



# **INSTRUCTIONS**

**for the**  
**MODEL 981**  
**TYPE 3**  
**TUBE CHECKER**



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# WESTON MODEL 981 TYPE 3 TUBE CHECKER

## DESCRIPTION

**GENERAL:** The Weston Model 981 Type 3 tube checker is a new, functional tube checker of the Proportional Mutual Conductance Type, employing filtered d-c plate, screen grid and control grid voltages. The instrument consists of a vacuum tube and a voltage regulator tester mounted as one complete assembly in a welded steel case. One of the outstanding features of this instrument is the switching system utilized in connecting the various tube elements to their proper potentials. This means connecting a screen grid through the proper resistance to a suitable supply; by testing twin section tubes having identical sections as completely separate units, etc. This is accomplished by using nine single-circuit 12 position rotary switches. Due to the number of switches and positions per switch, protection against early obsolescence is insured.

**POWER REQUIREMENTS:** 100-125 volts, 60 cycles, single phase alternating current, 30 watts.

### RANGES:

1.  $G_m$ : A basic scale of 0-3000 micromhos is provided and is multiplied by a factor given in the REMARKS column of the roll chart for determining actual tube  $G_m$ . Tubes having a  $G_m$  as high as 24,000 can be measured with the same accuracy using only one basic scale.

2. LEAKAGE RESISTANCE: 0-10 Megohms with an accuracy of  $\pm 10\%$  at 250K mark.

3. VOLTAGE REGULATOR TEST: 0-200 volts d-c with an accuracy of  $\pm 2\%$  at full scale.

**CONTROLS:** The meter mounted on the panel contains all the scales necessary to test grid tubes, VR tubes, low-power thyratrons, diodes, rectifiers and magic eye tubes. The 0-3000 micromhos is the basic  $G_m$  scale. Just below the  $G_m$  scale is the voltage regulator scale reading from 0-200 volts d-c. An ohms scale reading up to 10 megohms is also provided. Scale marks are provided to indicate the condition of diodes and rectifiers.

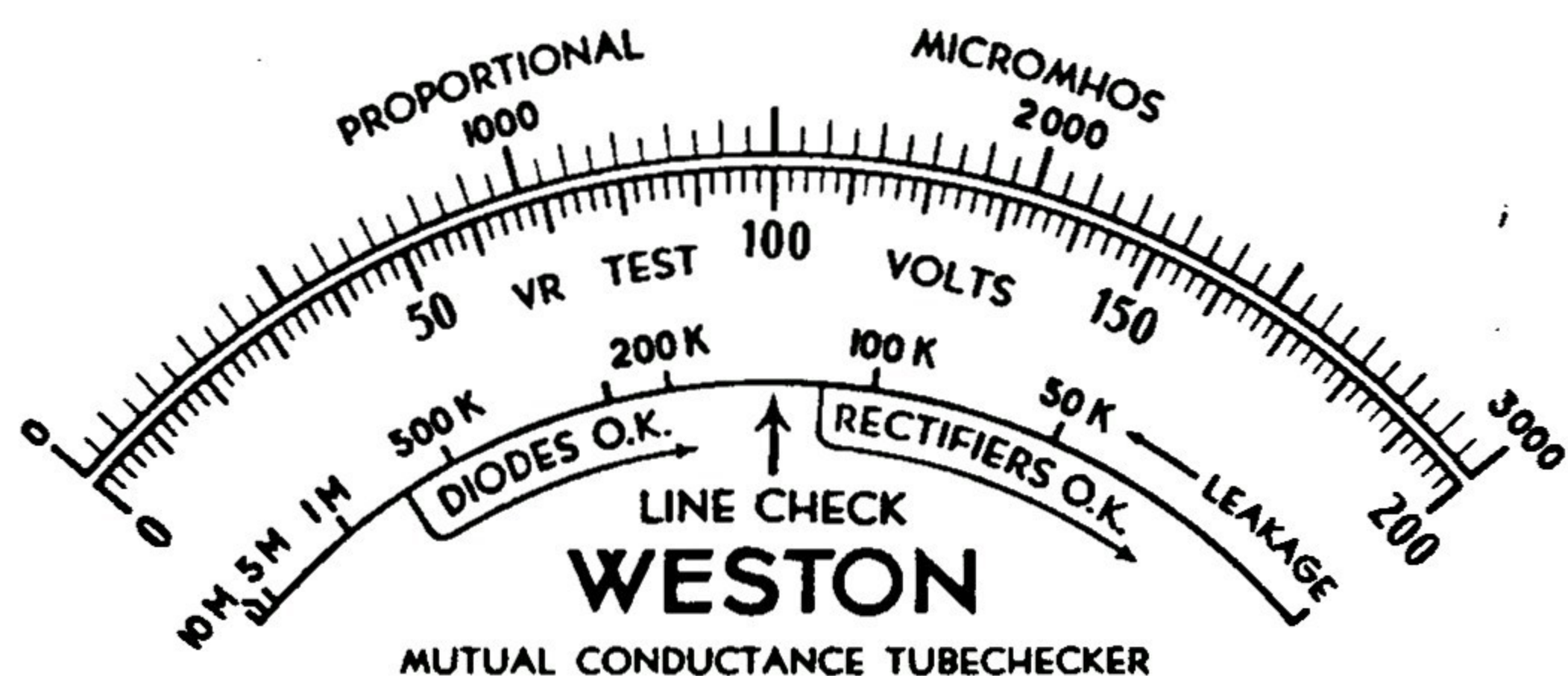


Fig. 1—Actual Size Scale—Model 981 Type 3

Near the upper left hand corner of the panel is the filament voltage switch marked FILAMENT VOLTS. On the roll chart under FIL is the correct setting of this switch for each tube type. A constant current supply of 600 milliamperes is available for the testing of series string TV tubes. This supply is connected between the 2.5 and 3.3 volt positions on the filament transformer, and is marked 0.6a. Series string tube types are listed on the roll chart with a FIL setting of 0.6a.

Directly below the filament voltage switch is the

GRID BIAS control. When testing amplifier tubes this control should be set for the correct bias as specified on the roll chart under the column marked BIAS.

To the left of the GRID BIAS control is the L-H BIAS switch which when in the up or L position selects a low range of bias voltage and a high range of bias voltage in the H position.

The nine switches marked SELECTORS directly below the meter are used to connect the various tube pins to the testing circuits. To correctly index these switches it is necessary to refer the column marked SEL on the roll chart. For example, for an 0A2 tube, the SELECTOR settings are 310KP-0000. The first 5 numbers correspond to the settings of the top row of 5 switches reading from left to right, and the last four numbers correspond to the settings of the bottom 4 switches always reading from left to right.

To the right of the SELECTOR switches is the METER SENSITIVITY control which controls the sensitivity of the meter circuit. Its proper setting for any tube type is found on the roll chart under the column marked SENS.

Just above the METER SENSITIVITY control is the SIGNAL switch. This switch is used to select the appropriate value of 5000 cycle signal voltage applied to the grid of the tube under test. Its setting is specified in the SIG column of the roll chart.

Directly below the fuse post on the left hand edge of panel is the ON-OFF toggle switch.

To the right of the ON-OFF switch is the LEAKAGE TEST which in its numbered positions disconnects all of the tube elements from the  $G_m$  test circuit and connects them into the leakage test circuit.

Directly in a line and to the right of the LEAKAGE TEST switch are three toggle switches marked  $K_1$ - $K_2$ ,  $P_1$ - $P_2$  and  $G_1$ - $G_2$ .

These switches enable the operator to check individually the other sections of twin-section tubes with only one set of SELECTOR settings. Unless otherwise specified in the REMARKS column of the roll chart, these switches must always be in the  $K_1$ ,  $P_1$  and  $G_1$  positions.

The switch located to the right of the  $G_1$ - $G_2$  toggle switch is used for selecting the appropriate value of plate voltage and is marked PLATE VOLTAGE ( $E_p$ ). This switch should be set to the position specified under the  $E_p$  column on the roll chart.

To the right of the PLATE VOLTAGE ( $E_p$ ) switch are three spring-return toggle switches in their normal up position. The switch marked LINE CHECK is used to change the meter to an a-c voltmeter and connect it in the line check circuit so that corrections can be made for variations in line voltage. This switch is used in conjunction with the LINE CONTROL potentiometer in the lower right-hand corner of the panel.

The toggle switch next to the LINE CHECK switch marked AMPL-RECT & DIODES is used for testing amplifier tubes in the up position, and rectifiers or diodes in the down position. Since this switch is of the spring-return type and is normally in the up or AMPL position, it is necessary that it be held in the down or RECT & DIODES position when testing rectifiers or diodes.



The extreme right-hand toggle switch is the Gm TEST switch normally in the off position. This switch must be held down when testing amplifier tubes. When held in the down position, the 5000 cycle test signal is applied to the grid of the tube under test.

