Specification MOA/CV6026	SECURITY		
Issue 1C dated 28th May 1964	Specification	<u>Valve</u>	
To be read in conjunction with K1001	Unclassified	Unclassified	

TYPE OF VALVE - Pulse hydrogen thyratron.  CATHODE - Unipotential, connected t point of heater.  ENVELOPE - Glass. PROTOTYPE - VX3250	MARKING K1001/4 Serial No.			
RATING (Not for Inspection purposes)	TOP CAP See Fig 5 Page 9			
Cathode heater current, Vh = 12V Reservoir heater current, Vr = 5V. Max. peak anode voltage, (Va) Max. peak anode current, (Ia) (A)	- 5.0 ± 7½% 31 4.15 25 2000 10,000 3 7,500 110 5 1,500	B,M HPGBCF,R	Black Cath Yellow ) Hear Yellow ) Cath Red ) Hear Brown ) resc Blue Baf White Gri TC Ano	ELECTRODE  node (HCT) ters for hode ter for ervoir
CHARACTERISTIC  Typical anode delay time (µs) Max. anode delay time drift (mµs) Max. anode delay time drift (mµs) Approximate jitter (mµs)	0.45 0.7 30 100 2	R R,N R,N	DIMENSIONS (INC.  Max. overall length excluding F/L  Max. glass dia. ) excluding pip  Max. mounting ) dia.  See Fig 5 Page 9  MOUNTING POST  With anode uppermonaxis of the valve within 90° of the valve within 90° of the valve within 50° of the va	17 5/16  5½ 6 1/32  TION  St, the shall be wer tical

A. The temperature of the anode cooler one inch from the free end, as shown by the temperature indicating point shall not exceed 90°C to ensure that the glass-to metal seal does not exceed 140°C.

As an indication, when the valve is operating under the conditions specified for the tests on page 4, and when the inlet air temperature is  $40^{\circ}$ C the air flow required is about 12 cu. ft. per minute. Under these conditions the pressure is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches head of water.

- B. During the cathode warm up, the cathode heater voltage should be 12V ± 7½. After application of anode voltage the cathode heater voltage should be adjusted to a value inside the dashed lines in Fig. 1 on page 7, corresponding to the mean power supply current. This adjustment should be made not less than 5 minutes and not more than 15 minutes after reaching the required mean power supply current.
- C. Defined as the maximum instantaneous rate of rise of current, i.e. di/dt max. and measured with a mutual inductor in the anode lead.
- D. No part of the attached anode lead shall be within 1" of the glass envelope.
- E. For ambient temperatures in the range + 50°C to + 70°C. For ambient temperatures in the range of 0°C to + 5°C the time should be increased to 15 minutes and for ambient temperatures in the range 5°C to 0°C the time should be increased to 20 minutes.
- F. Refers to the unloaded trigger pulse measured with respect to cathode potential.
- G. This rating applies, providing the inverse voltage during the first microsecond following the pulse does not exceed K x Va, where K is a constant and has the value 0.18.
- H. The anode voltage must be raised gradually. The time taken to reach 18kV must be not less than 30 seconds and to reach 25kV not less than 120 seconds.
- M. It is recommended that the cathode heater and reservoir heater be supplied from separate transformers.
- N. At the expense of increasing the anode delay time, the unloaded trigger pulse may be reduced to a value within the range 500 1000V, as shown in Fig. 3 on page 8. The anode delay time drift, and jitter are both unaltered.
- P. For Pulse lengths greater than 5 us the peak current rating is reduced in the proportion 5/tp where tp is the pulse length in microseconds.
- Q. Higher PRFs may be used at suitably reduced anode voltages.
- R. The pulse generator must have the following characteristics:-

Unloaded trigger pulse:- 1000 volts, minimum
Rate or rise of unloaded trigger pulse:- 2 - 4 kV/us.
Unloaded trigger pulse duration:- 2 - 4 us.
Source impedance of trigger:- 200 ohms, maximum
DC resistance:- 500 ohms, maximum.

With the tube operating under equipment condition, the DC bias, measured across the decoupling capacitor C2 shall be 100  $\pm$  10V negative.

The pulse generator must be connected to the valve through the resistance condenser network shown in Fig. 2 on page 7.

## NOTES (Cont'd)

The valve will operate at full voltage with zero bias in circuits where the recovery time requirements are not stringent.

S. In the event of an arc-over in the thyratron for any reason, the grid will remain at cathode potential whilst any substantial anode current is flowing. The grid bias circuit should therefore be designed to withstand the consequent current drain without damage.

## TESTS

To be performed in addition to those applicable in K1001, and to be carried out after a holding period of 96 hours, see Note 9.

Toota Note 2	Test Conditions, Notes 1,3					Limits		
Tests, Note 2	T	Vh	<b>V</b> R	Va	Units	Min	Max	Notes
GROUP A, 100% inspection (a) HT run up time.	0 10 10+	12 12 12	5.0 5.0 5.0	Raise to 18	Secs Secs	1 1	- 30 120	4,7
(b) Anode delay time (1)	15	12	5.0	25	μs	-	0.70	4,5,7
(c) Run (1)	17	7.5	5.0	25	-	-	-	4,7
(d) Jitter	25 <b>-</b> 30	7.5	5.0	25	mus	-	5	4,7
(e) Run (2)	30	7.5	5.4	25	-	-	-	4,7
(f) Anode delay time (2)	35	7.5	5.4	25	μв	Record		4,5,7
(g) Run (3)	36	7.5	4.6	25	-	-	-	4,7
(h) Maximum di/dt	41	7.5	4.6	25	A/µs	6000	-	4,7,8
(j) Anode delay time (3)	42	7.5	4.6	25	μв	Record		4,5,7
(k)	43	12	5.0	0	-	-	-	-
(1) Cathode heatercurrent	53	12	5.0	0	A	28	34	-
(m) Reservoir heater current	54	12	5.0	0	A	3.7	4.6	-
(n) Anode delay time drift	-	-	-	-	mus	-	100	10
GROUP B,C,D,E no tests								
GROUP F (p) Life (1) information (q) Life (2) information	-	7•5 7•5	5	25 25	hours hours	500 500	-	4,6,12 6,11,12

