

Figure 11
SCHEMATIC OF THE
304TL G-G AMPLIFIER

- L_1 —None required for 3.5 Mc., since cathode coil L_2 tunes to 3.5 Mc.
 7 Mc.—20 turns no. 14 enam., $1\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. by 3" long.
 14 Mc.—10 turns no. 8 bare, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. by 3" long.
 L_2 —Two parallel lengths of no. 12 enam. close-wound to fill National type XR-10A coil form.
 25 turns of the two wires in parallel.
 L_3 —5-turn link of no. 16 rubber and cotton covered wire.
 L_4 —3.5 Mc.: 18 turns no. 12 enam.; Nat. XR-10A form wound full, 4 t. link
 7 Mc.: 10 turns no. 12 enam.; Nat. XR-10A form, 3 t. link
 14 Mc.: 4 turns no. 8 bare; Nat. XR-10A form, 2 t. link
 RFC—800-ma. r-f choke (National R-175)

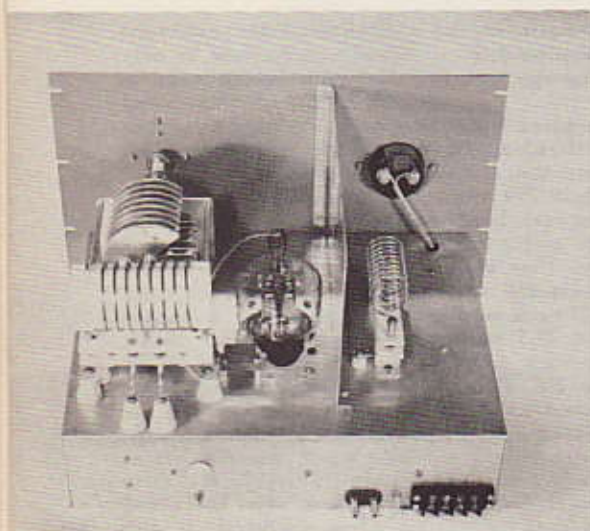


Figure 12
REAR OF THE GROUNDED-GRID
AMPLIFIER

Since 15 to 20 per cent of the output of a grounded-grid r-f stage passes directly through it from the driver, it is obvious that conventional plate modulation of the output stage only will give incomplete modulation. In fact, if the plate voltage is completely removed from the g-g (grounded-grid) stage and the plate return is grounded, the energy from the driver will pass directly through the tube and appear in the output circuit. So it becomes necessary to apply modulation to the driver tube simultaneously to that which is applied to the grid of the g-g stage. It is normal practice in commercial application to modulate the driver stage about 60 per cent as much as the g-g stage.

For straight c-w operation no special considerations are involved in the use of a g-g power amplifier except that it obviously is necessary that the driver stage be keyed simultaneously with the final amplifier, if the installation is such that the final amplifier will be keyed. With excitation, keying the connection of the driver and output stage will operate quite normally.

The Grounded-Grid Class B Linear

The g-g power amplifier is particularly well suited to use as a class B linear amplifier to build up the output of a low-powered SSB transmitter. Two advantages obtained through the use of the g-g stage as a class B linear amplifier are (1) no swamping is required in the input circuit of the g-g stage, and (2) nearly the full output of the excitation transmitter appears in the output of the g-g stage, being added to the output of the g-g amplifier.

Since operating impedances are low when a stage is operated as a Class B linear, rather high values of tank capacitance are required for a satisfactory operating circuit. The load impedance presented to one 304TL, with the operating conditions specified above, is about 2500 ohms; hence the plate tank circuit capacitance for an operating Q of 10 should be about 180 ohms. This represents an operating plate tank capacitance of about 38 $\mu\text{fd.}$ for 4 Mc., and proportionately smaller capacitances for the higher frequency bands. The cathode impedance for one 304TL under the operating conditions specified is about 700 ohms. Thus, for an operating cathode circuit Q of 10 the cathode tank capacitance

should have a reactance of 70 ohms. This reactance is represented by a capacitance of 4 Mc., and proportionately smaller values for higher frequencies. The cathode voltage is only about 100 V. and the spacing in the cathode tank is small.

Figure 11 illustrates a practical g-g amplifier, using a single 304TL tube. A close-wound coil is used to feed the grid to the tube. Shunting in the filament circuit to the tube. When tuning the g-g stage, the input tune is remembered that the input tune is in series with the output. The output energy is concentrated in the output stage. It is possible to apply full excitation to the stage unless plate current is limited. If full excitation is applied in the output stage, the grid of the tube will be damaged from excessive modulation of the amplifier is illustrated in Figures 12 and 13.

A 300-volt plate supply is required. The supply should have good regulation. An output of at least 10 microfarads is required for Class B operation. The bias is -260 volts, obtained from a separate bias supply. The operation in TV areas, a license is required, as well as the licensing of the amplifier.

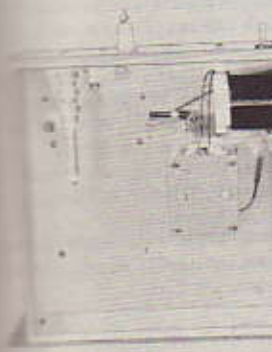


Figure 13
UNDERSIDE OF THE GROUNDED-GRID
AMPLIFIER