Current Equipment Type



TYPE: 6D-H3 (AC701) SUBMINIATURE AUDIO TRIODE

he Phædrus Audio 6D-H3 is suitable for direct replacement of the Nippon Electric (NEC) 6D-H3 tube in microphones employing this device in a cathode follower configuration: see technical specification below. For more information and enquiries, <u>email sales@phaedrus-audio.com.</u>

The Phædrus Audio 6D-H3 matches the dimensions of the original tube and is supplied with long 38mm leads. The electrodes connections are marked on the base of the tube, so that leadidentification is straightforward. The top connection is the grid to isolate this high-impedance node from the other connections.



The Phædrus Audio 6D-H3 is alternatively known as the AC701 Green Dot because may also be used as a replacement for the AC701 tube when used as a cathode follower (as in SONY CU-2 microphone). This tube will not fit the AKG C60 PCB without modification: email sales@phaedrus-audio.com

6D-H3 Electronic Tube[™] Technical Specifications

Recommended operating conditions

Heater voltage (current): 4V (100mA) to 6.5V (150mA)
HT Supply: 130 to 230V (nominal)
Grid circuit: ≈ 100M to 180M
Cathode circuit: See applications information.

<u>Notes (see applications diagram):</u> 1. Heater supply may be biased (as in SONY designs) or unbiased.

2. A wide range of values of R2 and R3 are possible. As with the original tube, these should be chosen to give appropriate capsule polarization voltage and best headroom: see Table 1.

3. R1 should be $100M\Omega - 180M\Omega$. Ionization and initial velocity current are both modelled in this tube so the grid may be left floating as in the original SONY designs.



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In order to avoid over-biasing the microphone capsule, it is recommended that the capsule be disconnected whilst the replacement tube's DC conditions are verified and/or optimised by the adjustment of R1, 2 & 3 (see diagram and table below). The capsule may then be re-connected once the appropriate capsule bias volts have been obtained.

SONY microphone manuals carry the warning that microphone power supplies must not be energised without a microphone connected. Excessive voltages result from running the power supply without a load. A power supply

must be checked by a technician if it is accidentally operated without a microphone load as insulation and capacitor dielectrics may have been compromised.

NEVER connect a microphone to an energised power supply. To do so will present the microphone with a sudden voltage surge which can damage the microphone capsule and the Phaedrus Audio 6D-H3 electronic tube.

| R3 | R2 | Capsule volts | Output pk-pk |
|-----------|------|---------------|--------------|
| HT = 230V | | - | |
| 100k | 1k | 75V | >10V |
| 100k | 3k | 74V | >10V |
| 200k | 1k | 135V | >10V |
| 200k | 3k | 132V | >10V |
| 200k | 0 | 142V | >10V |
| 82k | 1.5k | 63V | >10V |
| HT = 130V | | | |
| 100k | 1k | 64V | >10V |
| 100k | 3k | 63V | >10V |
| 200k | 1k | 116V | >10V |
| 200k | 3k | 112V | >10V |
| 100k | 0 | 68V | >10V |
| 82k | 1.5k | 53V | >10V |

Table 1 (R1 is 100M, output swing is open-circuit value)



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