

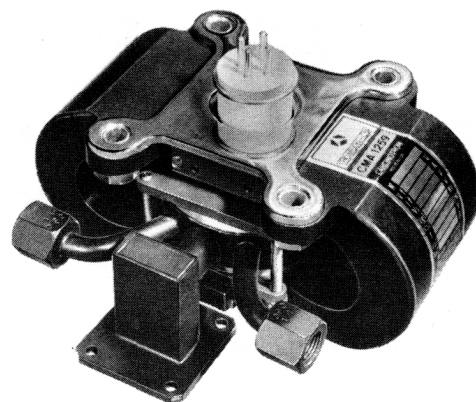
## CMA 1259 CARCINOTRON

The CMA.1259 is a rugged, compact, electronically tunable, crossfield, backward wave oscillator. Its light weight makes it suitable for airborne equipments. Sturdy metal-ceramic construction insures reliable performance in spite of severe environmental conditions.

This M type carcinotron provides an output of at least 100 W over the frequency range of 10.4 to 12.5 GHz. The tube tunes over the entire frequency range by changing the line or sole voltage.

It can be amplitude modulated through its anode. Frequency modulation can be obtained by line or sole voltage variations.

The CMA.1259 uses integral permanent magnet focusing. Liquid cooling insures operation in a wide temperature range.



### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### Electrical (1)

|                                     | min. | max. |     |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Heater voltage .....                | 6.3  |      | V   |
| Heater current .....                | 1.2  | 2.1  | A   |
| Output power .....                  | 100  | —    | W   |
| Frequency range .....               | 10.4 | 12.5 | GHz |
| Interelectrode capacitances :       |      |      |     |
| Sole to all other electrodes .....  | —    | 35   | pF  |
| Anode to all other electrodes ..... | —    | 10   | pF  |
| Line to all other electrodes .....  | —    | 30   | pF  |
| Sole voltage .....                  | -0.7 | -1.8 | kV  |
| Sole current .....                  | -10  | +3   | mA  |
| Grid voltage .....                  | -0.1 | -0.7 | kV  |
| Grid current .....                  | -3   | +3   | mA  |
| Anode voltage .....                 | 0.7  | 2.0  | kV  |
| Anode current .....                 | -3   | +3   | mA  |
| Line voltage .....                  | 1.9  | 5.0  | kV  |
| Line current .....                  |      | 300  | mA  |

#### Mechanical

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating position .....  | any             |
| Dimensions .....          | see drawing     |
| Weight .....              | 2.5 kg          |
| RF output connector ..... | coaxial UG 39/U |

(1) - All voltages are referred to the cathode.



## COOLING

### WATER

|                           |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| Water flow . . . . .      | min. | 2    | l/mn |
| Pressure drop (1) . . . . | max. | 0.08 | bar  |
| Coolant temperature . .   | max. | 80   | °C   |
| Absolute inlet pressure . | max. | 6    | bar  |

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|                           |      |     |      |
|---------------------------|------|-----|------|
| Liquid flow . . . . .     | min. | 4   | l/mn |
| Pressure drop (1) . . . . | max. | 0.8 | bar  |
| Coolant temperature . .   | max. | 80  | °C   |
| Absolute inlet pressure . | max. | 6   | bar  |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS

( non simultaneous values )

|                               | min. | max.  |    | min.                       | max. |        |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|----|----------------------------|------|--------|
| Warm-up time . . . . .        | 3    | —     | mn | Sole voltage (3) . . . . . | —200 | +200 V |
| Heater voltage . . . . .      | 6.0  | 6.6   | V  | Grid voltage (3) . . . . . | —100 | +100 V |
| Heater surge current . .      | —    | 6     | A  | Anode voltage (3) . . . .  | —    | +200 V |
| Load VSWR (2) . . . . .       | —    | 3 : 1 |    | Line voltage . . . . .     | —    | 5.2 kV |
| Ambient temperature . .       | —40  | +110  | °C | Line current . . . . .     | —    | 320 mA |
| Vibration : 5 to 15 Hz ± 1 mm |      |       |    | Acceleration . . . . .     | —    | 15 g   |
| 15 to 500 Hz 2 g              |      |       |    |                            |      |        |

## TYPICAL OPERATION

|                          |      |    |                         |      |      |     |
|--------------------------|------|----|-------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Heater voltage . . . . . | 6.3  | V  | Oscillating frequency : | 10.4 | 12.5 | GHz |
| Heater current . . . . . | 1.5  | A  |                         |      |      |     |
| Sole voltage . . . . .   | —1.5 | kV | Anode voltage . . . . . | 1.78 | 1.80 | kV  |
| Grid voltage . . . . .   | —0.4 | kV | Line voltage . . . . .  | 2.20 | 3.56 | kV  |
| Grid current . . . . .   | 0    | mA | Sole current . . . . .  | 0    | 4    | mA  |
| Line current . . . . .   | 300  | mA | Output power . . . . .  | 135  | 135  | W   |

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Application of voltages

Before applying any voltages to the tube, check the coolant flow.

