

GEC

KT88

BEAM TETRODE

BRIEF DATA

The KT88 has an absolute maximum anode dissipation rating of 42W and is designed for use in the output stage of an a.f. amplifier. Two valves in Class AB1 give a continuous output of up to 100W. The KT88 is also suitable for use as a series valve in a stabilised power supply.

The KT88 is a commercial version of the CV5220 and is similar to the 6550.

HEATER

V_h	6.3	V
I_h (approx)	1.6	A

MAXIMUM RATINGS

	Absolute	Design Maximum	
V_a	800	800	V
V_{g2}	600	600	V
$V_{a,g2}$	600	600	V
$-V_{g1}$	200	200	V
P_a	42	35	W
P_{g2}	8	6	W
P_{a+g2}	46	40	W
J_k	230	230	mA
V_{h-k}	250	200	V
T_{bulb}	250	250	°C
R_{g1-k} (cathode bias)			
$P_{a+g2} \leq 35W$	470		$k\Omega$
$P_{a+g2} > 35W$	270		$k\Omega$
R_{g1-k} (fixed bias)			
$P_{a+g2} \leq 35W$	220		$k\Omega$
$P_{a+g2} > 35W$	100		$k\Omega$

CAPACITANCES (Measured on a cold unscreened valve)

Triode Connection

$C_{g1-a,g2}$	7.9	pF
$C_{g1-all\ less\ a,g2}$	9.3	pF
$C_{a,g2-all\ less\ g1}$	17	pF

Tetrode Connection

C_{g1-a}	1.2	pF
$C_{g1-all\ less\ a}$	16	pF
$C_{a-all\ less\ g1}$	12	pF

CHARACTERISTICS

Tetrode Connected

V_a	250	V
V_{g2}	250	V
I_a	140	mA
I_{g2} (approx)	3	mA
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	15	V
g_m	11.5	mA/V
r_a	12	kΩ
μ_{g1-g2}	8	

Triode Connected

$V_{a,g2}$	250	V
I_{a+g2}	143	mA
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	15	V
g_m	12	mA/V
r_a	670	Ω
μ	8	

TYPICAL OPERATION

Push-Pull. Class AB1. Cathode Bias. Tetrode Connection

$V_{a(b)}$	560	V
$V_{a(o)}$	521	V
V_{g2}	300	V
$I_{a(o)}$	2 × 64	mA
I_a (max sig)	2 × 73	mA
$I_{g2(o)}$	2 × 1.7	mA
I_{g2} (max sig)	2 × 9	mA
$R_L(a-a)$	9	kΩ
* R_k	2 × 460	Ω
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	30	V
P_{out}	50	W
D_{tot}	3	%
†I.M.	11	%
$P_{a(o)}$	2 × 33	W
$P_{a(max\ sig)}$	2 × 12	W
$P_{g2(o)}$	2 × 0.5	W
P_{g2} (max sig)	2 × 2.7	W
$V_{(g1-g1)(ac)}$ crest	60	V

*It is essential to use two separate cathode bias resistors.

†Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

Push-Pull, Class AB1, Fixed Bias, Tetrode Connection

*It is essential to provide two separately adjustable bias voltage sources, having a voltage adjustment range of $\pm 25\%$.

[†]Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

Push-Pull. Class AB1. Cathode Bias. Ultra-Linear Connection (40% Tapping Points)

$V_{a,g2(b)}$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500	375	V
$V_{a,g2(o)}$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	436	328	V
$I_{a+g2(o)}$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 x 87	2 x 87	mA
I_{a+g2} (max sig)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 x 99	2 x 96	mA
$R_L(a-a)$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	5	kΩ
$*R_k$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 x 600	2 x 400	Ω
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52	35	V
P_{out}	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	30	W
D_{tot}	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.5	1	%
#I.M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	3	%
$P_{a+g2(o)}$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 x 38	2 x 28.5	W
P_{a+g2} (max sig)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 x 17	2 x 16	W
$V_{(g1-g1)(ac)}$ crest	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	104	71	V
Z_{out}	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.8	4.5	kΩ

*It is essential to use two separate cathode bias resistors.

[#]Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

**Push-Pull. Class AB1. Fixed Bias. Ultra-Linear Connection.
(40% Tapping Points)**

$V_{a,g2(b)}$	560	460	V
$V_{a,g2(o)}$	553	453	V
$I_{a+g2(o)}$	2 x 50	2 x 50	mA
I_{a+g2} (max sig)	2 x 157	2 x 140	mA
$R_L(a-a)$	4.5	4	kΩ
* $-V_{g1}$ (approx)	75	59	V
P_{out}	100	70	W
D_{tot}	2	2	%
†I.M.	11	10	%
$P_{a+g2(o)}$	2 x 27.5	2 x 22.5	W
P_{a+g2} (max sig)	2 x 33	2 x 27	W
$V_{(g1-g1)(ac)}$ crest	140	114	V
Z_{out}	7	6.5	kΩ

*It is essential to provide two separately adjustable bias voltage sources, having a voltage adjustment range of ±25%.

†Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

Push-Pull. Class AB1. Cathode Bias. Triode Connection

$V_{a,g2(b)}$	400	485	V
$V_{a,g2(o)}$	349	422	V
$I_{a+g2(o)}$	2 x 76	2 x 94	mA
I_{a+g2} (max sig)	2 x 80	2 x 101	mA
$R_L(a-a)$	4	4	kΩ
$-V_{g1}$ (approx)	40	50	V
P_{out}	17	31	W
D_{tot}	1.5	1.5	%
*I.M.	5.6	5.6	%
$P_{a+g2(o)}$	2 x 26.5	2 x 40	W
P_{a+g2} (max sig)	2 x 19	2 x 27	W
R_k	2 x 525	2 x 525	Ω
$V_{(g1-g1)(ac)}$ crest	78	114	V
Z_{out}	2	1.9	kΩ

*Intermodulation distortion; measured using two input signals at 50 and 6000Hz (ratio of amplitudes 4:1).

INSTALLATION

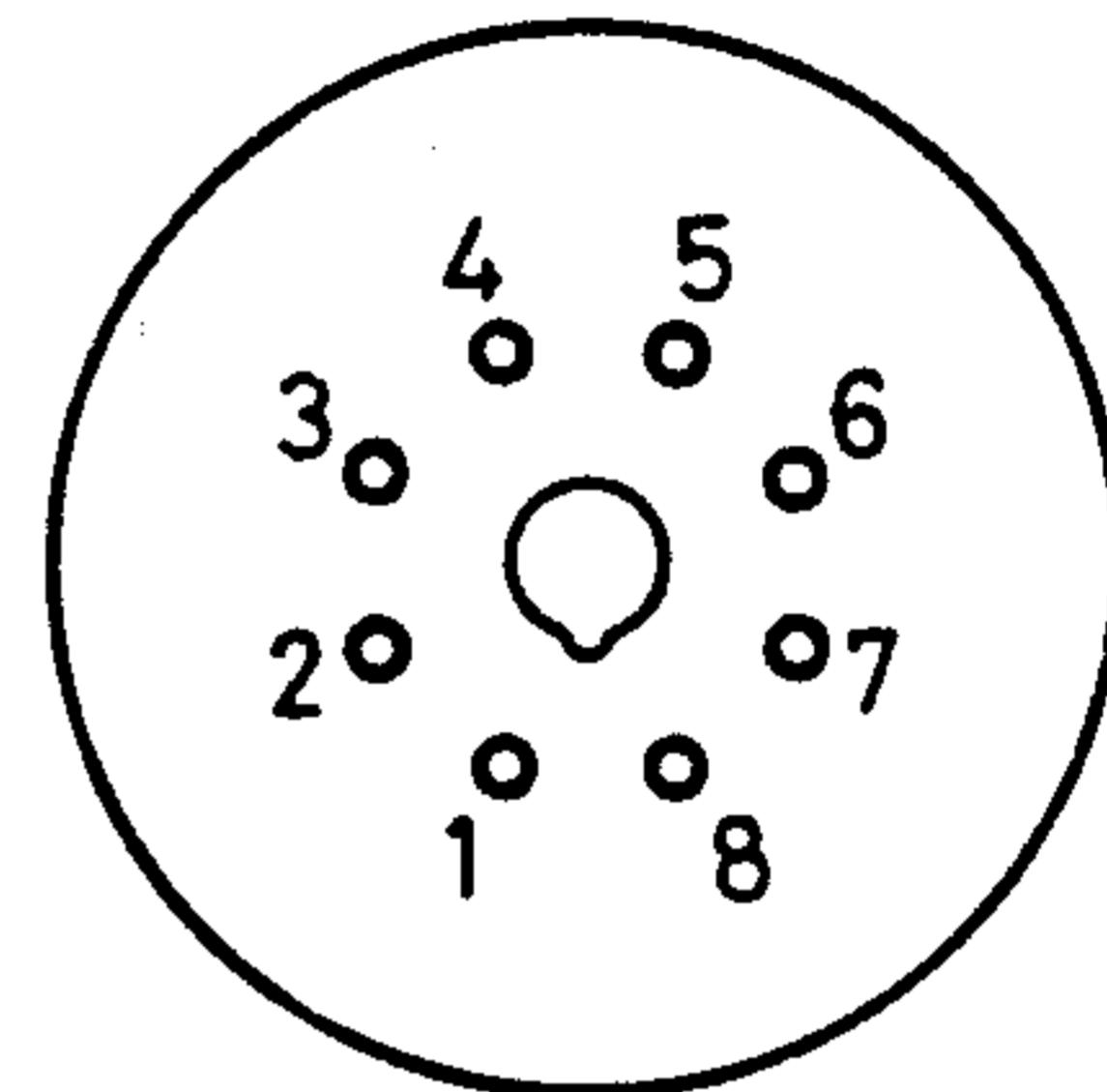
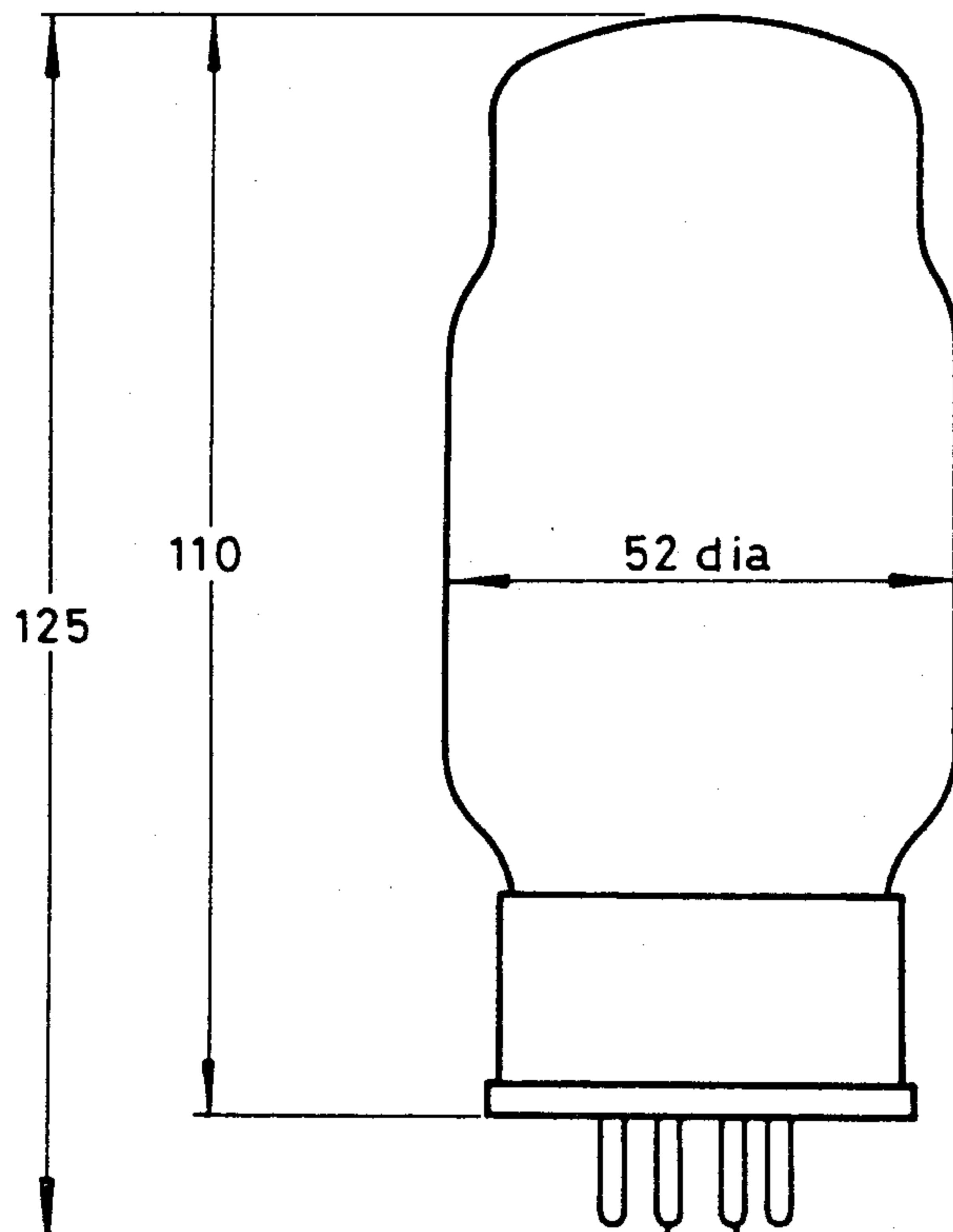
The tube may be mounted either vertically or horizontally.

When tubes are mounted vertically it is recommended that the centres of the tube sockets are not less than 4in. apart and that pins 4 and 8 of each tube are in line.

When tubes are mounted horizontally it is recommended that the centres of the tube sockets are not less than 4in. apart and that pins 4 and 8 of each tube are in the same vertical line. One tube should not be mounted directly above another.

Free air circulation around the tube is desirable.

OUTLINE



1109

Base : Metal shell wafer octal

Pin:	1	base shell	5	g1
	2	h	6	NP
	3	a	7	h
	4	g2	8	k,bp

Dimensions are in
mm and are maximum

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