



CONDUCTION COOLED  
BEAM TETRODE

BRIEF DATA

A compact conduction cooled beam tetrode electrically similar to the 4CX250B (CV6137). The anode is fitted with a square copper block intended to be bolted to a metal heat sink or to a beryllia heat conducting block HC1 which gives electrical isolation.

D.C. anode voltage (max)	2	kV
Anode dissipation (max)	250	W
Frequency (max)	500	MHz
Load power (Class C, up to 175MHz)	350	W
Load power (Class C, at 500MHz)	220	W
Load power (Class AB1, up to 175MHz)	270	W

HEATER

*Heater voltage	6.0	V
Heater current (approx)	2.6	A

\*At high operating frequencies, back-heating of the cathode occurs. The target heater voltage should be adjusted or selected according to the operating frequency as follows:-

0-300MHz	6.0	V
400MHz	5.75	V
500MHz	5.5	V

During operation, the heater voltage should be maintained within  $\pm 5\%$  of the target value.

CHARACTERISTICS (Typical)

Anode voltage	500	V
Screen voltage	250	V
Anode current	200	mA
Mutual conductance	12	mA/V
Grid-screen amplification factor	5	

## RATINGS (Absolute, maximum unless otherwise stated)

These ratings apply for operation at frequencies up to 500MHz.

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	2	kV
Screen voltage . . . . .	400	V
Negative d.c. grid voltage . . . . .	250	V
Peak heater-cathode voltage . . . . .	±150	V
Mean (d.c.) anode current . . . . .	250	mA
Mean (d.c.) cathode current . . . . .	300	mA
Peak cathode current . . . . .	1.5	A
† Anode dissipation . . . . .	250	W
Screen dissipation . . . . .	12	W
Grid dissipation . . . . .	2	W
Grid-cathode circuit resistance . . . . .	100	kΩ
* Switching delay time (minimum) . . . . .	30	s
Seal temperature . . . . .	250	°C

† Using heat conducting block HC1, with heat sink at 25°C (see page 8).

\* Minimum time between applying heater voltage and drawing cathode current.

## CAPACITANCES (Typical, measured on a cold unscreened tube)

Anode to grid (max) . . . . .	0.06	pF
Grid to other electrodes less anode . . . . .	17.5	pF
Anode to other electrodes less grid . . . . .	6	pF

The capacitance of the beryllia heat conducting block HC1 is 3pF approx.

## OPERATING DATA

### Screen Current Reversal

As the screen current may reverse under some conditions, the circuit design must allow for at least 15mA of reverse current. If the screen voltage is to be derived from the anode supply, a shunt regulator circuit should be used. The series resistor current should not be less than the largest expected screen current; whilst the shunt regulator device(s) should be capable of carrying at least 15mA more than the resistor current.

## CLASS AB1 AF POWER AMPLIFIER OR MODULATOR

### Maximum Permissible Conditions

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	2	kV
Screen voltage . . . . .	400	V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	250	mA
Anode dissipation . . . . .	250	W
Screen dissipation . . . . .	12	W
Grid dissipation . . . . .	2	W

## Typical Operation

Sinusoidal wave, two tubes unless otherwise indicated.

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	1	1.5	2	kV
D.C. screen voltage . . . . .	350	350	350	V
*D.C. grid voltage . . . . .	-55	-55	-55	V
D.C. anode current (no sig). . . . .	2 x 100	2 x 100	2 x 100	mA
D.C. anode current (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 250	2 x 250	2 x 250	mA
D.C. screen current (max sig) . . . . .	2 x 10	2 x 8	2 x 5	mA
Anode to anode load				
impedance . . . . .	3.5	6.2	9.5	kΩ
A.C. grid voltage (per tube)(crest) . . . . .	50	50	50	V
Total output power . . . . .	240	430	600	W

