The CK6174 is an instant starting, cold cathode, gas-filled, half-wave rectifier of miniature construction. Several tubes may be operated in cascade to produce very high voltages. Typical applications include electronic photo-flash devices, fence controllers, and oscilloscopes. The CK6174 should be used as a replacement in this type of equipment, originally designed to use the former type CK1013, and in new equipment having output currents up to 3 ma. The tube has a starter electrode which enables it to fire at the ignition voltages indicated in the ratings below.

MECHANICAL DATA

- **ENVELOPE:** T-5½ Glass
- **BASE:** Miniature Button 7-Pin
- **TOP CAP:** Skirted Miniature
- **TERMINAL CONNECTIONS:**
  - Pin 1 Cathode
  - Pin 2 Cathode
  - Pin 3 No Connection
  - Pin 4 Starter Electrode
  - Pin 5 No Connection
  - Pin 6 Cathode
  - Pin 7 Cathode
  - Top Cap Anode
- **MOUNTING POSITION:** Any

ELECTRICAL DATA

**RATINGS - ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM VALUES:**

- Peak Inverse Voltage: 2800 volts
- Peak Cathode Current (Steady State): 30 ma
- Peak Cathode Current (surge): 300 ma
- Average Cathode Current (dc): 3 ma
- Maximum Anode Supply Voltage (peak): 1700 volts
- Minimum Anode and Starter Electrode Supply Voltage (RMS): 550 volts
- Minimum Anode Supply Impedance: 20,000 ohms
- Maximum Average Starter Electrode Current (Starter Electrode Operating as a Cathode): 125 µa.
- Maximum Peak Starter Electrode Current (Starter Electrode Operating as a Cathode): 300 µa.
- Ambient Temperature Range: -50 to +60 °C

**CHARACTERISTICS AND TYPICAL OPERATION - HALF-WAVE RECTIFIER 60° SINUSOIDAL OPERATION:**

- Anode Supply Voltage (RMS): 1200 volts
- Anode Supply Impedance: 20,000 ohms
- Starter Electrode Limiting Resistance: 10 meg.
- Load Current (dc): 3 ma
- Approximate Anode to Cathode Drop: 100 volts
- Load Condenser: 0.2 µf
- Load Resistor: 0.4 meg.

▲ The socket terminals for pins 3 and 5 cannot be used as tie point terminal lugs and may not be connected to any other point in the circuit except to the cathode.

▲ To avoid damage to the equipment or tube, it is recommended that the anode supply impedance be adjusted to limit forward currents and intermitted reverse peak currents to stated values. Minimum resistance is 20,000 ohms minus the effective equivalent transformer impedance, but never less than 2000 ohms do resistance. For voltage multiplier circuits, a separate limiting resistor should be connected in series with the anode or the cathode of each tube. In the event of a reverse arc, the absence of a surge limiting resistor causes all of the energy of the filter condenser to be dissipated in the tube.

▲ With starter electrode connected to anode through 1 megohms of resistance. The starter electrode connection may be omitted in extremely low current supplies (de output currents up to 100 microamperes) to eliminate the reverse ionization current through the starter electrode circuit. It is recommended that this "floating" starter electrode connection be confined to high resistance transformer circuits, such as vibrator supplies, where a high peak open circuit voltage will insure the ignition of the anode circuit. Normally, the starter electrode must be used on sinusoidal voltage sources. The minimum anode and starter electrode supply voltage rating above does not apply to the "floating" starter electrode condition.

▲ With the starter electrode connected to operate as an anode on the forward half of the cycle, the cathode current rating is the only limitation on the starter electrode current.
CIRCUIT FOR BATTERY OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC PHOTO-FLASH

Battery and Vibrator or Interruptor

R = 3.3 meg, 1/2 watt 350 Vdc
Rs = Surge Resistor. Adjust to keep Peak Cathode Current (steady state) and Peak Cathode Current (surge) within ratings of 30 ma. and 300 ma., respectively. Rs should not be less than 2000 ohms in voltage doubler circuits regardless of transformer characteristics.

C1 = 0.1 µF 1500 V
C2 = 28 µF 2500 V
C3 = Buffer Condenser 0.002 to 0.01 µF. The exact value depends on vibrator or interrupter frequency and transformer characteristics and represents a compromise between excessive transformer loading and excessive inverse voltage.