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MECHANICAL DATA

Envelope	Metal Capsule	
Power Connector	Winchester PM6P ¹	
RF Connector	Type N Jack ¹	
Focusing	Electromagnetic	
Cooling ²	Forced Air	
Mounting Position	Any	
Tube Weight (Approx.)	1.5	lbs
Solenoid Weight (Approx.):		
Military (Aluminum foil-wound)	13.5	lbs
Non-Military (Copper wire-wound)	39	lbs

QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Backward-wave Oscillator
 Full Octave Coverage
 2.0 to 4.0 Gc
 Over 10 mW Power Output
 Voltage Tunable
 Suitable for Airborne Applications

ELECTRICAL DATA³

HEATER CHARACTERISTICS

Voltage	6.3 ± 10%	V
Current (at 6.3 V)	1.8 - 2.7	A
Minimum Preheat Time	3	Minutes

RATINGS (Absolute Maximum)

Collector Voltage with Respect to Helix	300	Vdc
Grid 1 Voltage	±125	Vdc
Grid 2 Voltage	185	Vdc
Helix, Grid 3 Voltage	2000	Vdc
Grid 2 Current	5.5	mAdc
Cathode Current	45	mAdc
Collector Seal Temperature	200	°C

TYPICAL OPERATION⁴

Conditions

Magnetic Focusing Field Density	490	Gausses
Minimum Uniform Length	7	Inches
Grid 1 Voltage	0	Vdc
Voltage to Gate-Off Oscillation	-100	Vdc
Collector Voltage with Respect to Helix	150	Vdc
Grid 2 Voltage (Approx.) ⁵	100	Vdc
Helix, Grid 3 Voltage (Approx.) ⁸	220 - 1680	Vdc

Characteristics

	Min.	Max.	
Frequency	2	4	Gc
Grid 2 Current	-	5	mAdc
Helix, Grid 3 Current	-	20	mAdc
Cathode Current	-	42	mAdc
Collector Current	-	35	mAdc
RF Power Output ⁸	10	1400	mW

POWER CONNECTIONS

- A. Grid 1
- B. Grid 2
- C. Collector
- D. Heater, Cathode
- E. Heater
- F. Grid 3, Helix,⁶
 Capsule, Outer
 Conductor of
 RF Cable

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CIRCUIT DESIGN INFORMATION⁷

Grid 2 Voltage Range	0 to 175	Vdc
Helix, Grid 3 Voltage Range	150 to 1900	Vdc

MICROWAVE DEVICE OPERATIONS

Mountain View, California

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NOTES:

1. Alternative connectors supplied on request.
2. In addition to the cooling requirements for the solenoid used with this tube it is recommended that at least 0.15 lbs/min of less than 100°F cooling air be directed into the collector end of this tube.
3. All voltages given are with respect to cathode except where otherwise specified. For safety, pin F should be operated at ground potential (see Note 6).
4. The quoted tube performance is for operation in a Sylvania-approved solenoid. Additional information will be supplied on request.
5. In typical operation the grid 2 voltage, with respect to cathode, remains fixed as a function of frequency. The appropriate value for an individual tube may be found by adjusting the grid 2 voltage to provide a specified value of cathode current when the tube is oscillating at 2 Gc. The specified value for cathode current, at 2 Gc, is supplied with each tube.
6. The inner conductor of the RF cable connects to the helix and hence has d-c continuity to pin F.
7. Ranges include values required as a result of initial spread in tube characteristics as well as those to accommodate changes throughout life.
8. Typical curves.