\*D.C. grid voltage adjusted for specified zero signal anode current

## RF POWER AMPLIFIER

### ANODE MODULATED CLASS C TELEPHONY (CARRIER CONDITIONS)

#### Maximum Permissible Conditions

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	1.5		kV
Screen voltage . . . . .	300		V
Negative grid voltage . . . . .	250		V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	200		mA
Anode dissipation . . . . .	165		W
Screen dissipation . . . . .	12		W
Grid dissipation . . . . .	2		W

#### Typical Operation (Up to 175MHz)

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	500	1000	1500	V
D.C. screen voltage . . . . .	250	250	250	V
D.C. grid voltage . . . . .	-100	-100	-100	V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	200	200	200	mA
D.C. screen current . . . . .	31	22	20	mA
D.C. grid current . . . . .	15	14	14	mA
A.C. grid voltage (crest). . . . .	118	117	117	V
Drive power . . . . .	1.8	1.7	1.7	W
Input power . . . . .	100	200	300	W
Total output power . . . . .	60	145	235	W

# RF LINEAR AMPLIFIER CLASS AB1 SINGLE-SIDEBAND SUPPRESSED-CARRIER OPERATION

## Maximum Permissible Conditions

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	2	kV
Screen voltage . . . . .	400	V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	250	mA
Anode dissipation . . . . .	250	W
Screen dissipation . . . . .	12	W
Grid dissipation . . . . .	2	W

## Typical Operation (Up to 175MHz)

### Single Tone

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	1	1.5	2	kV
D.C. screen voltage . . . . .	350	350	350	V
*D.C. grid voltage . . . . .	-55	-55	-55	V
D.C. anode current (no sig) . . . . .	100	100	100	mA
A.C. grid voltage (crest) . . . . .	50	50	50	V
D.C. anode current (max sig) . . . . .	250	250	250	mA
D.C. screen current (max sig) . . . . .	10	8	5	mA
Total output power . . . . .	120	215	300	W

### Two Tone

D.C. anode current (max sig) . . . . .	190	190	190	mA
D.C. screen current (max sig) . . . . .	2	-1	-2	mA
Peak envelope output power . . . . .	120	215	300	W
Mean output power . . . . .	60	107.5	150	W

\*D.C. grid voltage adjusted for specified zero signal anode current.

## RF POWER AMPLIFIER OR OSCILLATOR CLASS C TELEGRAPHY OR FM TELEPHONY (KEY-DOWN CONDITIONS)

### Maximum Permissible Conditions

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	2	kV
Screen voltage . . . . .	300	V
Negative d.c. grid voltage . . . . .	250	V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	250	mA
Anode dissipation . . . . .	250	W
Screen dissipation . . . . .	12	W
Grid dissipation . . . . .	2	W

### Typical Operation (Up to 175MHz)

D.C. anode voltage . . . . .	500	1000	1500	2000	V
D.C. screen voltage . . . . .	250	250	250	250	V
D.C. grid voltage . . . . .	-90	-90	-90	-90	V
D.C. anode current . . . . .	250	250	250	250	mA
D.C. screen current . . . . .	.45	38	21	19	mA
D.C. grid current . . . . .	.35	31	28	26	mA
A.C. grid voltage (crest). . . . .	114	114	112	112	V
Drive power. . . . .	4	3.5	3.2	2.9	W
Input power . . . . .	125	250	375	500	W
Total output power . . . . .	.70	190	280	390	W

### OPERATION AT HIGHER FREQUENCIES

At operating frequencies greater than 175MHz, the output power falls owing to transit time effects. In a Class C amplifier at 500MHz, with input power = 500W, a typical value for load power would be 220W.

### COOLING

Adequate heat transfer must be provided from all thermal contact areas so as to ensure that no metal/ceramic seal exceeds the maximum temperature rating of 250°C under any condition of use.

The anode block should be bolted to a suitable heat conducting surface. As, commonly, electrical insulation is required between anode and heat sink, an approved heat conducting block incorporating beryllia is available under the reference HC1 (see page 8).

