

# SUBMINIATURE ELECTROMETER PENTODE

ME1406

Low cost subminiature electrometer pentode with a grid current of  $3 \times 10^{-14}$  A ←

## FILAMENT

Suitable for d.c. operation only

|       |      |    |
|-------|------|----|
| $V_f$ | 1.25 | V  |
| $I_f$ | 8.2  | mA |

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| MOUNTING POSITION | Any |
|-------------------|-----|

## CAPACITANCES

|            |     |    |
|------------|-----|----|
| $c_{a-g1}$ | 0.2 | pF |
| $c_{in}$   | 3.0 | pF |
| $c_{out}$  | 4.0 | pF |

CHARACTERISTICS (measured at  $V_f = 1.25V$ ,  $V_a = 10V$ ,  $I_a = 5.0\mu A$ ,  $V_{g1} = -2.5V$ )

All voltages are measured with respect to the negative end of the filament

|                         | Min. | Av.                  | Max.                 |           |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| $V_{g2}$                | 5.0  | 6.5                  | 7.5                  | V         |
| $g_m$                   | 8.0  | 10.5                 | 15                   | $\mu A/V$ |
| $r_a$                   | -    | 10.5                 | -                    | $M\Omega$ |
| $\mu_{g1-a}$            | 80   | 110                  | -                    |           |
| * $I_{g1}$              | -    | $-3 \times 10^{-14}$ | $-5 \times 10^{-14}$ | A ←       |
| $I_{g2}$                | 1.5  | 2.2                  | 3.0                  | $\mu A$   |
| ** $V_{g1}$ (crossover) | -    | -1.0                 | -                    | V ←       |

\*The quoted grid current characteristics will only be obtained if the tube is operated in complete darkness.

\*\*'Crossover' is the point at which the polarity of the grid current is reversed (measured at  $V_f = 1.25V$ ,  $V_a = 10V$ ,  $V_{g2}$  = the value which gives  $I_a = 5\mu A$  when  $V_{g1} = -2.5V$ ).

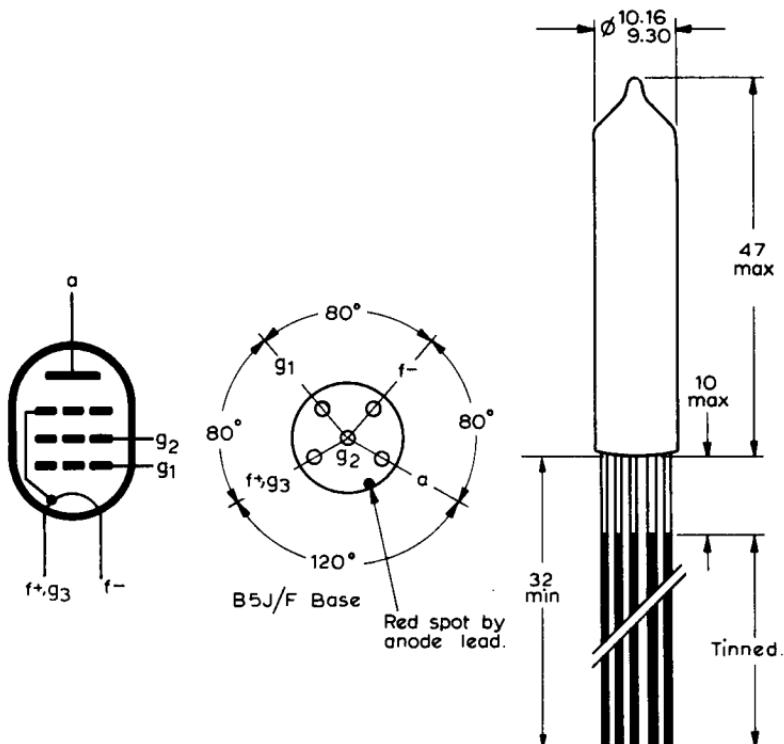
## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

|               |     |         |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| $V_a$ max.    | 45  | V       |
| $V_{g2}$ max. | 45  | V       |
| $I_k$ max.    | 180 | $\mu A$ |
| $V_f$ max.    | 1.5 | V       |
| $V_f$ min.    | 1.1 | V       |

## OPERATING NOTES

1. In order to avoid excessive drift of characteristics the filament voltage must be applied before the anode voltage.
2. To avoid contamination of the glass, the valve should not be removed from its protective envelope until it is fitted into the equipment.
3. Direct soldered connections to the leads of the valve must be at least 13mm from the seals and any bending of the leads must be at least 1.5mm from the seals.

