

Exact Formula for Series Resistor

$$\text{Series Resistor (Rs)} = (\text{FS} \times \text{Rk}) - 1600$$

FS = Full Scale current in mA

Rk = Kathode Resistor

Example for AD1: 100mA Meter

100mA Meter

Rk = 750 Ohms

$$\text{Series Resistor (Rs)} = (100 \times 750) - 1600 = 73400 \text{ Ohms}$$

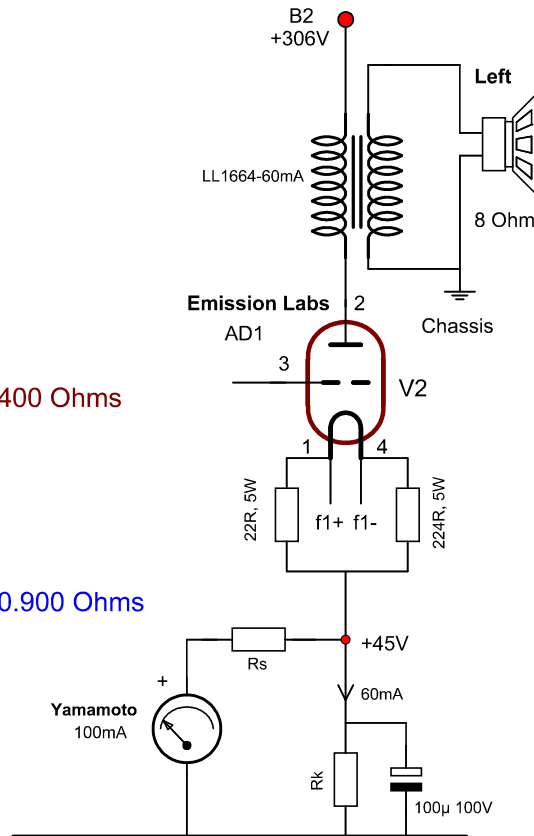
Example for AD1: with 150mA Meter

150mA Meter

Rk = 750 Ohms

$$\text{Series Resistor (Rs)} = (150 \times 750) - 1600 = 110.900 \text{ Ohms}$$

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Minimum DC voltage over cathode resistor must be 1.6 Volt at full scale.

This will no be a problem for all auto bias applications, but it could be a problem when you are using a "sense" resistor, instead of an auto bias resistor.

For instance when you have a 150mA meter, and a 1 Ohms sense resistor, it will not work. You will also find this from the calculation, as Rs will become negative. So at 150mA, Rk must be minimum 12 Ohms, to get 1.8V which is enough. In this case, Rs calculates as $150 \times 12 - 1600 = 200$ Ohms. Alternatively you can also leave Rs away, but then you need to calculate Rk exactly, in this example: $1,6V/0,150mA = 106,66$ Ohms. Such a value is unlogical to buy or to make.

So is better to take the next Higher E-Series value, 12 Ohms, as in the previous example.

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