and peak plate currents as high as 15 amperes.

The 6C21 is forced-air and radiation cooled, has a maximum plate-dissipation rating of 300 watts, and, in pulse modulator service, will deliver up to 375 kilowatts to a resistive load with 7.5 kilowatts of driving power.

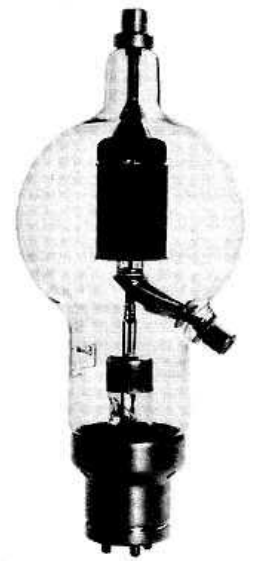
**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**ELECTRICAL**

Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage	8.2 volts
Current	17.0 amperes
Amplification Factor (Average)	30
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid-Plate	4.3 $\mu\mu\text{f}$
Input	9.5 $\mu\mu\text{f}$
Output	0.7 $\mu\mu\text{f}$
Transconductance ( $I_b=100 \text{ ma.}, E_b=2000\text{v.}$ )	6100 $\mu\text{mhos}$

**MECHANICAL**

Base	50-watt jumbo 4-pin
Connections	See drawing
Socket	E. F. Johnson Co. 123-211, National Co. XM-50 or equivalent.
Mounting Position	Vertical, base down or up
Cooling	Forced Air and Radiation
Maximum Temperature of Grid & Plate Seals	225° C.
Recommended Heat Dissipating Plate and Grid Connectors	Eimac HR-8
Maximum Overall Dimensions:	
Length	12- $\frac{5}{8}$ inches
Diameter	5- $\frac{1}{8}$ inches
Net Weight	1.3 pounds
Shipping Weight	5.8 pounds



**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Pulse Modulator Service (Per Tube)	
D-C PLATE VOLTAGE	30 MAX. KILOVOLTS
D-C GRID VOLTAGE	-2.0 MAX. KILOVOLTS
PEAK POSITIVE PLATE VOLTAGE	35 MAX. KILOVOLTS
PEAK POSITIVE GRID VOLTAGE	1.6 MAX. KILOVOLTS
PEAK PLATE CURRENT	15 MAX. AMPERES
AVERAGE GRID DISSIPATION	50 MAX. WATTS
AVERAGE PLATE DISSIPATION	300 MAX. WATTS

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

D-C Plate Voltage	28 kilovolts
D-C Grid Voltage	-1.5 kilovolts
Pulse Plate Current	15 amperes
Pulse Grid Current*	3.0 amperes
Pulse Positive Grid Voltage	1000 volts
Pulse Grid Driving Power*	7.5 kilowatts
Load: Resistive	1650 ohms
Duty	.002
Pulse Voltage Output	25 kilovolts
Pulse Power Input	420 kilowatts
Pulse Plate Dissipation	45 kilowatts
Pulse Power Output	375 kilowatts

\*Approximate values.

## APPLICATION

**Mounting**—The 6C21 must be mounted vertically, base down or up. The leads to the plate and grid terminals should be flexible, and the tube must be protected from vibration and shock.

**Cooling**—Forced-air cooling of the filament stem structure is required. Base cooling requires a minimum air flow of 2½ cubic feet per minute directed through the tube base toward the filament press. If the hole in the socket is at least 1 inch in diameter and the manifold is the same diameter, a static pressure of ¼ inch of water is required at the manifold to provide the 2½ cubic feet per minute. Heat Dissipating Connectors (Eimac HR-8 or equivalent) must be used at the plate and grid terminals and unobstructed circulation of air around the tube is required in sufficient quantity to prevent the temperatures of grid and plate seals from exceeding 225°C. Forced ventilation of compartments or equipment in which the tube is located is always beneficial, though not necessarily required.

Tube temperatures may be measured with the aid of "Tempilaq", a temperature-sensitive lacquer manufactured by the Tempil Corporation, 132 West 22nd Street, New York 11, N. Y. For satisfactory results, Tempilaq must be sprayed on the surface to be measured in a thin coat, covering as small an area as will serve the purpose.