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## NOTES

- The units for the test conditions are, T in minutes, Vh and VR in RMS volts, and Va in peak kilovolts. The commencement of test (a) shall be at time T = o.
- 2. The tests a n shall be performed continuously and in the sequence shown.
- The cathode heater and reservoir heater voltages should be measured at the tag ends of the appropriate leads.
- 4. The valve must be tested in the circuit shown in fig.4.
  The pulse generator shall have the following characteristics:—
  Unloaded trigger pulse:— 1000 volts maximum
  Rate of rise of unloaded trigger pulse:— 2 4 Kv/us.
  Unloaded trigger pulse duration:— 2us maximum
  Source impedance: 200 ohms minimum.
  DC resistance: 500 ohms minimum.

With the tube operating, the DC bias measured across the bias decoupling capacitor C2 shall be  $100 \pm 100$  negative.

The anode circuit constants shall be chosen so that at Va peak = 25 kV, Peak Anode Current = 2,000 Amps Minimum, Mean Power Supply Current = 2.5 Amps Minimum, Pulse Length =  $3.1 \pm 0.2$  usec, Pulse Recurrence Rate =  $400 \pm 10\%$ . In addition L4 shall be adjusted to give  $7,500 \pm \%$  amps. per microsecond rate of rise of peak anode current. The adjustment shall be made using a CV6026 valve in which the gas pressure can be varied. The rate of rise of current is measured as a function of gas pressure. Above a certain pressure the rate of rise is determined predominantly by the circuit inductance. L4 should be adjusted to give  $7,500 \pm \%$  M/µsec at this pressure.

The value of L5 shall be such as to give resonant charging.

The circuit constants shall be adjusted so that the inverse voltage is at least K x Va for a period of  $\frac{1}{2}$  microsecond (min) in the first microsecond following the pulse, where K = 0.18.

- 5. Anode delay time is defined as the time interval between the rising portion of the grid pulse which is not more than 26% of the maximum unloaded pulse amplitude and the point where anode conduction takes place.
- 6. The valve shall be deemed to have reached the end of life when it fails to meet any of the requirements of tests a to n inclusive. Tests shall be made at intervals not exceeding 250 hours.
- 7. During HT run up time (test a), tripping is permissible. Subsequently the valve is not allowed to trip more than once. Should one trip occur, the HT must be re-applied at 25 kV within three seconds and the tests continued in sequence.
- 8. The rate of rise of anode current dia/dt shall be measured by means of a mutual inductor in the anode lead of the thyratron.
- All valves shall be stored for at least 96 hours, during which no voltages shall be applied.
- 10. Anode delay time drift is the greatest difference between the anode delay times measured in tests (b), (f), (j).

## NOTES (Cont'd)

11. The valve must be tested in the circuit shown in fig. 4. The pulse generator shall have the following characteristics:— Unloaded trigger pulse:— 1000 volts maximum Rate of rise of unloaded trigger pulse:— 2 - 4 Kv/μs. Unloaded trigger pulse duration:— 2us maximum Source impedance:— 200 ohms minimum.
DC resistance: 500 ohms minimum

With the tube operating, the DC bias measured across the bias decoupling capacitor C2 shall be 100  $\pm$  10V negative.

The anode circuit constants shall be chosen so that at Va peak = 25 kV, Peak Anode Current = 833 Amps Minimum, Mean Power Supply Current = 2.5 Amps Minimum, Pulse Length = 12 ± 0.5 usec, Pulse Recurrence Rate = 250 ± 10%. In addition L4 shall be adjusted to give 7,500 ± % amps. per microsecond rate of rise of peak anode current. The adjustment shall be made using a CV6026 valve in which the gas pressure can be varied. The rate of rise of current is measured as a function of gas pressure. Above a certain pressure the rate of rise is determined predominantly by the circuit inductance. L4 should be adjusted to give 7,500 ± % Ausec at this pressure.

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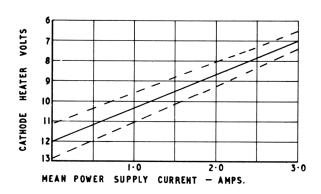
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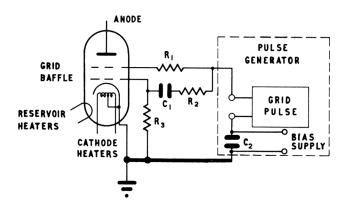
12. For Qaulification Approval, two valves for each life test shall have exceeded 2000 hours.

Fig 1

CATHODE HEATER VOLTS AGAINST

MEAN POWER SUPPLY CURRENT (SEE NOTE B)





 $C_1 = \cdot 005~\mu F \pm 10~\%$ , WORKING VOLTAGE 1000 V.  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 500~\Omega$   $\pm 10~\%$ .



TYPICAL ANODE DELAY TIME AGAINST UNLOADED TRIGGER VOLTS.

(200 ONMS SOURCE IMPEDANCE, 0-5 page RISE TIME).

AVERAGE



UNLOADED TRIGGER VOLTS

