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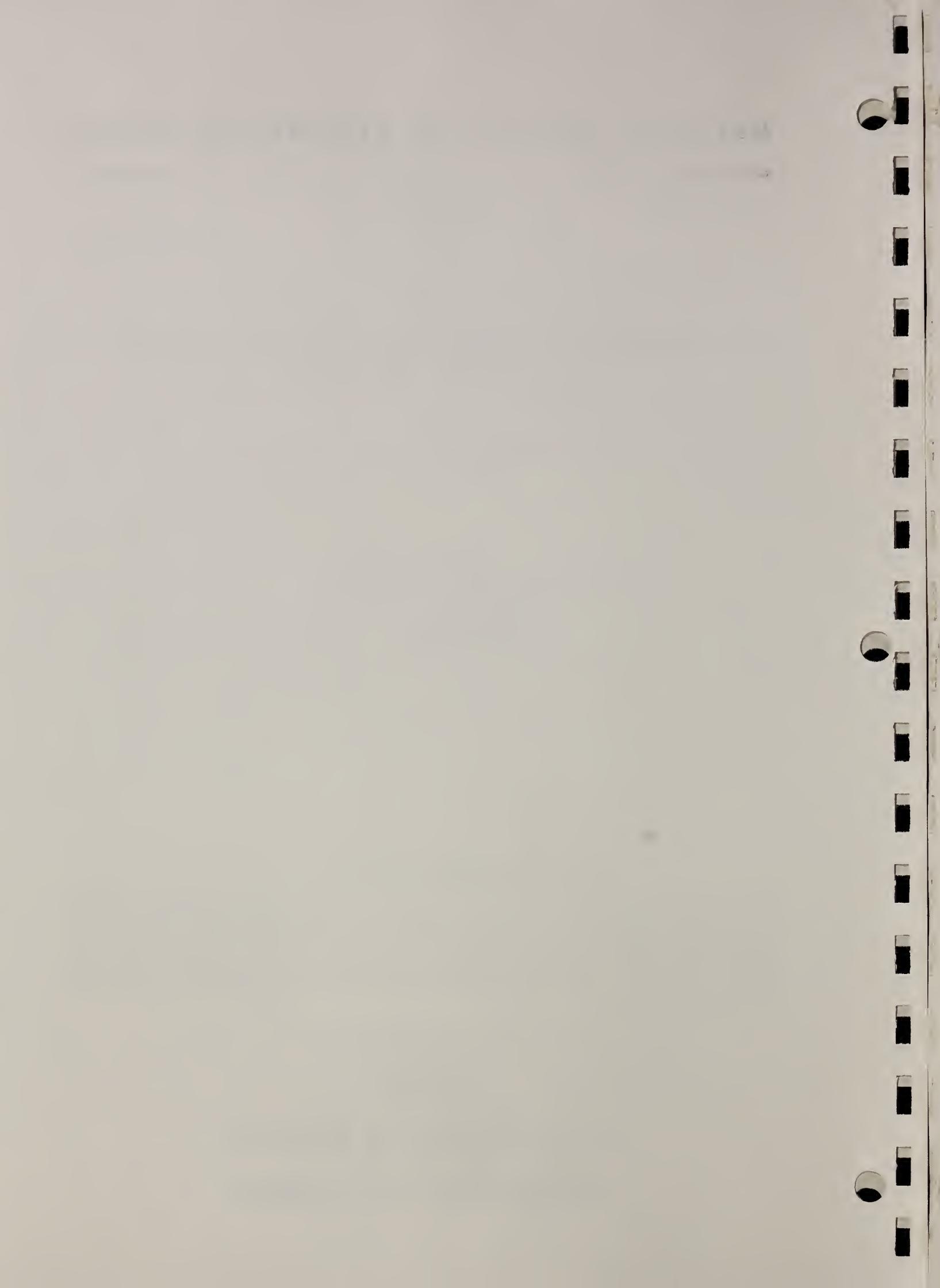
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SUMMARY

This report is a supplement to National Bureau of Standards Report 6190 which contained a compilation of measurements of the intensity-current-voltage characteristics of lamps of the types generally used in approach-, runway-, and taxiway-light systems. This supplement reports the characteristics of those lamps which have been developed since Report 6190 was issued in October 1958. The characteristics for lamps 4588 and 4586 as shown in figures 29a,b,c and 30a,b,c in this report should be considered as replacements for the curves shown in NBS Report 6190, figures 13a,b,c and 15a,b,c. These new curves are representative of current lamp production.

1. INTRODUCTION

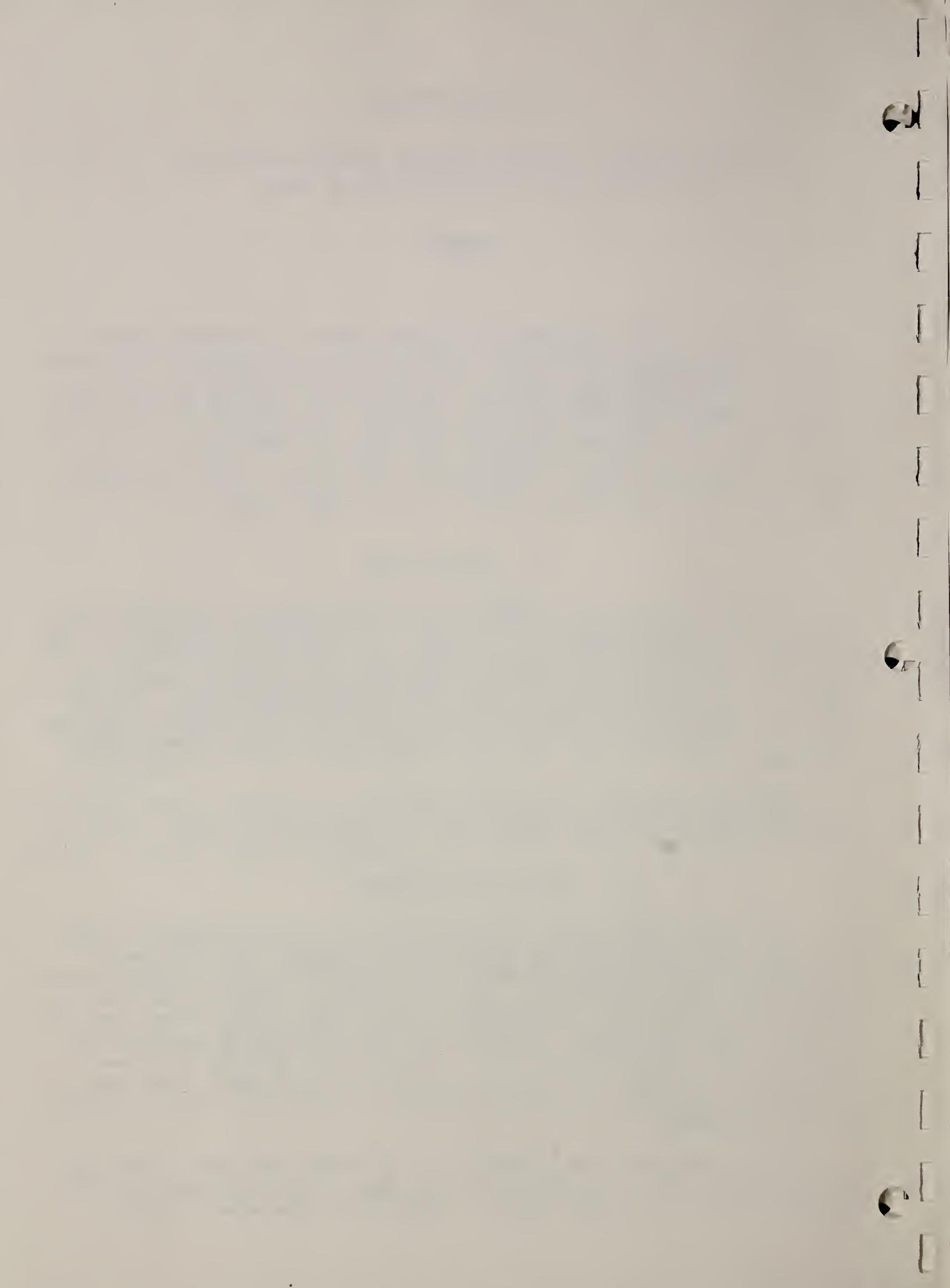
Intensity control is now used on nearly all runway- and approach-light systems and on some taxiway-light systems. The increasing complexity of the problems of intensity control has increased the need for information on the relative intensity characteristics of lamps used in approach, runway, and taxiway lighting as a function of the applied current or voltage. In addition, information on the effect of color filters upon the relative intensity is needed. NBS Reports 6190 and 6190 Supplementary were prepared to meet this need.

Relative intensity is defined as the ratio, in percent, of the intensity of a lighting unit or lamp operated at a given current or voltage to the intensity of the same lighting unit or lamp operated at rated current or voltage.

2. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

A color-corrected barrier-layer photocell in a zero-resistance circuit was used in making the relative intensity measurements. The response of this photometric system was checked. No significant deviations from linearity were found. When reflector-type lamps were tested, the peak of the beam was directed at the photocell. The relative intensities of lamps other than the reflector type (Quartzline, T-12, and T-20) were obtained by measuring the relative horizontal intensity in a given direction. Previous tests have shown that the relative intensity of the clear units in which these lamps are used does not differ significantly from the relative horizontal intensity of the lamps used.

Voltage and current measurements were corrected for losses in the measuring circuits. Whenever possible several lamps of a given type were used, and the results of the measurements of individual lamps were averaged.



3. LAMP CHARACTERISTICS

The characteristics of each type of lamp are given as three curves: a, relative intensity-current; b, relative intensity-voltage; and c, voltage-current. In addition, relative intensity-current curves of all the 6.6-ampere lamps and relative intensity-voltage curves for all of the 115-volt and 120-volt lamps have been grouped on two figures. The lamp types studied and the figures showing their characteristics are listed in table Ia, which is a continuation of Table I, Report 6190. Figure numbers are consecutive with those of that report.

Table Ia

Lamp Type	Designation	Filament Type	Figure
45-w, 6.6-a, Quartzline light	6.6A/T2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q/CL ¹	C-8	23a,b,c
100-w, 6.6-a, Quartzline light	6.6A/T3Q/ICL	C-8	24a,b,c
200-w, 6.6-a, Quartzline light	6.6A/T4Q/CL ²	CC-8	25a,b,c
200-w, 6.6-a, PAR64, VGSI light	----	-	26a,b,c
300-w, 6.6-a, PAR64, VGSI light	6.6PAR64/3	CC-6	26a,b,c
6.6-a lamps			27
200-w, 20-a, PAR64, VGSI light	----	-	28a,b,c
50-w, 6.5-v, PAR36, marine light	4588	C-6 ³	29a,b,c
100-w, 6.5-v, PAR36, marine light	4586	C-6 ³	30a,b,c
150-w, 21-v, "Tru-Flector" projection light	150T12TFR/LV	CC-6	31a,b,c
300-w, 120-v, PAR56, medium floodlight	300PAR56MFL ⁴	CC-13	32a,b,c
500-w, 120-v, PAR64, narrow spotlight	500PAR64NSP ⁵	CC-13	33a,b,c
1000-w, 120-v, T-12, projection light	1M/T12/46	C-13d ⁶	34a,b,c
1200-w, 115-v, T-20 ⁷ , beacon light	1200T20	CC-8 ⁶	35a,b,c
115-v and 120-v lamps	----	-	36
All 6.6-a lamps, NBS Reports 6190 and 6190Supp.	----	-	37
All 10-a and 20-a lamps, NBS 6190 and 6190Supp.	----	-	38
All 115-v and 120-v lamps, NBS Reports 6190 and 6190Supp.	----	-	39

¹ Same as 6.6A/T2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q/ICL except for base

² Same as 6.6A/T4Q/ICL except for base

³ Hemispherical shield in front of filament

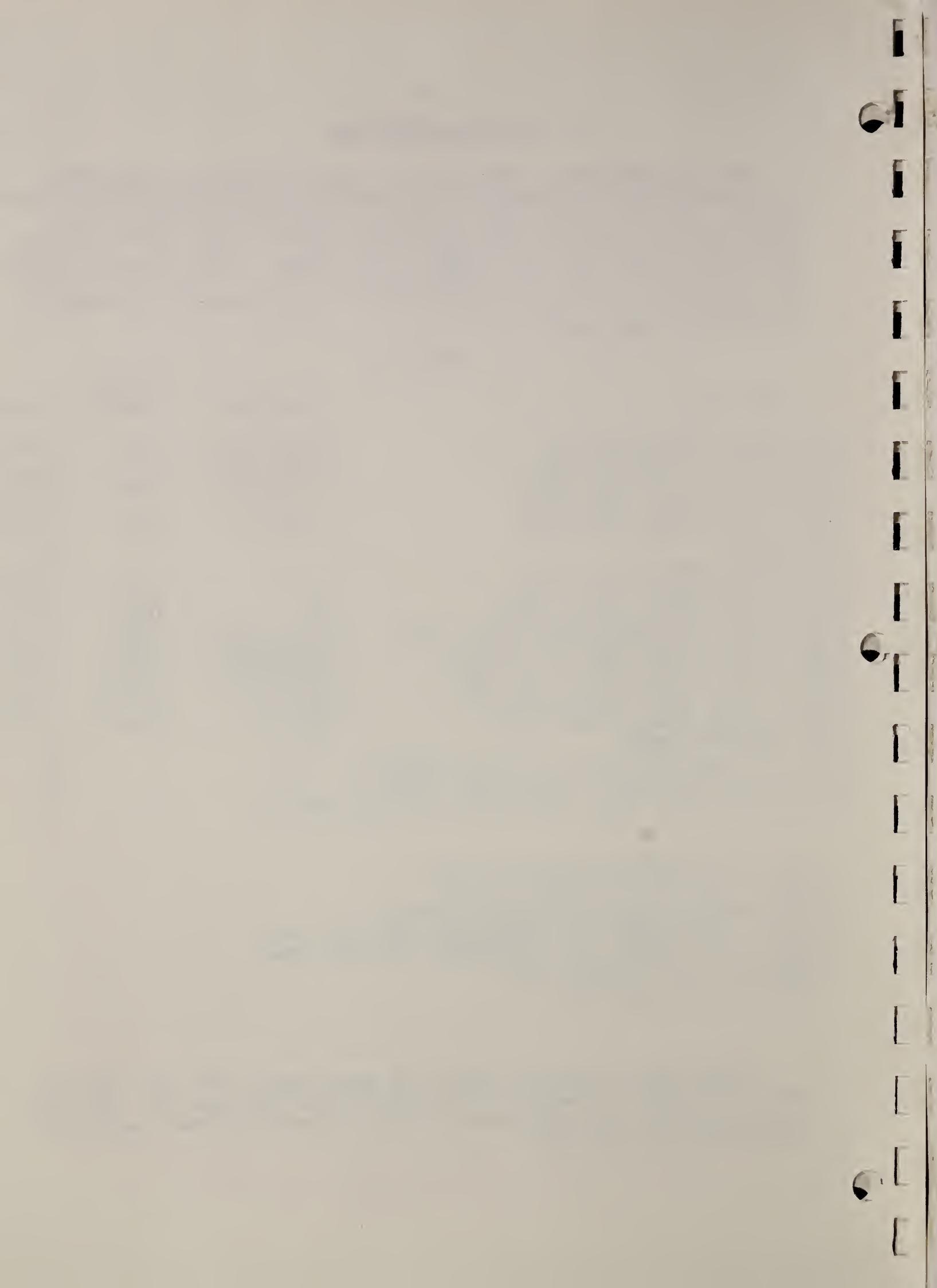
⁴ Same as 300 PAR56WFL and 300PAR56NSP except for cover

⁵ Same as 500 PAR64MFL and 500PAR64WFL except for cover

⁶ Equipped with a collector grid

⁷ Heat resistant glass bulb

Differences in relative intensities among lamps of the same type may become large when the relative intensities become less than 1%. The relative intensities may differ by as much as a factor of 2 when the relative intensities are about 0.2%.



4. EFFECTS OF COLOR FILTERS

Because the transmittance of color filters is a function of the color temperature of the source, the relative intensity characteristics of colored lights will differ from those of similar lights which are "white". For information on the effects of color filters, refer to NBS Report 6190.

5. DISCUSSION

Differences in the change of relative intensity with change in current or voltage for different lamps are significantly large so that generalized lamp-characteristic exponents cannot be satisfactorily used for all lamp types when the relative intensity is varied over a wide range.

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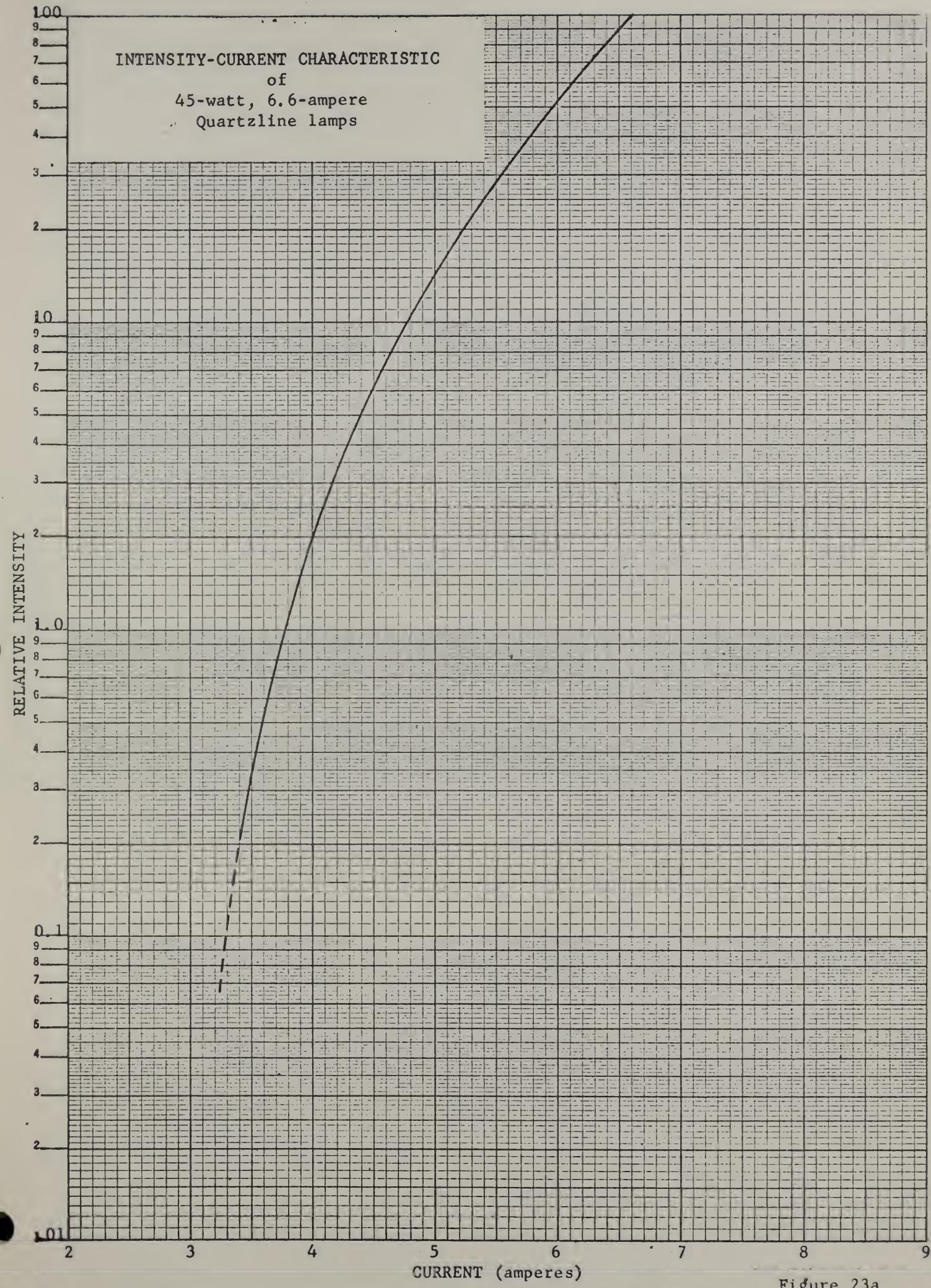
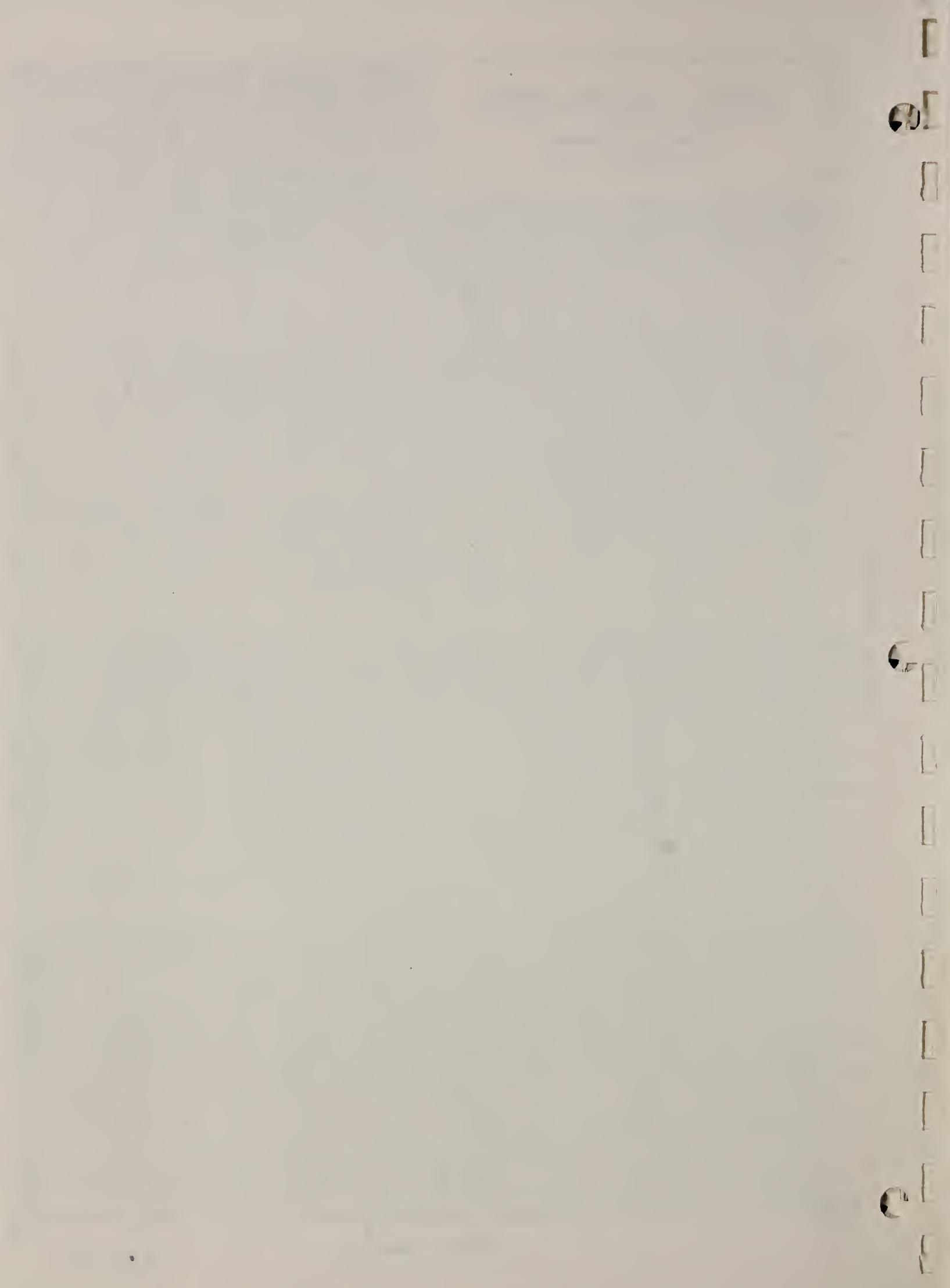


Figure 23a



INTENSITY-VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTIC
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45-watt, 6.6-ampere
Quartzline lamps

