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Subject: Say Damir

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Damir; w/o the schematic I can't tell but is the 300b fixed bias? How will that affect the plate load resistor if we went to cathode bias?

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Subject: Cathode bias

Posted by [Damir](#) on Thu, 23 Feb 2006 18:24:52 GMT

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Huh, Manual - we passed this in Parts 1,2,4... See the link, Fig.4 - it's the our output stage. We can use (and I used:-)) grid choke in the place of grid-leak resistor,  $R_g$ . And I enlarged coupling cap (between the driver stage and output stage),  $C_i$  to  $4,7\mu F/450V$ . This is cathode or self bias output stage. Anode load for 300B triode is output transformer, or (simplified) reflected secondary resistance (our 8-Ohms speaker) to the primary side (where our tube is actually connected), or 3kOhms. We have "voltage drop" through the cathode resistor of about 70V, or  $U_k = +70V$ , then our "bias" voltage  $U_{gk} = -70V$ , grid is grounded through grid choke / grid resistor, and cathode is +70V positive. Voltage "through" the tube is  $U_{gk} = U_a - U_k = 420 - 70 = 350V$ , and current is 80mA. You don't need adjustment, it's a "self adjusting", only you must "tune" your  $R_k$  in respect of actual voltage in the circuit. I have 780Vct (more then specified 760Vct) secondary, and with AZ50 rectifier (I'm currently using) B+ is about 440-450V. I have about  $U_k = 74V$ , and  $I_a = I_k = U_k / R_k = 74 / 875 = 84,5mA$  - larger then 80mA max. DC current spec of the OPT, and I must enlarge my  $R_k$  a bit... Nothing complicated, Ohms Law. The final schematic will be larger and nicer, I promise...

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