THERMOCOUPLE VACUUM GAUGE TUBE
Type VTP 6535

VTP 6535 is a thermal conductivity gauge that provides an output used for measuring pressures in the range of .1 to 1000 microns. The VTP 6535 is a thermal conductivity gauge that provides an output E.M.F. determined by the operating current and the heat conductivity of the residual gas. A reliable pressure reading is obtained when the heater is supplied from a stabilized source.

The VTP 6535 is made of Pyrex #774 glass and finds use on vacuum systems of all-glass construction where the excellent features of this gauge are required. Attachment can be made to soft glass systems by means of a glass graded seal. The VTP 6535 is identical electrically with the VTP 6343 and has excellent sensitivity with very fast response.

Due to the speed of detecting changes in pressures, the VTP 6535 finds use in leak detecting as well as absolute pressure measuring. Vacuum systems may be probed with materials such as acetone to detect leaks due to the variation of thermal conductivity between the acetone and air. When leaks are encountered the VTP 6535 will detect the vapor, and a decrease in output E.M.F. can be measured due to the acetone entering the system.

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

Heater Current Normal [Note 1] .................................. Approx 17.0 ma
Heater Current Maximum [Note 3] .................................. .100 ma.
Heater Resistance (Cold) Nominal .................................. .81/2 ohms
Heater Resistance (Hot) Nominal .................................. 18 ohms.
Heater to Thermocouple Resistance [Note 2]........... Less than 100 ohms.
Thermocouple Output—With 550 ohm Load [Meter Internal Resistance]
   Hard Vacuum .................................................. 10 Millivolts
   Air ............................................................. .1 Millivolts
Thermocouple Resistance (Cold) .................................. 81/2 ohms
Speed of Response ........................................... Faster than 1 second
Basing ......................................................... RETMA 8FR

Pin No. Element
1 3 5 7
Heater  Neg. Thermocouple  Pos. Thermocouple  Heater

Note 1: While either A.C. or D.C. may be used, D.C. is recommended due to availability of less expensive and more accurate meters in this range. All gauge tubes are individually calibrated and marked with the heater current required to provide 10 millivolts output across 55 ohms when the gauge is under hard vacuum.

Note 2: While the heater and the thermocouple are in direct contact to provide maximum speed of response, use of this electrical circuit is not recommended unless the current is maintained below 50 ma.

Note 3: The heater may be operated at such a current and absolute pressure that the thermocouple output does not exceed 10 millivolts across a 55 ohm load. The internal elements will then remain below 220° C.

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