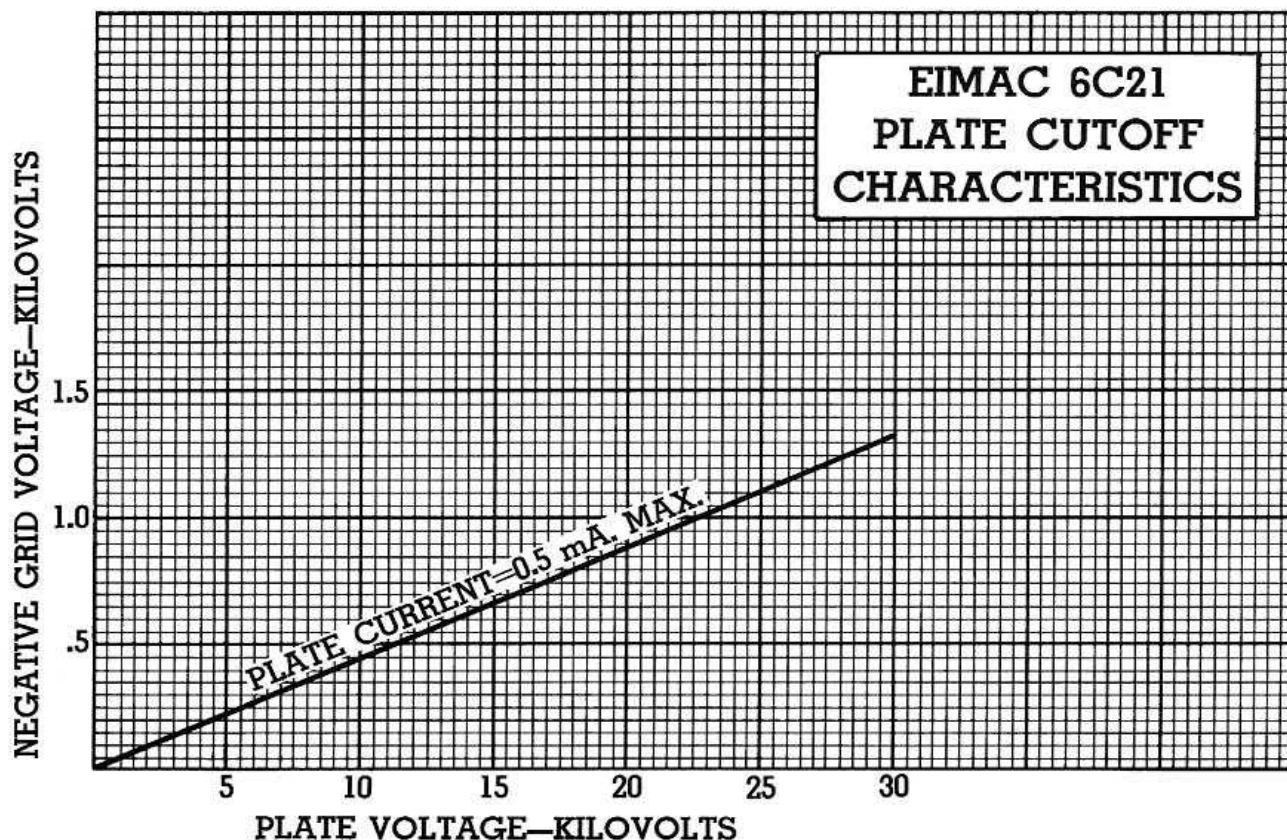
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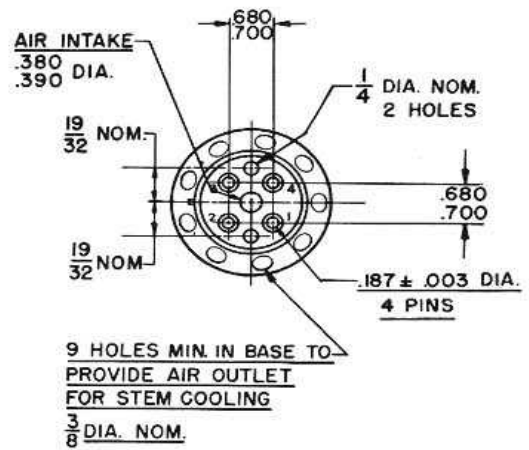
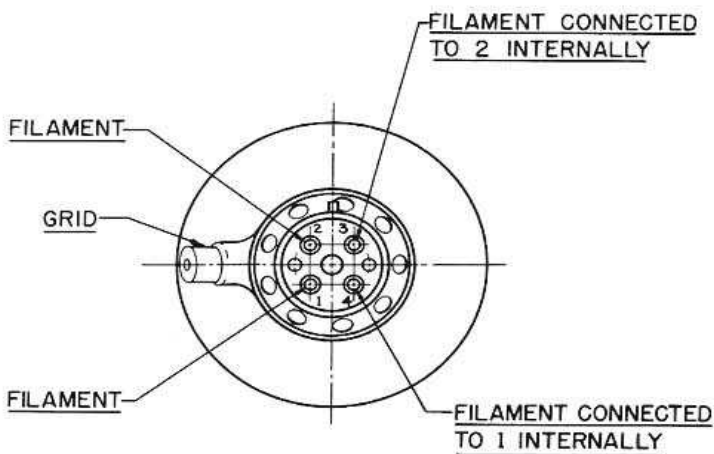
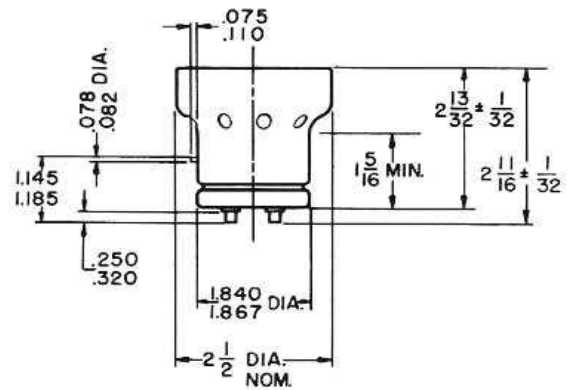
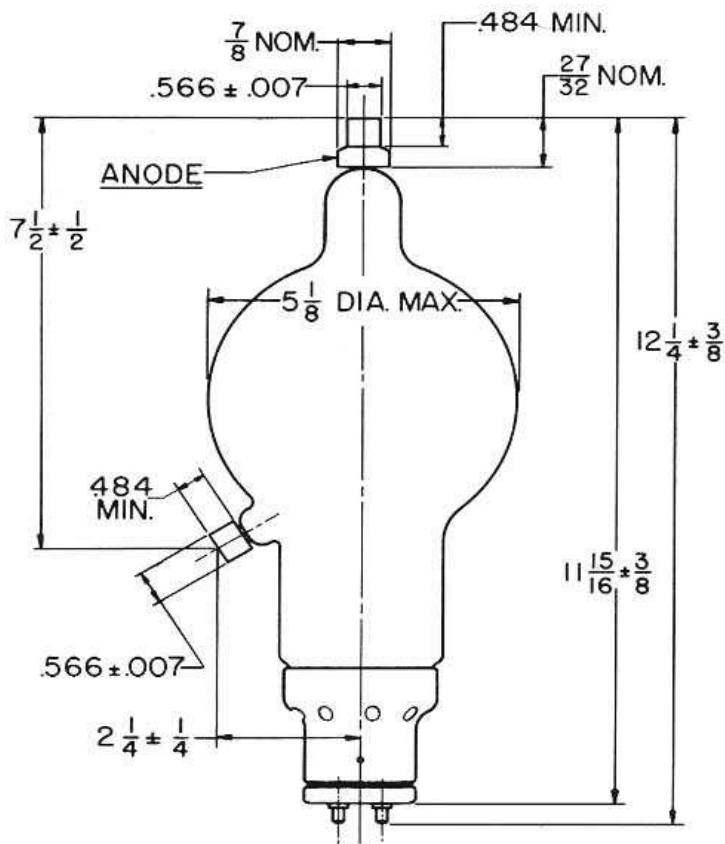
**Filament Voltage**—For optimum tube life the filament voltage, as measured directly at the base pins, should be the rated value of 8.2 volts. Variations should be kept within the range of 7.9 to 8.5 volts. All four socket terminals should be used, with two placed in parallel for each filament connection.

**Plate Dissipation**—Under normal operating conditions, the plate dissipation should not be allowed to exceed the maximum rating of 300 watts. Plate dissipation in excess of the maximum rating is permissible for short periods of time, such as during adjustment procedures.

**Operation**—The 6C21 may be operated with inductive or resistive loads, provided only that the maximum ratings are not exceeded. The ratings listed for pulse modulator service are for operation at peak plate currents of 15 amperes and pulse lengths up to 100 milliseconds. Further information on pulse operation, such as tube limitations under long (100 milliseconds or more) pulse conditions, is contained in "Pulse Service Notes" obtainable from Eitel-McCullough, Inc., on request. If it is desired to operate the 6C21 under conditions widely different from those given for pulse modulator service, write Eitel-McCullough, Inc., for information and recommendations.

Useful information about pulse circuits may be obtained from such publications as "Pulse Generators", volume 5 of the MIT Radiation Laboratory Series, published by McGraw-Hill, 1948.





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BASE DETAIL

DIMENSIONS  
IN INCHES