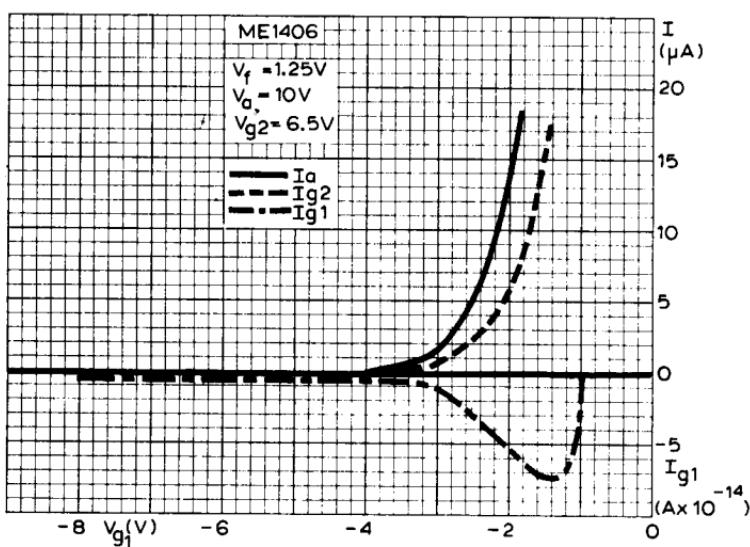
Outline drawing  
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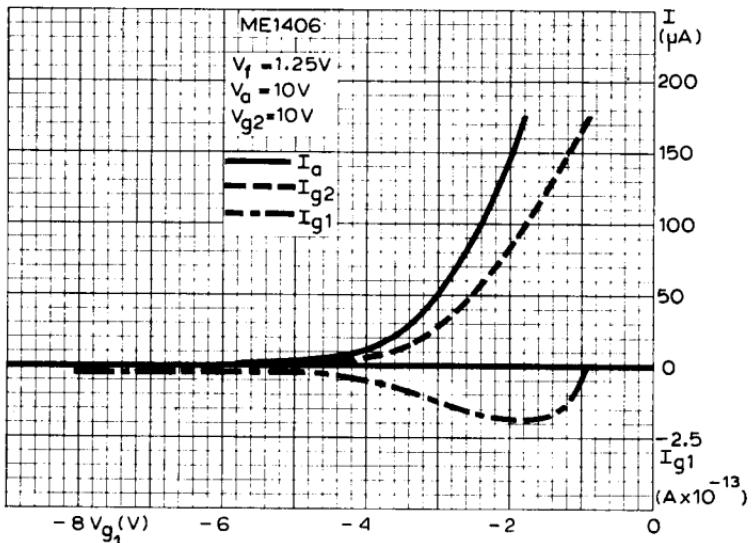
All dimensions in mm