Apply the heater voltage and allow at least three minutes for the cathode to warm-up.

Apply grid and sole voltages.

Apply line voltage. The minimum value of the line voltage given on the tube label is for operating at the lower frequency ; when starting the tube, the voltage applied should be slightly higher.

Apply reduced anode voltage. Increase the voltage slowly and simultaneously check the line voltage, which should not decrease.

Adjust the voltages for each particular operation.

Apply modulation voltages.

### Removal of voltages

First remove the modulation voltages.

Remove anode voltage.

Remove line voltage.

Remove sole, grid and heater voltages.

Turn off coolant supply to the tube.

### Caution

Minimum distance of 15 cm should be kept between the tube and all other magnetic materials.

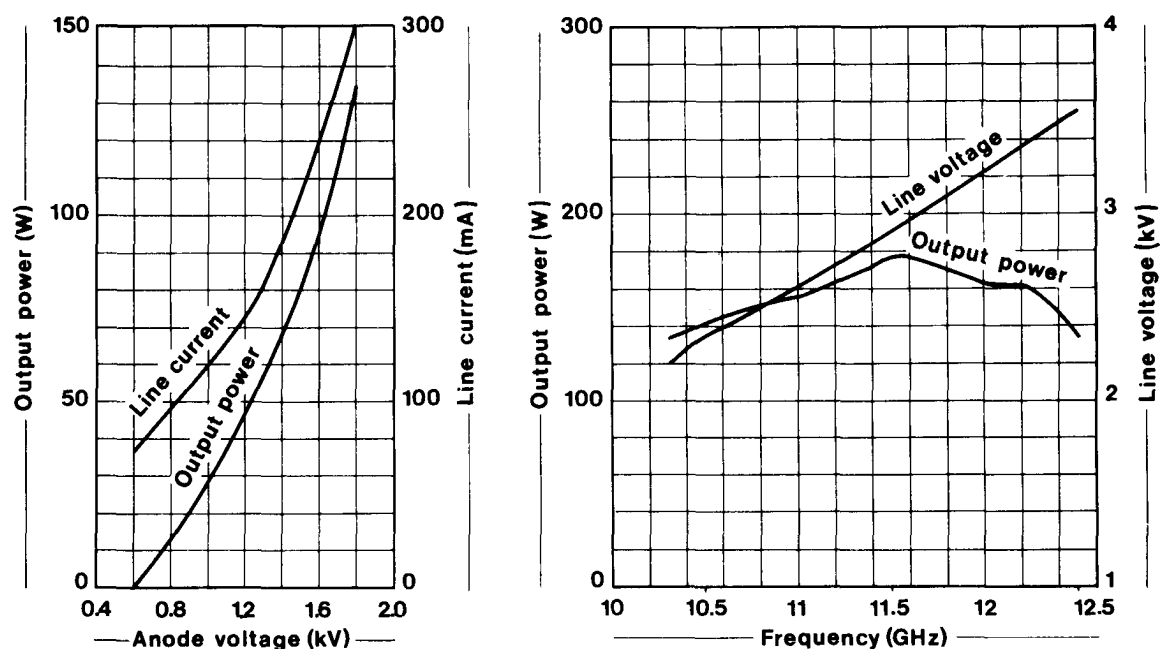
(1) - 1 bar = approximately 15 psi.

(2) - The tube may require a load isolator at load VSWR exceeding 1.5 : 1 to maintain the tube performances.