Just above the meter is a red PLATE cap and a black GRID cap to be used when called for in the REMARKS column of the roll chart. Mounted near the acorn tube socket is a small black plate cap used for making connection to the wire plate lead of certain acorn tube types.

A complete set of data for testing tubes with the Model 981-3 is provided in the form of a roll chart mounted near the bottom edge of the panel. The roll chart is protected by a transparent cover which has two red reference lines for easy readability.

**ROLL CHART ABBREVIATIONS:**

- TYPE** —Lists the tube according to the RMA number.
- FIL** —Setting of the FILAMENT VOLTS switch.
- SIG** —Setting of the SIGNAL switch.  
*NOTE: The scale reading is not multiplied by the setting of this switch.*
- BIAS** —Setting of the GRID BIAS control and the L-H BIAS switch.  
Example: A setting of 20L means that the GRID BIAS control is set to 20 and the L-H BIAS switch is set to the "L" position.
- SEL** —Settings of each of the nine SELECTOR switches.
- SENS** —Setting of the METER SENSITIVITY control.
- Ep** —Setting of the PLATE VOLTAGE (E.) switch.
- REJ. PT.** —Value of the meter reading at which the tube being tested should be rejected.
- REMARKS**—Any pertinent information as to testing of the tube which may include any of the following abbreviations:
  - F**—Meter will indicate short when LEAKAGE TEST switch is in position 1.
  - No leak check**—Do not rotate LEAKAGE TEST switch through positions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
  - Leak on**—A short circuit will be indicated on meter for the positions of the LEAKAGE TEST switch following this abbreviation.
  - Pe**—Pentode section of tube is being tested.
  - Tr**—Triode section of tube is being tested.
  - P<sub>1</sub> & P<sub>2</sub>**—Tubes shall be tested with toggle switch marked P<sub>1</sub>-P<sub>2</sub> in both P<sub>1</sub> and P<sub>2</sub> positions.
  - G<sub>1</sub> & G<sub>2</sub>**—Tubes shall be tested with toggle switch marked G<sub>1</sub>-G<sub>2</sub> in both G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub> positions.

**K<sub>1</sub> & K<sub>2</sub>**—Tubes shall be tested with toggle switch marked K<sub>1</sub>-K<sub>2</sub> in both K<sub>1</sub> and K<sub>2</sub> positions.

*NOTE: Where the "2" position of 2 or more of the K.P. or G toggle switches is called for, it is recommended that they be pulled down simultaneously. Unless otherwise stated these toggles must be in the K<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>1</sub>, and G<sub>1</sub> positions.*

**Osc**—Oscillator section of tube is being tested.

**Whole Tube**—Specifies that all elements in tube are being tested simultaneously.

**Reg**—Shows how many volts voltage regulator tubes can vary on the "VR TEST VOLTS" scale.

**Firing Lim**—The range of voltage following this abbreviation indicates the firing limits of the tube under test.

**Plate cap**—Plate cap should be connected to tube cap.

**Grid cap**—Grid cap should be connected to tube cap.

**Thyra**—Thyratron.

**X1, X2, X3, etc.**—In the remarks column indicates the factor used to multiply the scale reading to obtain the actual G<sub>m</sub> value.

The additional abbreviations that may appear in the MULT column are:

- R**—Tube is to be tested as a rectifier.
- D**—Tube is to be tested as a diode.
- VR**—Voltage regulator tube.
- E**—Test procedure for tuning eye tubes is to be used.

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

**OPERATION:** To operate the Model 981 the following procedure should be followed:

1. Place tubechecker on a flat solid surface and plug line cord into 100-125 volt, 60 cycle a-c source.
2. Turn ON-OFF switch to the ON position.
3. With the LINE CONTROL in the mid-position the PILOT light should glow at a normal brilliance.
4. The tubechecker is now ready for operation.

**LEAKAGE TEST:** Leakage testing is controlled by the LEAKAGE TEST switch, which in its numbered positions disconnects all of the tube elements from the other testing circuits and connects them into the leakage test circuit. The meter deflection in each switch position is indicative of the resistance between the isolated element and all other elements of the tube. For this circuit the meter deflection is inversely proportional to the leakage resistance, a full-scale reading indicates zero resistance as marked on the meter scale. Resistances as high as 10 megohms can be measured. The element checked for any position of the LEAKAGE TEST switch is as shown below:



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## Leakage Test

switch position	Measures leakage between
1	Heater and Cathode
2	Suppressor grid and all other elements
3	Plate and all other elements
4	Screen grid and all other elements
5	Control grid and all other elements

A low or zero resistance indication for position 1 is normal for tubes that are of the filamentary type or have an internal heater-cathode connection.

The red line on the leakage scale is the 250,000 ohms mark and is the approximate value that causes the neon lamp to light in conventional short test circuits.

## GM TEST:

1. Refer to roll chart for data on tube to be tested.
2. Turn FIL, SIG, BIAS, SEL, SENS and Ep to given settings and insert tube into proper socket.
3. Set LEAKAGE TEST switch to position 1 and insert tube into proper socket.
4. Turn tubetester on and allow tube to warm up.
5. Pull down LINE CHECK switch and adjust meter pointer to red arrow by means of the LINE CONTROL.
6. Rotate LEAKAGE TEST switch through positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, tapping tube lightly for each position of the switch. If meter indicates less than 500K ohms the tube should be rejected. In certain critical applications, such as audio pre-amplifier stages or certain TV circuits, the heater-cathode and/or interelement leakages cannot be less than 2 megohms.

## NOTE

A leakage indication may be normal if listed in the REMARKS column. A meter indication on position 1 indicates heater-cathode leakage. Readings on position 2, 3, 4, 5 indicates suppressor grid, plate, screen grid and control grid leakages respectively.

7. With LEAKAGE TEST switch in the TUBE TEST position, depress  $G_m$  TEST switch for  $G_m$  reading. If meter indicates less than the value given in the REJ. PT. column, the tube should be rejected as bad.

## NOTE

The reject points listed on the roll chart are given in terms of the basic 0-3000 micromhos scale. If a tube reads below the reject value it should be considered faulty. However, it is possible in certain special applications that a tube must be replaced before the given reject point has been reached. Conversely, other tubes may function satisfactorily if their  $G_m$  has dropped as low as 50% of their nominal or bogie values. In accordance with RTMA standards, 65% of a tubes nominal  $G_m$  has been established as the rejection point. The multiplying factor in the REMARKS column is used only to obtain the actual  $G_m$ , and is accomplished by multiplying the reading on the 0-3000 micromhos scale by the multiplying factor. This factor is not used with the reject point.

## DIODE & RECTIFIER TUBES:

1. Refer to roll chart for data on tube to be tested.
2. Turn FIL, SEL, SENS and Ep to given settings. (The SIG and BIAS settings have no effect when testing rectifiers or diodes).
3. Set LEAKAGE TEST switch to position 1 and insert tube into proper socket.
4. Turn tubetester on and allow tube to warm up.
5. Pull down LINE CHECK switch and adjust meter pointer to red arrow by means of the LINE CONTROL.
6. Rotate LEAKAGE TEST switch through positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, tapping tube lightly for each position of the switch. If meter indicates less than 500K ohms the tube should be rejected. In certain critical applications, the heater-cathode and/or interelement leakages cannot be less than 2 megohms.
7. With LEAKAGE TEST switch in the TUBE TEST position, depress the AMPL.-RECT & DIODES switch to the RECT & DIODES position.

## NOTE

If a D appears in the SIG column of the tube data, the meter must read above the DIODES OK mark. If an R appears in the SIG column of the tube data, the meter must read above the RECTIFIERS OK mark.

## VOLTAGE REGULATOR (VR) TUBES:

1. Refer to roll chart for data on tube to be tested.
2. Set FIL, SEL and Ep to given settings. The VR in the SIG column indicates that the procedure for testing Voltage Regulator tubes is to be used.
3. Turn LINE CONTROL fully counterclockwise and insert tube in socket.
4. Turn tubetester on but do not make a line check.
5. Turn LINE CONTROL slowly clockwise, observing the point on the 200 volt test scale at which the tube fires. When the tube has fired the pointer will fall back to a lower value of voltage. The value of voltage at which the pointer falls down-scale should be within the firing limits as specified on the roll chart. If the glow is not steady, and the meter pointer is not steady, the LINE CONTROL should be increased just enough so that both are steady. Observe this reading.

6. Leaving the LINE CONTROL set as is, vary the FILAMENT VOLTS switch through the positions stated and again observe the meter reading. This new reading should not vary more than the value of "V Reg" as stated in the REMARKS column.

## PRECAUTIONS IN TESTING VOLTAGE REGULATOR (VR) TUBES:

1. Do not insert tube in socket until all controls to be used have been properly set.
2. Do not make a leakage test.
3. Do not change any of the SELECTORS while tube is in socket.
4. Do not rotate LINE CONTROL after tube has properly fired.



