out encountering any difficulties due to coupling through the power unit. When decoupling filters are not used, not more than two stages should be operated from a single power-supply unit.

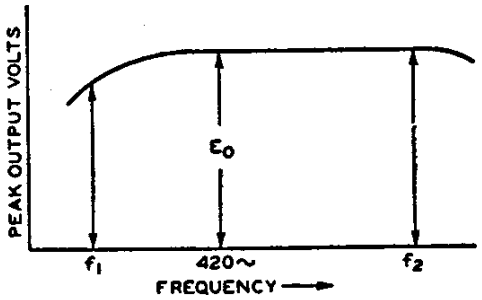
Symbols Used in Resistance-Coupled Amplifier Charts

C = Blocking Capacitor (μF).
C_k = Cathode Bypass Capacitor (μF).
C_{g2} = Screen-Grid Bypass Capacitor (μf).
E_{bb} = Plate-Supply Voltage (volts). Voltage at plate equals plate-supply voltage minus drop in R_p and R_k.
R_k = Cathode Resistor (ohms).
R_{g2} = Screen-Grid Resistor (megohms).
R_g = Grid Resistor (megohms) for following stage.
R_p = Plate Resistor (megohms).
V.G. = Voltage Gain.
E_o = Output Voltage (peak volts). This voltage is obtained across R_g (for following stage) at any frequency within the flat region of the output vs. frequency curve, and is for the condition where the signal level is adequate to swing the grid of the resistance-coupled amplifier tube to the point where its grid starts to draw current.

Note: The listed values for E_o are the peak output voltages available when the grid is driven from a low-impedance source. The listed values for the cathode resistors are optimum for any signal source. With a high-impedance source, protection against severe distortion and loss of gain due to input loading may be obtained by the use of a coupling capacitor connected directly to the input grid and a high-value resistor connected between the grid and ground.

General Circuit Considerations

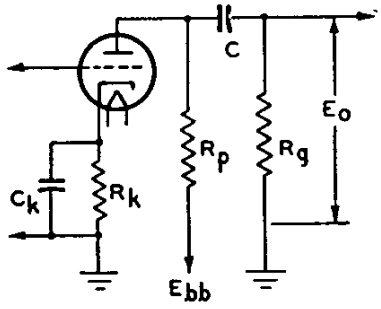
In the discussions which follow, the frequency (f_2) is that value at which the high-frequency response begins to fall off. The frequency (f_1) is that value at which the low-frequency response drops below a satisfactory value, as discussed below. A variation of 10 per cent in values of resistors and capacitors has only slight effect on performance. One-half-watt resistors are usually suitable for R_{g2}, R_g, R_p, and R_k resistors. Capacitors C and C_{g2} should have a working voltage equal to or greater than E_{bb}. Capacitor C_k may have a low working voltage in the order of 10 to 25 volts.



Triode Amplifier

Heater-Cathode Type

Capacitors C and C_k have been chosen to give an output voltage equal to 0.8 E_o for a frequency (f_1) of 100 Hz. For any other value of f_1, multiply values of C and C_k by $100/f_1$. In the case of capacitor C_k, the values shown in the charts are for an amplifier with dc heater excitation; when ac is used, depending on the character of the associated circuit, the gain, and the value of f_1, it may be necessary to increase the value of C_k to minimize hum disturbances. It may be desirable to operate the heater at a positive voltage of from 15 to 40 volts with respect to the cathode. The voltage output at f_1 of "n" like stages equals $(0.8)^n \times E_o$, where E_o is the peak output voltage of final stage. For an amplifier of typical construction, the value of f_2 is well above the audio-frequency range for any value of R_p.



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