

High power traveling wave tube

YH 1420

Preliminary data

High power, metal ceramic, traveling-wave tube for satellite communications in the frequency band 14.0 to 14.5 GHz.

In single-carrier operation the tube delivers a CW output power of 2 kW at a minimum gain of 45 dB; in two-carrier operation the 3-tone intermodulation ratio has a minimum of 17 dB at an output power of 500 W per carrier.

The YH 1420 is ppm focussed with Si₃Co₆ rings and runs with reduced collector voltage with regard to the delay line voltage.

The RF input and output are fitted out with waveguides.

The cooling of the collector is made by forced air, the delay line is water-cooled.

Dimensions	approx. 700 mm X 190 mm X 160 mm
Weight	approx. 15 kg
Waveguide	WR 62
Flange	UG-419/U
Mounting position	Vertical, collector up

Operating data for multicarrier operation with two carriers of 500 W spaced 5 MHz apart.

Frequency	f	14 to 14.5	GHz
Power output	P_2	1000	W
Gain	V_F	≥ 45	dB
Gain variation (Load VSWR 1.15)	V_o	6	dB
Gain slope (VSWR 1.15)	$V_o/\Delta f$	≤ 0.05	dB/MHz
3 tone intermodulation ratio	d_3 (2X500 W)	≥ 17	dB
	d_3 (2X100 W)	≥ 30	dB
Collector voltage	U_C	8 to 12	kV
Delay line voltage	U_R	18 to 20	kV ¹⁾
Modulated anode voltage	U_{G2}	13 to 17	kV ¹⁾
Delay line current	I_R	≤ 70	mA
Modulated anode current	I_{G2}	-0.1 to +2	mA
Cathode current	I_K	0.7 to 0.85	A ²⁾
Ion pump voltage	U_P	3	kV
Ion pump current	I_P	≤ 100	µA

¹⁾ The exact setting value is stated on the tube card.

²⁾ Without gain equalizer.

Pushing factors for output powers up to 2 kW

Heating:

$$\frac{\Delta V_p}{\Delta U_f} \leq 0.5 \text{ dB/V}$$

$$\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta U_f} \leq 10^\circ/\text{V}$$

Modulated anode:

$$\frac{\Delta V_p}{\Delta U_{G2}} \leq 0.01 \text{ dB/V}$$

$$\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta U_{G2}} \leq 0.2^\circ/\text{V}$$

Delay line

$$\frac{\Delta V_p}{\Delta U_H} \leq 0.02 \text{ dB/V}$$

$$\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta U_H} \leq 0.5^\circ/\text{V}$$

Collector

$$\frac{\Delta V_p}{\Delta U_C} \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ dB/V}$$

$$\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta U_C} \leq 0.02^\circ/\text{V}$$

Cooling

To dissipate the heat developed, the collector must be cooled with forced air and the delay line by cleaned water.

Collector

Air flow	9 m ³ /min
Pressure drop	16 mbar (160 mmWS)
Temperature at inlet	max. 55°C
Temperature at outlet	max. 150°C (1)

Delay line

Water flow	3 l/min
Pressure drop	4 bar (4 at)
Temperature at inlet	max. 65°C
Temperature at outlet	max. 70°C

Details concerning the power supply such as electrical data, circuit and voltage control etc - and commissioning are described in separate operating instructions.

(1) measured 5 cm (2") behind the collector

Heating

Heater voltage	U_h	6.0 to 7.0	V	①)
Preheating voltage	U_{hp}	0.85 U_h	V	
Heater current	I_h	3.2	A	
Preheating time	t_h	≥ 5	min	
Heating method		Indirect by ac or dc		
Cathode		Metal capillary dispenser cathode		

Characteristics ($f = 14.0$ to 14.5 GHz, $I_c = 0.7$ to 0.85 A)

		min	nom.	max	
Gain at $P_2 = 2$ kW	V_p	45			dB
VSWR	s		1.5	2.1	②)
Cold attenuation	π		70		dB

Typical Operation**Single carrier operation**

Frequency	f	14.0 to 14.5	GHz
Power output	P_2	2.0	kW
Gain	V_p	≥ 45	dB
Collector voltage	U_c	8 to 12	kV
Delay line voltage	U_d	18 to 20	kV ③)
Modulating anode voltage	U_{da}	13 to 17	kV ③)
Delay line current	I_d	≤ 70	mA
Modulating anode current	I_{da}	-0.1 to +2	mA
Cathode current	I_c	0.7 to 0.85	A ④)
Ion-pump voltage	U_{ip}	3	kV
Ion-pump current	I_{ip}	≤ 100	μA
AM/PM conversion	K_D	≤ 7	%/dB

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①) If the maximum variation of the heater voltage exceeds the absolute limits of $\pm 1\%$ of the setting value, the operating performance and life of the tube will be impaired. For stand-by operation the tube can be operated at 95% of the nominal heater voltage without the other electrode voltages applied; it is fully serviceable at full power as soon as the heater voltage is increased to nominal and the other electrode voltages are applied.