**NOTE**

Failure to heed above comments may result in a test that is meaningless.

**LOW-POWER THYRATRON TUBES:**

1. Refer to roll chart for data on tube to be tested.
2. Adjust FIL, BIAS, SEL, SENS, and  $E_p$  to proper settings.
3. Rotate GRID BIAS control to 45 and insert tube into proper socket.
4. Turn tubetester on and make line check.
5. Depress AMPL.-RECT & DIODE switch to RECT & DIODE position.
6. Slowly rotate the GRID BIAS control down to zero observing the value of GRID BIAS setting at which the meter suddenly deflects up-scale. This is a test of the tubes control grid characteristic and the value of GRID BIAS setting should fall between the limits given on the REMARKS column. For example, a tube having "Fire 10-0 bias" in the REMARKS column should fire for a value of bias between 10 and 0.
7. With the AMPL.-RECT & DIODES switch in the RECT & DIODE position, the meter pointer must fall in the RECTIFIERS OK position of the scale to be considered good.

**MAGIC EYE TUBES:**

1. Refer to roll chart for data on tube to be tested.
2. Adjust FIL, BIAS, SEL and  $E_p$  to proper settings.
3. Make leakage test.
4. Vary GRID BIAS control and observe if shadow on the magic eye changes.

**THEORY OF OPERATION**

**Gm TESTS:** Of the many measurable characteristics of vacuum tubes, mutual conductance is the one most closely associated with actual operating performance. This is the method used for testing grid tubes in the Weston Model 981-3 tubetester. This test is performed in the following manner:

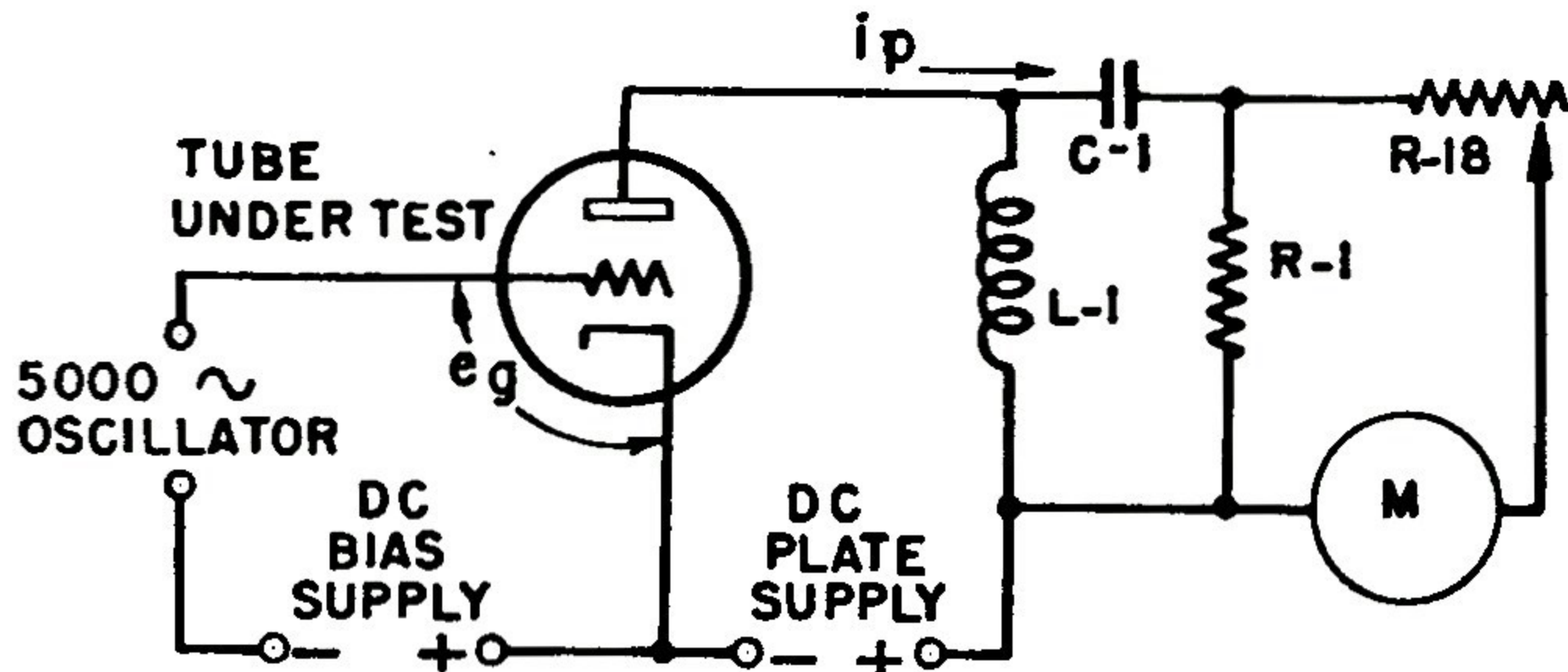


Fig. 2—Basic Gm Test Circuit

All element voltages on the tube being tested are filtered d-c potentials which gives a more accurate and indicative test. The plate circuit consists of the variable d-c plate supply and a high-pass filter consisting of L-1, C-1 and R-1 which is connected to the meter circuit consisting of R-18 and the meter M. This filter passes only the 5000 cycle component of plate current and blocks the d-c plate current and any 60 cycle ripple that may be present.

The grid circuit consists of the variable d-c bias supply and a 5000 cycle oscillator. When a signal

voltage  $e_g$  is impressed on the grid of the tube under test, a signal current  $i_p$  is produced in the plate circuit which produces a meter reading proportional to the value of grid signal and  $g_m$  of the tube. For a given signal  $e_g$ , the meter can then be calibrated to read in terms of  $g_m$  using the following relationship.

$$i_p = e_g \times g_m$$

where  $g_m$  is the Mutual Conductance, then;

$$g_m = \frac{i_p}{e_g}$$

therefore, if the grid signal  $e_g$  is 1 volt and the plate current  $i_p$  is 3 milliamperes, a full scale deflection on the meter corresponds to 3000 micromhos.

$$g_m = \frac{0.003}{1} = 0.003 \text{ mhos}$$

Since 1 mho = 1,000,000 micromhos, then 0.003 mhos =  $0.003 \times 1,000,000 = 3000$  micromhos.

The term proportional mutual conductance is derived from the fact that proportional values of element voltages are applied to the tube under test.

It would be impractical to design a truly portable tubetester to supply the high currents and voltages necessary to give a reading of true  $g_m$ .

**DIODE & RECTIFIER TESTS:** The useful life of a diode or rectifier type tube ends when its ability to emit electrons falls below some given level, the exact value of which may differ for each type. The basic used is shown below:

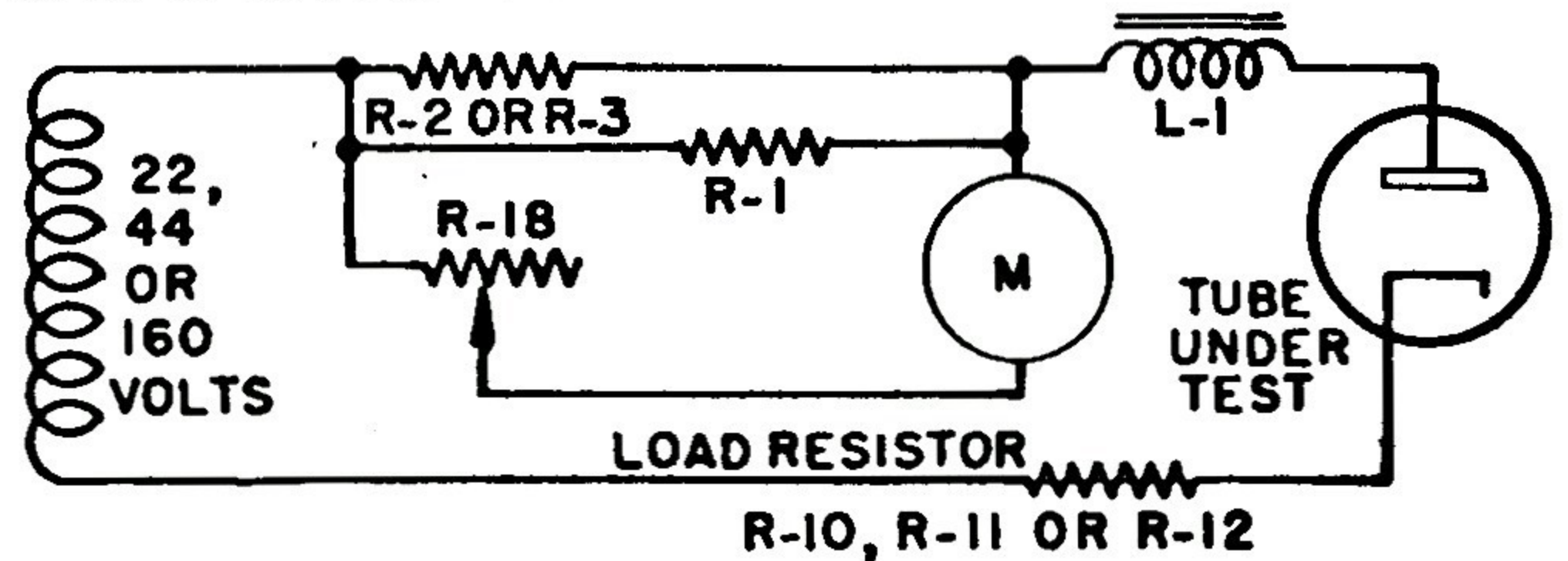


Fig. 3—Diode & Rectifier Test Circuit

A milliammeter is connected in series with the tube under test to measure the tube current and is protected by the meter measuring network. For a given tube type, a suitable plate voltage and load resistor is chosen and applied to the tube under test. Each rectifier and diode type is rated in terms of emissive capacity and must read above the appropriate scale marking to be considered good.