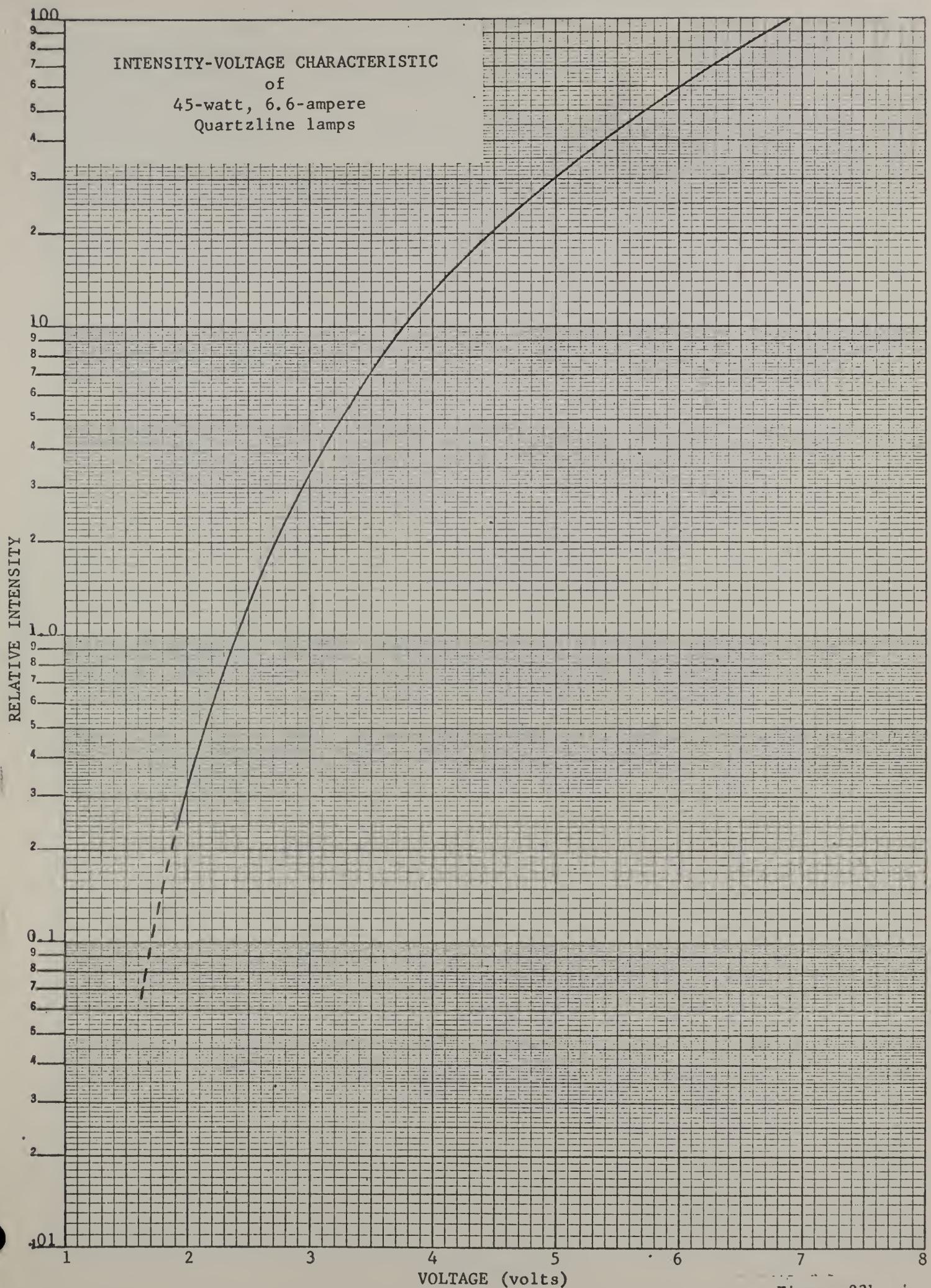
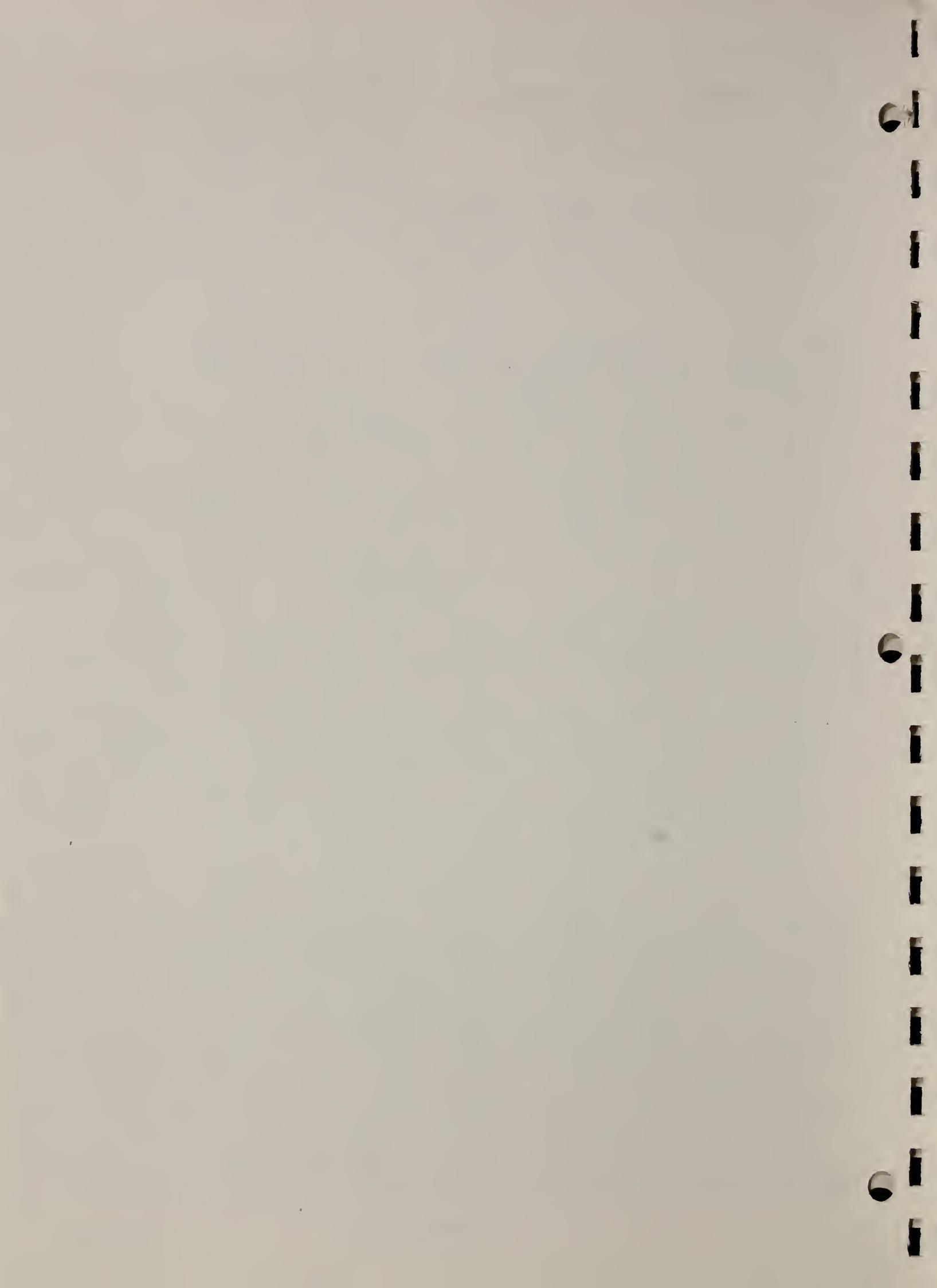


Figure 23b



VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
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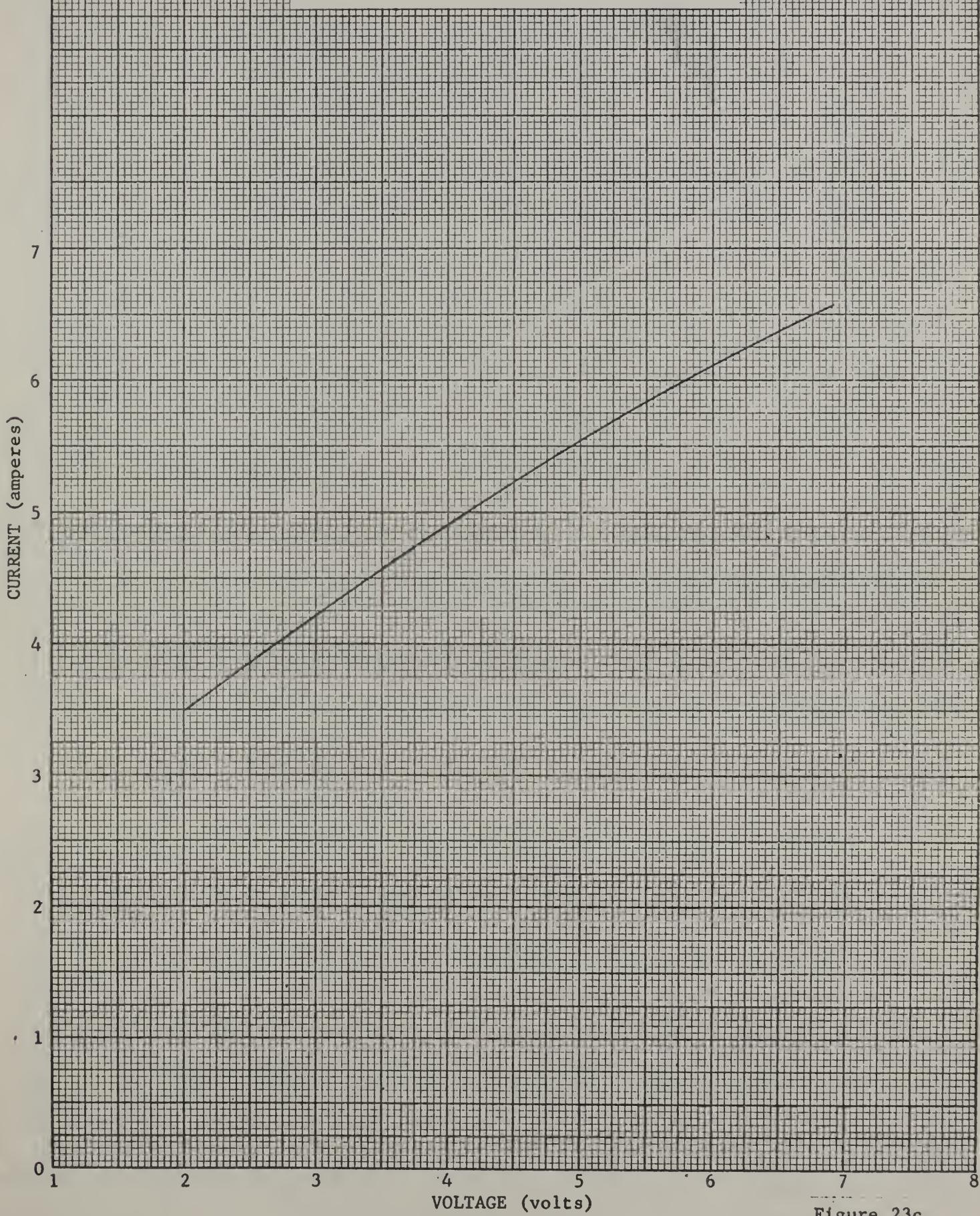
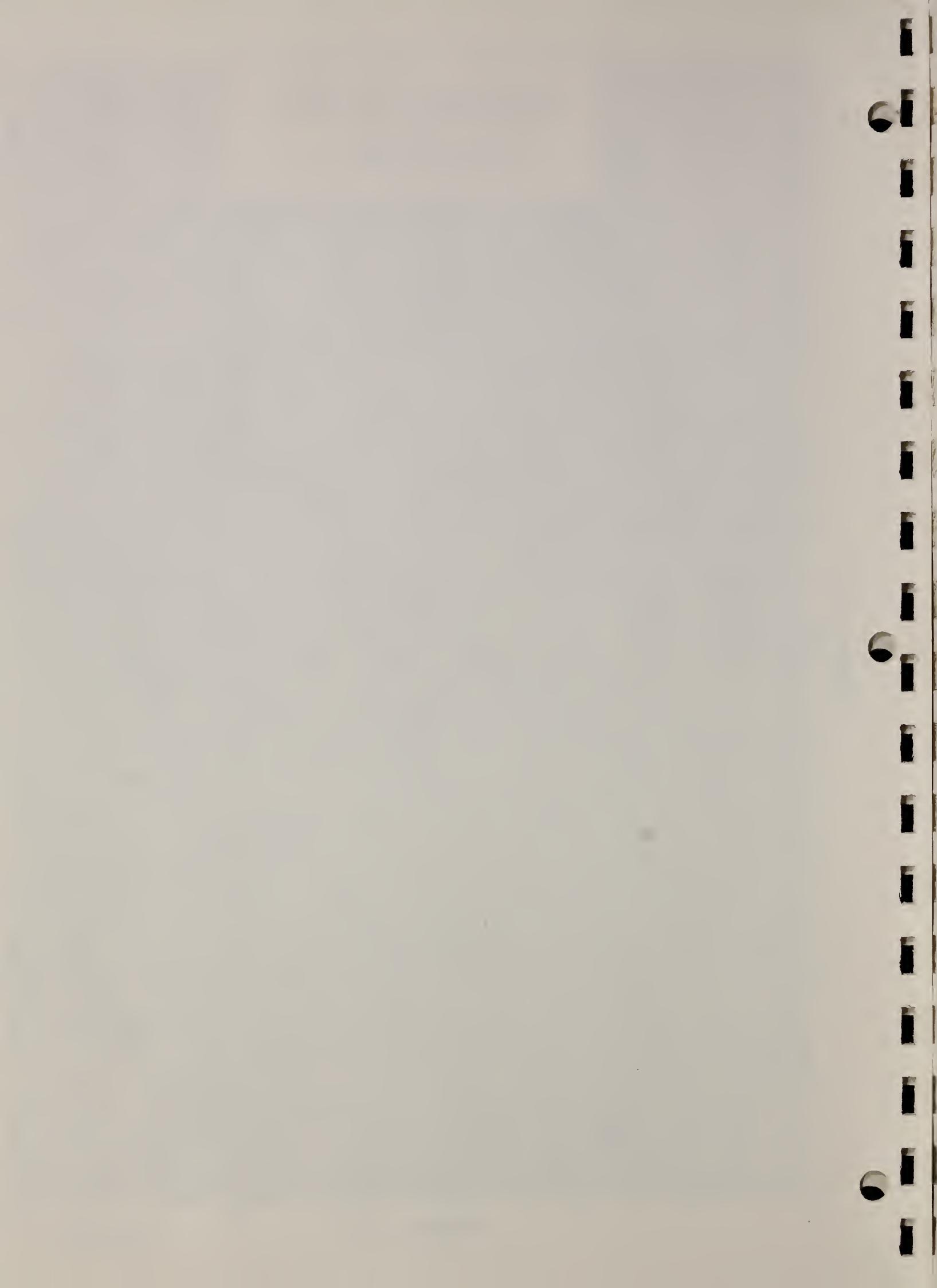


Figure 23c



INTENSITY-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
100-watt, 6.6-ampere
Quartzline lamps

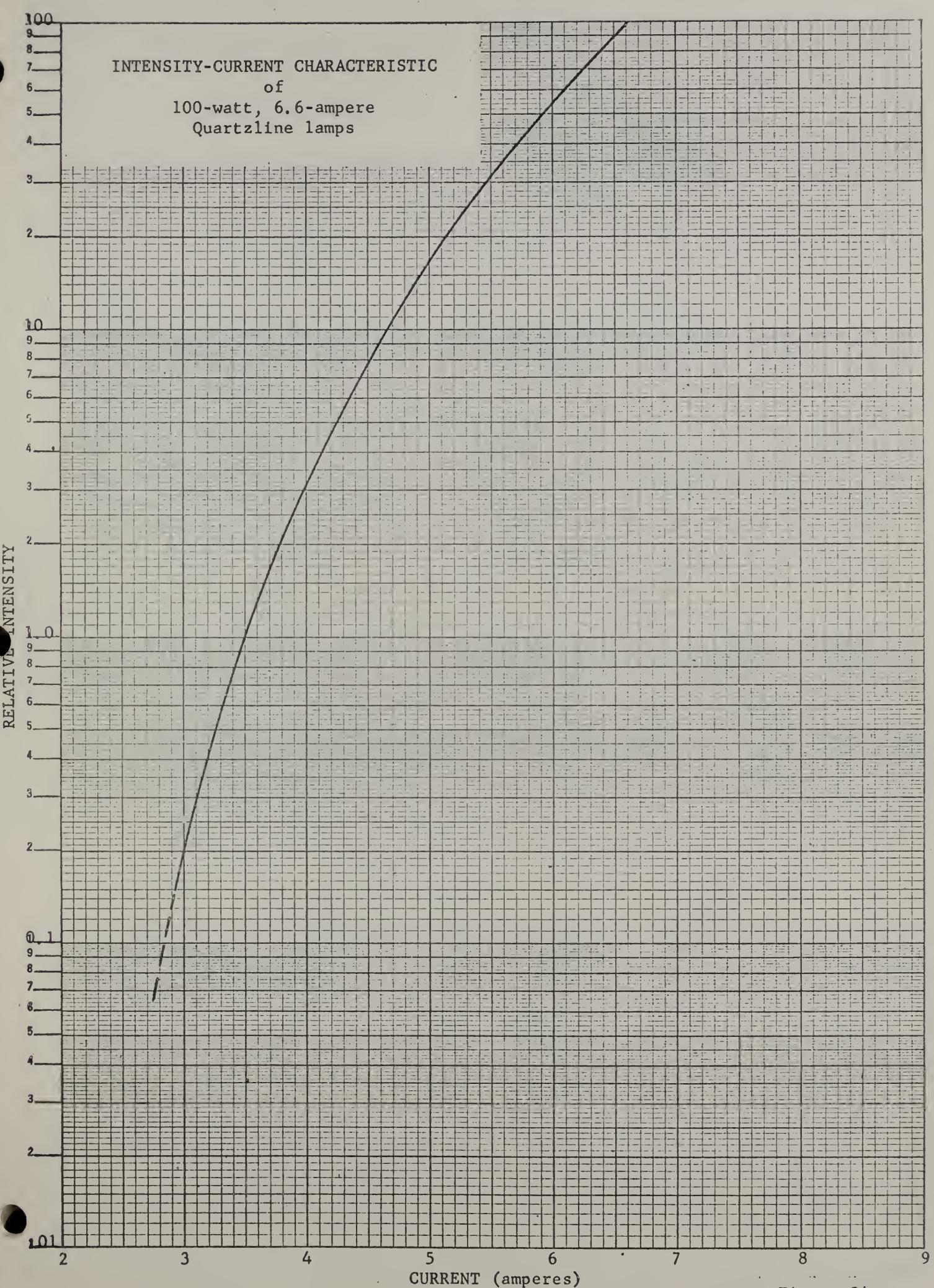
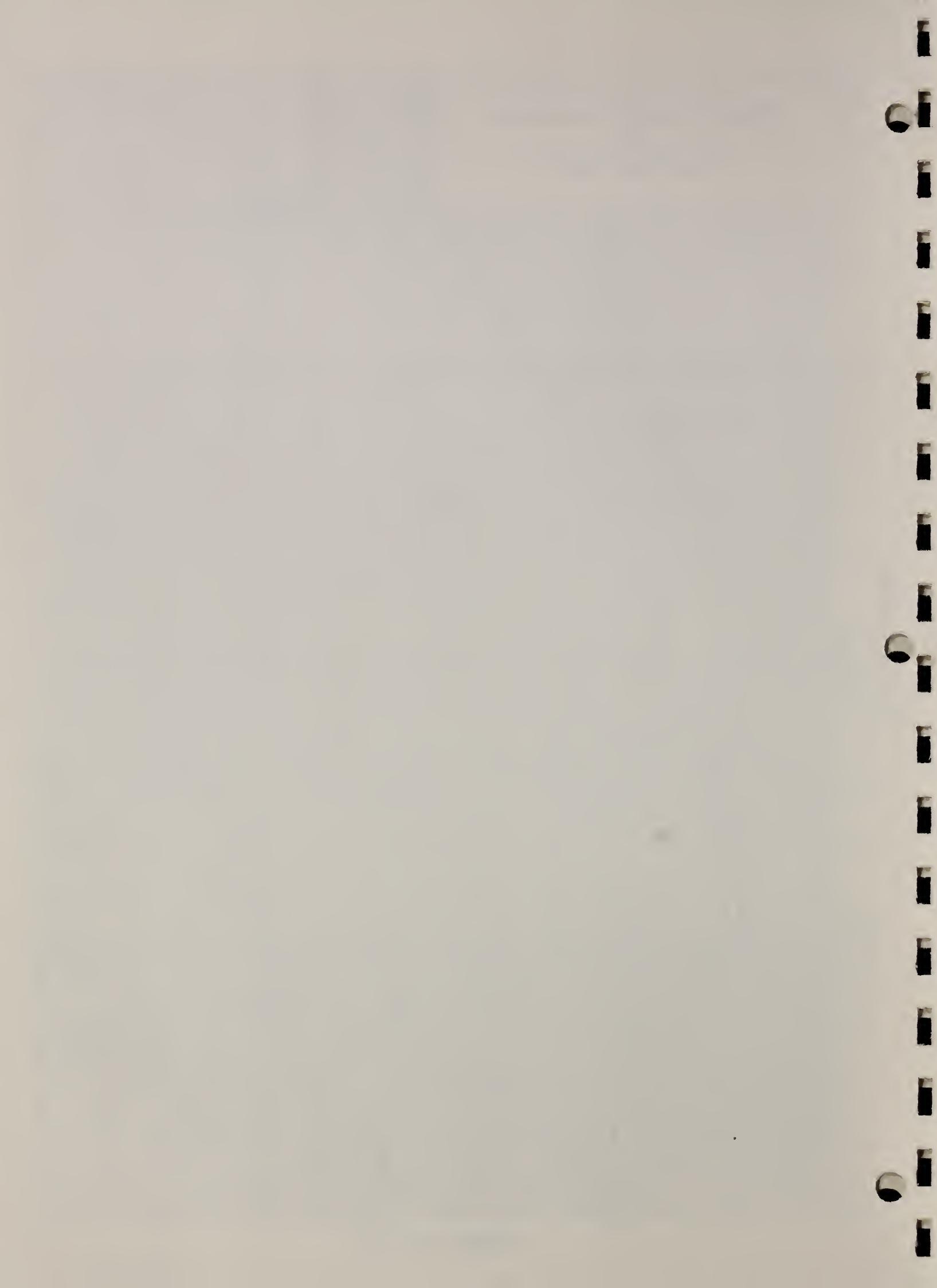


Figure 24a



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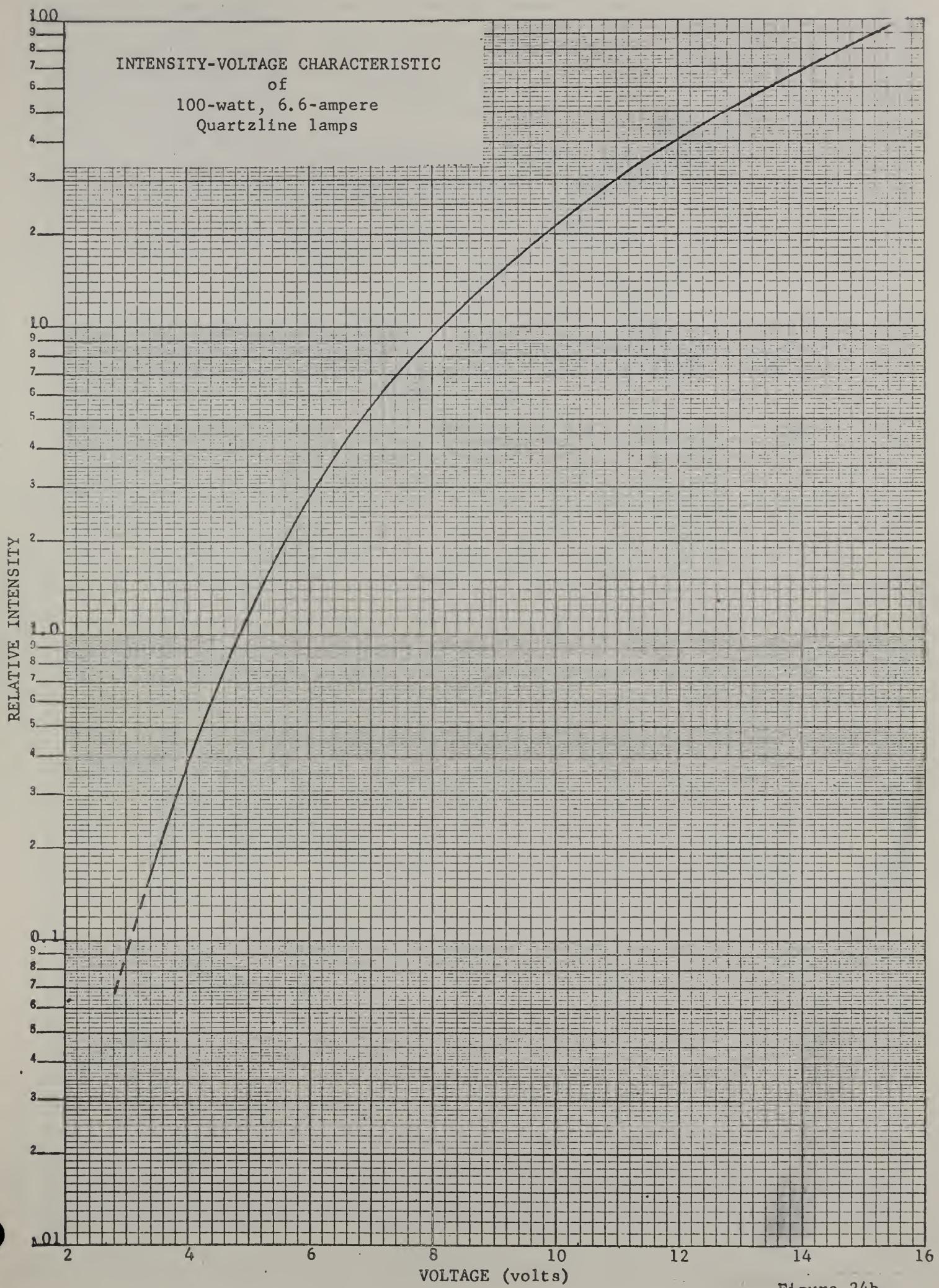


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
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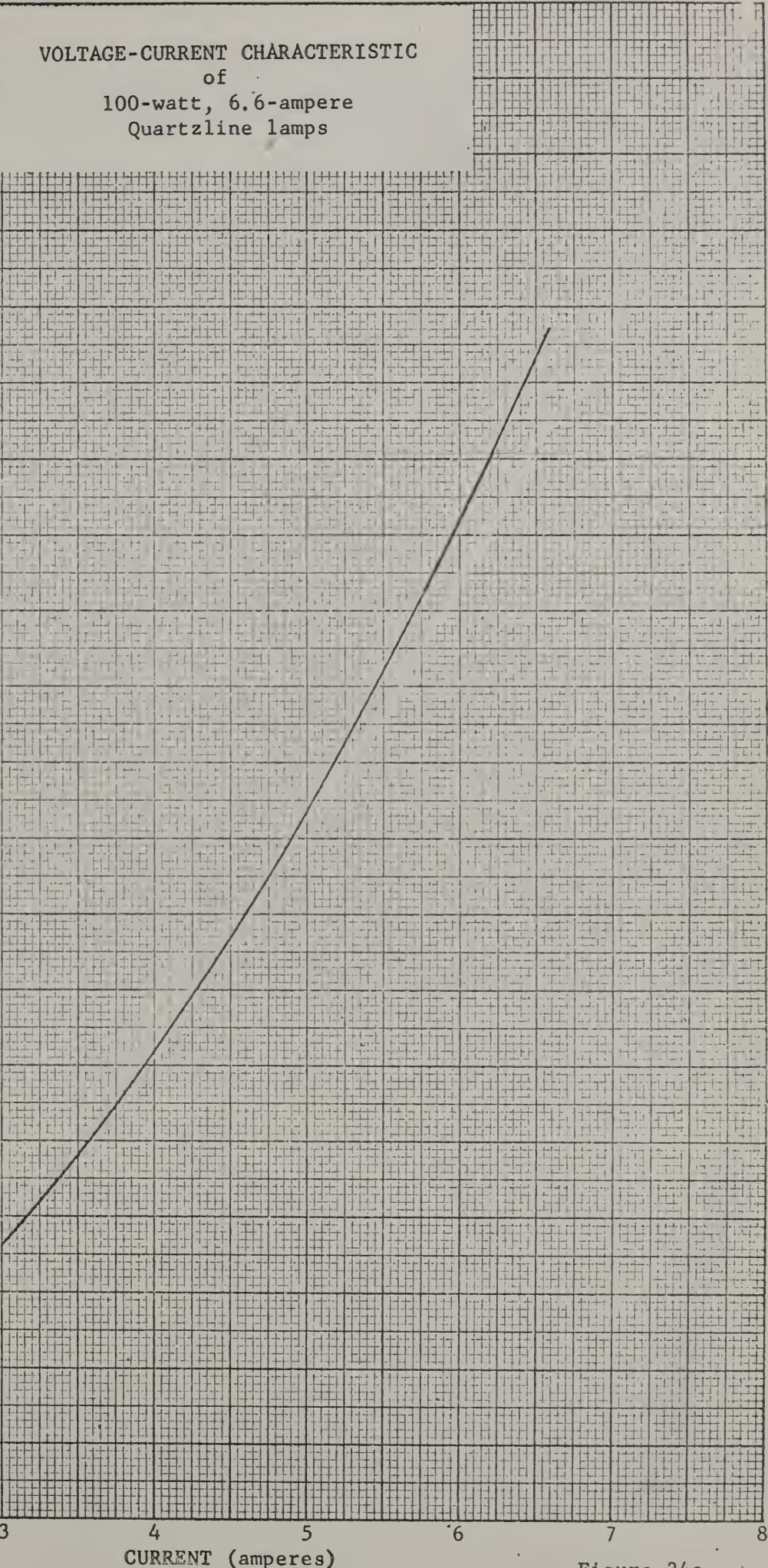