②) Cold input and output values over the band 14 to 14.5 GHz.

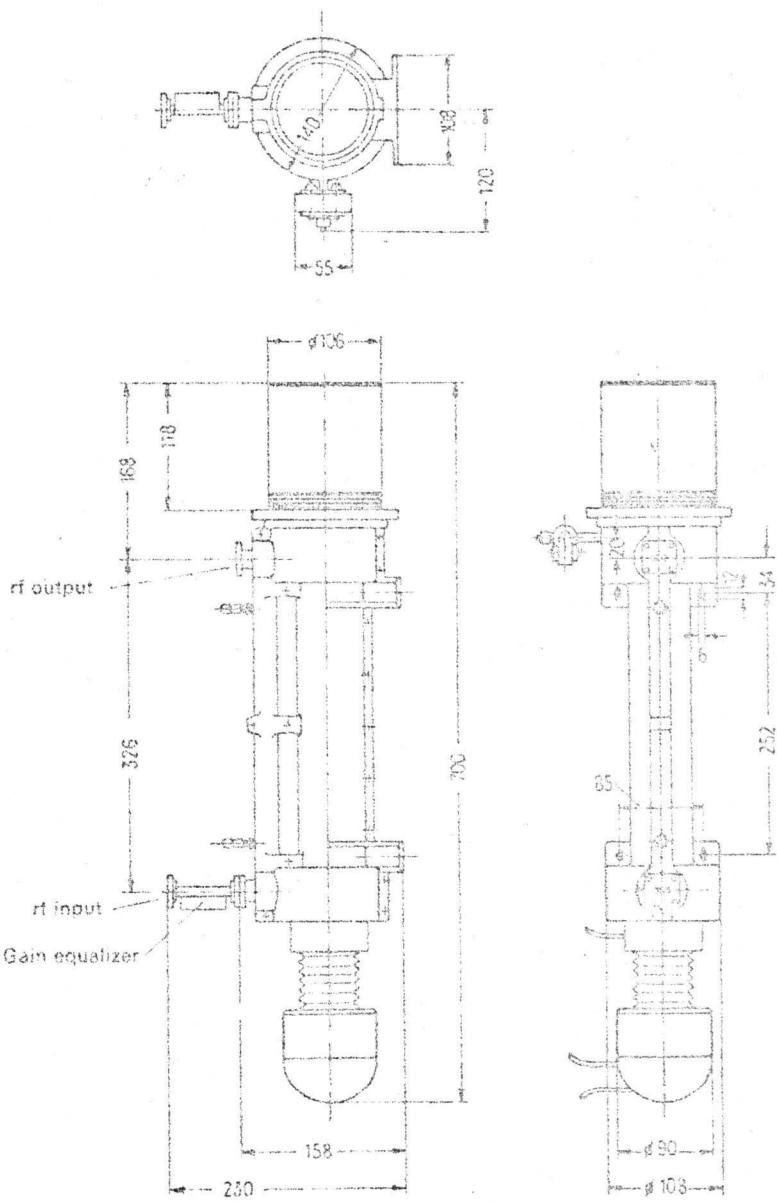
③) The exact value is stated on the tube card.

Maximum ratings (absolute values)

Collector voltage	U_C	max	14	kV
Collector voltage	U_C	min	7	kV
Collector current	I_C	max	0.9	A
Collector power dissipation	P_C	max	11	kW
Delay line voltage	U_D	max	21	kV
Delay line current	I_D	max	80	mA
Modulated anode voltage	U_{A2}	max	18	kV
Modulated anode power	P_{A2}	max	36	W
Power output dissipation	P_2	max	2.2	kW
Power input	P_1	max	70	mW
Load VSWR	S_L	max	1.35	
Ambient temperature	t_{app}	max	+55	°C
Ambient temperature	t_{amb}	min	+5	°C
Storage temperature	t_{stor}	min	-40	°C ⁽¹⁾

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⁽¹⁾ Cooling channels dehydrated



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