12AE6-A

DUPLEX-DIODE TRIODE

DESCRIPTION AND RATING

The 12AE6-A is a miniature tube containing a medium-mu triode and two diodes. Intended for use as a combined AF voltage amplifier, audio detector, and AVC rectifier in automobile radio receivers, the tube is specially designed to operate with its plate voltage supplied directly from a 12-volt storage battery.

GENERAL

ELECTRICAL
Cathode—Coated Unipotential
Heater Voltage, AC or DC ...................................... 12.6* Volts
Heater Current ..................................................... 0.15 Amperes
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances†
   Grid to Plate: (Tg to Tp) .................................... 2.0 μμf
   Input: Tg to (h+k) .............................................. 1.8 μμf
   Output: Tp to (h+k) ............................................ 1.1 μμf
   Diode Plate to Diode Plate: (Dp to Dp) ..................... 0.9 μμf

MECHANICAL
Mounting Position—Any
Envelope—T-5½, Glass
Base—E7-1, Miniature Button 7-Pin

MAXIMUM RATINGS

DESIGN-CENTER VALUES
Plate Voltage .................................................. 30 Volts
DC Cathode Current ........................................ 20 Milliamperes
Heater-Cathode Voltage
   Heater Positive with Respect to Cathode .................. 30 Volts
   Heater Negative with Respect to Cathode ............... 30 Volts
Grid-Circuit Resistance ..................................... 10 Megohms
Diode Current for Continuous Operation, Each Diode ...... 1.0 Milliamperes

Design-Center ratings are limiting values of operating and environmental conditions applicable to a bogey tube of a specified type as defined by its published data, and should not be exceeded under normal conditions.

These values are chosen by the tube manufacturer to provide acceptable serviceability of the tube in average applications, taking responsibility for normal changes in operating conditions due to rated supply-voltage variation, equipment component variation, equipment control adjustment, load variation, signal variation, environmental conditions, and variations in the characteristics of all tubes.

The equipment manufacturer should design so that initially no design-center value for the intended service is exceeded with a bogey tube in equipment operating at the stated normal supply-voltage.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC
CHARACTERISTICS AND TYPICAL OPERATION

**AVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS**

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Average Diode Current, Each Diode

With 10 Volts DC Applied: 2.0 Milliamperes

* When used in automobile service from a 12-volt source, under no circumstances should the heater voltage be less than 10.0 volts or more than 15.9 volts. These extreme variations in heater voltage may be tolerated for short periods; however, operation at or near these absolute limits in heater voltage necessarily involves sacrifice in performance at low heater voltage and in life expectancy at high heater voltage. Equipment reliability can be significantly increased with improved supply-voltage regulation.

† Without external shield.

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**AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS**

![Graph showing plate characteristics](image-url)

E_t = RATED VALUE

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