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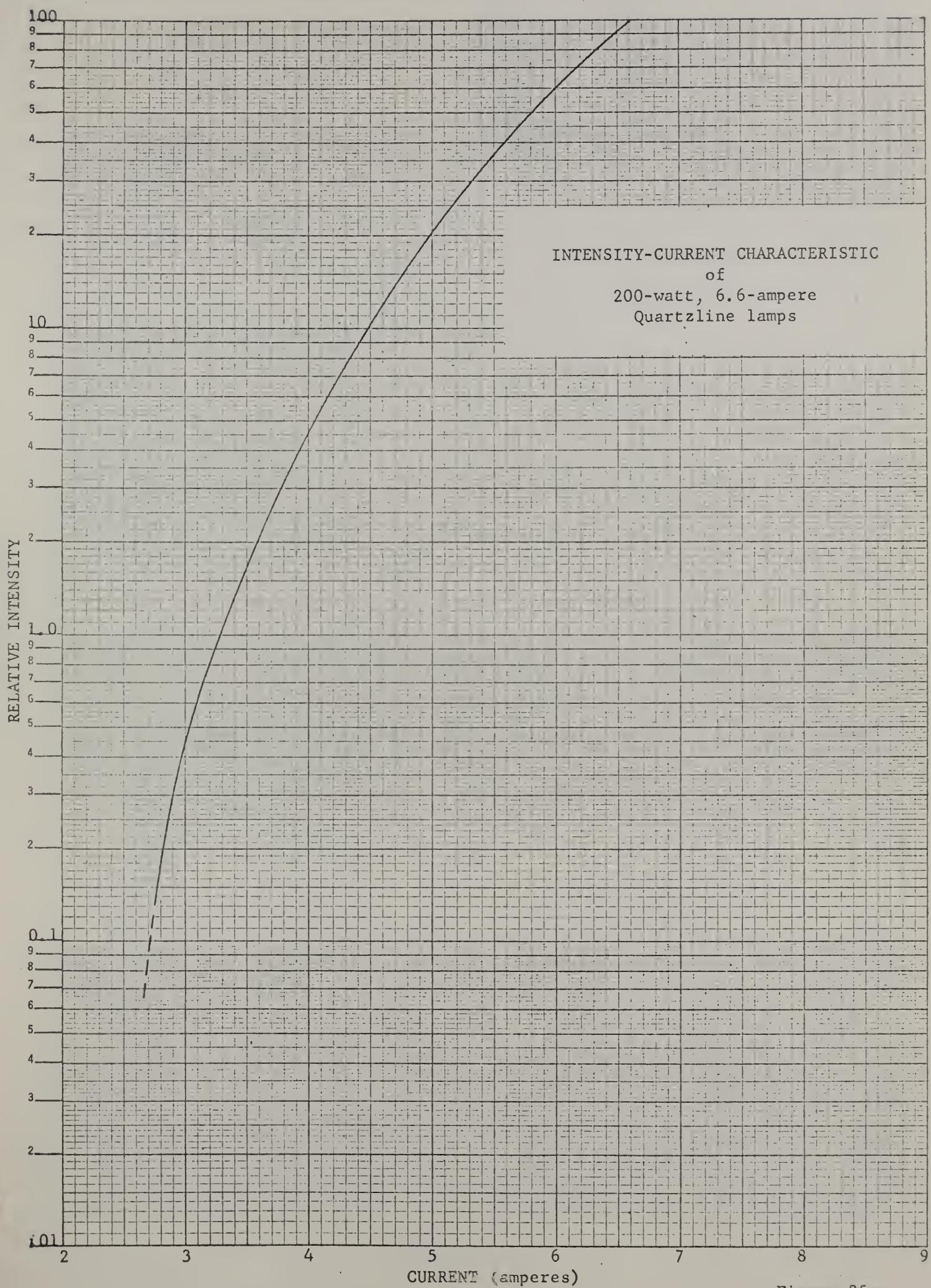


Figure 25a

INTENSITY-VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTIC
of
200-watt, 6.6-ampere
Quartzline lamps

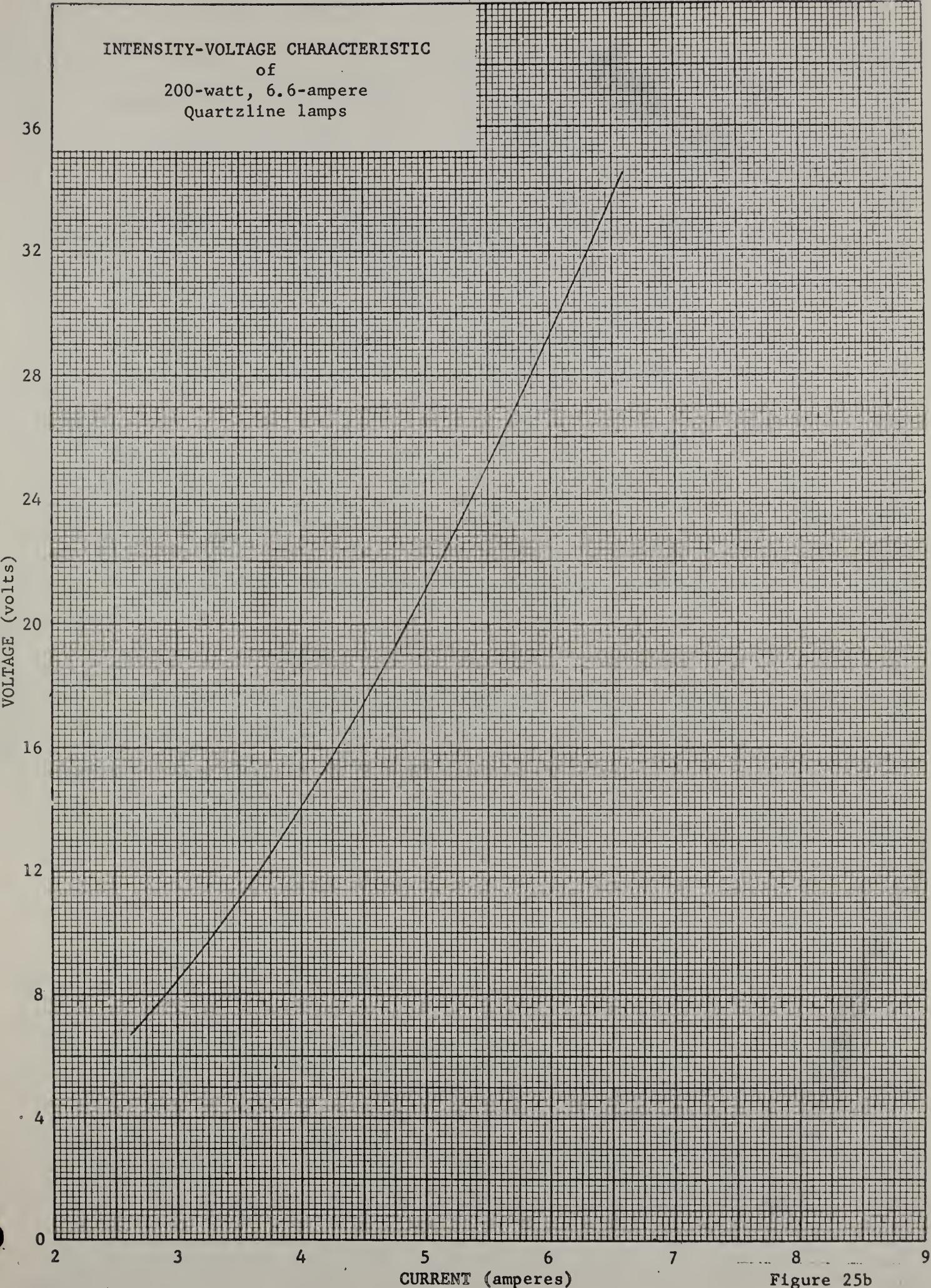
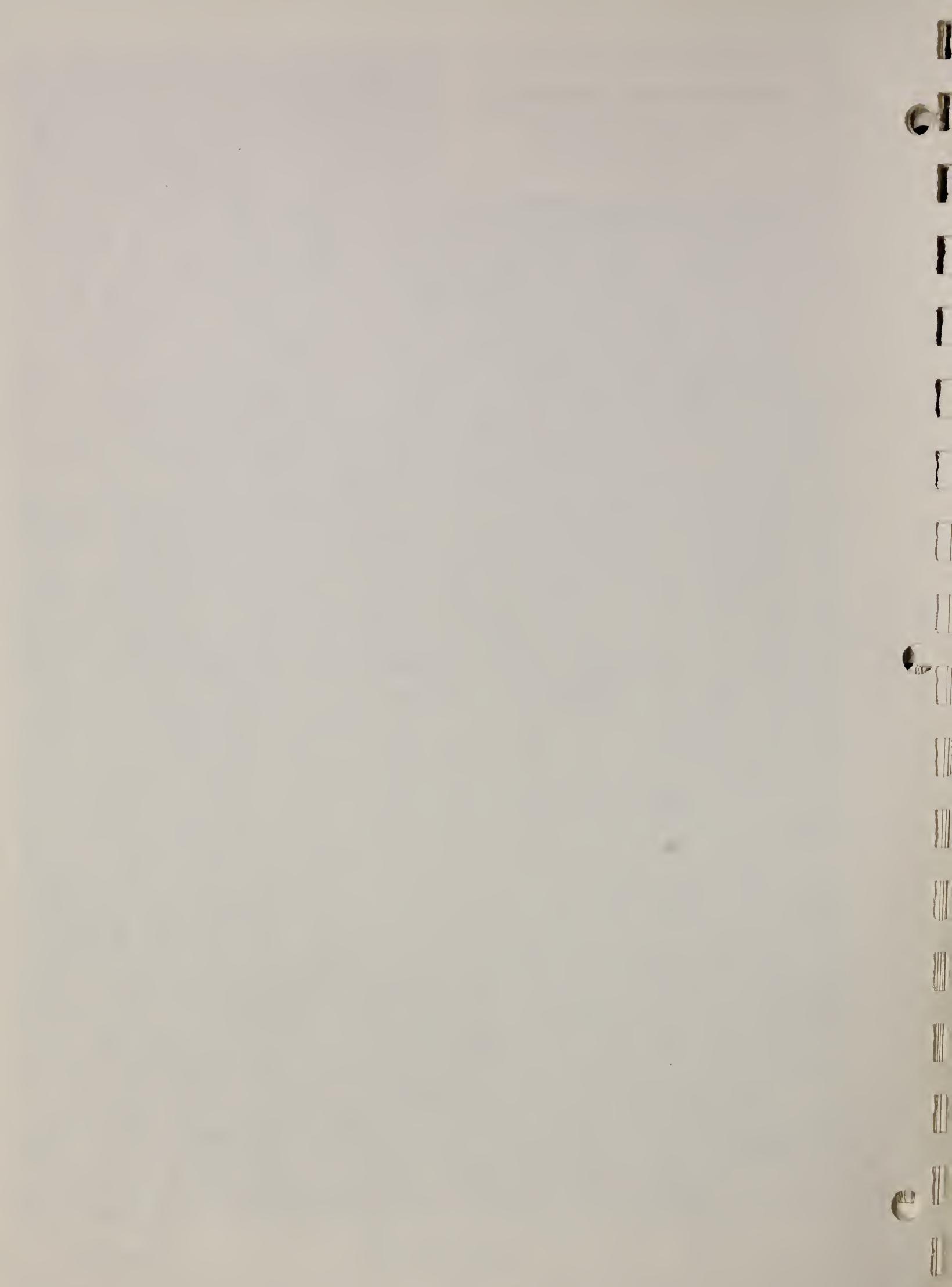


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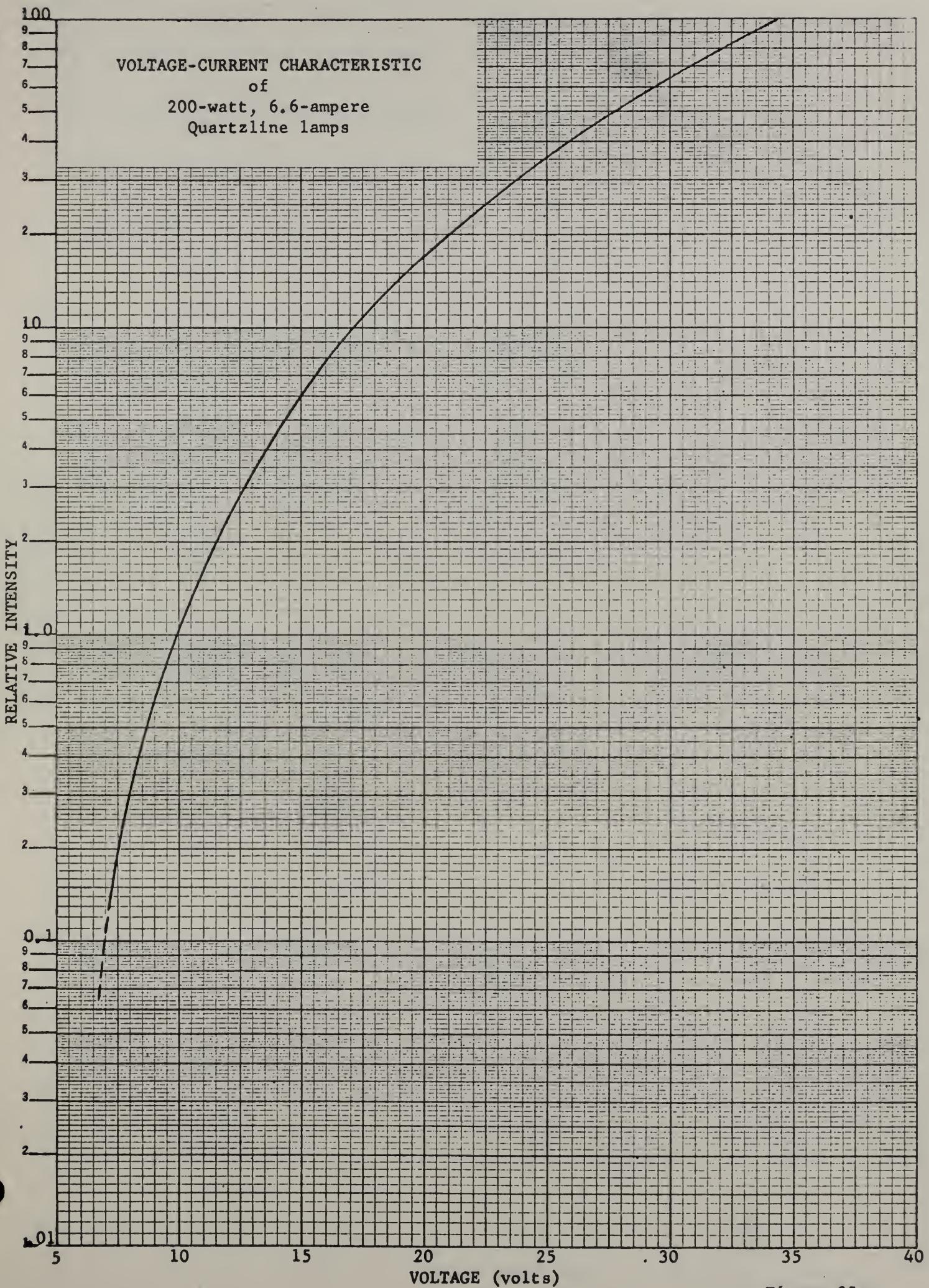


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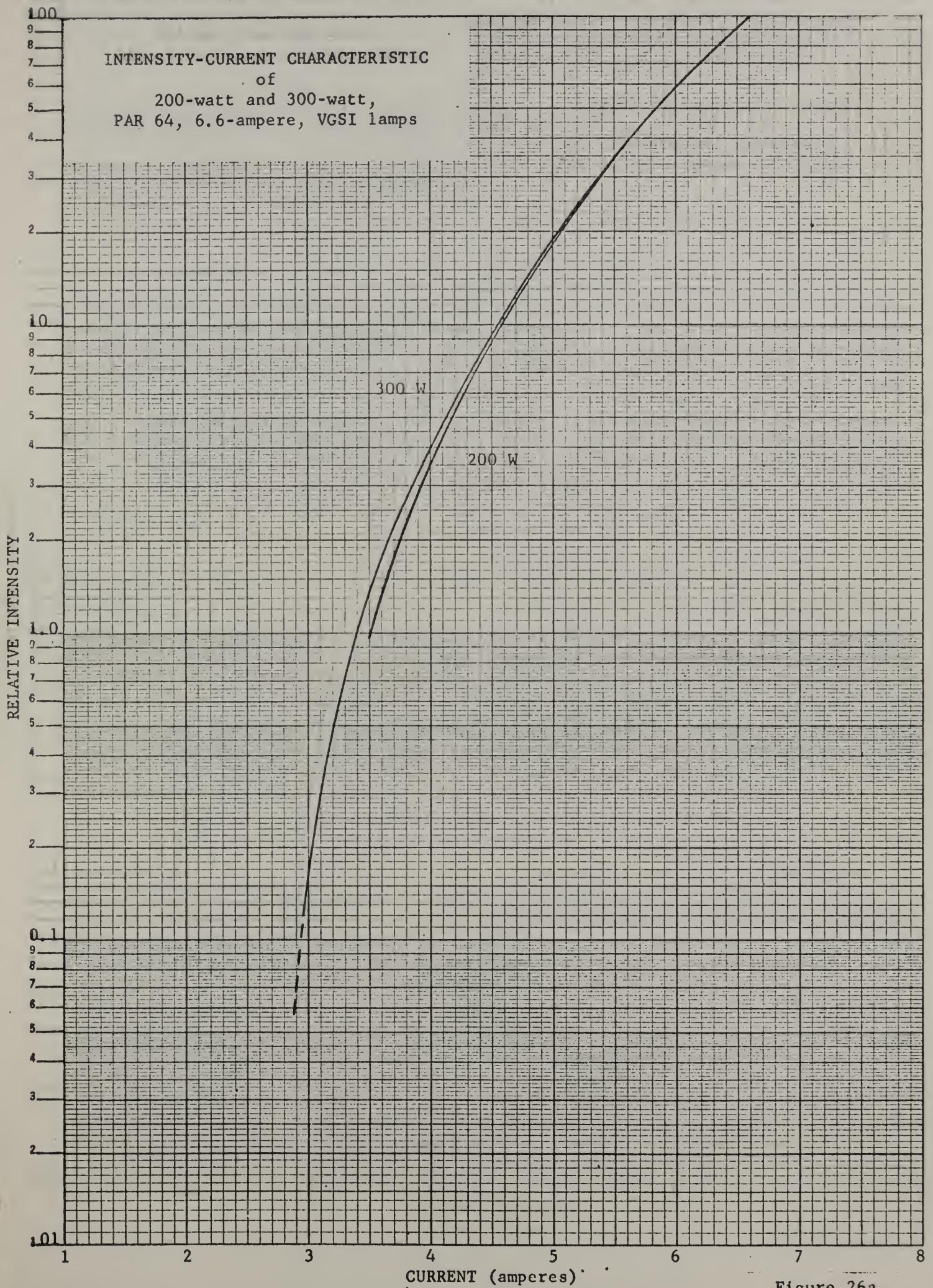


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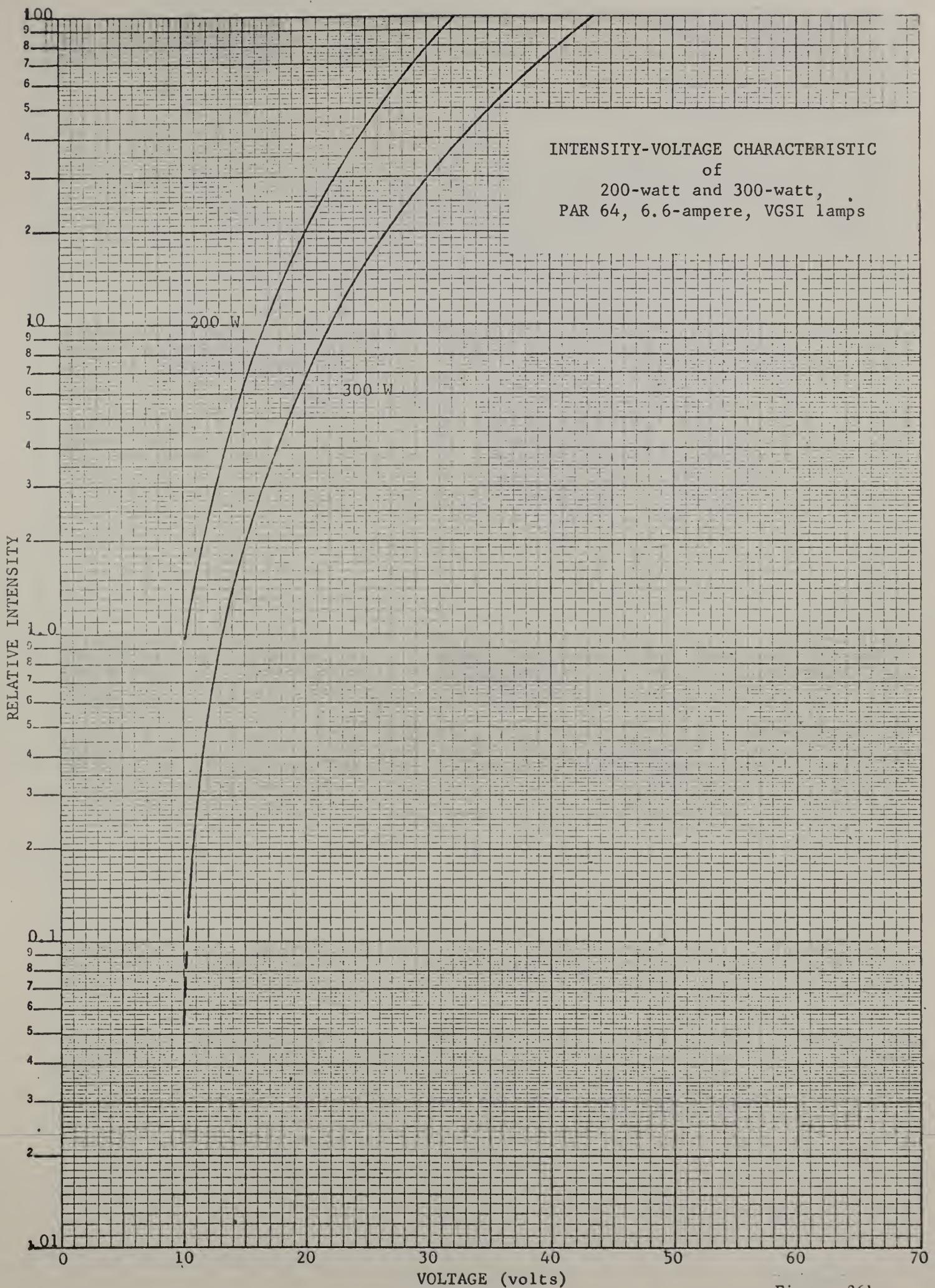
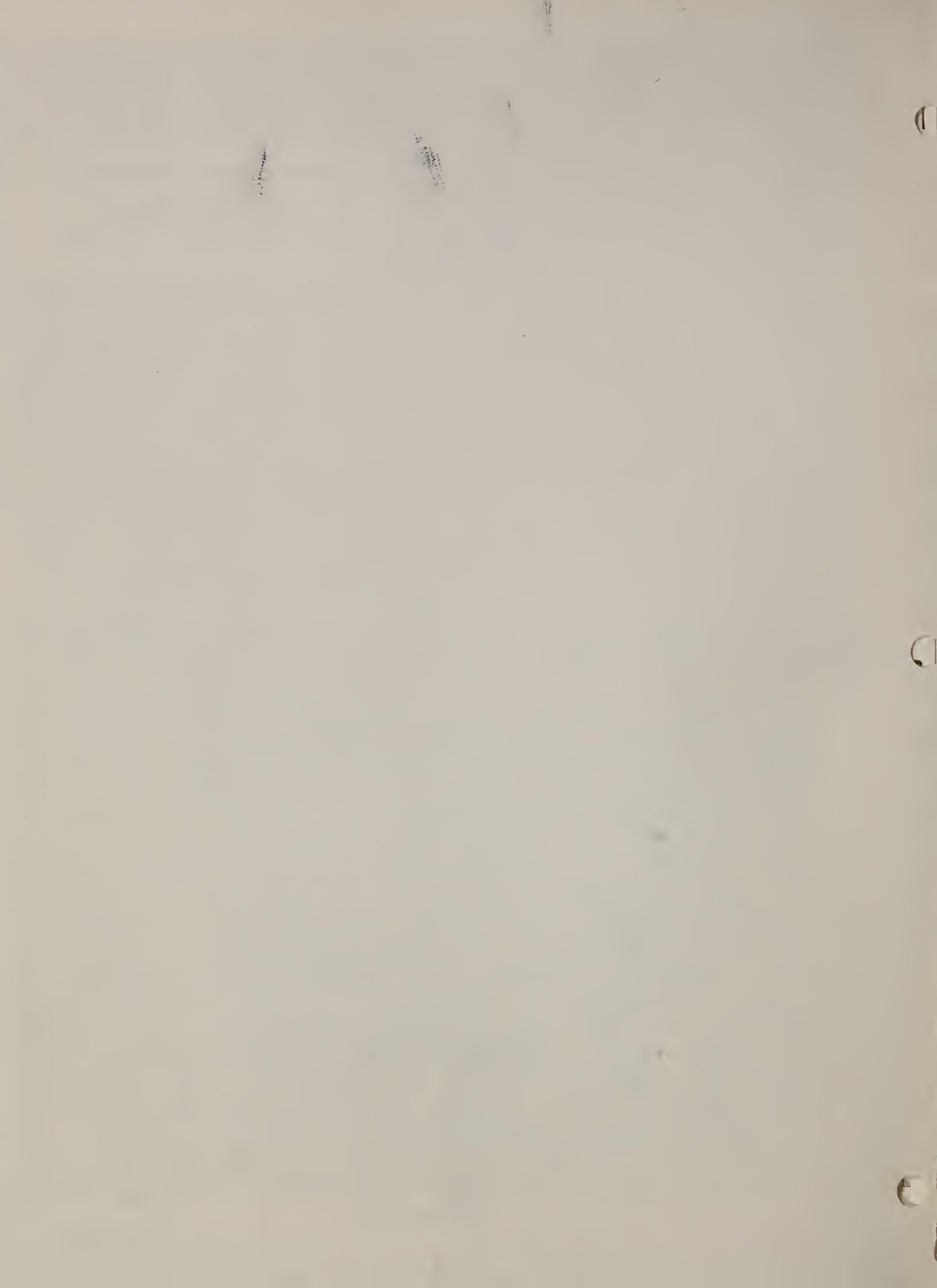


Figure 26b



VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
200-watt and 300-watt,
PAR 64, 6.6-ampere, VGSI lamps