A heat conducting path should be provided from the screen grid ring of the tube to the equipment chassis. A base socket incorporating a screen by-pass capacitor and with eight fingers contacting the screen grid ring is normally recommended. At frequencies below 30MHz, it is possible to use a lower cost base socket not incorporating screen fingers or by-pass capacitor. The r.f. connection to the screen must still be made to the screen grid ring and should provide an adequate thermal path.

It is important to provide a good thermal connection to the tube grid spigot. A hole in the spigot is provided to accept a bifurcated pin to which a small metal plate should be attached.

The use of a heat sink compound at all thermal joints is recommended.

A convenient method of measuring temperature under operating conditions is to use temperature sensitive paints or crayons. Various forms are available from J.M. Steel and Co. Ltd., Kingsway House, Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey (Telephone No. 01-940 6077).

## **MOUNTING POSITION**

The tube may be mounted in any position.

## **WEIGHT**

The approximate weight of the tube is 255gms.

## **WARNING**

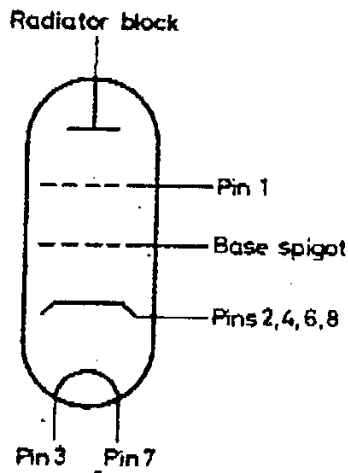
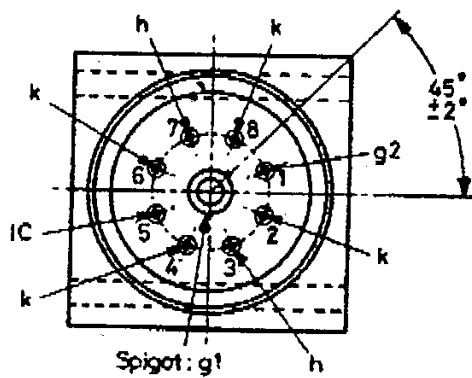
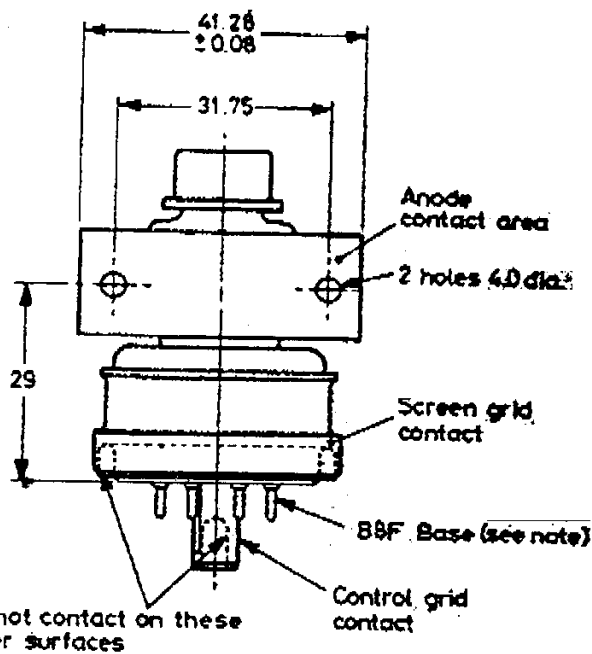
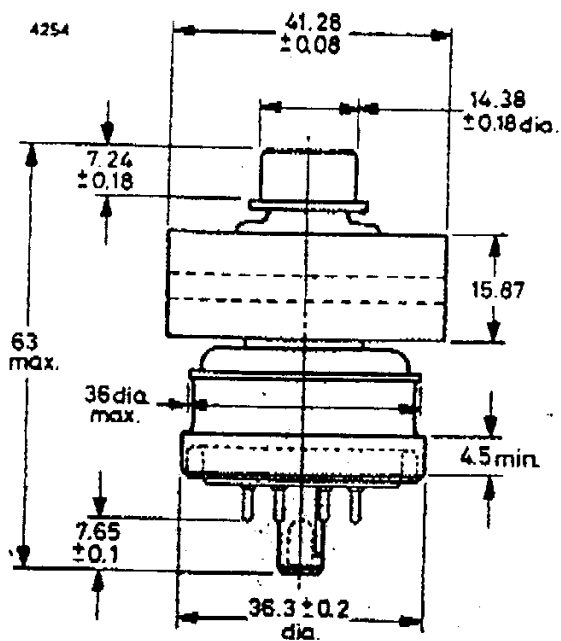
The type HC1 heat conducting block incorporates Beryllium Oxide, the dust of which is toxic. The device is safe provided it is not dismantled or its component parts or finish tampered with. Care should be taken to ensure that all those who may handle, use or dispose of this device are aware of its nature and of the necessary safety precautions. In particular, it should never be thrown out with general industrial or domestic waste. Advice on disposal can be obtained from The Applications Laboratory of The M-O Valve Co. Ltd. (Telephone No. 01-603 3431, Ext. 22).