**VOLTAGE REGULATOR (VR) TESTS:** The testing of voltage regulator tubes is accomplished through the use of a separate variable d-c power supply contained in the Model 981-3.

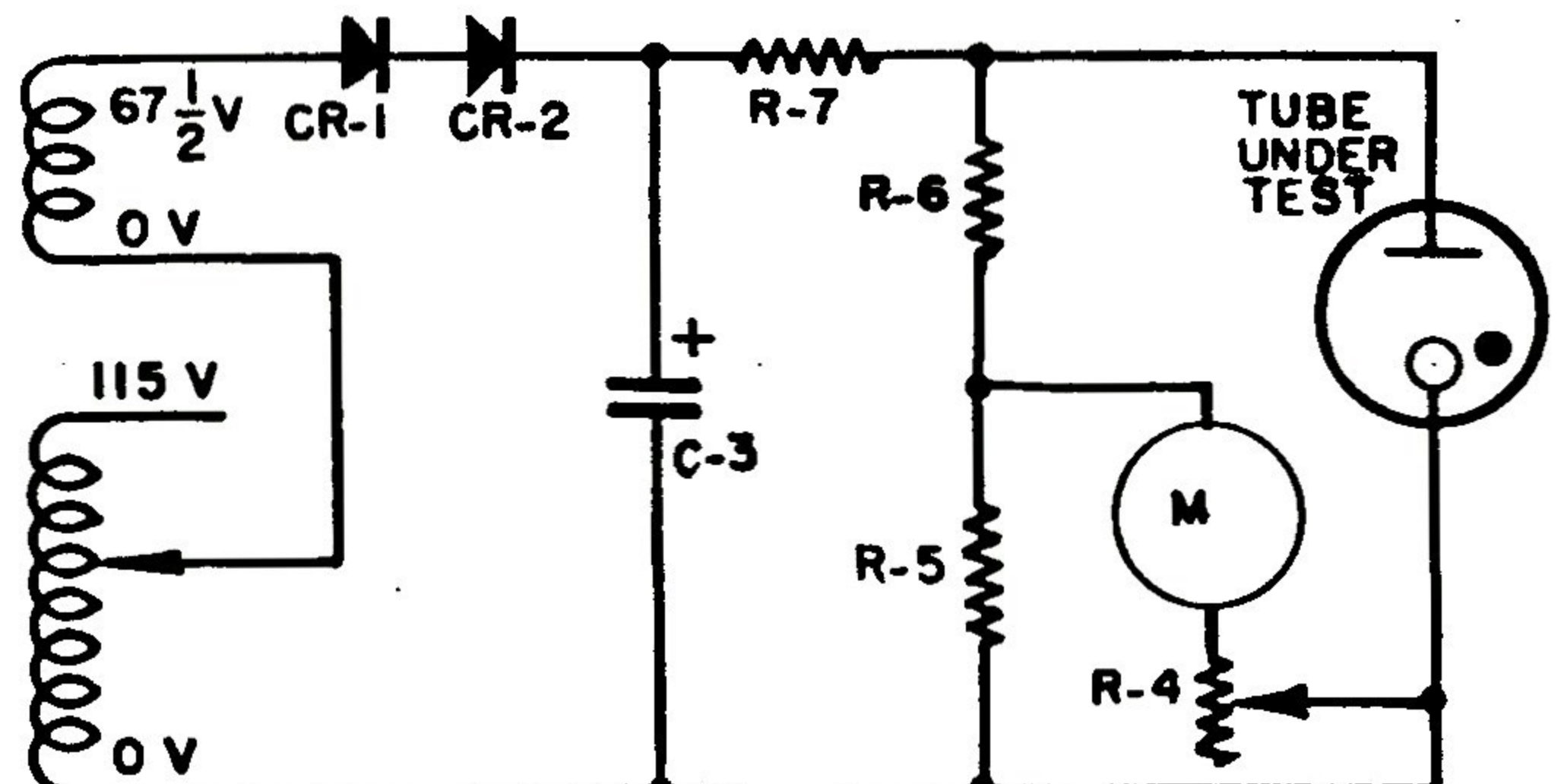


Fig. 4—Voltage Regulator Test Circuit



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A variable d-c supply voltage is obtained through the use of a fixed and a tapped a-c source, two selenium rectifiers CR-1 and CR-2 and a charging capacitor C-3. D-C potentials are applied to the voltage regulator tube under test through a current limiting resistor R-7 which also serves as the regulating resistor. A voltmeter circuit consisting of R-4, R-5, R-6 and the meter M indicates the firing voltage as the applied potential is increased over the range in which the tube should fire. The point at which the tube fires is indicated by a sudden downward deflection of the meter pointer. This occurs because it is the property of a voltage regulator tube to maintain a voltage across its elements in the order of five to ten volts below its firing potential.

After a VR tube has fired, its value as a regulator can be determined by increasing the applied voltage between the limits specified on the roll chart. Between these limits a variation from the regulating point will be an indication of the tube's regulating capacity. If, for example, a tube fires at 110 volts, let us assume that it will maintain a regulating potential of approximately 105 volts, with the following in the REMARKS column: "4.0V Reg, Fil 5 to 70V". Therefore, when the FILAMENT VOLTS switch is rotated from 5 to 70, the meter which now acts as a voltmeter across the VR Tube, should not vary more than 4 volts. If the variation is more, then the VR tube should be considered as faulty and should be replaced.

**LOW POWER THYRATRON TESTS:** Low Power Thyatron Tubes are tested in the Model 981-3 for both their grid characteristics and their conduction capabilities. The tube to be tested is connected in the test circuit as shown below:

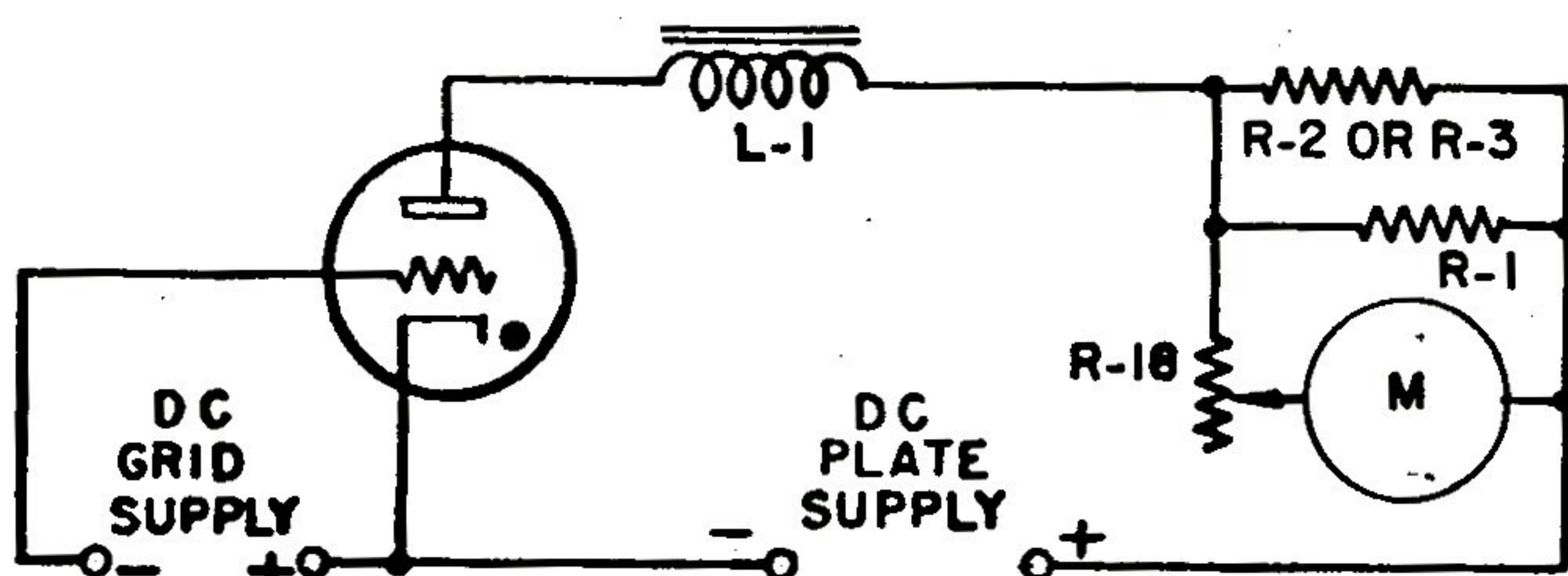


Fig. 5—Thyatron Test Circuit

In this test the tubetester meter is connected in the plate circuit as a milliammeter. The tube is held to