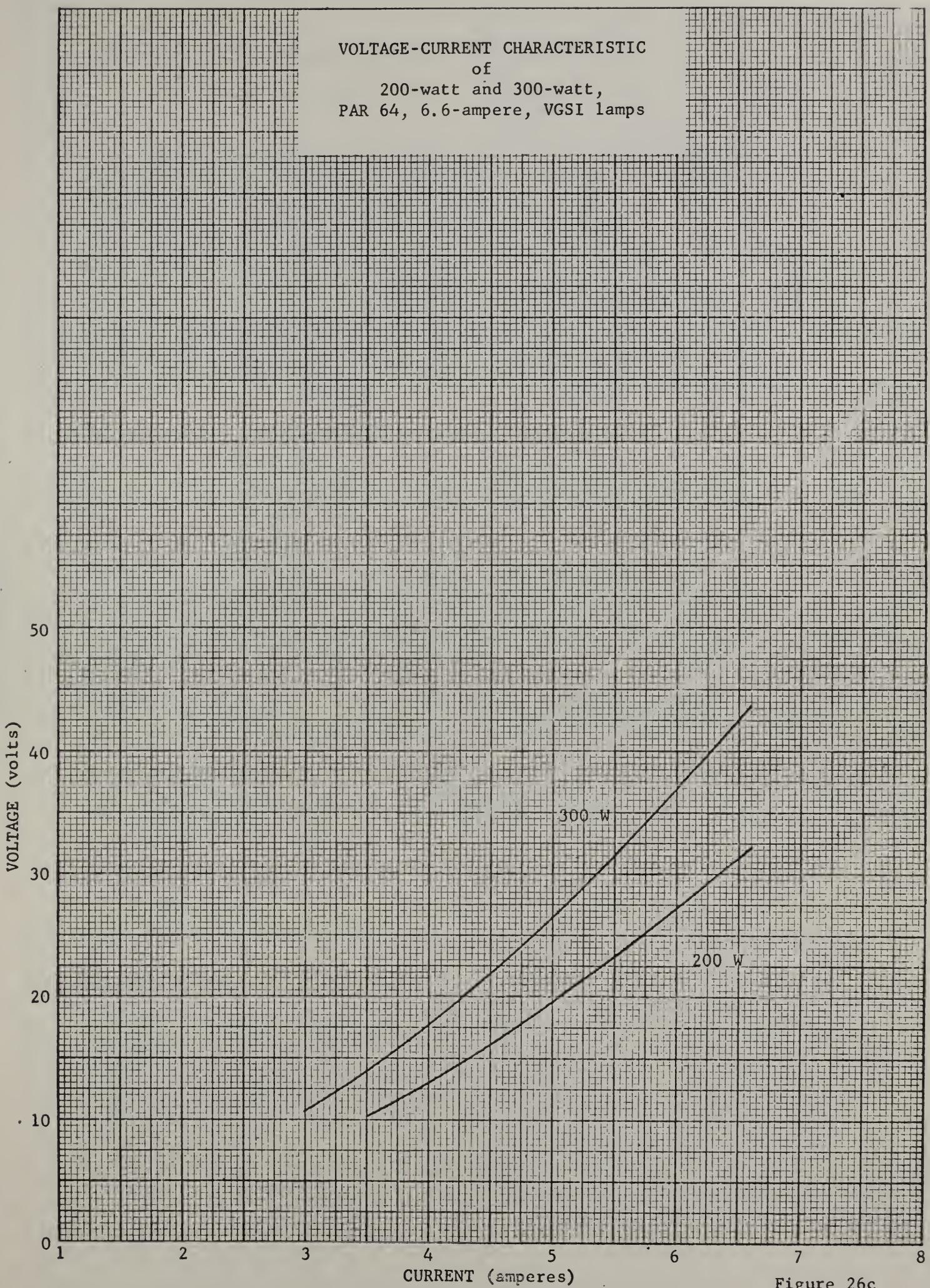


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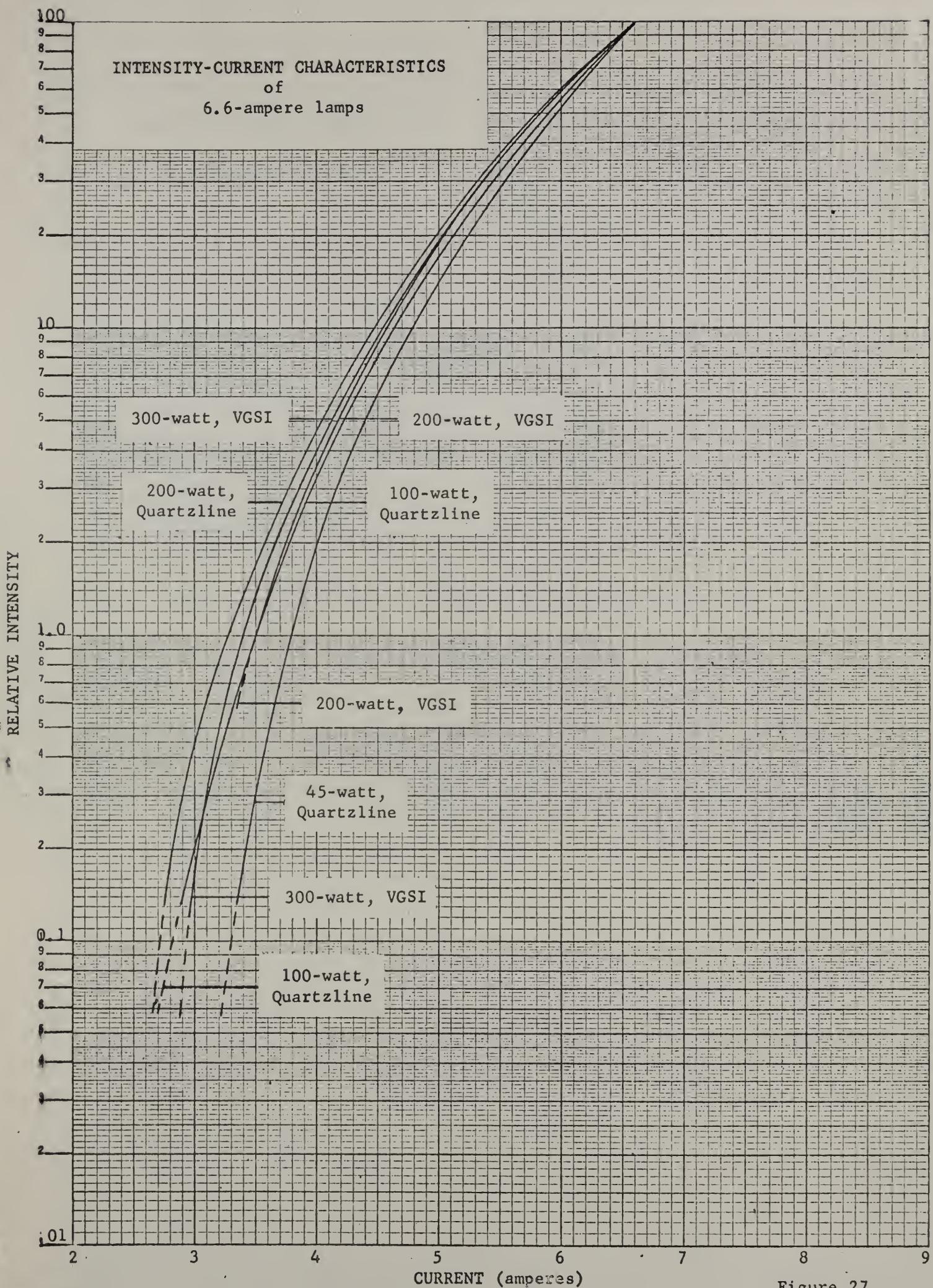


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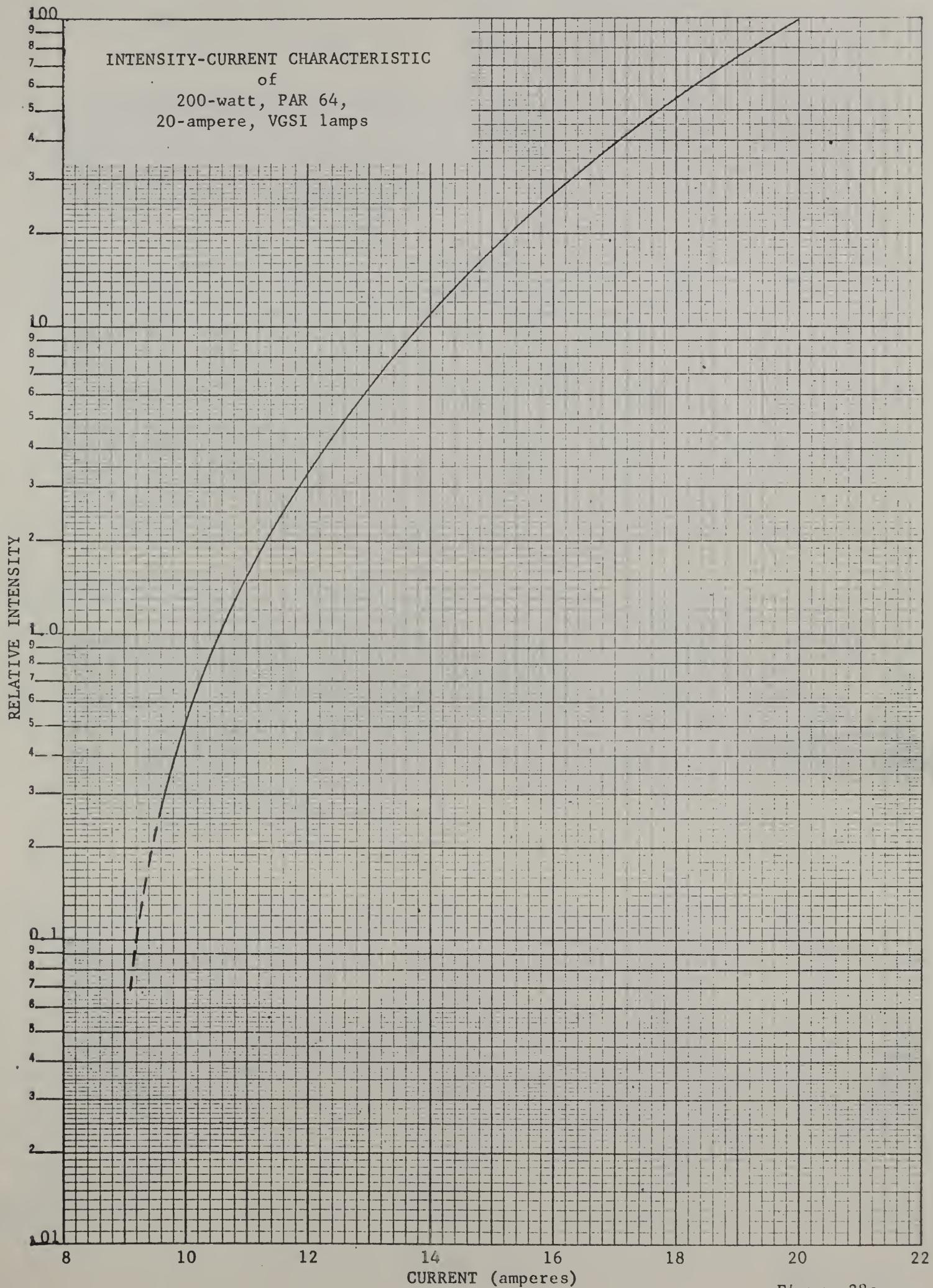


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INTENSITY-VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTIC
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20-ampere, VGSI lamps

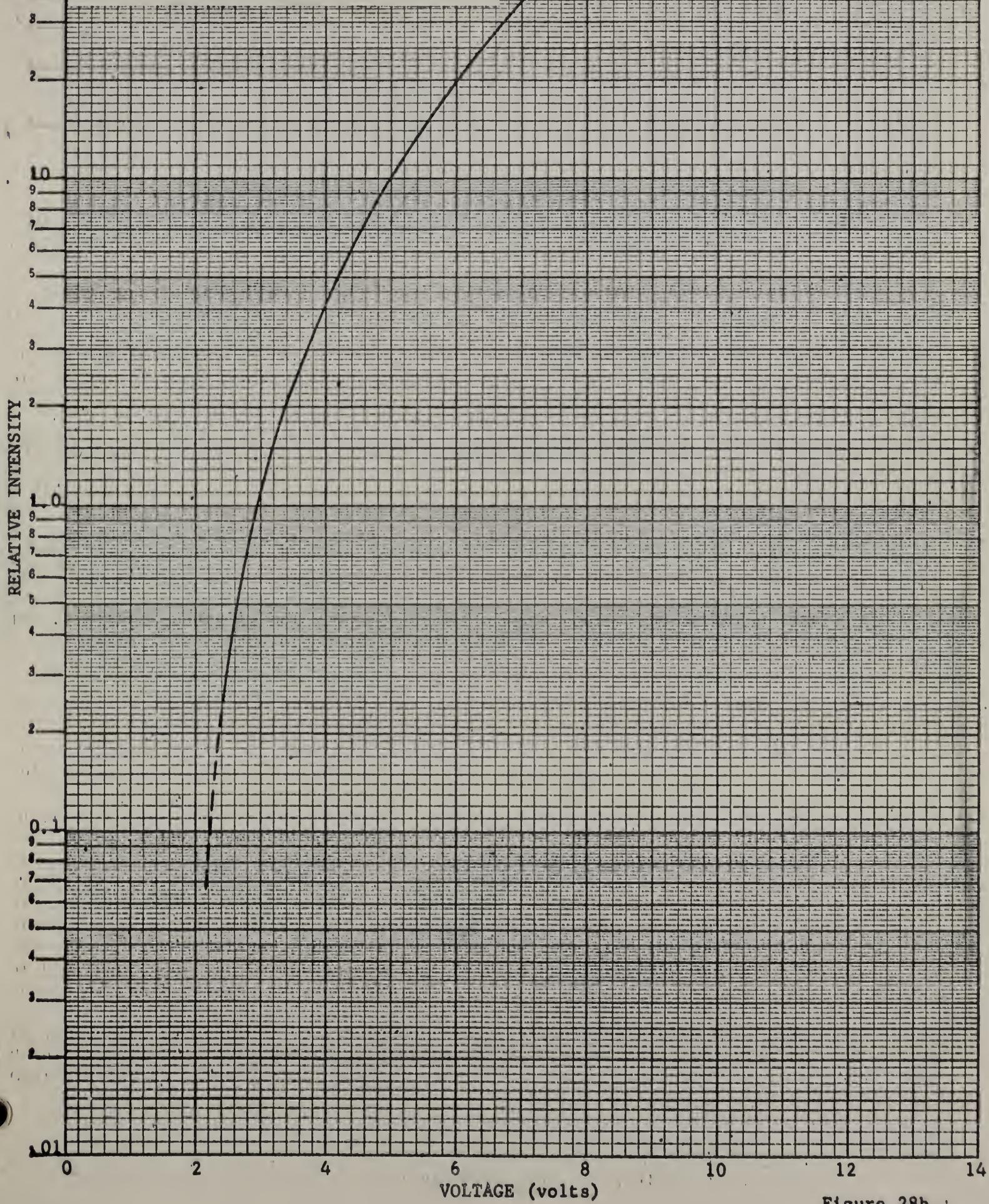


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
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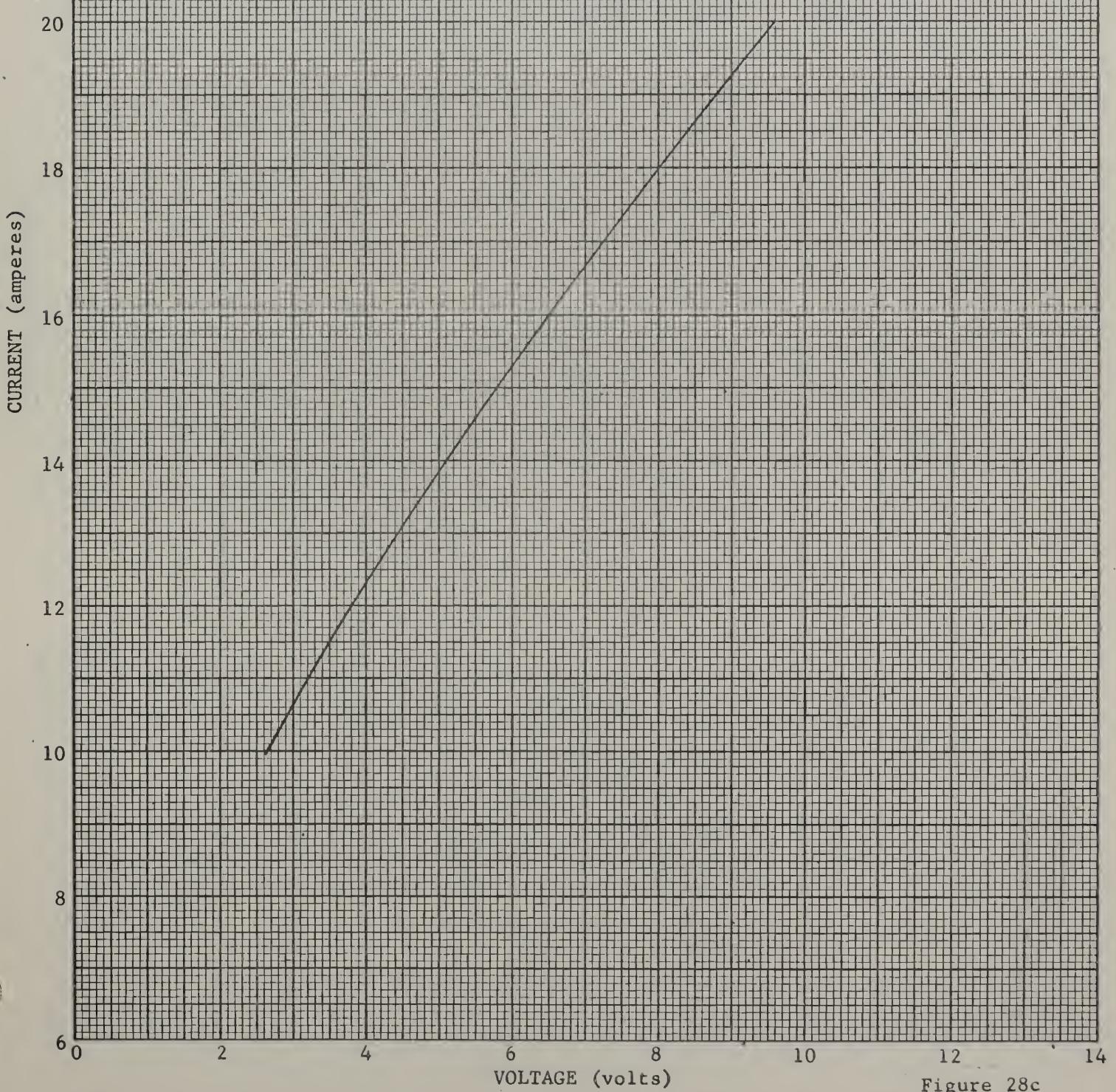
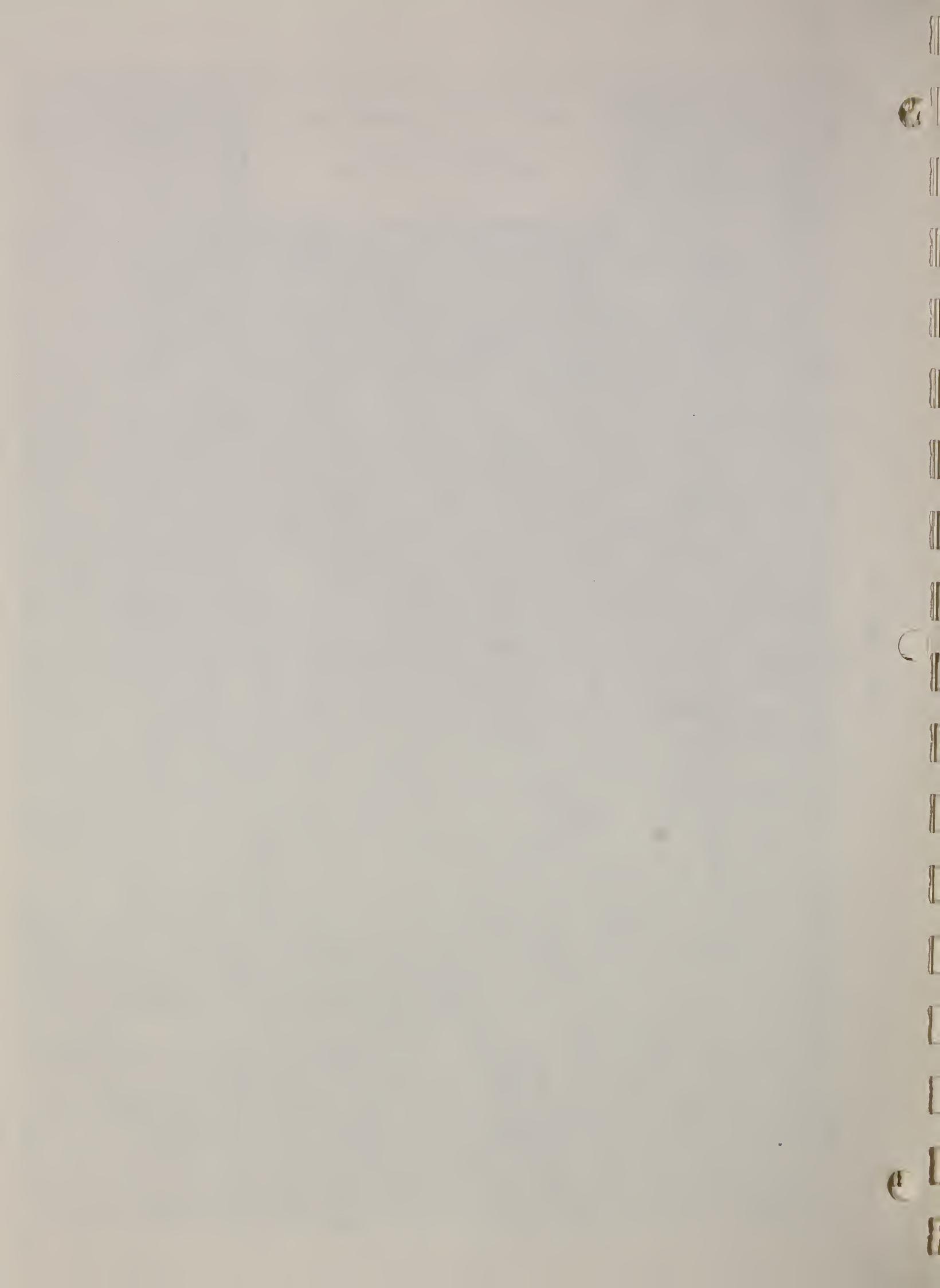


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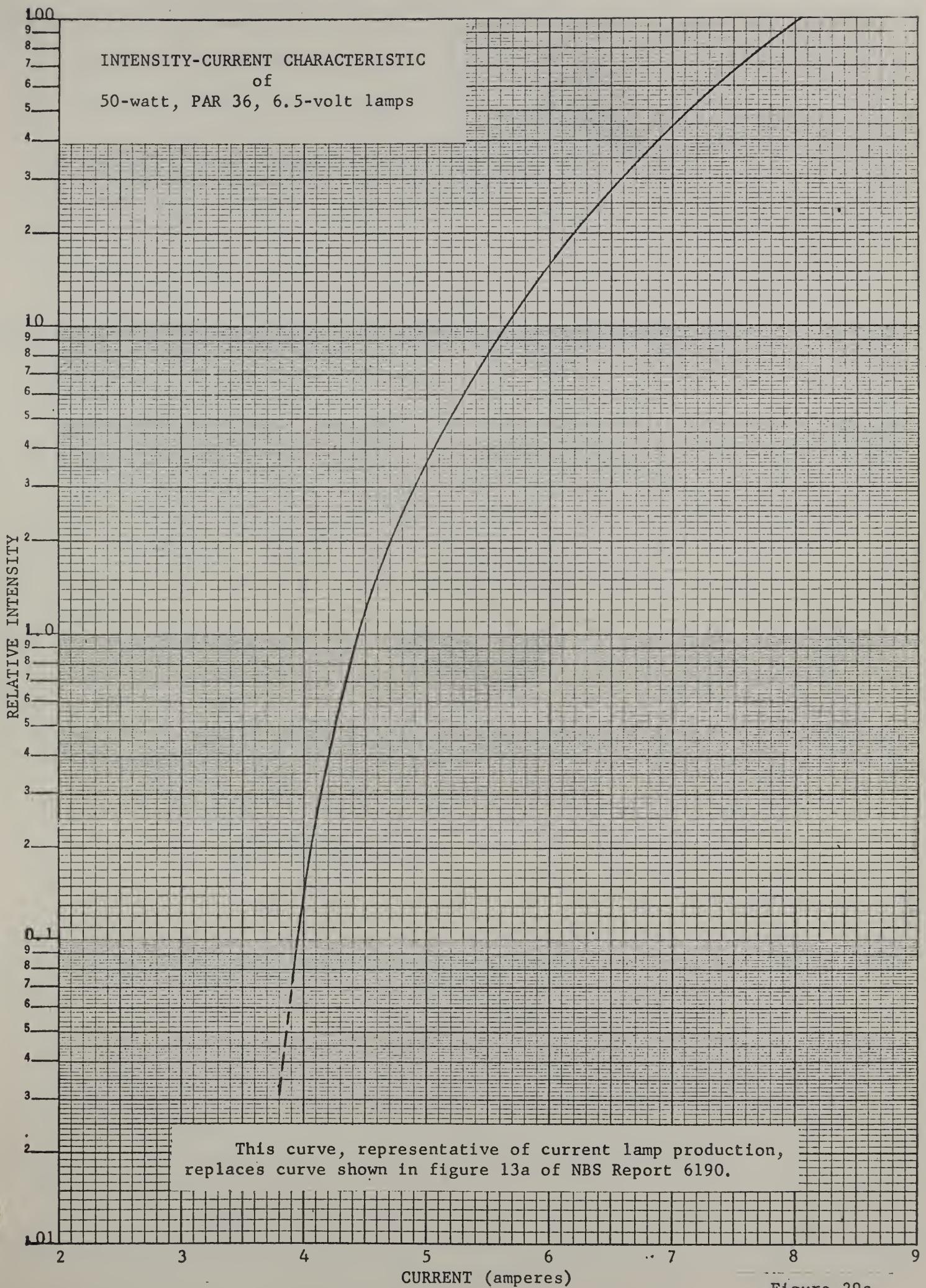
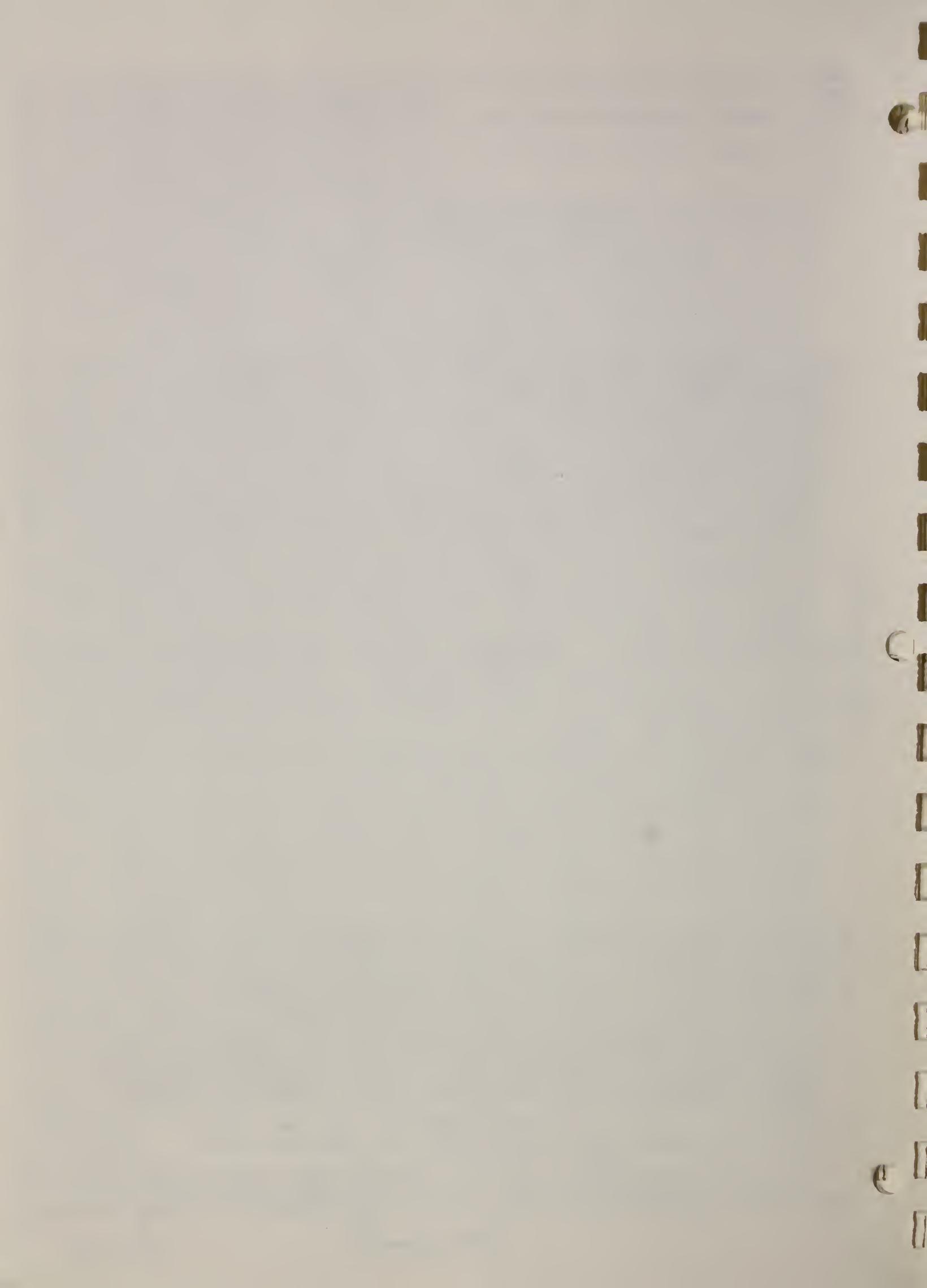


