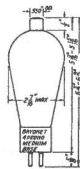


**MERCURY VAPOR TYPE  
HALF-WAVE RECTIFIER**

The 866A is a half-wave, shielded filament type mercury vapor rectifier tube particularly suited for high voltage d-c power supplies. Two type 866A tubes in a full wave rectifier circuit with a choke input filter will supply a maximum of 3000 volts d.c. at a drain of 500 milliamperes.



**FILAMENT RATING**

Filament Volt. 2.5 volts amp  
Filament Cur. 2.0 amp

**MAXIMUM RATINGS—TEMP. RANGE**

25°—60° C.

Peak Inverse Voltage ..... 10000 volts  
Peak Plate Current ..... 1.0 amp  
Average Plate Current ..... 0.25 amp  
Tube Voltage Drop ..... 10 approx. volts

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

Circuit	A-C Input Volts RMS Volts	Maximum D-C Output Volts To Filter	One Section Filter		Maximum D-C Output Current Amperes
			Minimum Choke Henries (L)	Maximum Condenser Mfd.s. (C)	
Single-phase Full-Wave	3535 per tube	3180	8.0	1.25	0.5
Two Tubes	3000 "	2700	6.8	1.50	0.5
Choke Input	2000 "	1800	4.5	2.1	0.5
Single-phase Full-Wave	3535 "	3950	3.4	2.8	0.5
Two Tubes	3000 "	3390	—	—	0.25
Bridge Circuit	2000 "	2260	—	—	0.25
Condenser Input	1500 "	1700	—	—	0.25
Single-phase Full-Wave	7070 total	6360	16.0	0.6	0.5
Two Tubes	6000 "	5400	13.5	0.7	0.5
Bridge Circuit	5000 "	4500	11.0	0.9	0.5
Choke Input	4000 "	3600	8.9	1.1	0.5

**OPERATING NOTES**

Values of L and C given under "Typical Operation" are selected to hold the peak surge current within the maximum rating. If a larger value of L is used the capacity may be increased in proportion to the increase in L. L and C of a two section filter are determined as shown above. If two unequal chokes are used, place the larger choke nearer the tube. With a two section filter and the minimum L and the maximum C shown above, the total ripple will be less than 5%.

**CAUTION**

In shipment drops of mercury may be shaken onto the filament. Before the plate voltage is applied to a new tube the filament should be burned at normal voltage for at least 15 minutes. The filament should be allowed to come up to operating temperature before plate voltage is applied. For accurate conditions the delay is approximately 30 seconds.

The tube should always be mounted vertically with the top cap up. A socket with heavy, light prongs should be used and the filament voltage should measure exactly 2.5 volts at the socket in order to insure long life.

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**MERCURY VAPOR TYPE  
HALF-WAVE RECTIFIER**

The 866 is a half-wave filament type mercury vapor rectifier tube particularly suited for medium drain d-c power supplies and linear amplifier bias packs. Two types 866 tubes in a full-wave rectifier circuit with a choke input filter will supply a maximum of 2000 d.c. at a drain of 500 ma.

**FILAMENT RATING**

Filament Voltage ..... 2.5 volts  
Filament Current ..... 2.0 amp

**MAXIMUM RATINGS—TEMP. RANGE 10°—60° C.**

Peak Inverse Voltage ..... 7500 volts  
Peak Plate Current ..... 1.0 amp  
Average Plate Current ..... 0.25 amp  
Tube Voltage Drop (approximate) ..... 15 volts

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

Circuit	A-C Input Voltage RMS Volts	Maximum D-C Output Volts To Filter	One Section Filter		Maximum D-C Output Current Amperes
			Minimum Choke Henries (L)	Maximum Condenser Mfd.s. (C)	
Single-phase Full-Wave	2650 per Tube	2385	2.0	1.6	0.5
Two Tubes	2000 "	1800	4.9	1.8	0.5
Choke Input	1500 "	1350	3.3	2.8	0.5
Single-phase Full-Wave	2650 "	3000	2.1	4.2	0.5
Two Tubes	2000 "	2260	—	—	0.25
Bridge Circuit	1500 "	1700	—	—	0.25
Condenser Input	1000 "	1150	—	—	0.25
Single-phase Full-Wave	5000 total	4770	13.0	0.8	0.5
Two Tubes	4500 "	4070	10	1.0	0.5
Bridge Circuit	4000 "	3600	8.4	1.2	0.5
Four Tubes Choke Input	3500 "	2700	6.8	1.5	0.5

For tube outline, basing view and operating notes see type 866A.

**MERCURY VAPOR TYPE  
HALF-WAVE RECTIFIER**

The 872A is a half-wave, shielded filament type mercury vapor rectifier tube designed for heavy current, high voltage power supplies. Two type 872A tubes in a full-wave rectifier circuit with a choke input filter will supply a maximum of 2.5 amperes at 5000 volts d.c.



**FILAMENT RATING**

Filament Volt. 5.0 volts  
Filament Cur. 6.75 amp

**MAXIMUM RATINGS—TEMP. RANGE**

20°—60° C.

Peak Inverse Voltage ..... 1000 volts  
Peak Plate Current ..... 5.0 amp  
Average Plate Current ..... 1.25 amp  
Tube Voltage Drop (approx.) ..... 10 volts

**TYPICAL OPERATION**

Circuit	Maximum A-C Input Volts (RMS)	Approx. D-C Output Volts To Filter	Maximum D-C Output Current—Amp.
Single-phase Full-Wave Two Tubes	3535 per tube	3180	2.5
Single-phase Full-Wave Bridge Circuit Four Tubes	7070 total	6360	2.5

The values given above are for a sine wave input voltage and with a suitable choke before the first filter condenser.

**CAUTION**

In shipment drops of mercury may be shaken onto the filament. Before the plate voltage is applied to a new tube the filament should be burned at normal voltage for at least 15 minutes.

In normal operation the filament should be brought up to operating temperature at least 30 seconds before the plate voltage is applied.

The tube should always be mounted vertically with the top cap up. A socket with light, heavy prongs should be used and the filament voltage should measure exactly 5.0 volts at the socket to insure long life.

**CIRCUITS FOR MERCURY-VAPOR RECTIFIER TUBES**

**SINGLE-PHASE FULL WAVE TWO TUBES**

**SINGLE-PHASE FULL WAVE BRIDGE CIRCUIT FOUR TUBES**

**THREE PHASE HALF WAVE THREE TUBES**

The values of  $E_p$ ,  $E_{inverse}$ , and  $I_{fm}$  are based on:

1. Sine Wave Supply Voltage
2. Equal Phase Voltages
3. Zero Tube Voltage Drop
4. Pure Resistance Load—No Filter