No special precautions are necessary for the tube itself.

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# OUTLINE

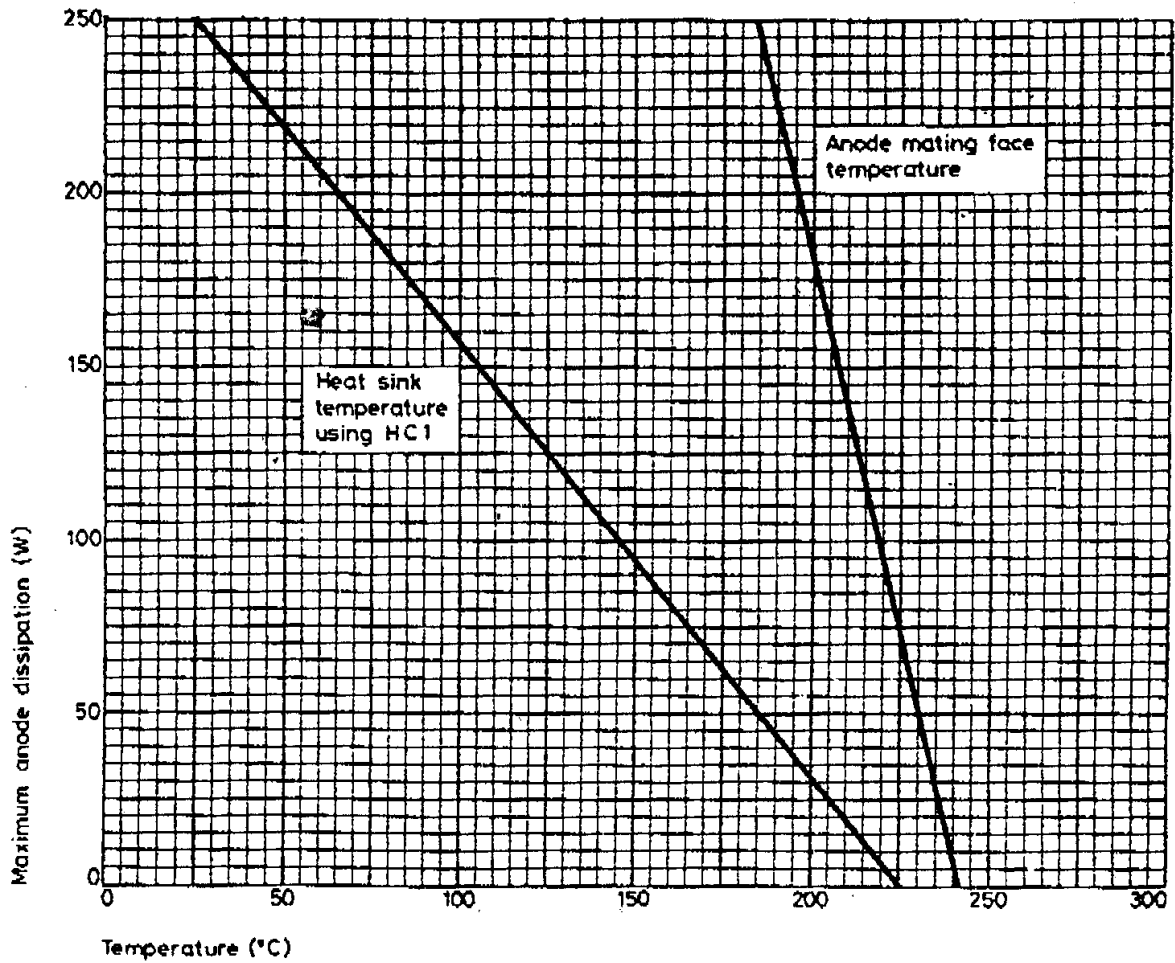