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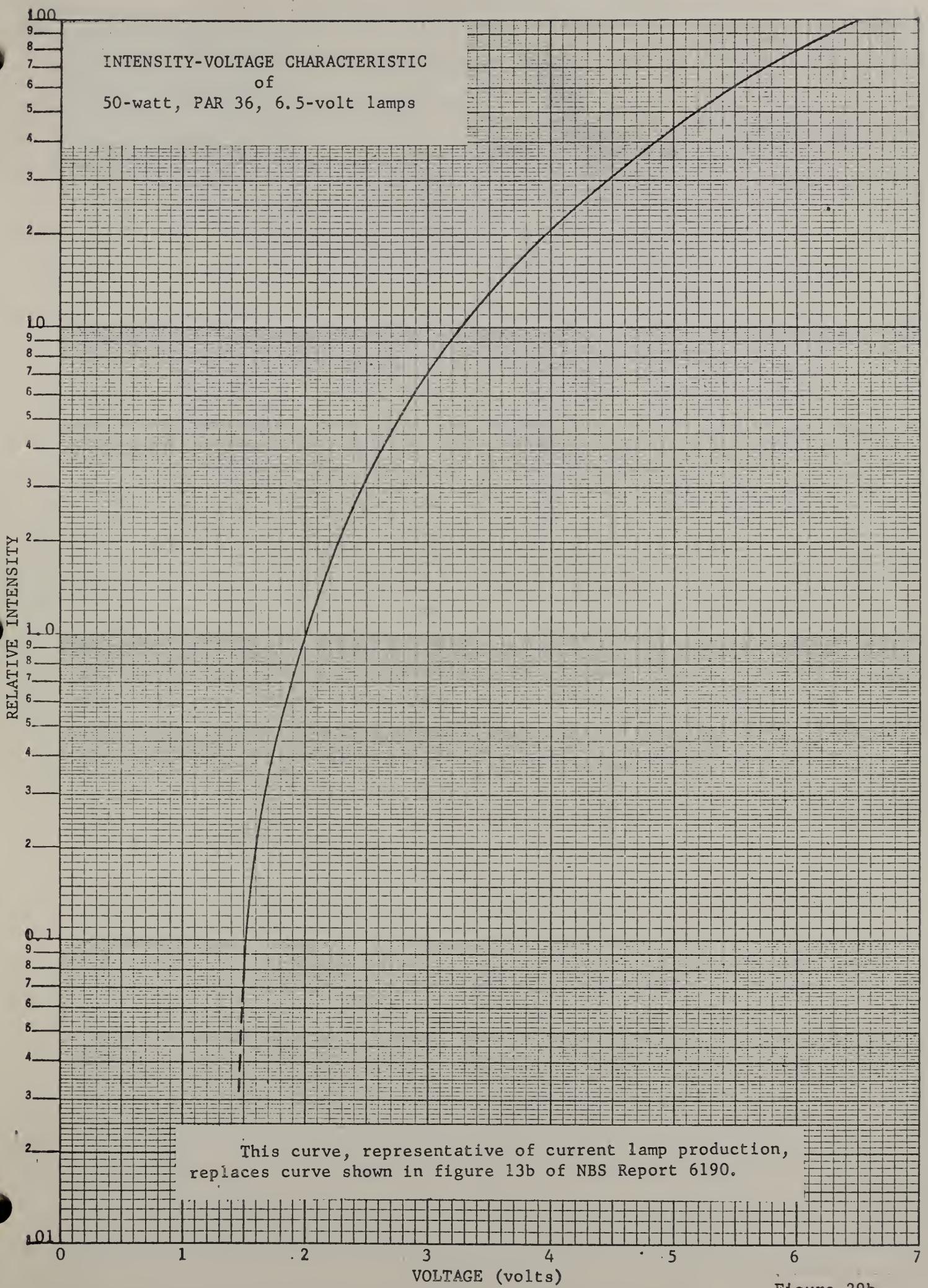


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
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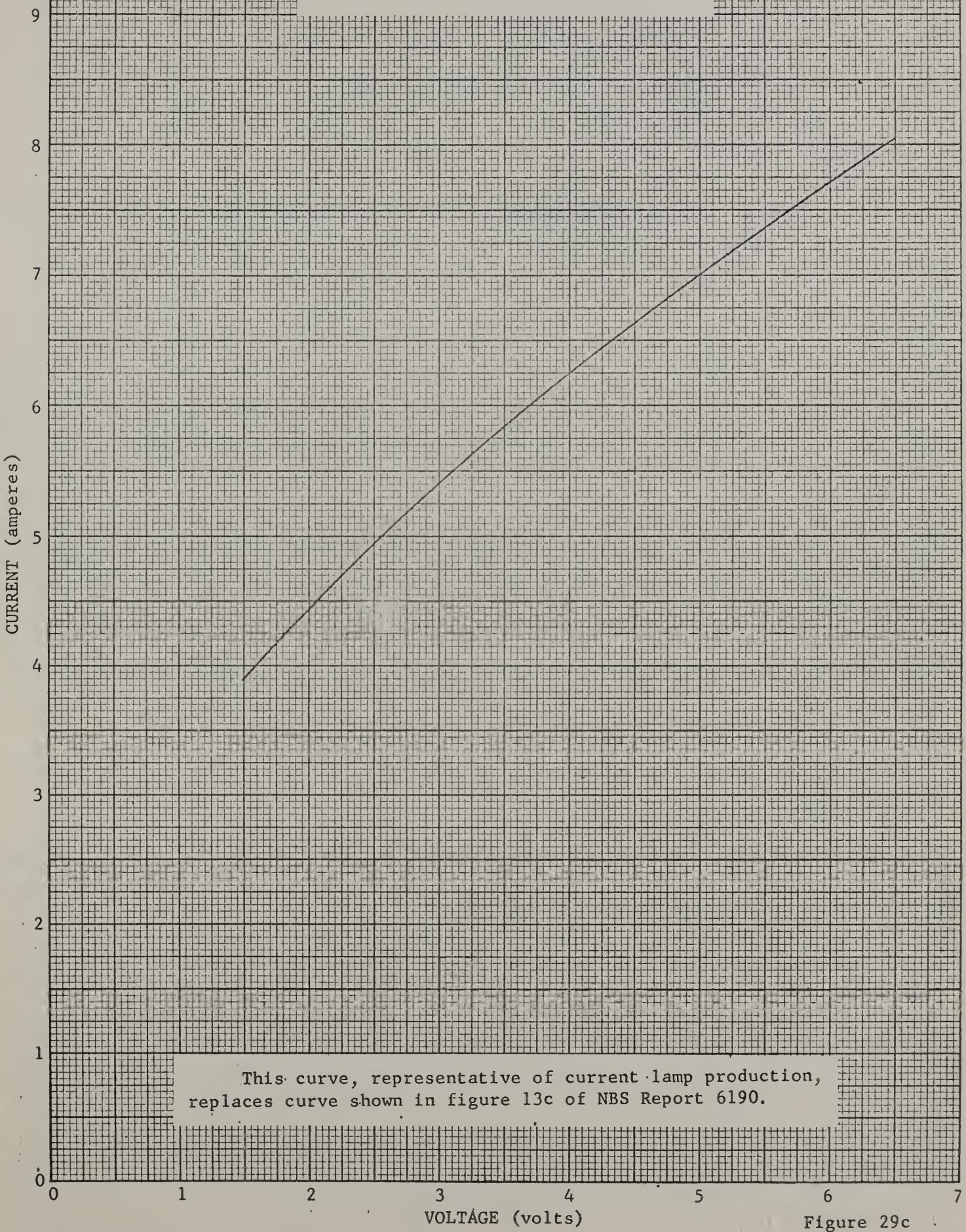


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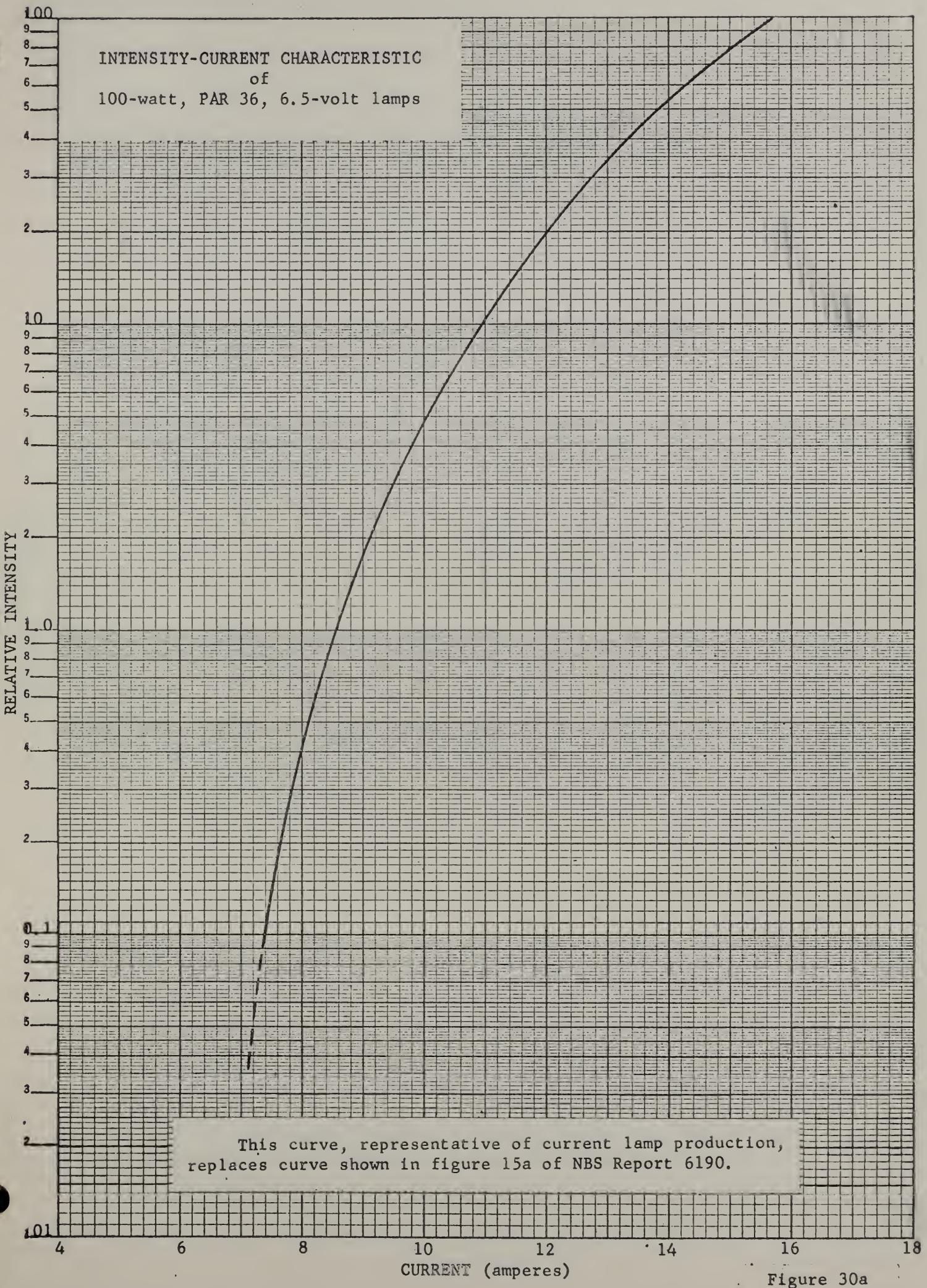


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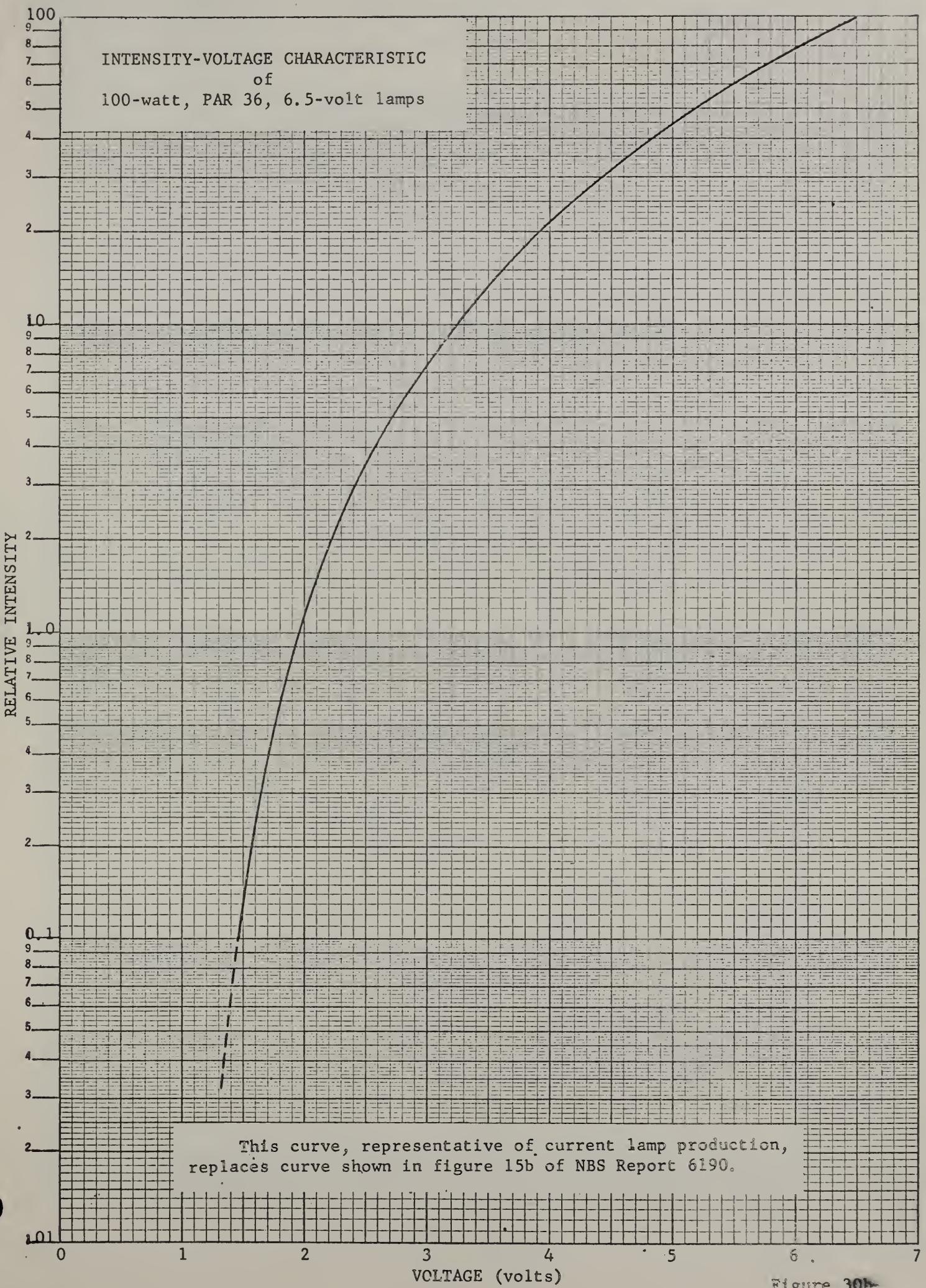


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
100-watt, PAR 36, 6.5-volt lamps

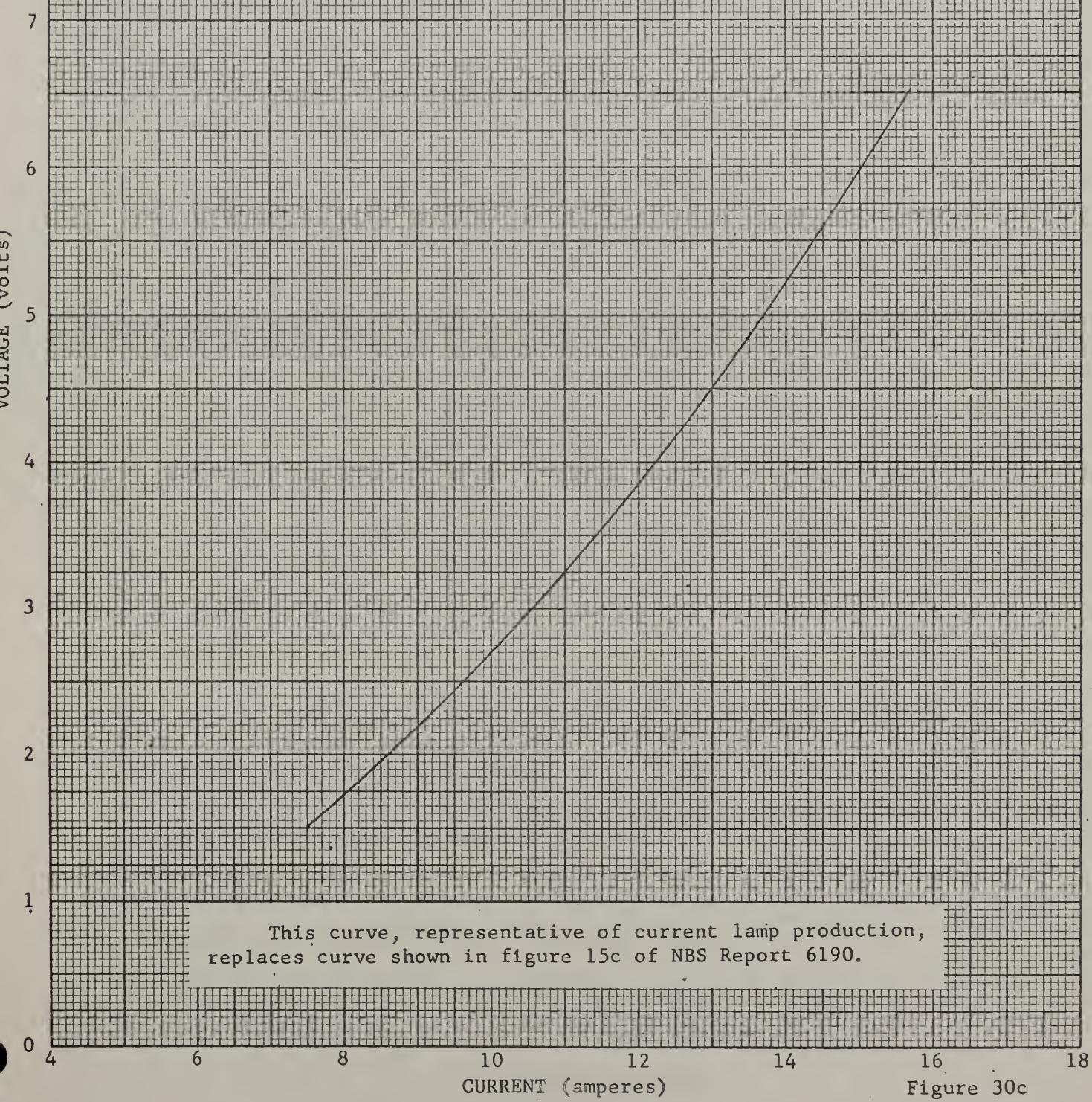


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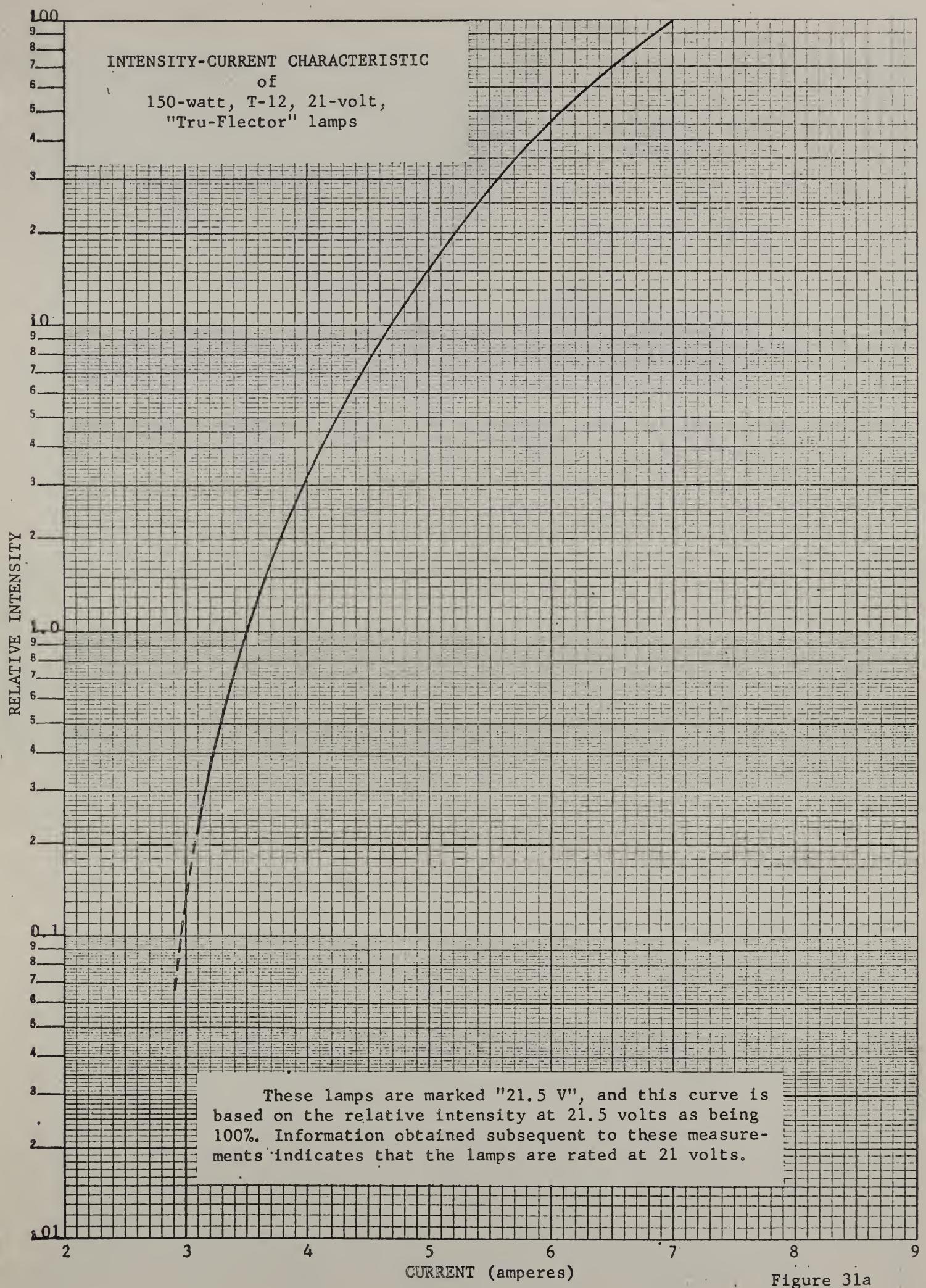


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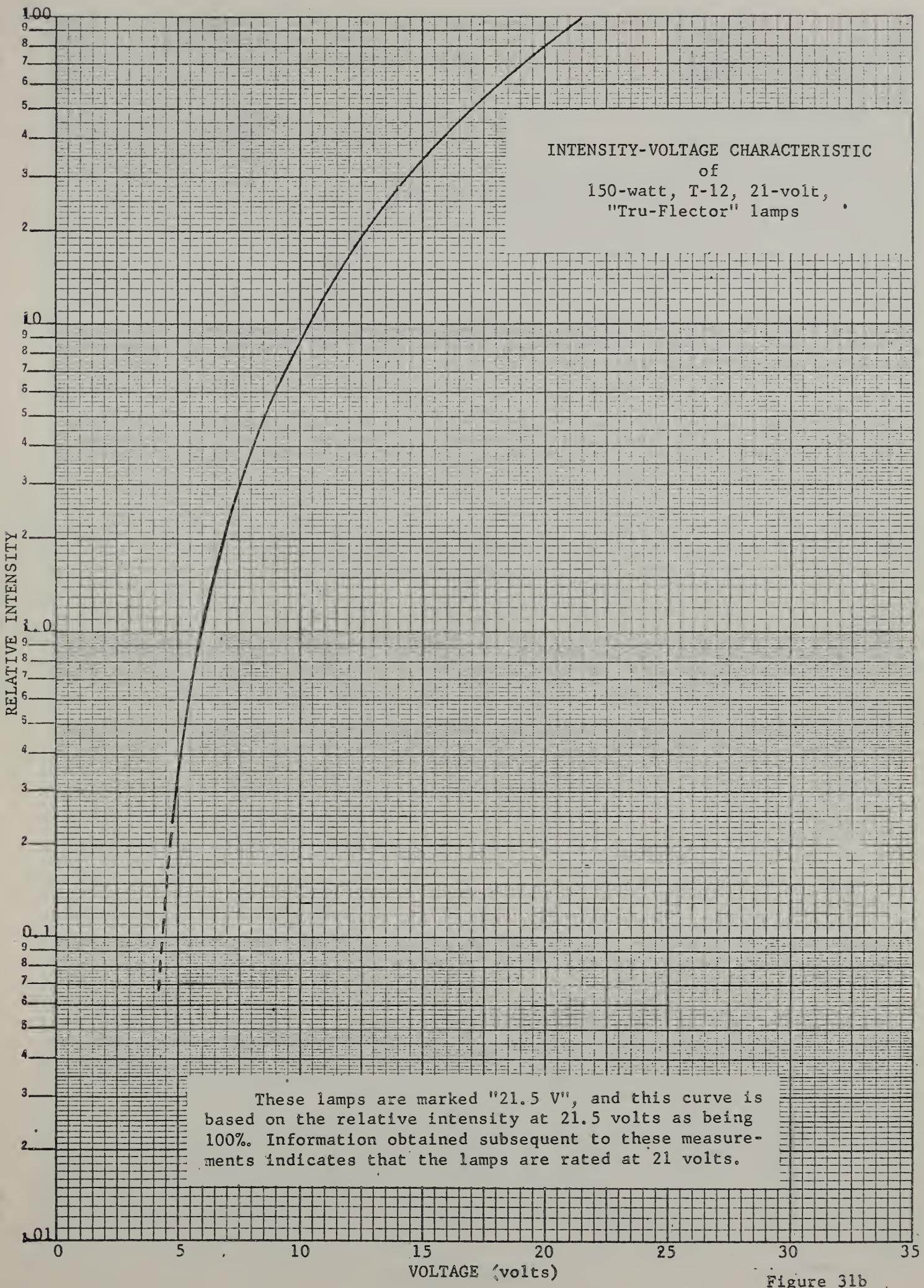
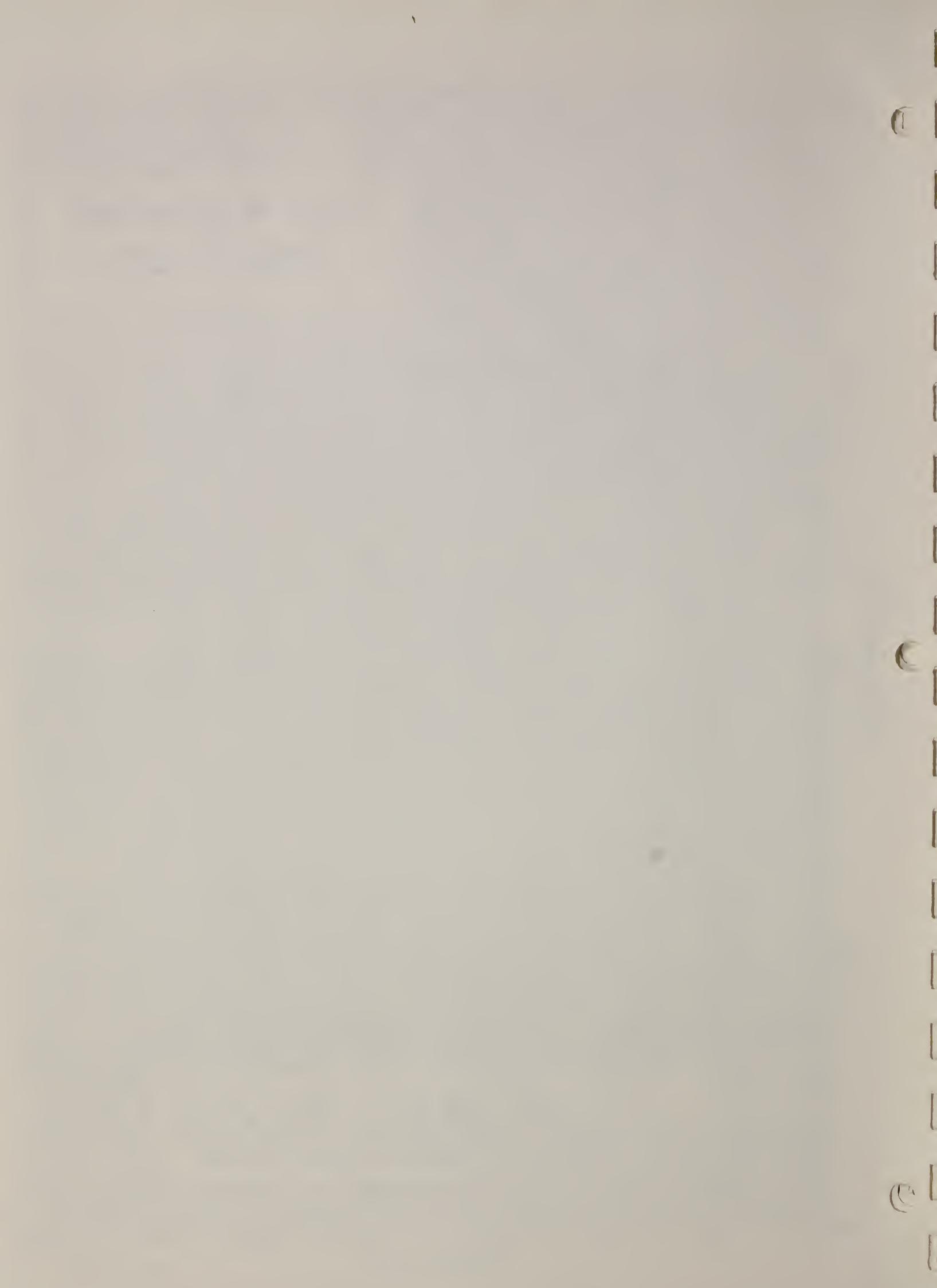