cut-off by means of a high bias applied to the tube. When the bias is decreased so that the grid becomes less negative with respect to the cathode, a point will be reached when the tube will suddenly conduct and give an indication on the meter. The value of GRID BIAS setting at which this occurs should fall within the limits as specified in the REMARKS column of the roll chart. For example, a tube having "Thyra; Fire 15-0 bias" in the REMARKS column should fire between a GRID BIAS setting of 15 and 0.

After the tube has fired the pointer should fall within the specified portion of the scale to be considered good.

**LEAKAGE TEST:** The leakage tests are performed at a d-c potential of 125 volts. For each numbered position of the LEAKAGE TEST switch, a specific tube element is isolated and connected into a series ohmmeter circuit consisting of the isolated element, the 125 volt d-c potential, a current limiting resistor, a milliammeter, and all other elements of the tube.

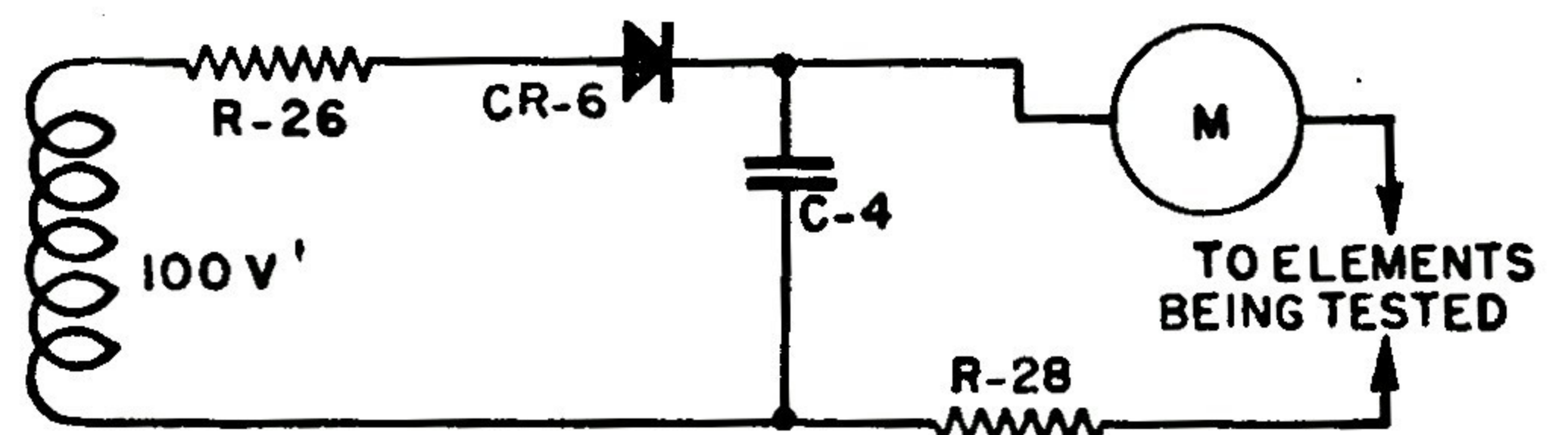


Fig. 6—Leakage Test Circuit

The d-c supply is composed of R-26, CR-6, and C-4. Resistor R-28 is a current limiting resistor which also determines the center scale value of the ohmmeter.

## MAINTENANCE

**FUSE:** One standard 3AG 2 amp fuse is used in the fuse port located above the ON-OFF switch.

**LAMPS:** One #47 bayonet type pilot bulb is used in the PILOT lamp circuit.

**TUBE:** A type 3A4 miniature tube is used in the 5000 cycle oscillator. If no meter reading is obtained after several amplifier tubes known to be good have been tested; the 3A4 should be replaced.

This can be done by removing the 8 screws from around the edge of the panel, which can then be lifted out of the case.

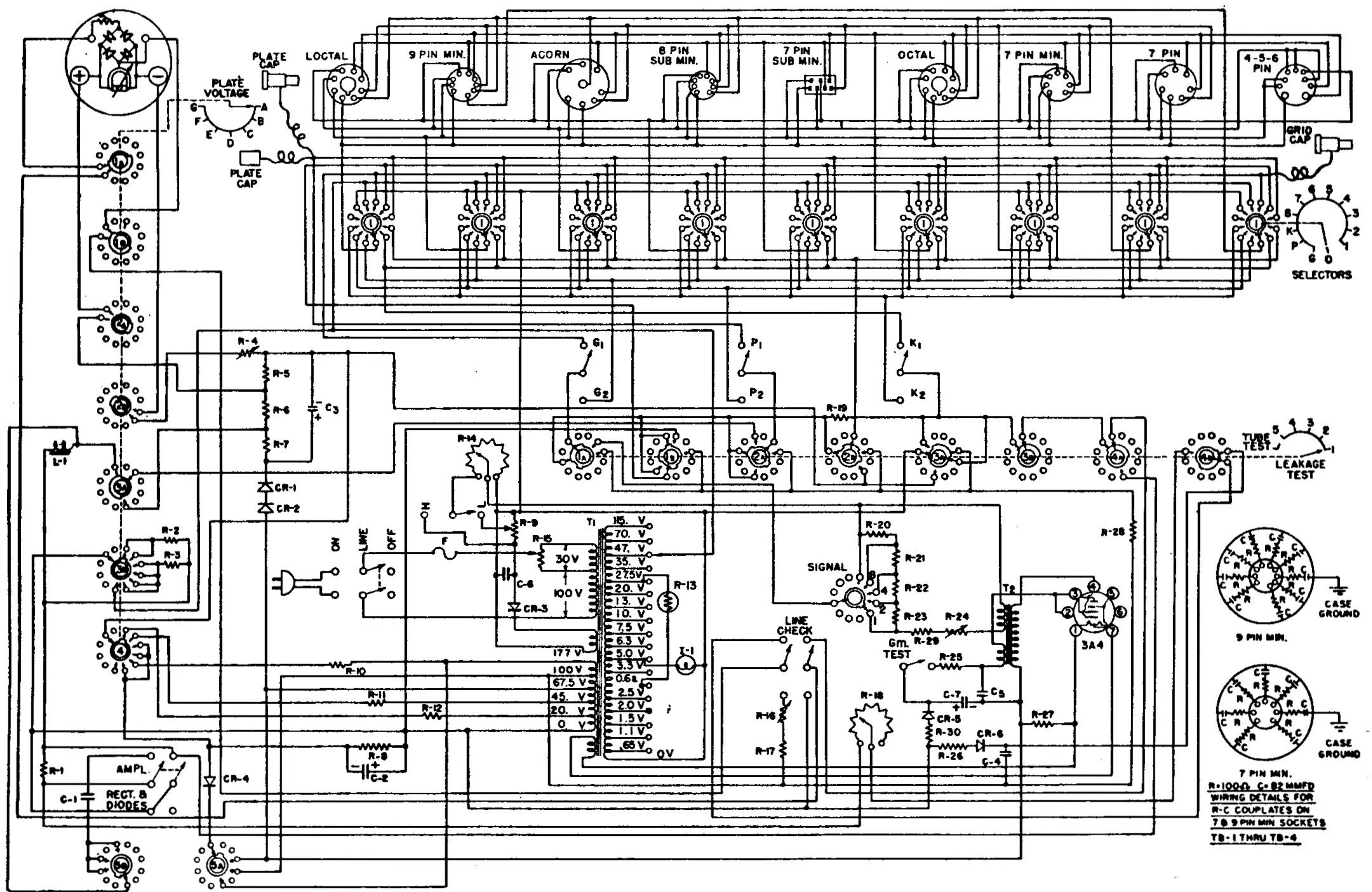
## PARTS LIST FOR MODEL 981 — TYPE 3

DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
C1—0.1 mfd—400 v.....	ND-27310	R2—620 Ω ± 5% ½ watt.....	ND-24216
C2—20 mfd—250 v.....	ND-27944	R3—100 Ω ± 1% ½ watt.....	ND-27294
C3—10 mfd—450 v.....	ND-27309	R4—100 Ω Rheostat.....	ND-27306
C4—0.5 mfd—400 v.....	ND-27311	R5—1.25 k Ω ± 1% ½ watt.....	ND-27299
C5—.02 mfd—400 v.....	ND-27312	R6—200 k Ω ± 1% 1 watt.....	ND-27304
C6—25 mfd—25 v.....	ND-27709	R7—2 k Ω ± 10% 10 watt.....	ND-22116
C7—Same as C2		R8—47 k Ω ± 10% 1 watt.....	ND-27727
C8—Same as C4		R9—10 k Ω Potentiometer.....	ND-27940
F1—3AG—2 amp.....	ND-19566	R10—Same as R7	
L1—Inductor.....	D-118875	R11—2 k Ω ± 5% 1 watt.....	ND-27314
I1—#47 Pilot Lamp.....	ND-20566	R12—4.3 k Ω ± 5% 1 watt.....	ND-24217
R1—3 k Ω ± 1% ½ watt.....	ND-27300	R13—Amperite ballast.....	ND-28431