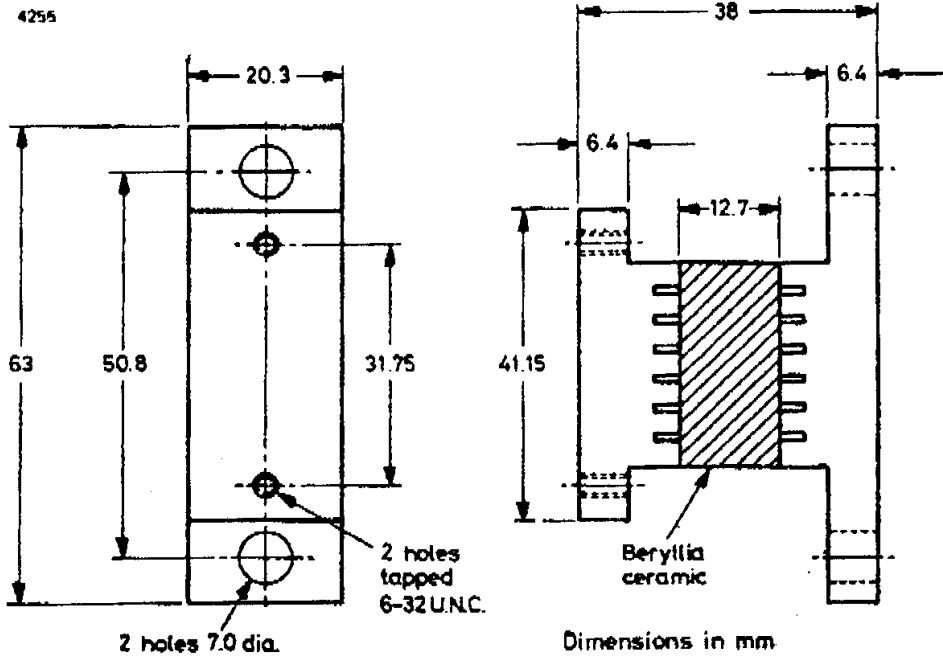


**NOTE:**

B8F Base to B.S.448 with the exception of 4mm diameter hole in the spigot.