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
of
150-watt, T-12, 21-volt,
"Tru-Flector" lamps

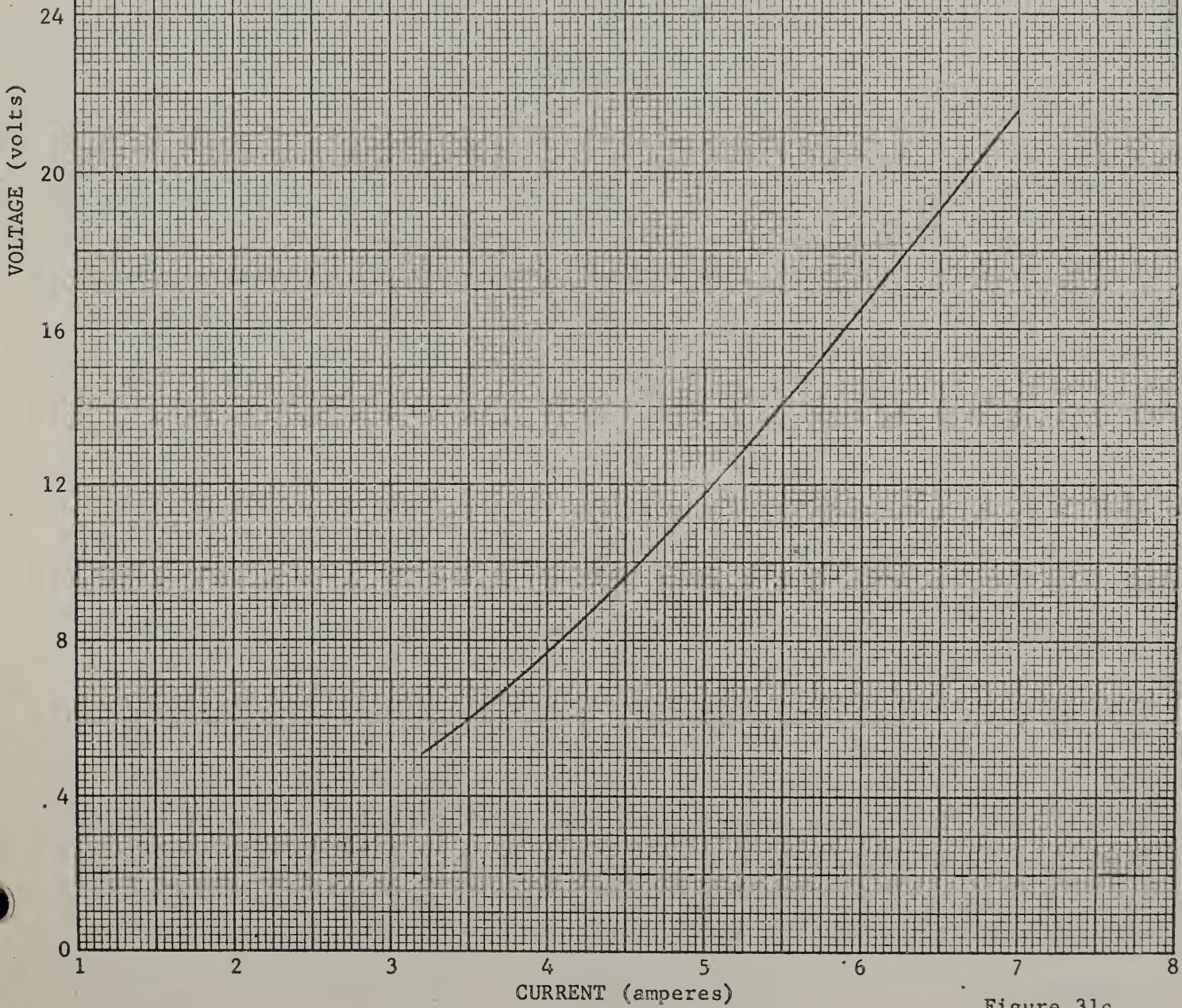


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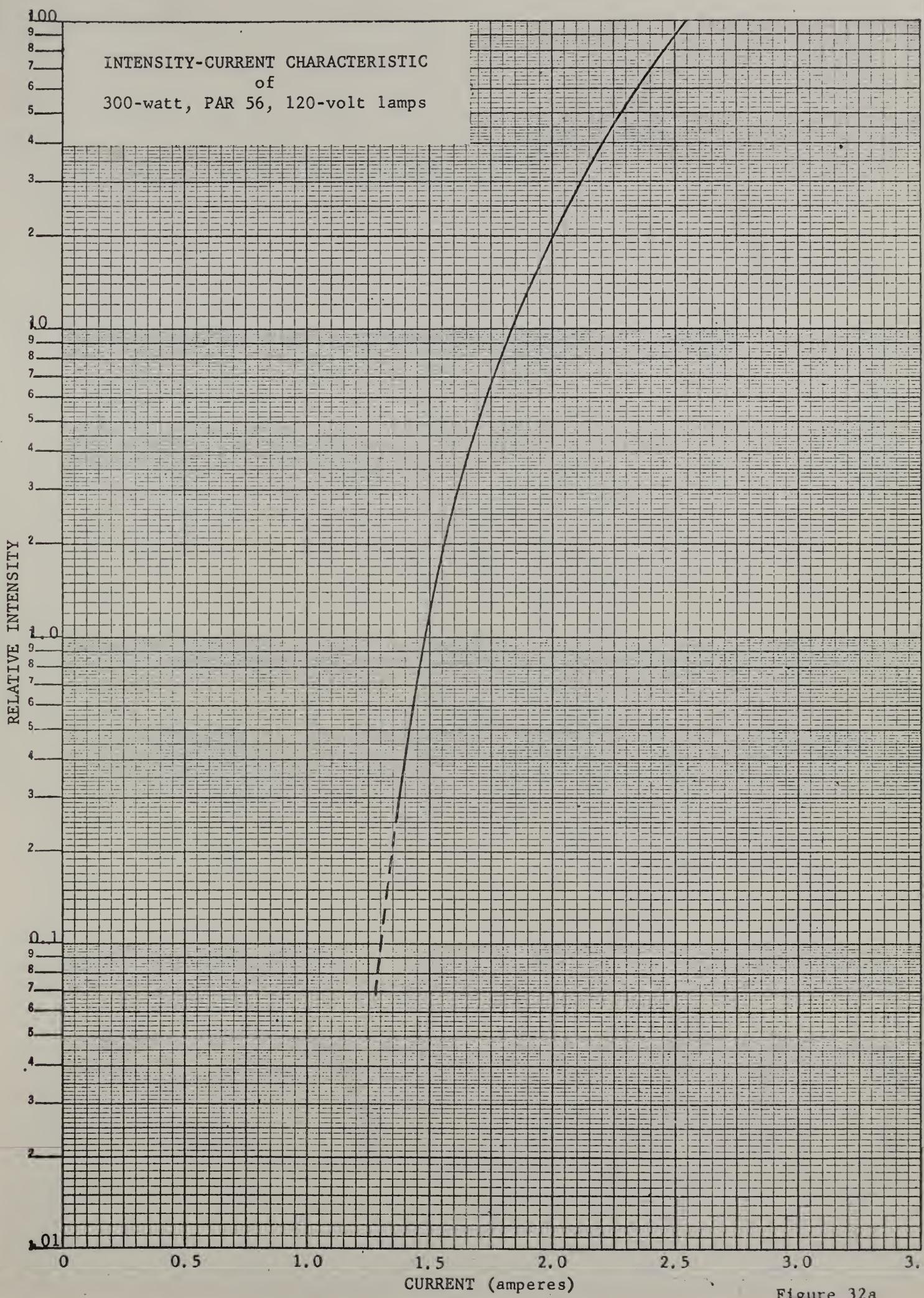


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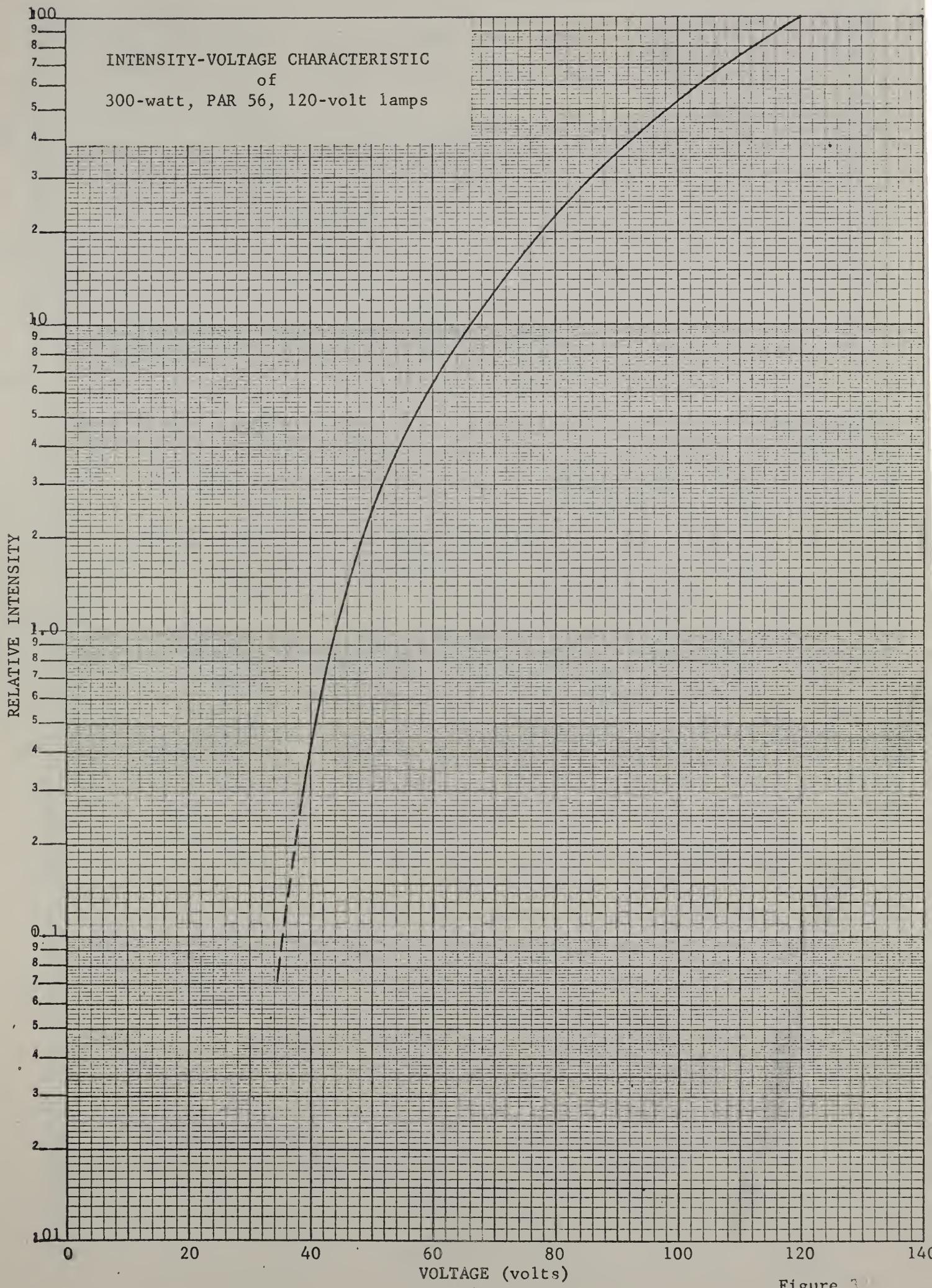


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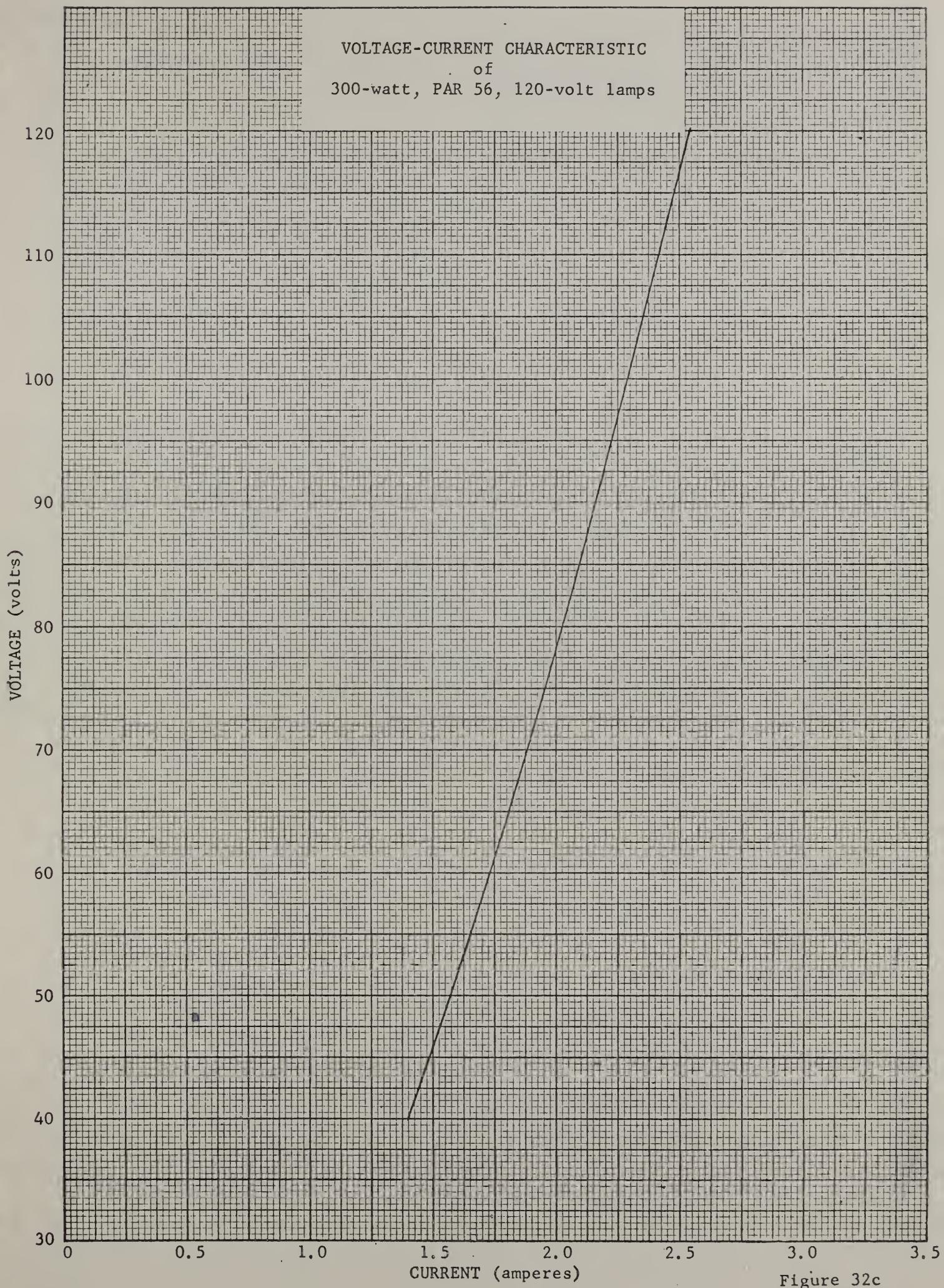


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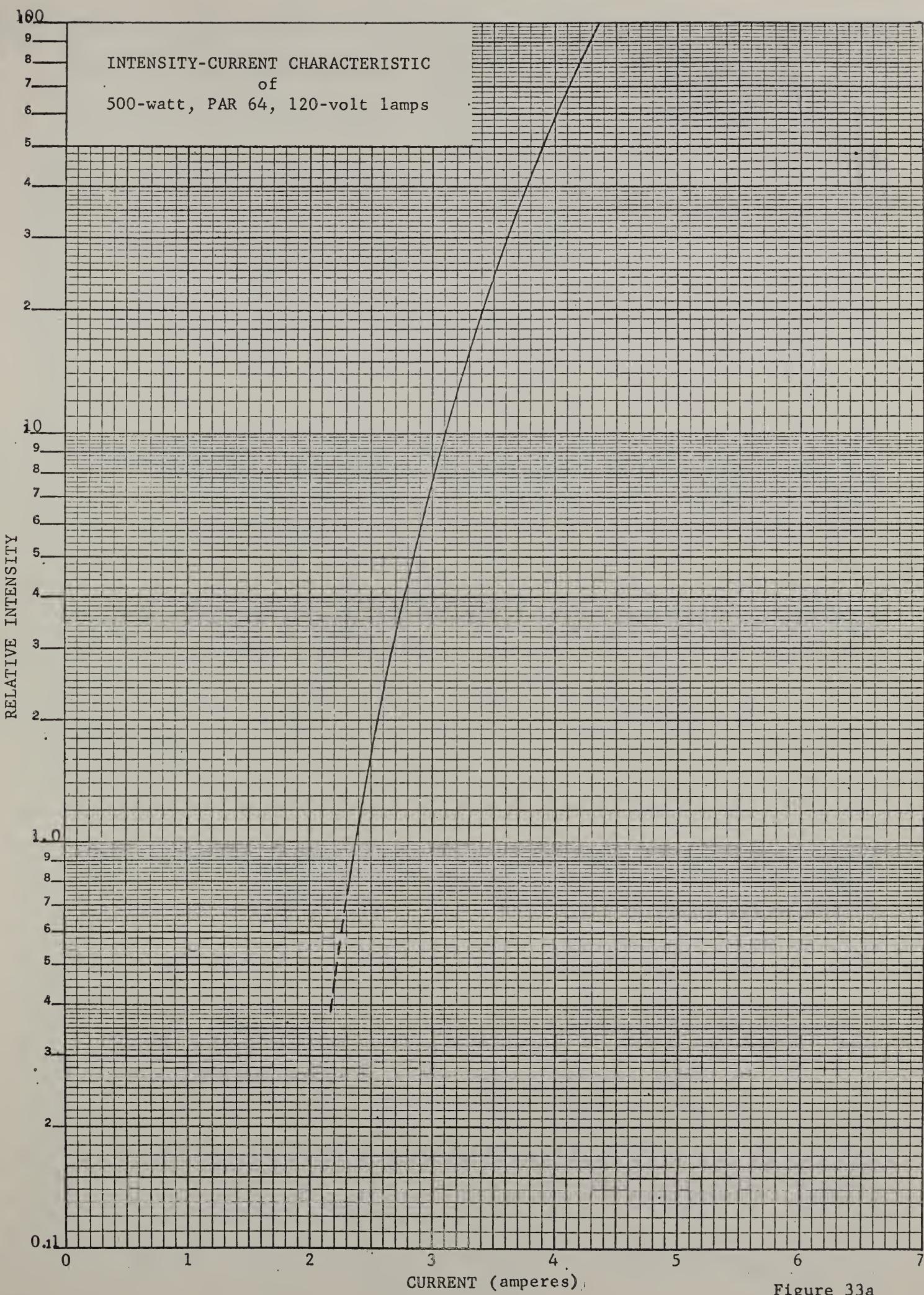
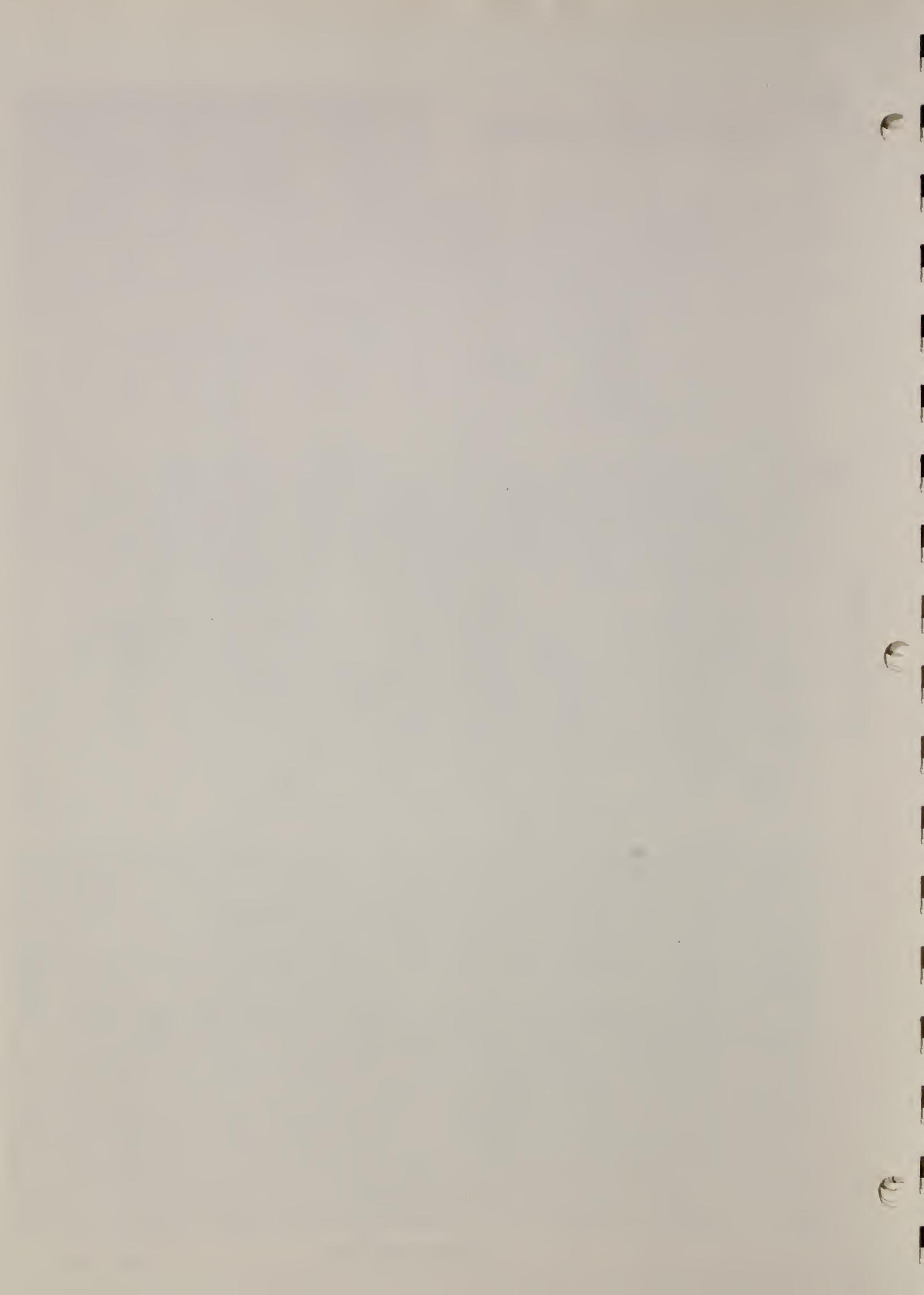