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DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
R14—7.5 k $\Omega$ Potentiometer.....	D-135905	R29—7.5 k $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27331
R15—350 $\Omega$ Potentiometer.....	D-135906	R30—47 $\Omega \pm 10\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27615
R16—15 k $\Omega$ Rheostat.....	ND-27308	T1—Power Transformer.....	D-146886
R17—185 k $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27303	T2—Reactor.....	D-146877
R18—Same as R14		CR1—Selenium Rect. 65 ma.....	ND-34719
R19—2.7 k $\Omega \pm 10\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-21056	CR2—Same as CR1	
R20—250 $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27295	CR3—GE-IN91 Rect. ....	ND-27844
R21—Same as R20		CR4—GE-IN158 Rect. ....	ND-27941
R22—500 $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27297	CR5—Selenium Rect. ....	ND-26778
R23—1 k $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27298	CR6—Same as CR5	
R24—4 k $\Omega$ Rheostat.....	D-153014	TB1—Couplate, RC.....	D-158501
R25—10 k $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27301	TB2—Same as TB1	
R26—1.8 k $\Omega \pm 10\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-21091	TB3—Same as TB1	
R27—3 k $\Omega \pm 5\%$ 1 watt.....	ND-23670	TB4—Same as TB1	
R28—127 k $\Omega \pm 1\%$ 1/2 watt.....	ND-27302		



Schematic Wiring Diagram — Model 981 Type 3



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TUBE TYPE	FIL	MULT	BIAS	SELECTORS	SENS	Ep	REJ. PT.	REMARKS
01A	5	2	22H	63500-7000.....	42	D	520	F.
1A4	2	1	30L	63400-7000.....	39	C	490	Grid cap; F.
1A5	1.5	2	40L	06345-0700.....	43	C	550	F.
1A6	2	1	30L	73454-6000.....	36	C	350	Grid cap; F; whole tube.
1AB5	1.1	1	17L	63400-5700.....	29	D	880	F.
1B4	2	2	30L	63400-7000.....	40	C	420	F.
1B5/25S	2	2	30L	73005-6000.....	46	D	370	F.
	2	D	—	703P0-6000.....	45	A	—	F.
1B7	1.5	2	10L	07345-4600.....	42	C	1000	Grid cap; F; whole tube.
1C6	2	1	20L	73454-6000.....	37	C	750	F; whole tube.
1C7	2	1	10L	07345-4600.....	38	C	750	Grid cap; F; whole tube.
1D5	2	1	31L	26340-0700.....	25	C	490	Grid cap; F.
1D7	2	1	15H	07345-4600.....	39	C	650	Grid cap; F; whole tube.
1E4	1.5	2	31L	06305-0700.....	38	C	490	F.
1E5	2	2	31L	06340-0700.....	40	D	420	Grid cap; F.
1E7	2	4	45L	06355-3740.....	42	D	930	F; X2.
1F4	2	2	15H	63504-7000.....	42	D	1100	F.
1F6	2	2	20L	63400-7000.....	43	C	420	F.
	2	D	—	6003P-7000.....	48	A	—	F; P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
1F7	2	2	20L	06300-4700.....	43	C	420	F.
	2	D	—	0603P-0700.....	48	A	—	F; P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> .
1G4	1.5	2	15H	07305-0600.....	42	C	540	F.
1G5	2	2	34H	06345-0700.....	42	D	1000	F.
1H6	2	1	30L	07300-5600.....	35	D	370	F.
	2	D	—	0703P-0600.....	48	A	—	F.
1J5	2	2	41H	06345-0700.....	43	D	620	F.
1J6	2	2	0	0735G-P600.....	43	D	850	F; P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub>
1N6	1.5	2	43L	26345-0700.....	43	C	520	F.
	1.5	D	—	06000-3700.....	48	A	—	F.
1P5	1.5	2	0	26340-0700.....	41	C	500	Grid cap; F.
1SA6	1.5	2	0	06250-4730.....	40	C	630	F.
1SB6	1.5	2	0	06340-0750.....	41	C	440	F.
	1.5	D	—	06003-0700.....	48	A	—	F.
2A6	2.5	1	19L	73001-6000.....	38	F	720	Grid cap.
	2.5	D	—	703P1-6000.....	48	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
2A7	2.5	1	27L	73445-1600.....	30	C	750	Grid cap; whole tube.
2B7	2.5	2	30L	73400-1600.....	44	D	730	Grid cap.
	2.5	D	—	7003P-1600.....	46	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
5X3	5	R	—	73P00-6000.....	24	E	—	F; P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6A4	6.3	1	30H	73504-6000.....	33	D	1430	F.
6AD5	6.3	1	19L	07305-0610.....	42	F	1050	
6AD6	6.3	E	H	27553-0610.....	—	E	—	Bias must vary shadow.
6AE5	6.3	1	38H	27305-0610.....	42	C	780	
6AE6	6.3	2	15L	073P5-0610.....	44	F	650	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6AF5	6.3	1	38H	07305-0610.....	46	D	980	
6AK7	6.3	8	30L	271G1-4630.....	36	D	1190	G <sub>1</sub> & G <sub>2</sub> ; X6.
6B5	6.3	2	0	73451-6000.....	35	F	780	X2.
6B6	6.3	1	20L	07300-0610.....	39	F	720	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	0703P-0610.....	45	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6B7	6.3	2	30L	73400-1600.....	44	D	730	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	7003P-1600.....	46	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6C6	6.3	1	30L	73421-6000.....	38	C	800	Grid cap.
6C7	6.3	2	23H	73000-1600.....	46	F	810	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	7003P-1600.....	48	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6D7	6.3	1	30L	73420-1600.....	39	C	800	Grid cap.
6D8	6.3	2	20L	07345-4610.....	39	C	750	Grid cap; whole tube.
6E6	6.3	1	46H	7351G-P600.....	47	D	1100	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub>
6F5	6.3	1	20L	27030-0610.....	37	F	980	Grid cap.
6H4	6.3	D	—	07030-0610.....	39	A	—	
6K5	6.3	1	30L	27300-0610.....	40	F	910	Grid cap.
6N6	6.3	2	0	07345-0610.....	35	F	780	X2.
6P7	6.3	1	30L	27634-0010.....	32	C	720	Grid cap; Pe.
	6.3	1	30L	27600-3510.....	36	C	330	Cap off; Tr.
6Q5	6.3	R	—	27305-0610.....	26	E	—	Thyra; Five 35-5 bias.