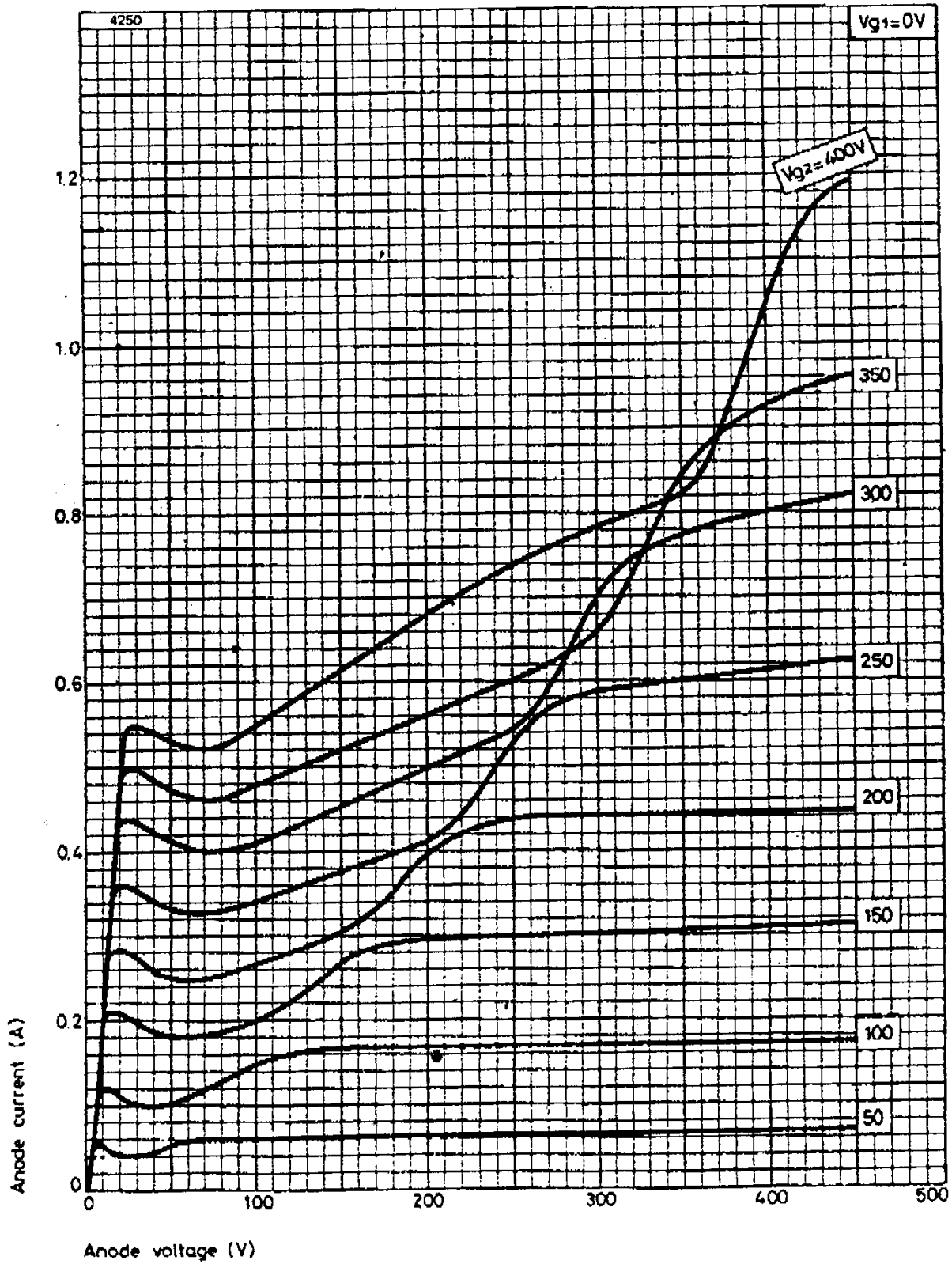
Dimensions in mm

# HEAT CONDUCTING BLOCK HC1 AND ANODE DISSIPATION RATING

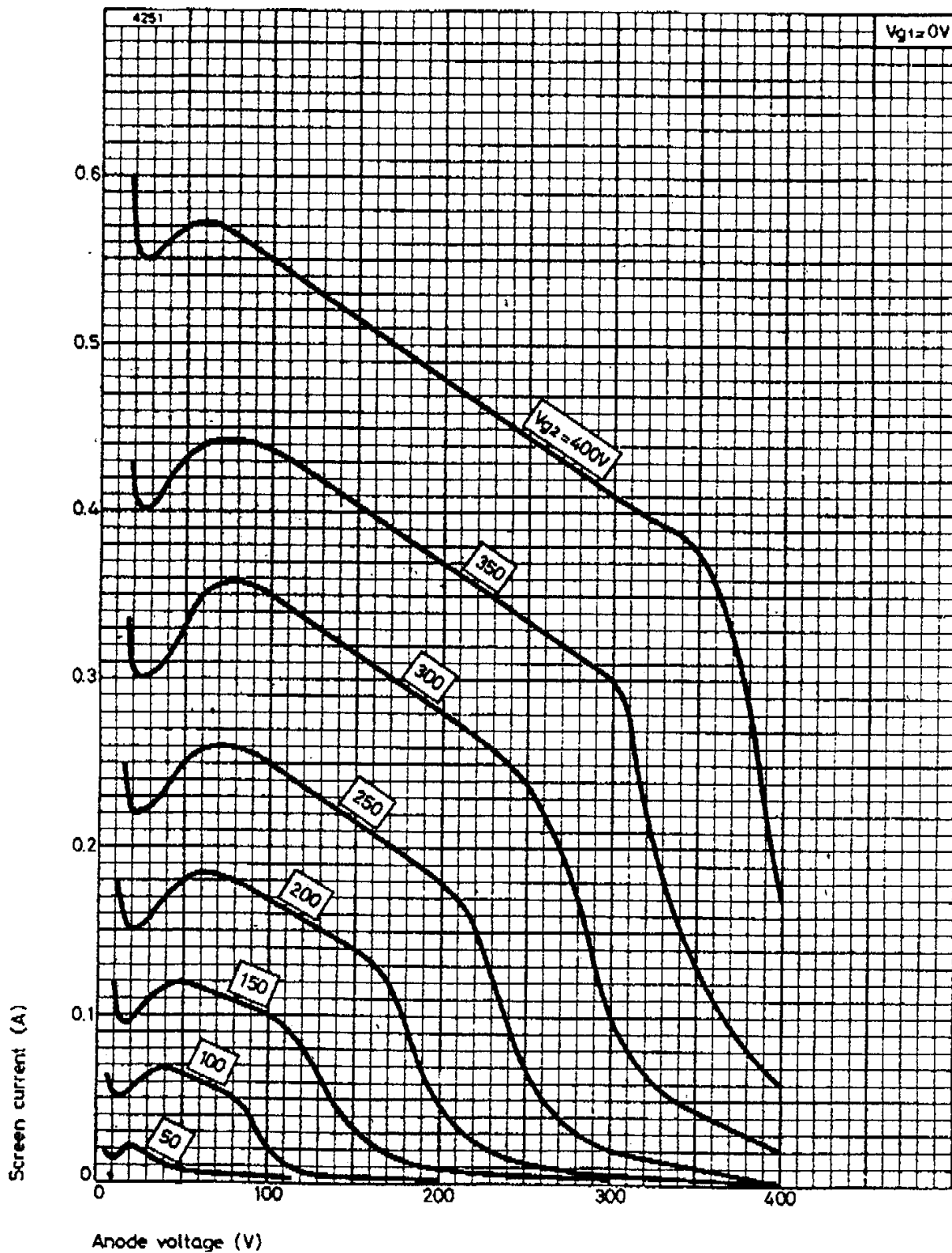