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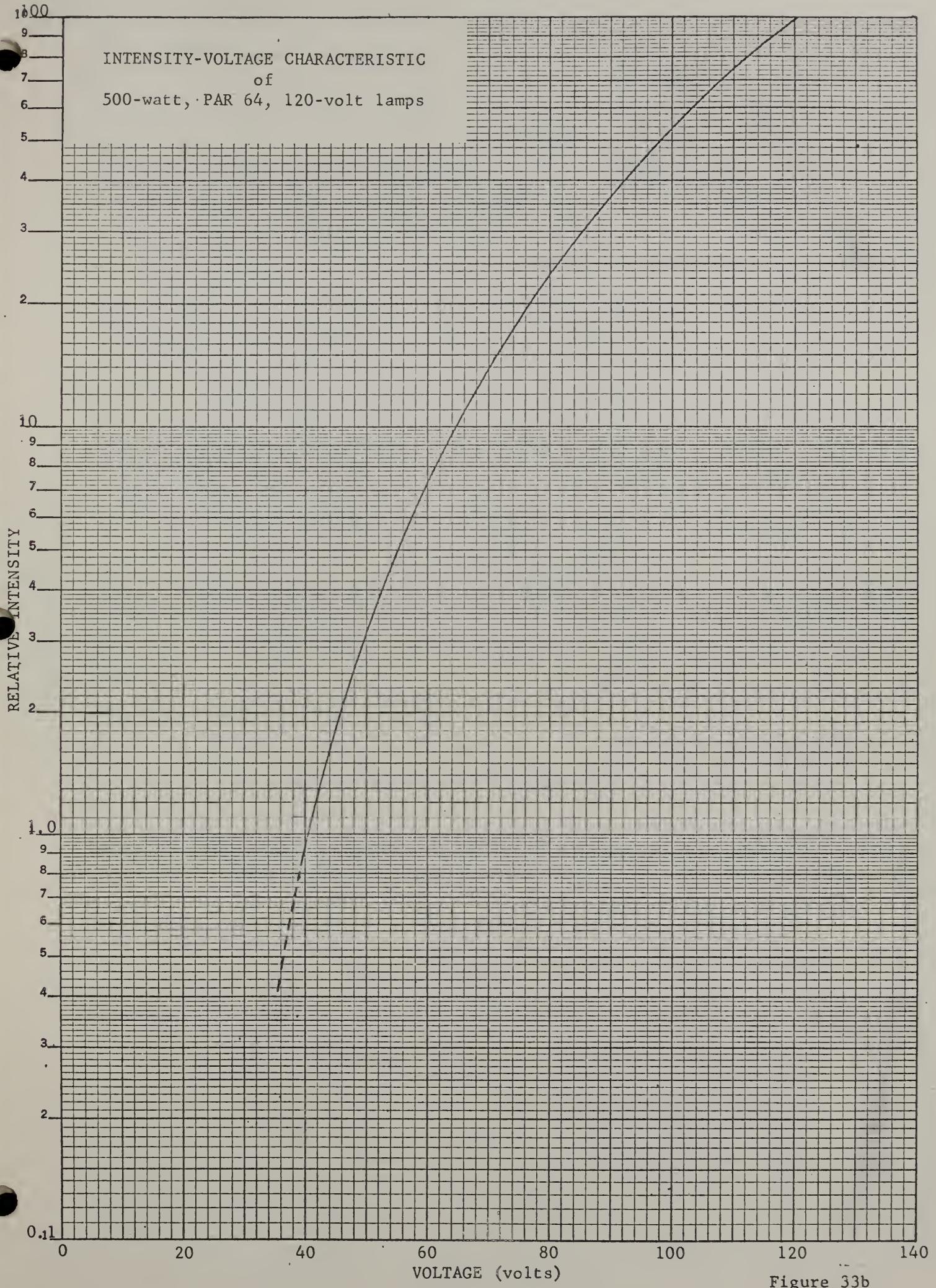


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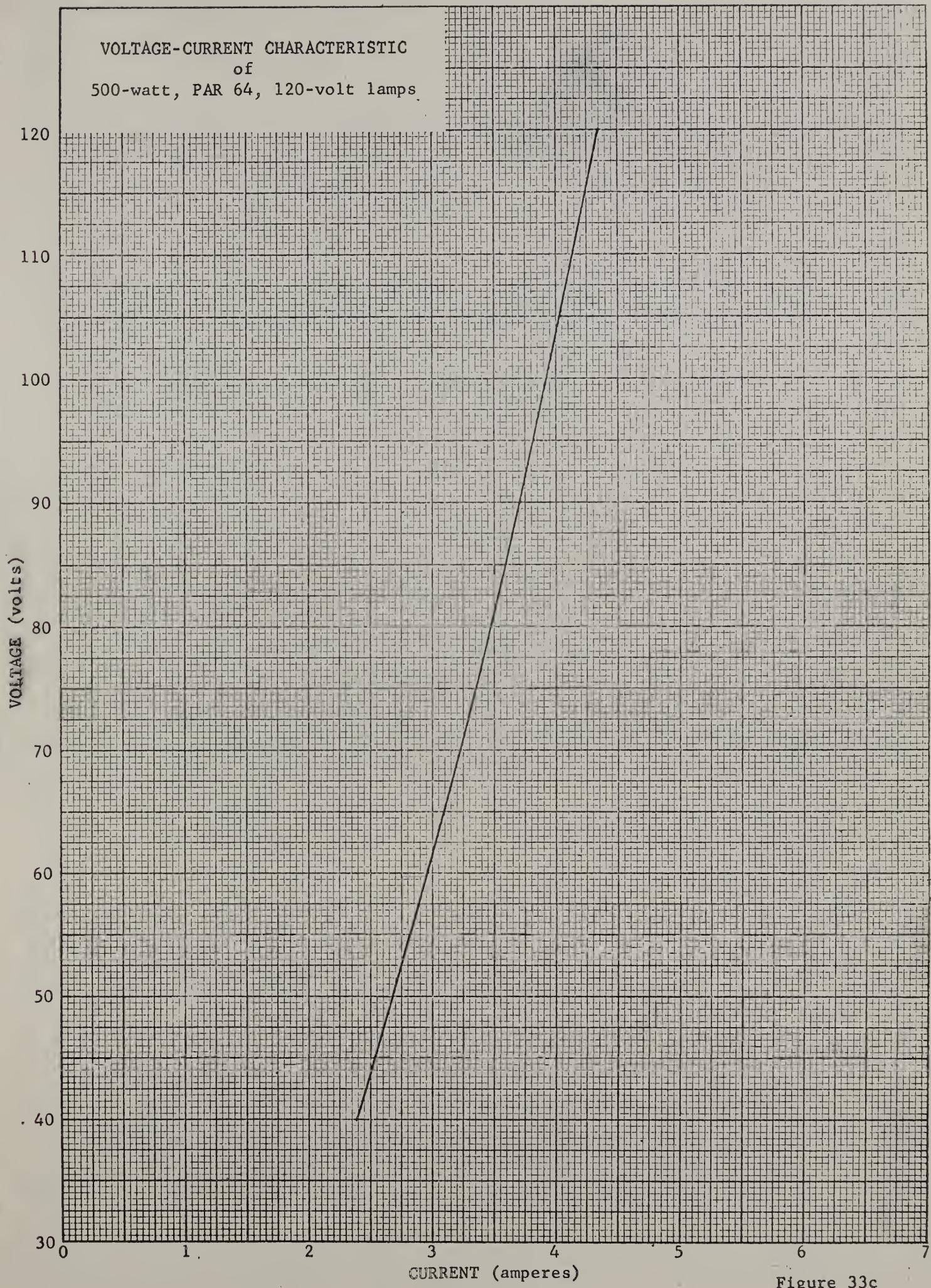


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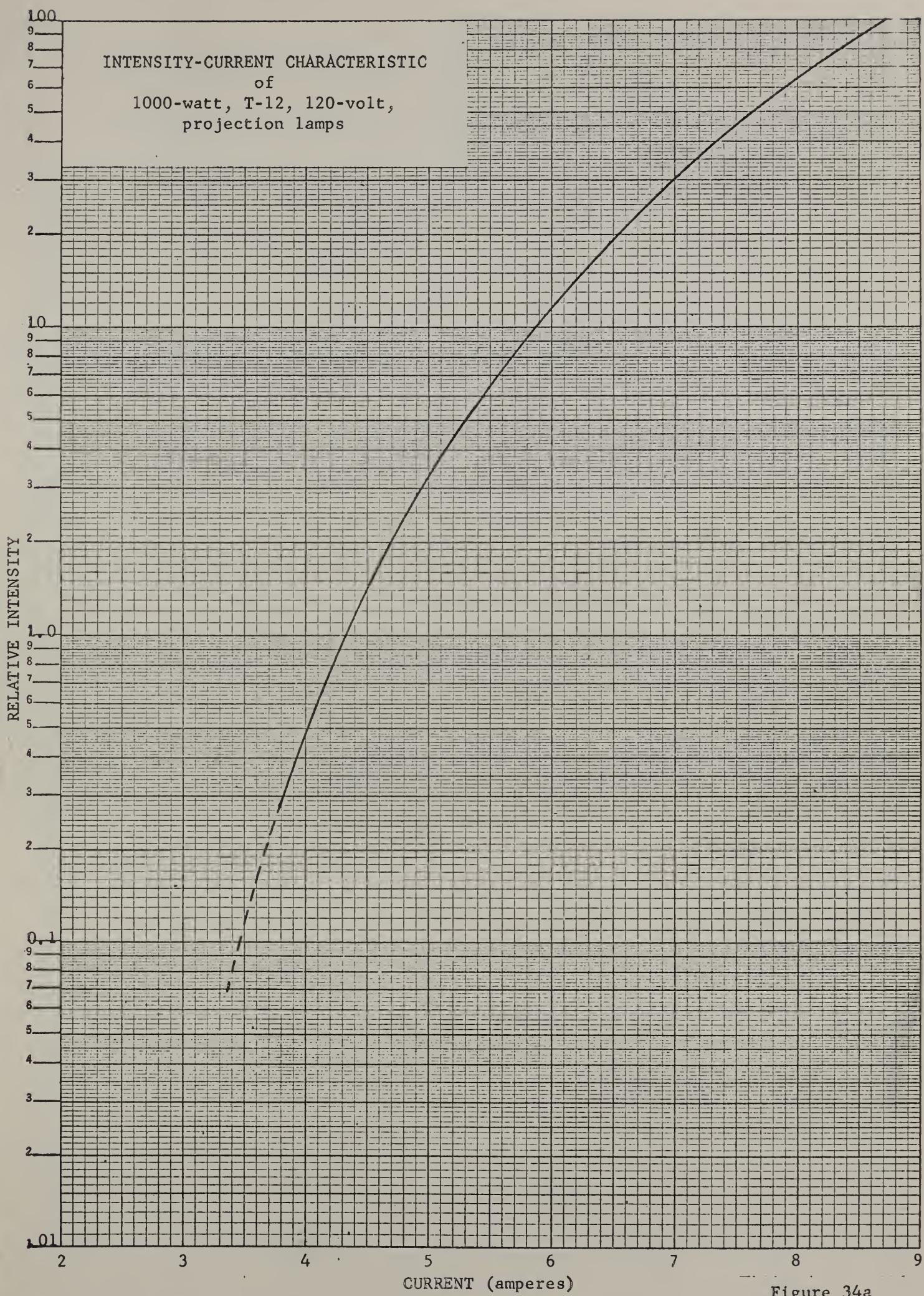


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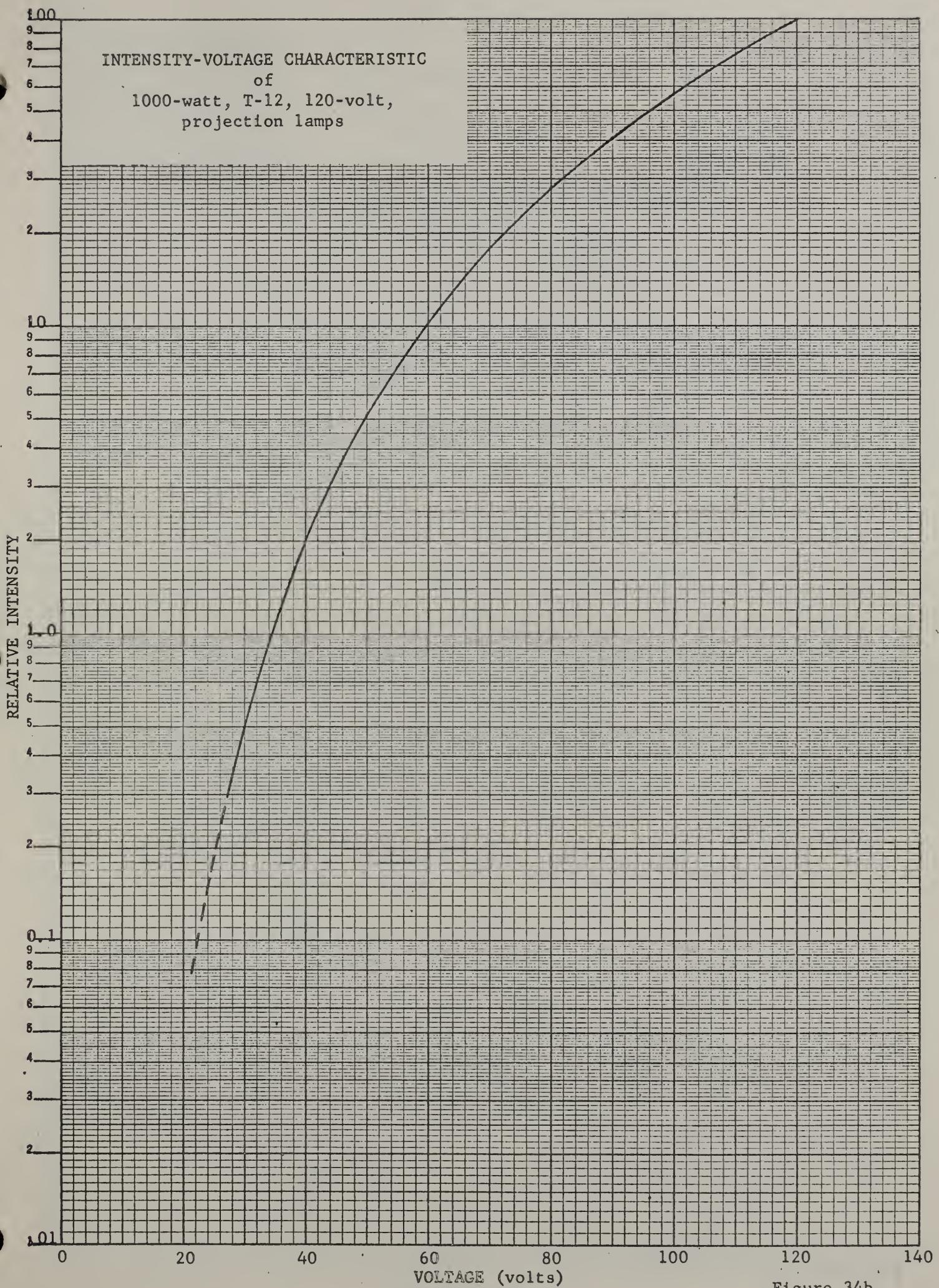


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VOLTAGE-CURRENT CHARACTERISTIC
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1000-watt, T-12, 120-volt,
projection lamps

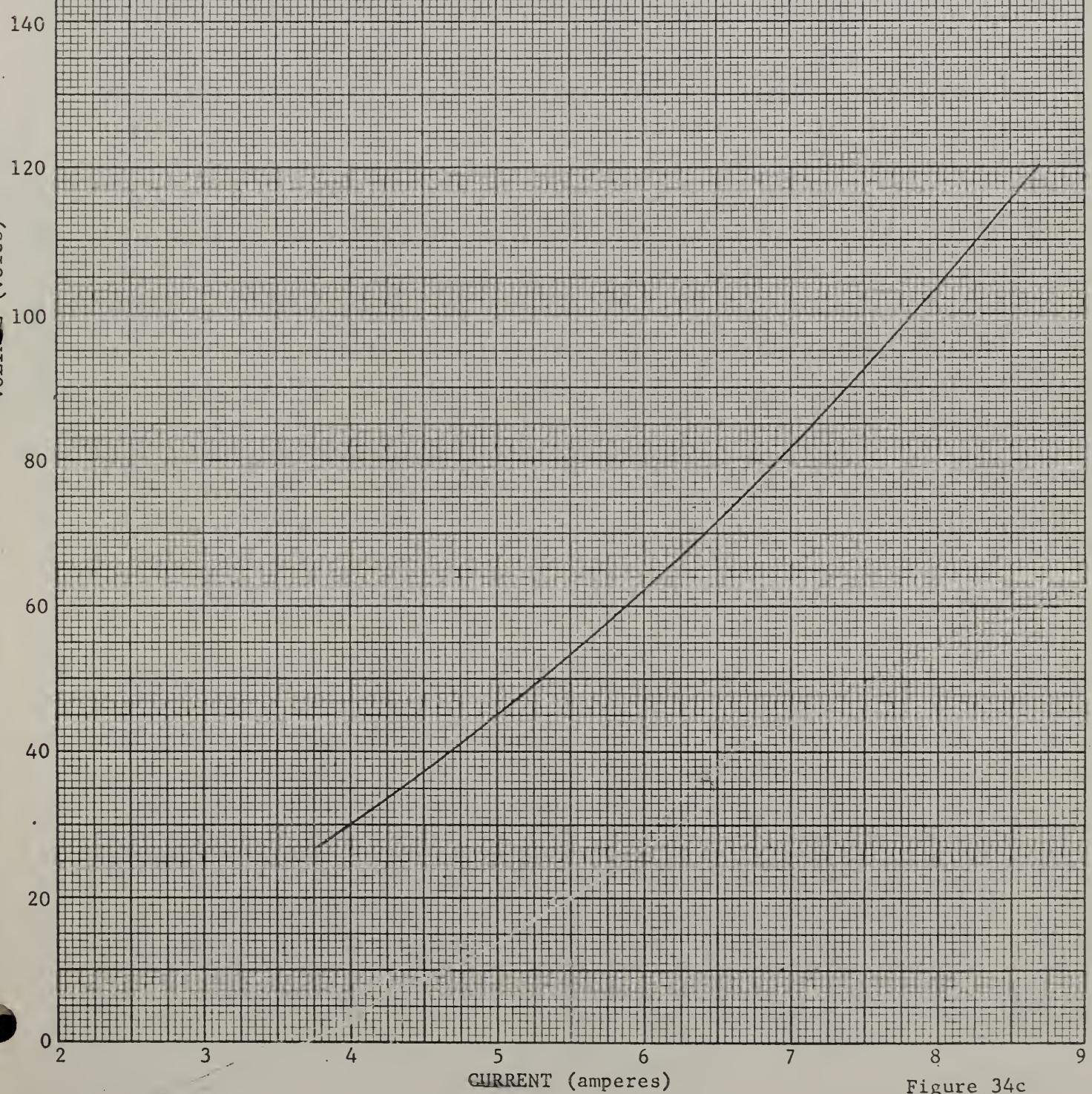


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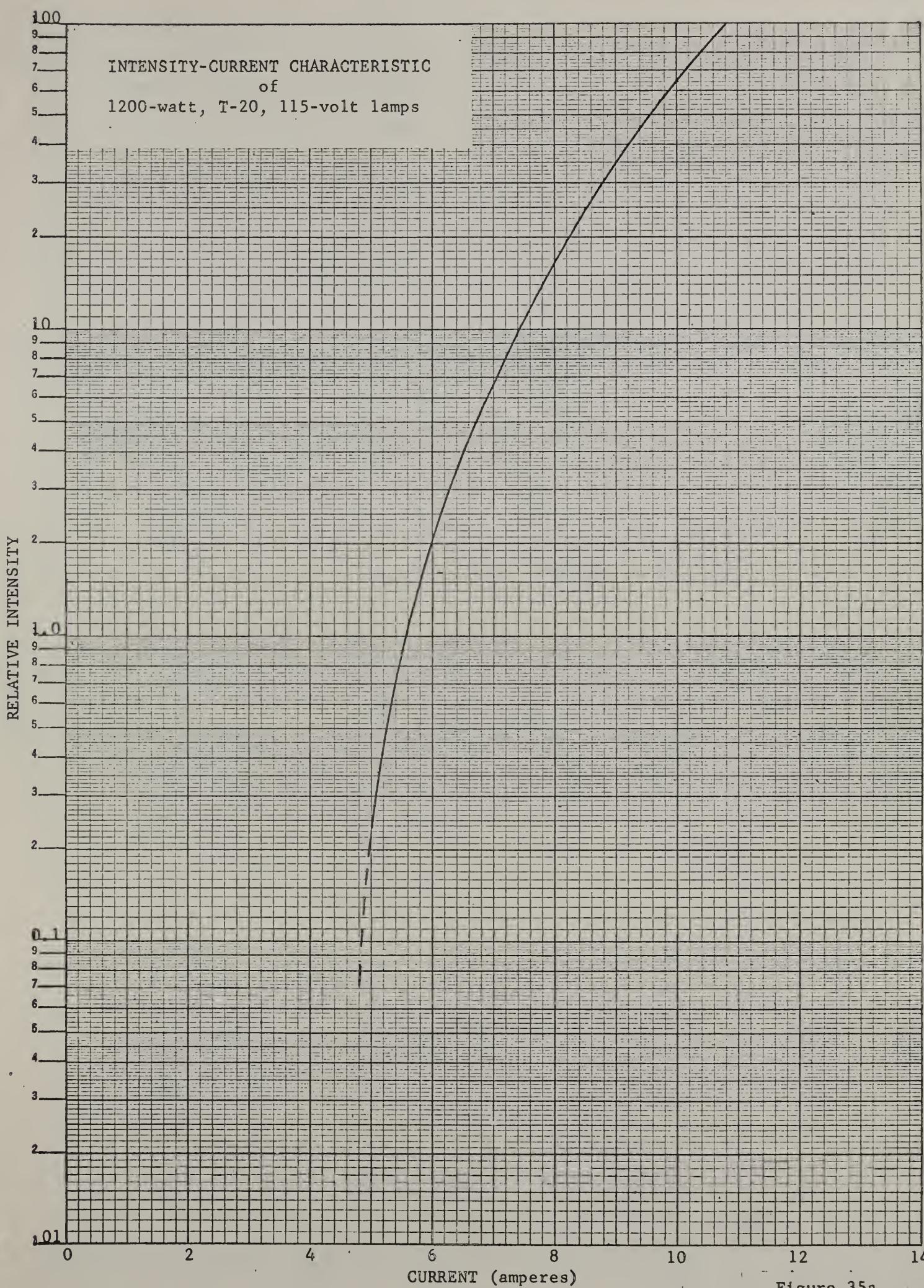


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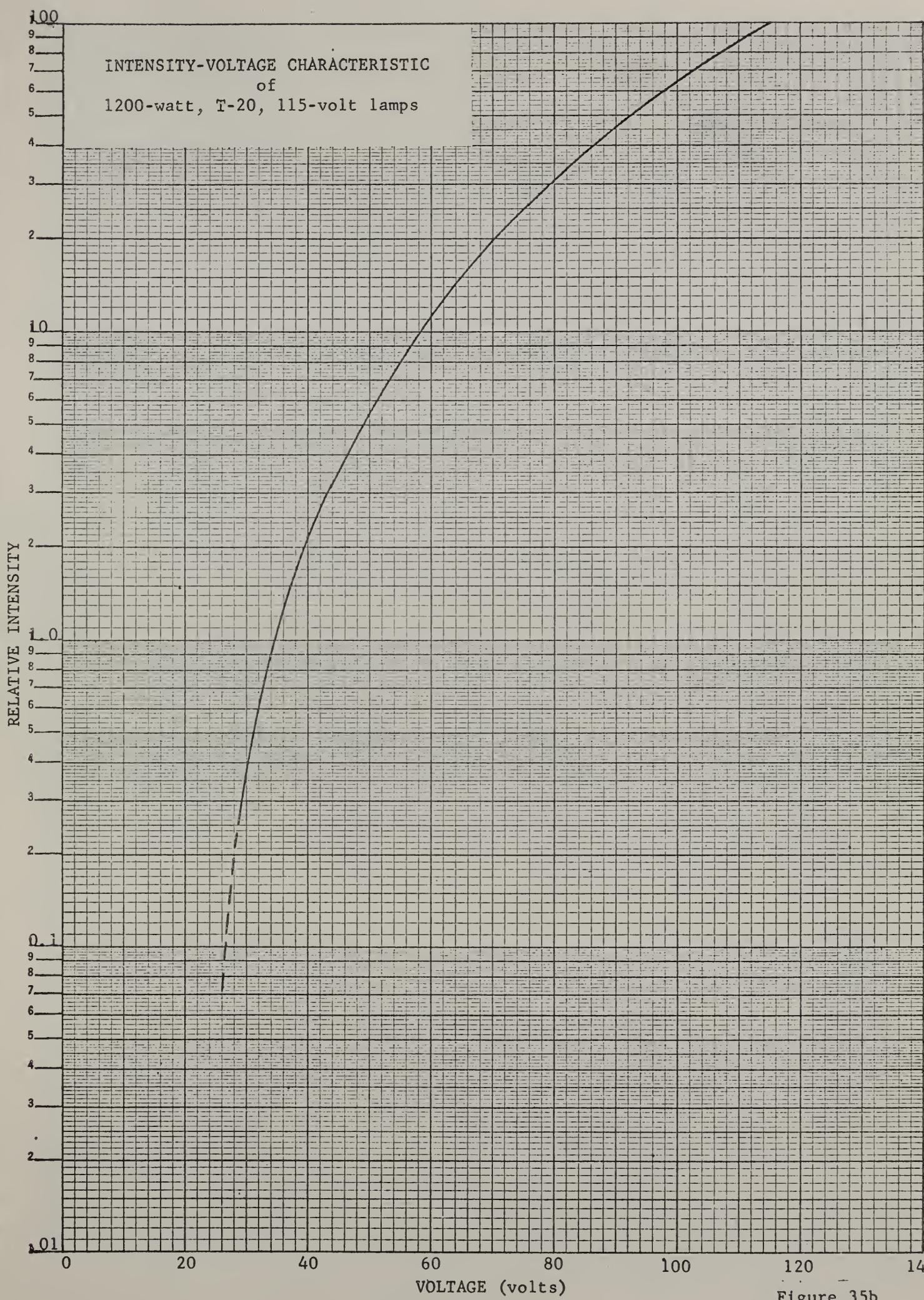


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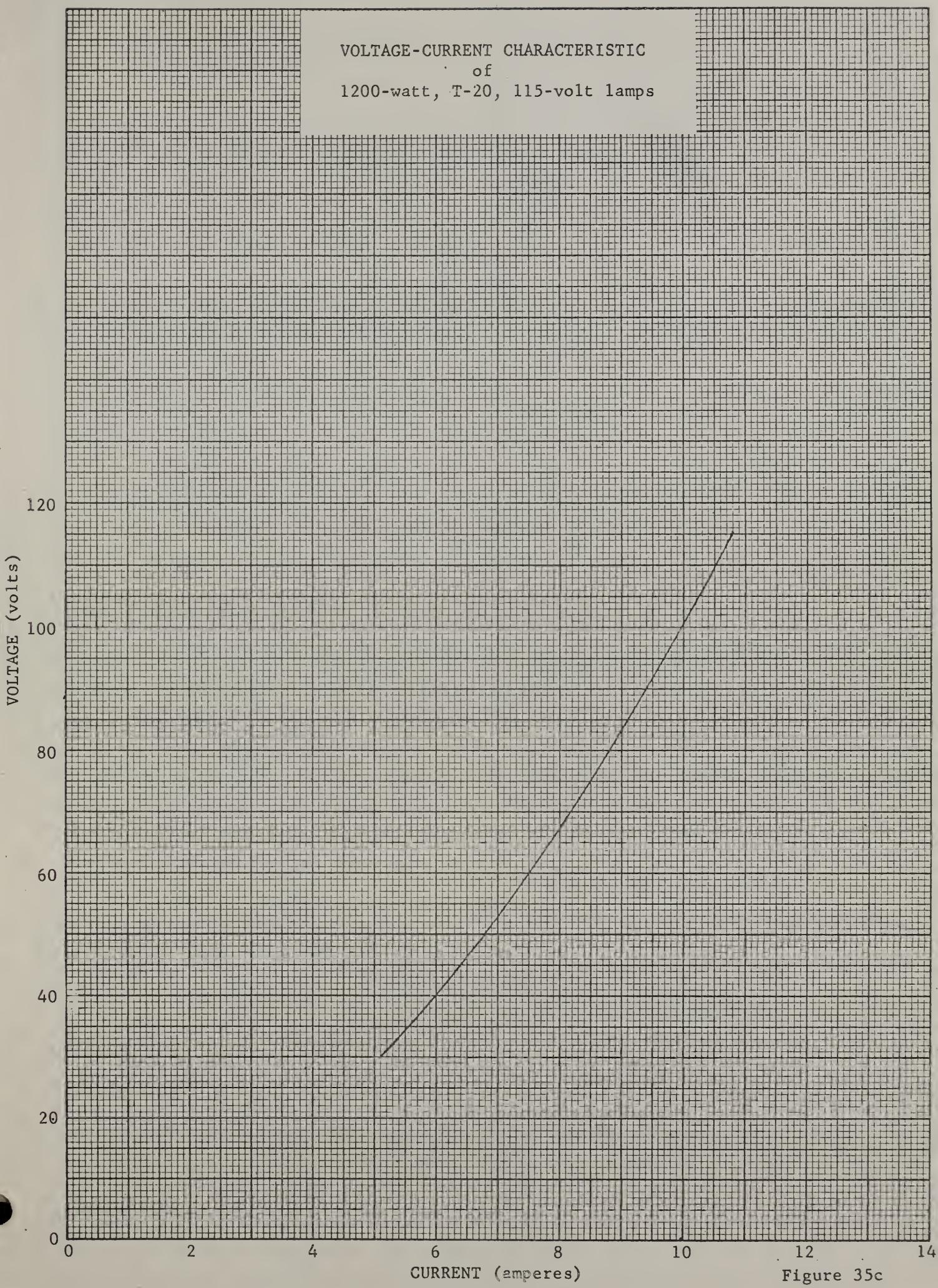