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TUBE TYPE	FIL	MULT	BIAS	SELECTORS	SENS	Ep	REJ. PT.	REMARKS
6Q6	6.3	1	30L	07300-0610.....	45	F	680	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	07003-0610.....	48	A	—	
6R7	6.3	2	23H	27300-0610.....	46	F	1240	Grid cap.
6SZ7	6.3	1	30L	25100-3760.....	41	F	780	
	6.3	D	—	2013P-0760.....	48	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6T5	6.3	E	H	75531-6000.....	—	E	—	Bias must vary shadow.
6T7	6.3	1	31L	27300-0610.....	39	F	680	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	2703P-0610.....	48	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6V5	6.3	4	30H	00345-0670.....	44	F	1220	X2.
6V7	6.3	1	45H	27300-0610.....	31	F	710	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	2703P-0610.....	48	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6W5	6.3	R	—	0730P-0610.....	25	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6W7	6.3	1	31L	07342-0610.....	38	C	700	Grid cap.
6Y5	6.3	R	—	7231P-6000.....	25	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6Y7	6.3	4	0	0735G-P610.....	44	F	980	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub> ; X2.
6Z5	6.3	R	—	7631P-6000.....	24	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
6Z7	6.3	4	0	0735G-P610.....	45	D	810	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub> ; X2.
10	7.5	2	43H	73500-6000.....	35	F	1050	F.
12A	5	2	24H	73500-6000.....	44	D	1100	F.
12A5	6.3	4	46H	63451-7600.....	46	D	780	X2.
12A7	13	2	31H	73400-1600.....	43	D	630	Grid cap.
	13	D	—	70013-0600.....	36	A	—	
12B7	13	2	29L	73421-5160.....	44	C	1350	
12B8	13	2	28L	17340-0600.....	42	C	1170	Grid cap; Pe.
	13	4	0	07003-1650.....	43	C	780	Cap. off; Tr; X2.
12E5	13	2	29H	27305-0610.....	43	F	950	
12F5	13	1	20L	27030-0610.....	37	F	980	Grid cap.
12L8	13	2	20H	51GP4-7630.....	43	D	910	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub> ; X3.
12SX7	13	4	20H	531GP-K760.....	45	F	850	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> K <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> ; X2.
12Z3	13	R	—	73100-6000.....	25	E	—	
19	2	2	0	735GP-6000.....	43	D	880	F; P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub>
22	3.3	1	15L	73400-6000.....	46	C	350	F; Grid cap.
24A	2.5	1	30L	73401-6000.....	43	C	700	Grid cap.
25A6	27.5	2	43H	27345-0610.....	41	C	770	
25A7	27.5	2	37H	07345-0610.....	45	C	1170	
	27.5	R	—	17000-3600.....	25	E	—	
25B5	27.5	4	0	73451-6000.....	45	C	750	X2.
25B6	27.5	4	49H	27345-0610.....	37	D	1080	X3.
25B8	27.5	2	30L	17340-0600.....	44	C	1300	Grid cap; Pe.
	27.5	2	10L	07003-1650.....	47	C	980	Cap off; Tr.
25N6	27.5	4	0	07345-0610.....	44	C	750	X2.
25X6	27.5	R	—	2731P-06K0.....	26	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> K <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> .
25Y5	27.5	R	—	731KP-6000.....	26	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> K <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub>
25Z4	27.5	R	—	07003-0610.....	24	E	—	
26	1.5	2	23H	73500-6000.....	44	D	750	F.
27	2.5	2	40H	73501-6000.....	42	F	650	
28Z5	6.3	R	—	70300-P160.....	27	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
30	2	2	23H	73500-6000.....	44	D	580	F.
31	2	2	35H	73500-6000.....	45	D	650	F.
32	2	2	15L	73400-6000.....	48	C	450	F; Grid cap.
33	2	2	32H	63504-7000.....	44	D	1100	F.
34	2	2	15L	63400-7000.....	42	C	—	F; Grid cap.
35/51	2.5	1	30L	73401-6000.....	44	C	670	Grid cap.
35Z6	35	R	—	0731P-06K0.....	23	E	—	P <sub>1</sub> K <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> .
36	6.3	1	30L	73401-6000.....	42	C	700	Grid cap.
37	6.3	2	35H	73501-6000.....	42	F	710	
38	6.3	2	45H	73401-6000.....	42	F	800	Grid cap.
39/44	6.3	2	30L	73401-6000.....	45	C	700	Grid cap.
40	5	1	30L	73500-6000.....	42	D	400	F; X 1/2.
43	27.5	4	40H	73451-6000.....	42	D	770	X 1/2.
45	2.5	2	49H	73500-6000.....	37	F	770	F; X2.
47	2.5	1	41H	73504-6000.....	41	D	820	F; X2.
48	27.5	2	40H	73451-6000.....	35	C	1230	X2.
49	2	2	40H	73504-6000.....	42	D	750	F.



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TUBE TYPE	FIL	MULT	BIAS	SELECTORS	SENS	Ep	REJ. PT.	REMARKS
50	7.5	1	40H	73500-6000.....	38	D	1250	F.
53	2.5	2	13H	7351G-P600.....	44	F	1050	P <sub>1</sub> G <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub>
55	2.5	2	30L	73001-6000.....	38	F	710	Grid cap.
	2.5	D	—	703P1-6000.....	45	A	—	P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub>
56	2.5	2	27H	73501-6000.....	38	F	950	
57	2.5	2	30L	73421-6000.....	44	D	800	Grid cap.
58	2.5	2	30L	73421-6000.....	45	C	1050	Grid cap.
59	2.5	2	40H	73452-1600.....	45	F	800	X2.
70A7	70	4	18H	07345-0610.....	39	C	1250	X3.
	70	R	—	10000-3700.....	33	A	—	Leak on 1 & 3.
71A	5	1	49H	73500-6000.....	35	D	1100	F.
75	6.3	1	20L	73001-6000.....	37	F	720	Grid cap.
	6.3	D	—	703P1-6000.....	48	A	—	
76	6.3	2	33H	73501-6000.....	47	F	950	
77	6.3	2	28L	73421-6000.....	38	D	750	Grid cap.
78	6.3	2	28L	73421-6000.....	42	D	1100	Grid cap.
79	6.3	2	20L	7351P-6000.....	37	F	820	Grid cap; P <sub>1</sub> & P <sub>2</sub> ; X2.
85	6.3	2	30L	73001-6000.....	38	F	710	Grid cap.
89	6.3	2	40H	73421-6000.....	42	F	1150	Grid cap.
950	2	2	41H	63504-7000.....	43	D	620	F.
FM1000	6.3	4	29L	75134-5160.....	43	D	650	
1221	6.3	1	25L	5731G-KP60.....	39	C	970	K <sub>1</sub> P <sub>1</sub> & K <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub>
1223	6.3	1	30L	07342-0610.....	38	C	800	Grid cap.
1284	13	2	29L	73420-5160.....	44	C	1350	
1293	1.5	2	0	63000-5070.....	43	C	840	F.