ANODE CURRENT-ANODE VOLTAGE AT  $V_{g1} = 0V$  WITH  $V_{g2}$  AS PARAMETER

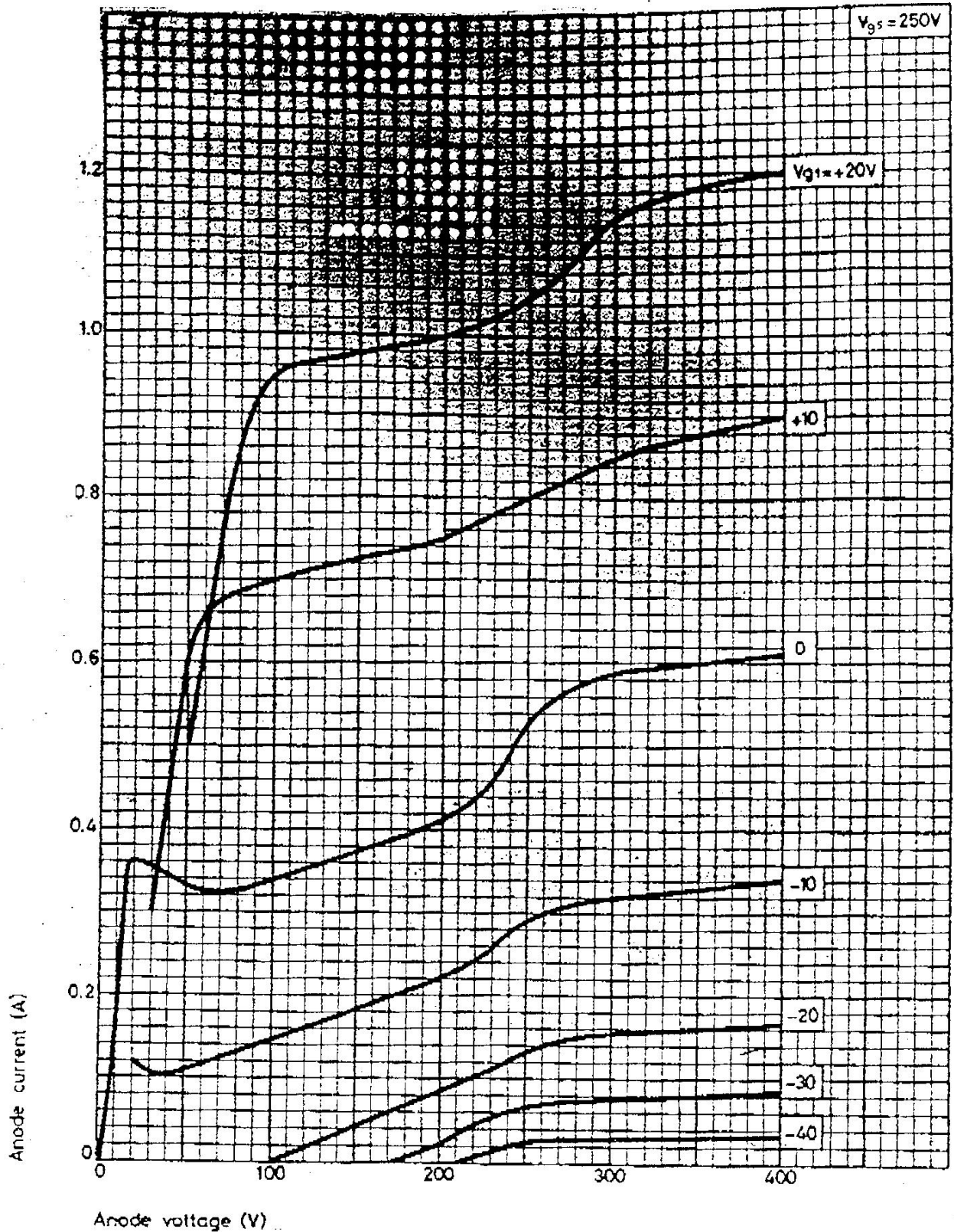


SCREEN CURRENT-ANODE VOLTAGE AT  $V_{g1} = 0V$  WITH  $V_{g2}$  AS PARAMETER



ANODE CURRENT - ANODE VOLTAGE AT  $V_{g2} = 250$  V WITH  $V_{g1}$

AS PARAMETER



CONTROL GRID AND SCREEN CURRENTS—ANODE VOLTAGE AT  
 $V_{g2} = 250V$  WITH  $V_{g1}$  AS PARAMETER