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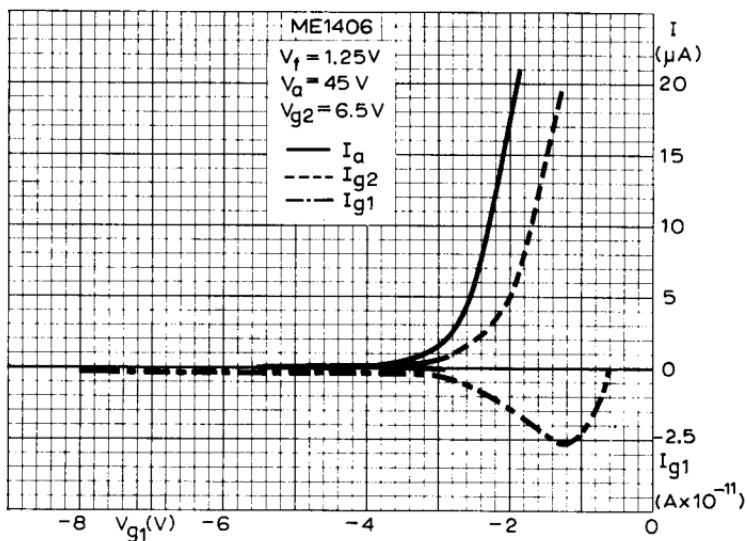
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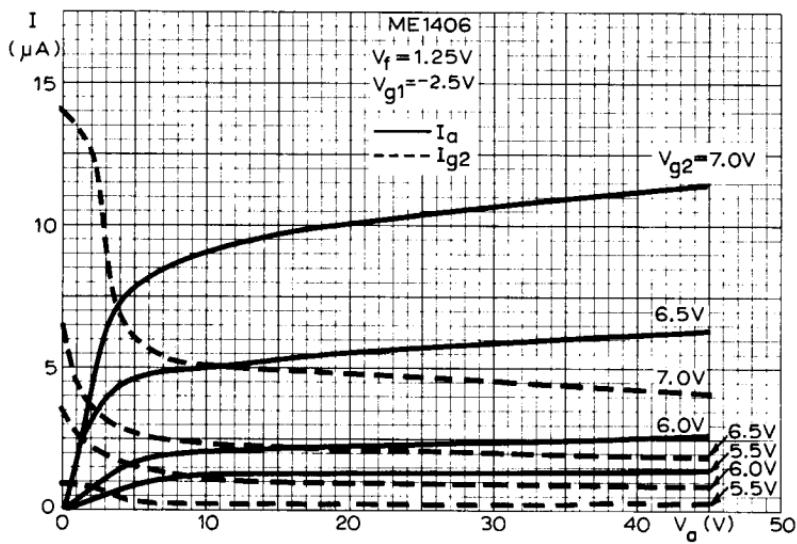
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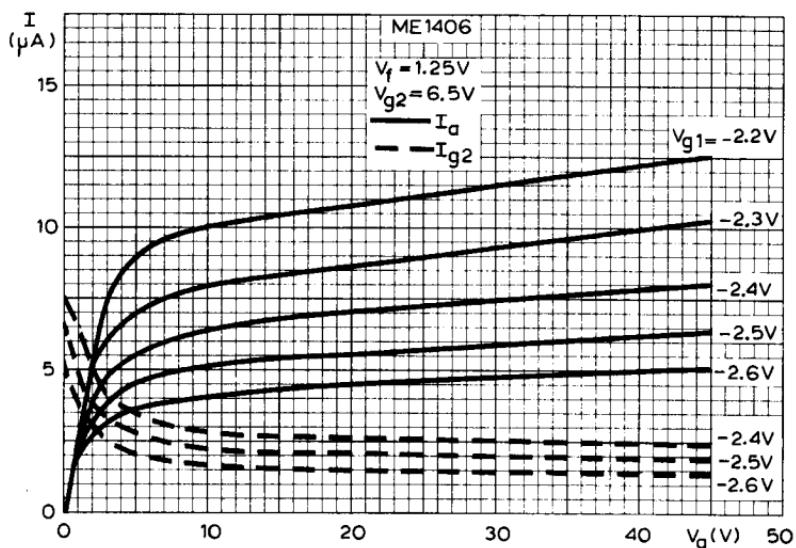
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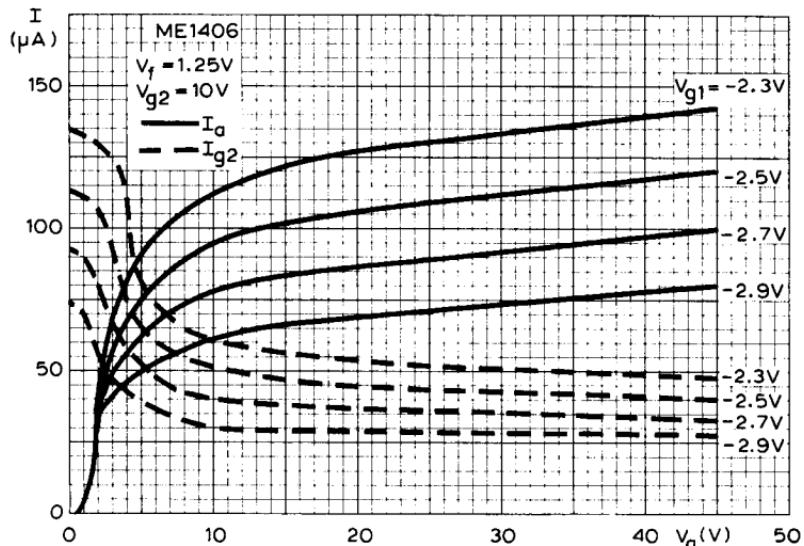
ANODE AND SCREEN-GRID CURRENT PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE  
VOLTAGE WITH SCREEN-GRID VOLTAGE AS PARAMETER

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ANODE AND SCREEN-GRID CURRENT PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE VOLTAGE WITH CONTROL-GRID VOLTAGE AS PARAMETER.  $V_{g2} = 6.5V$



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