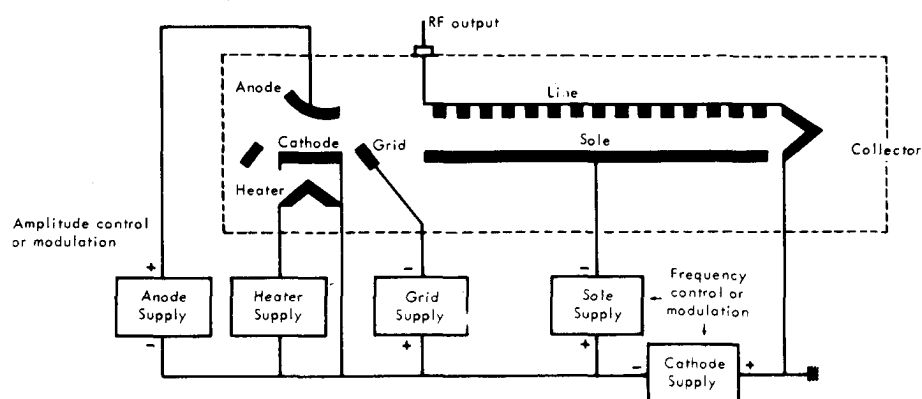
(3) - These minimum and maximum ratings are the allowable deviation from the nominal value given for each tube.



## Characteristic curves



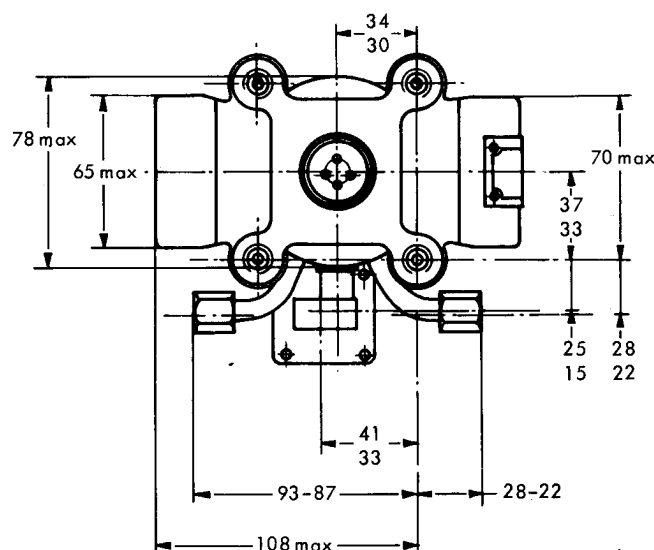
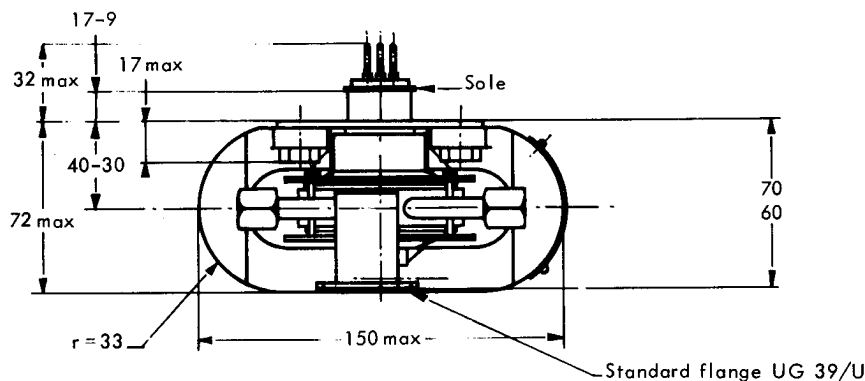
## Supply diagram



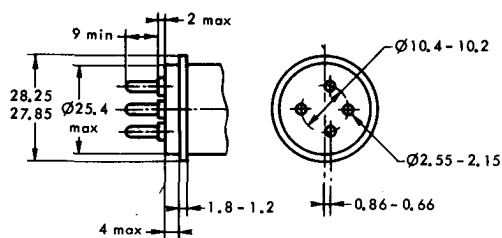


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## OUTLINE DRAWING



### Pin arrangement

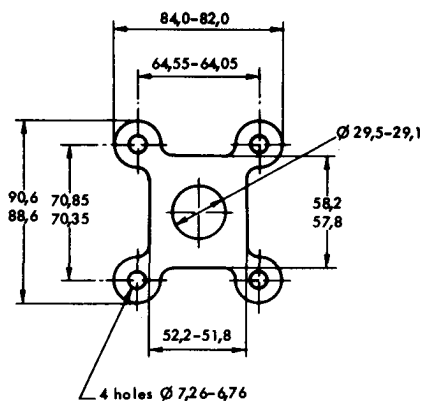
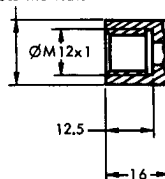


### Water connection

The pin position with respect to the tube axes is determined within 10°

Maximum base eccentricity with respect to the sole connection: 0.3 mm.

17 across the flats



Dimensions in mm.