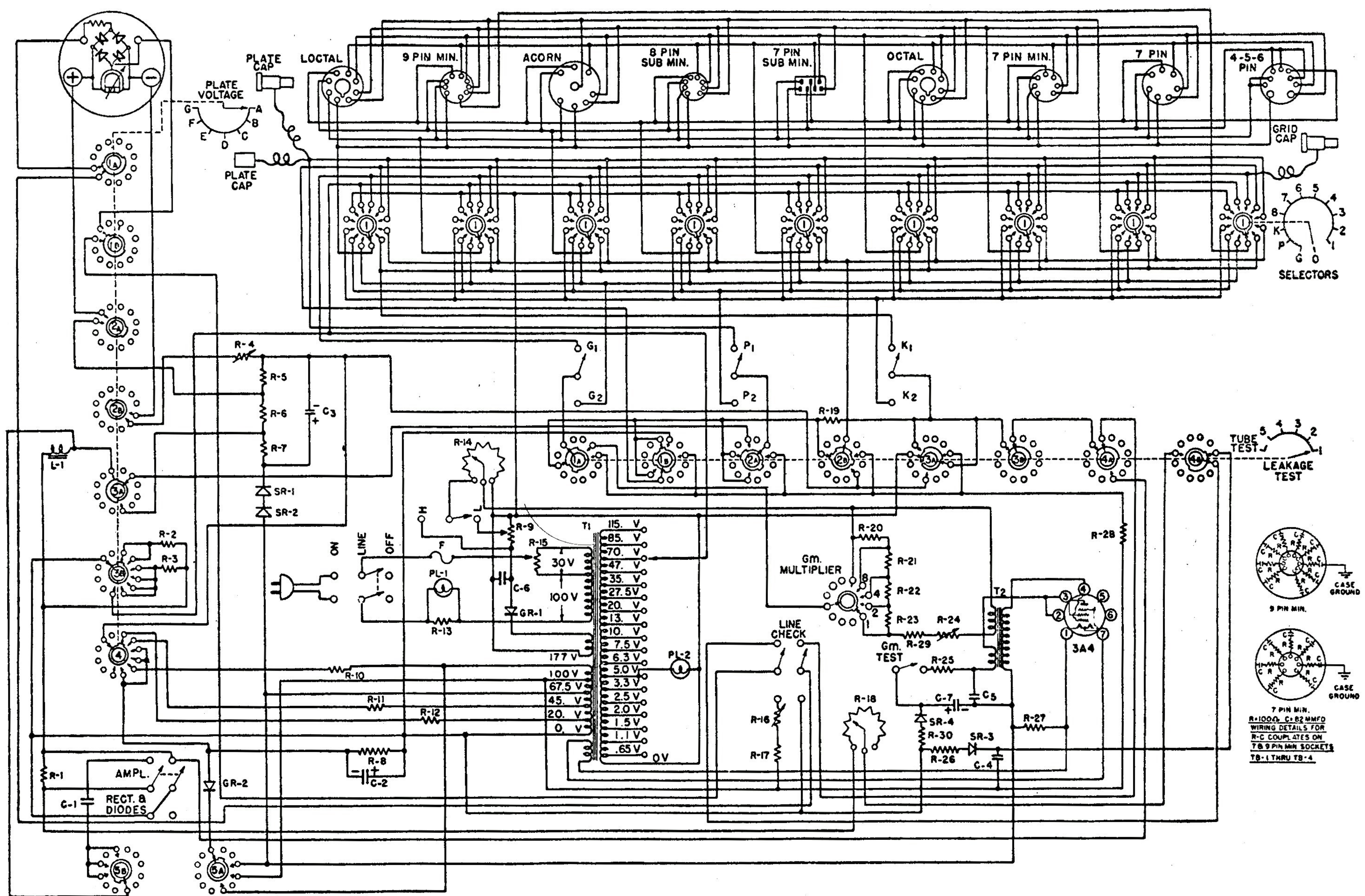
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Tube Type	Fil.	Sig.	Bias	Selectors	Sens.	Ep	Rej. Pt.	Remarks
3DT6	.6a	4	13L	51763-4200	46	C	520	Pe.;X1
5CG8	.6a	2	20L	00076-3415	35	D	1490	Pe.;X2
	.6a	4	11L	53176-0000	39	C	1250	TR.;X3
5CZ5	.6a	2	29H	40576-5103	17	F	1040	Pe.;X3
6AS6	6.3	2	23L	51763-4200	28	D	1040	Pe.;X2;Whole Tube
6AU8	.6a	4	20L	KGP76-1543	29	D	1130	Pe.;X4
	.6a	4	12L	KGP76-1543	36	D	1060	Tr.;X3
6AW8/A	.6a	4	24L	15376-0000	45	F	1300	Tr.;X2
	.6a	4	28L	00076-1543	30	D	1460	Pe.;X4
6BA8/A	.6a	4	18L	00076-1543	23	D	1170	Pe.;X5
6BA8/A	.6a	2	22H	15376-0000	23	F	870	Tr.;X2
6BE6	6.3	4	0L	51763-3000	44	C	1570	Whole Tube; X3
6BG6	6.3	4	35H	07105-0640	43	F	1300	Plate Cap; X3
6BK7/A	6.3	4	17L	PGK76-3510	36	D	1510	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X4
6BQ5/ EL84	6.3	4	20H	05176-0304	30	F	1460	Pe.;X5
6BQ7/A	6.3	4	19L	PGK76-3510	41	D	1380	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X3
6BN6	6.3	1	21L	15764-2300	42	C	840	Whole Tube; X1
6BW4	6.3	R	---	P0076-0301	30	E	----	P1 & P2
6BY8	.6a	4	12L	52076-0341	43	C	1260	Pe.;X2
	.6a	D	---	00176-3000	37	A	----	Diode
6CA7/ EL34	6.3	4	31H	27345-0610	33	F	1430	Pe.;X5
6CG8	6.3	2	20L	00076-3415	35	D	1490	Pe.;X2
	6.3	4	11L	53176-0000	39	C	1250	Tr.;X3
6CQ8	6.3	4	15L	P5476-31KG	39	D	1250	Tetrode;X3
	6.3	4	13L	P5476-31KG	36	D	1300	K2 P2 G2; Tr.;X4
6CS7	.6a	2	20H	POG76-351K	44	F	1430	K1 P1 G1; TR-1; X1
	.6a	2	23H	POG76-351K	32	F	1460	K2 P2 G2; TR-2; X2
6CU5	6.3	4	15H	1576G-4300	33	C	1210	Pe; G1 & G2; X4
6CY5	6.3	4	15L	51763-4K00	34	C	1300	K1 & K2; X4
6CZ5	6.3	2	29H	40576-5103	17	F	1040	Pe.;X3
6DQ5	6.3	4	48H	5714G-K640	33	D	1360	Plate Cap: K1 & K2;G1 & G2; X5
6DQ6/A	6.3	4	45H	07045-0610	42	D	1300	Plate Cap; X3



Tube Type	Fil.	Sig.	Bias	Selectors	Sens.	Ep	Hej. Pt.	Remarks
6DT6	6.3	4	13L	51763-4200	46	C	520	Pe.; X1
6J5	6.3	2	18H	27305-0610	28	F	840	Tr.; X2
6L6/ GB/GA	6.3	4	35H	07345-0610	44	F	1300	Pe.; X3
6SN7/GT	6.3	2	18H	GRK53-1760	28	F	840	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X2
6SN7/GTB	.6a	2	18H	GPK53-1760	28	F	840	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X2
6U8/A	6.3	4	15L	05476-3100	41	D	1125	Pe.; X3
	6.3	4	10L	30076-0015	35	D	1380	Tr.; X4
12AD7	6.3	2	18L	PGK77-3516	46	F	1040	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X2
12AT7	6.3	4	16L	PGK77-3516	37	F	1190	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X3
12AV7	6.3	4	12L	PGK66-3517	35	D	1380	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X4
12BE6	13	4	0L	51763-3000	44	C	1570	Whole Tube; X3
12BN6	13	1	21L	15764-2300	42	C	840	Whole Tube; X1
12BW4	13	R	---	P0076-0201	30	E	----	P1 & P2
12BY7/A	.6a	8	20L	15277-6342	42	D	1430	Pe.; X5
12D4	.6a	D	---	00103-0760	47	A	----	Diode
12DQ6/A	.6a	4	45H	07045-0610	42	D	1300	Plate Cap; X3
12J5	13	2	18H	27305-0610	28	F	840	Tr.; X2
12SN7	13	2	18H	GPK53-1760	28	F	840	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X2
25DQ6/A	27.5	4	45H	07045-0610	42	D	1300	Plate Cap; X3
5725	6.3	2	23L	51763-4200	28	D	1040	Pe.; Whole Tube; X2
5784	6.3	4	15L	34762-1500	44	C	850	Whole Tube X2
5963	6.3	4	12L	PGK77-3516	45	C	1040	K1 P1 G1 & K2 P2 G2; X2
5964	6.3	4	10L	P3765G100	30	C	970	P1 G1 & P2 G2; X4
5998	6.3	4	25H	GPK53-1760	40	C	975	P1 G1 K1 & P2 G2 K2; X10
6197	6.3	8	29L	15476-3100	30	D	710	Pe.; X10





Schematic Wiring Diagram — Model 981 Type 3









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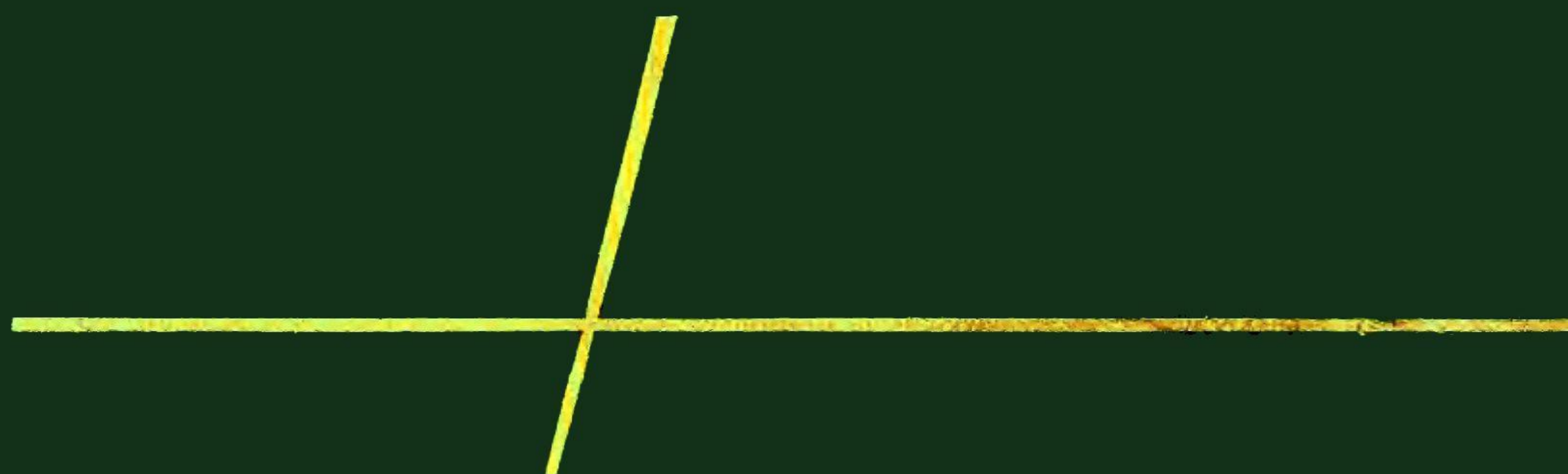
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