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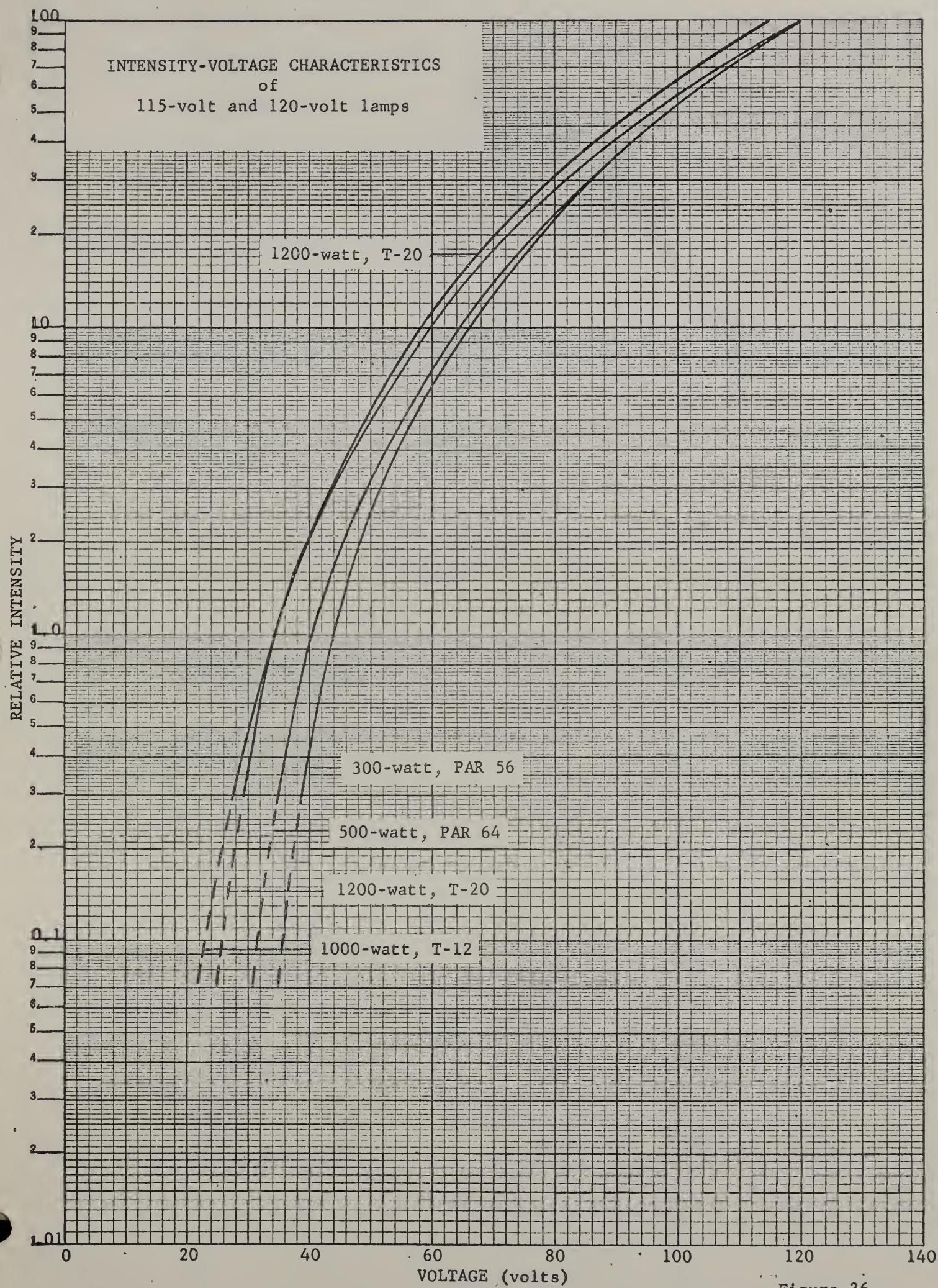


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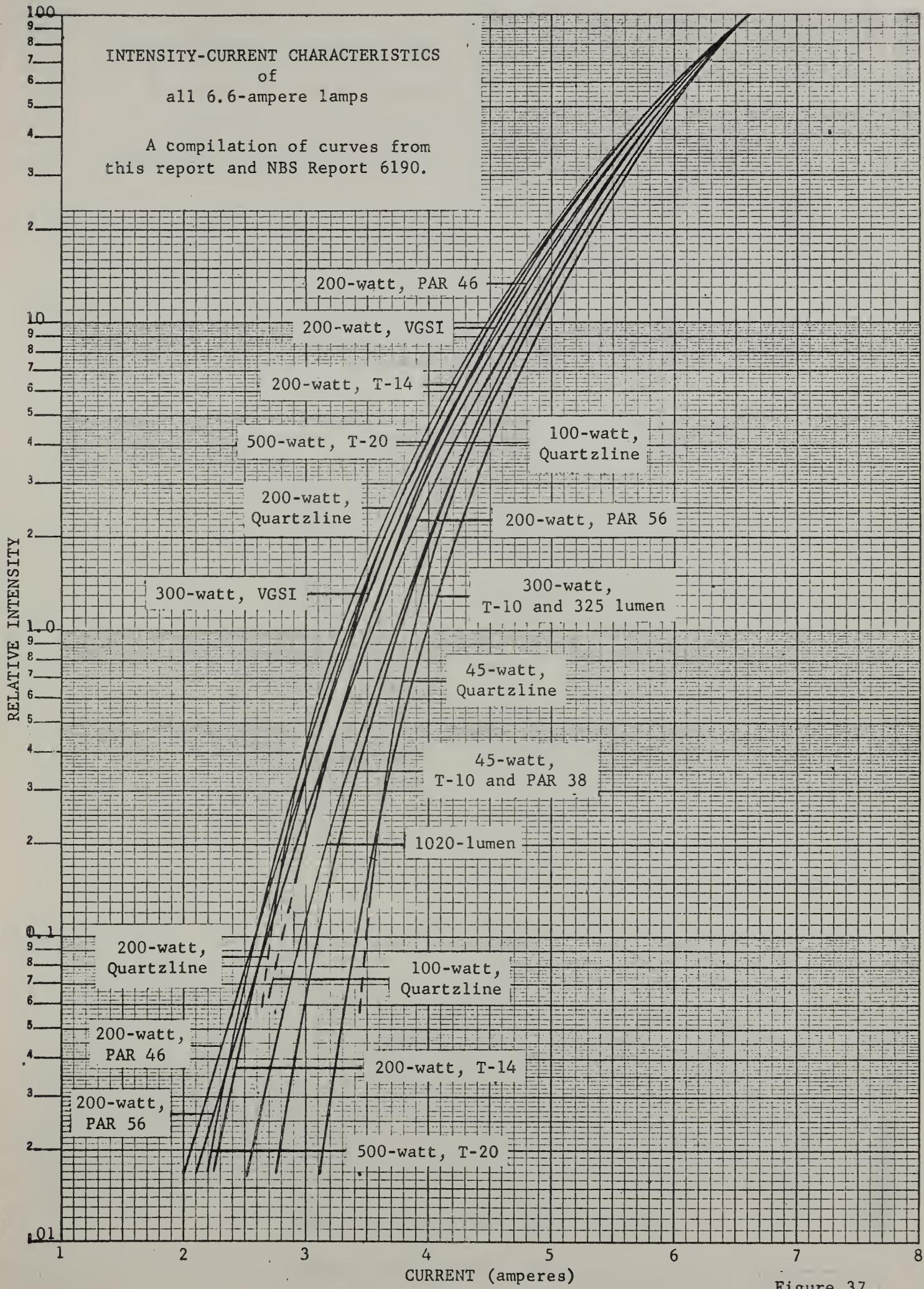
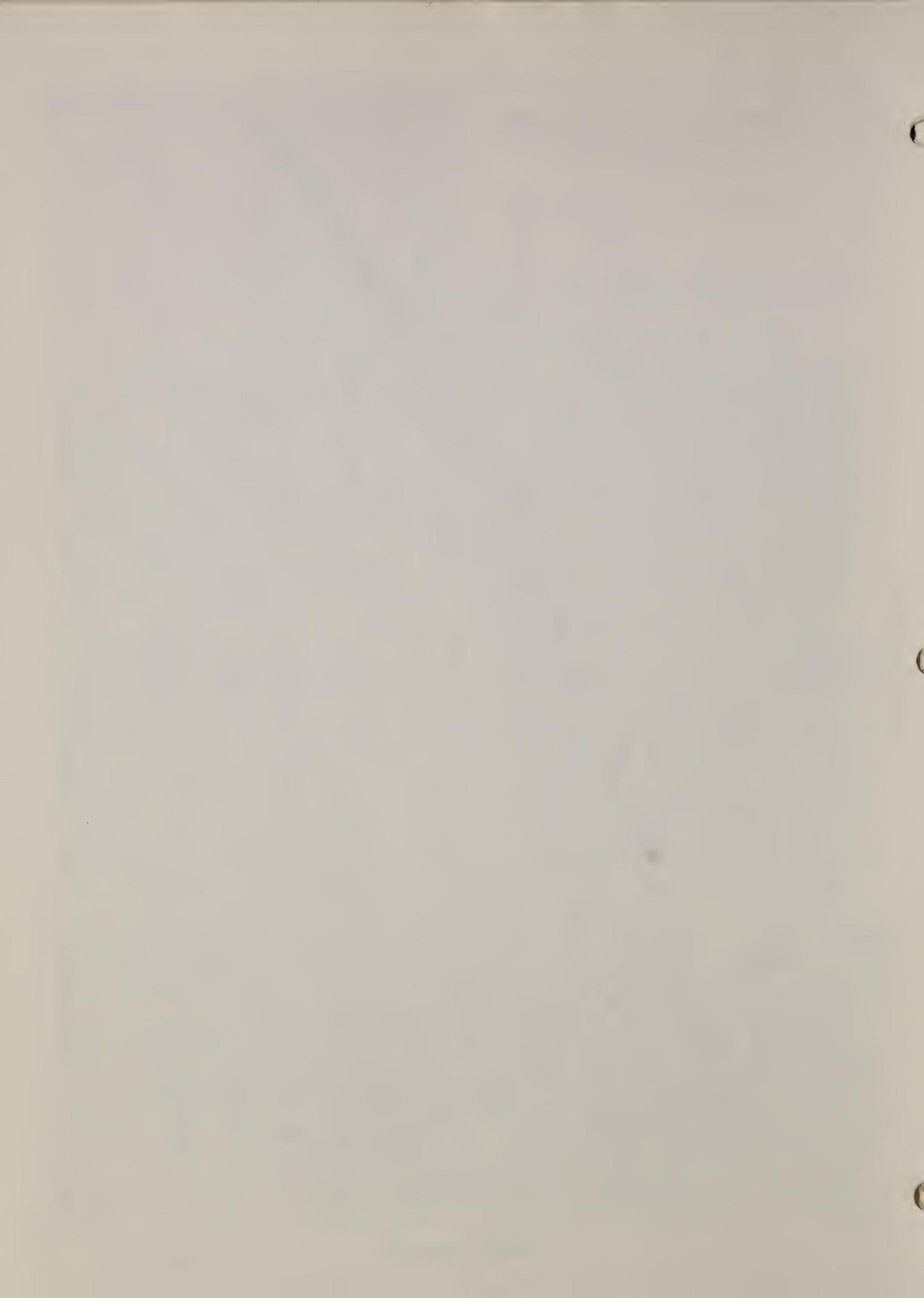


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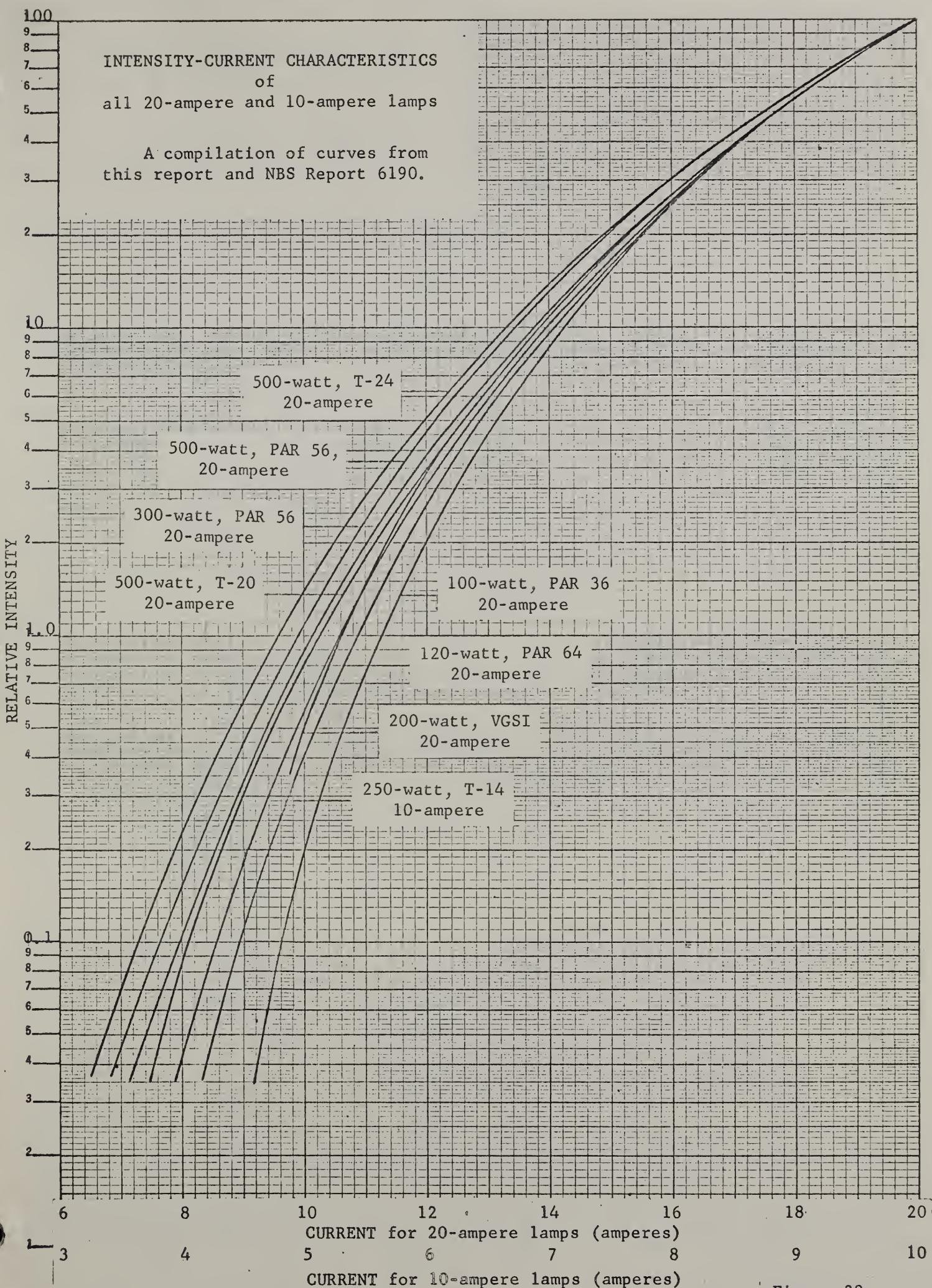
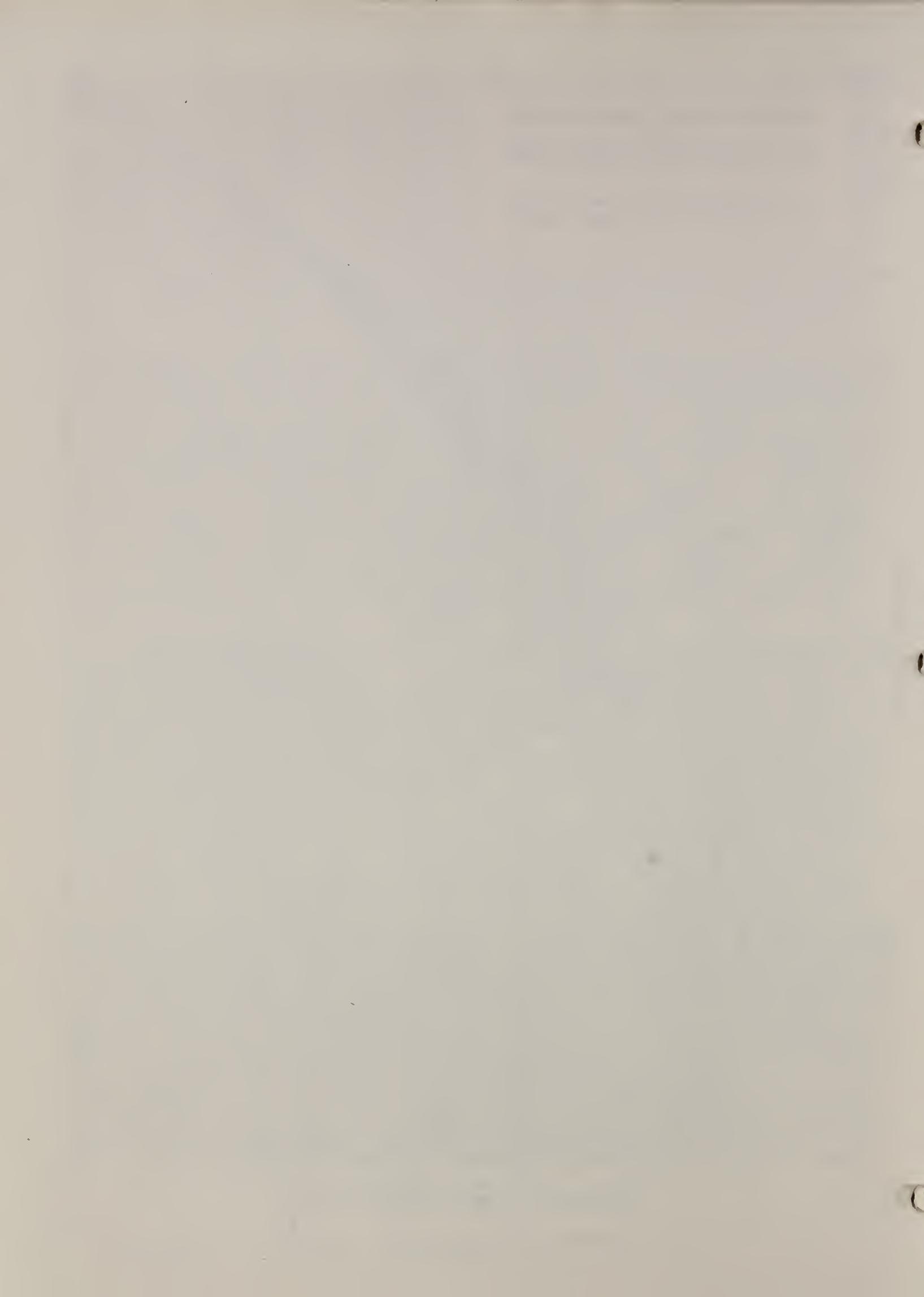


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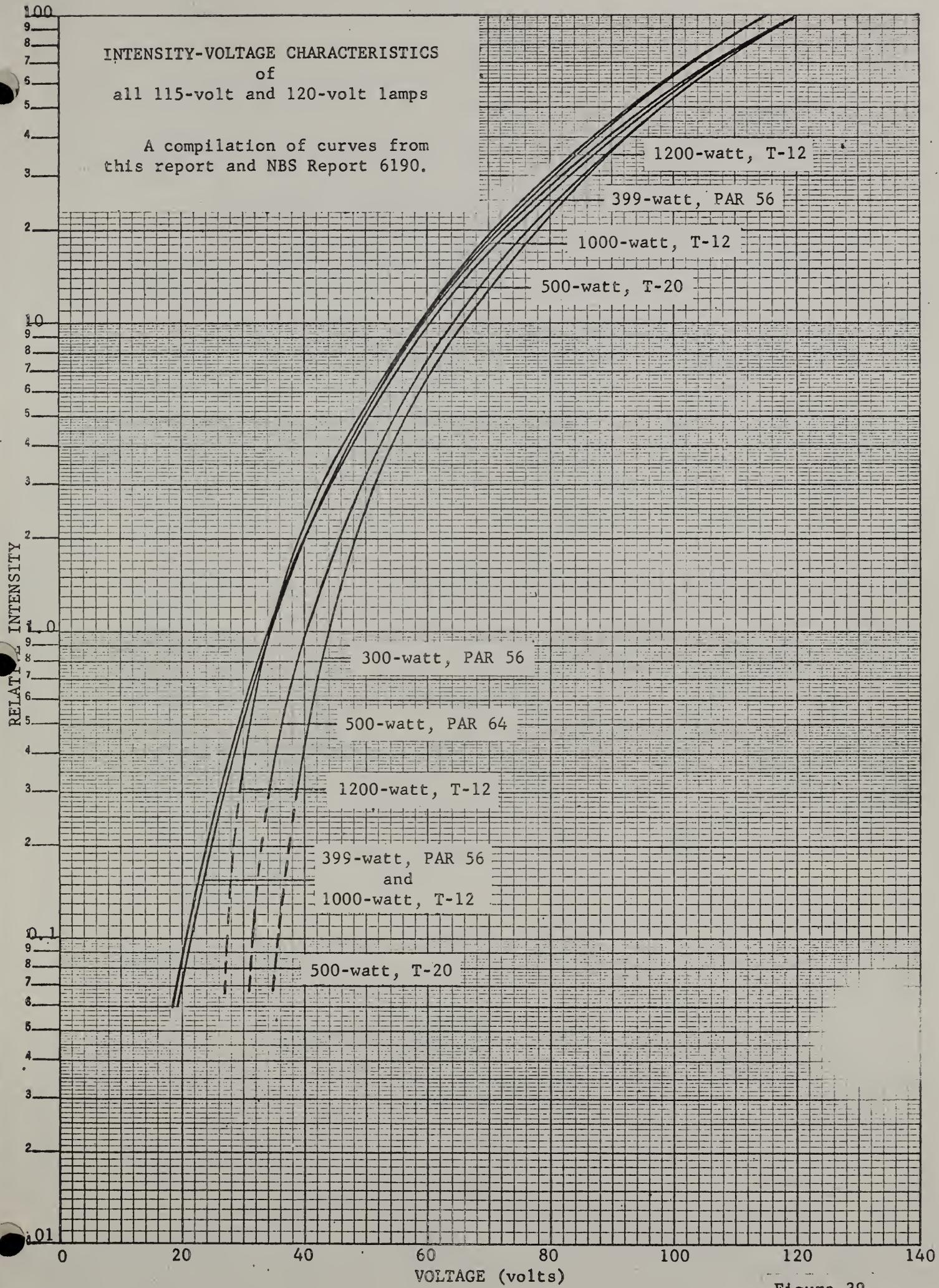
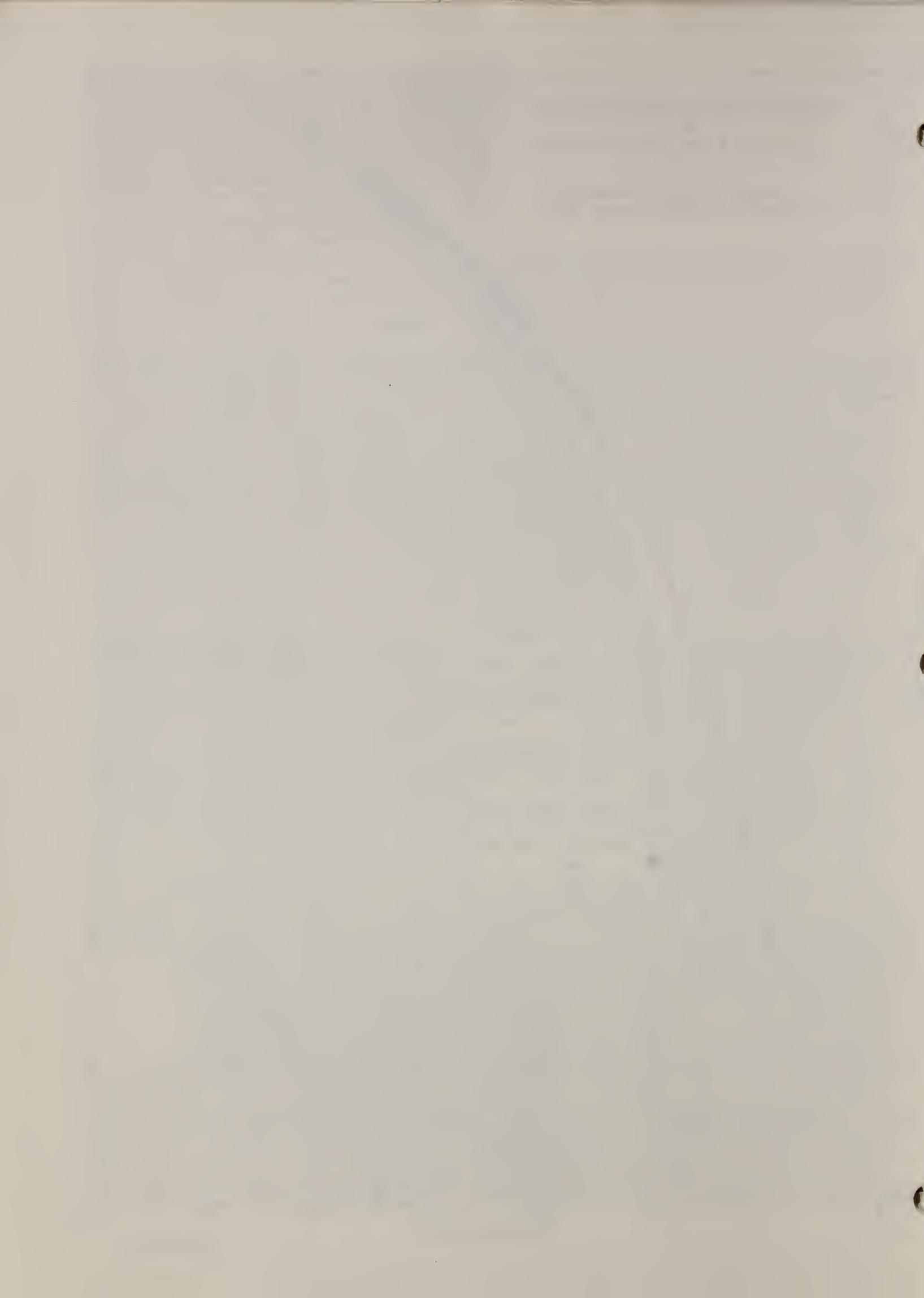


Figure 39



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