

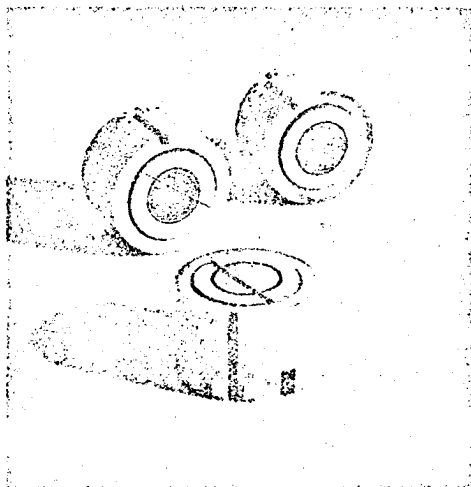


Image Intensifiers 18mm Microchannel Wafers

ITT Type Number	Input Window Fiberoptic Configuration	Spectral Response
F-4704	Trifocal	S-25
F-4747	Plane Focus	S-25
F-4748	Bifocal	S-25

ITT's 18mm microchannel wafers are single stage, high gain image intensifiers used for image pick-up applications under low light or infrared ambient light conditions.

The wafers consist of a high efficiency S-25 photocathode deposited on a fiberoptic input window, a microchannel plate (MCP) current amplifier and a green P-20 phosphor screen fabricated on the twisted fiberoptic output window. Low light level or infrared images focused on the fiberoptic input window of the wafer are converted to electron images by the photocathode. The wafer's microchannel plate, consisting of several million microscopic glass channels, amplifies the electron image with virtually no distortion and loss of resolution. By twisting the fiber optics on the output window, the need for a corrective lens to invert the viewed image is eliminated.

ITT's 18mm microchannel wafer image intensifiers are completely self-contained with an integral high voltage power supply. The power supply incorporates Automatic Brightness Control (ABC) for uniform image output and bright source protection for photocathode protection during exposure to high light levels. All high voltage is contained internally and the unit may be powered by a low current 2.7 volt battery (P. R. Mallory, Model 303843 or equivalent).

Major advantages of ITT microchannel plate image intensifiers are size and individual point saturation. The small size makes these devices particularly applicable where size is a primary factor, as in head mounted night vision goggles. These intensifiers offer very effective operation under high point light conditions such as flares, spotlights and tracers. This is due to the special saturation characteristics of the individual glass channels in the MCP. Operational recovery of these devices after exposure to high light levels is instantaneous.

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Features

- Miniature size
- Point light source saturation
- Instantaneous recovery from high light exposure
- Minimum image halo
- Automatic Brightness Control
- Bright Source Protection
- Image Inversion
- Ruggedized Construction
- Low Voltage Pulse Capability

Optional Features

- Pulsed Operation
- Phosphors other than P-20
- Non-inverted Output Optics

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F-4704, F-4747, F-4748

PERFORMANCE

Photocathode	
Entrance Window	
F-4747	Plane Surface, Fiberoptics
F-4748	Bifocal, Fiberoptics
F-4704	Trifocal, Fiberoptics
Cathode Type	S-25
Photocathode Sensitivity	
(2870°K)	175 to 400 uA/Lumen
Radiant Sensitivity	
.80 microns	.010 to .030 amperes/watt
.83 microns	.006 to .025 amperes/watt
.85 microns	.003 to .015 amperes/watt
Fluorescent Screen	
Exit Window*	Curved surface (radius 1.575") fiberoptics
Response Characteristic	P-20 Type, Aluminized
Luminous Gain (Input 2×10^{-6} ft. C)	5000 to 15000 adjustable
Equivalent Background Input	2×10^{-11} lumens per cm ²
Luminous Uniformity	4:1 maximum
Magnification	$1.00 \pm .005$
Resolution	22 to 28 line pairs per mm
Modulation Transfer	(See Figure 2)
Saturation Characteristics	(See Figure 1)

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Operating Input Voltage	2.5 Volts
Operational Range	2.0 to 2.7 volts
Weight	105 grams maximum
Operating Position	Any
Dimensions	See outlines

ENVIRONMENTAL

Temperature Range	
(Storage)	+52°C to -62°C
Temperature Range	
(Operating)	+52°C to -54°C
Temperature Shock	
(Allowable)	12 degrees per minute
Vibration	10 to 55 cycles, .10" displacement
Shock	85 G's peak amplitude

LIFE AND HIGH LIGHT PROTECTION

Life (In goggles, Scene Illumination, 10^{-4} ft. C)	1000 hours
Life (Direct Cathode Illumination, 10^{-6} ft. C)	2000 to 10,000 hours
Room Lighting, short periods	No damage
Point Light Source**, short periods	No damage

PULSE OPERATION (Special models or without power supply)

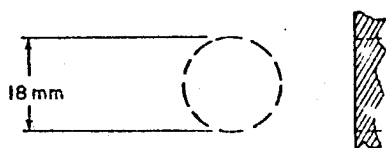
The standard intensifier with power supply is for continuous operation, but special models are available for pulse mode. The device is readily adaptable to pulse operation, having a low gating voltage and a high input impedance. The gain may also be controlled to some degree by varying the input pulse height (Figure 3). Repetition rates up to 1000 cycles/sec. are standard; higher rates have not been tested.

On Pulse Voltage (Cathode to MCP)	100 to 300 volts (Optional)
Cutoff Voltage (Cathode to MCP)	-30 volts (minimum)
Input capacitance	30 picofarads (nominal)

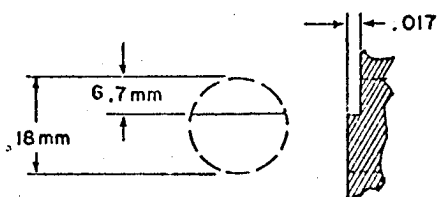
*Output optic may be ground flat or to other radii. **Auto lights, flares, tracers, spotlights, etc.

USEFUL VIEWING AREA

F-4747 SINGLE FOCAL

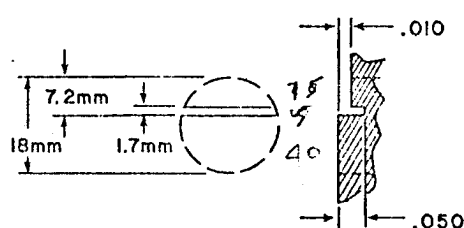


F-4748 BIFOCAL

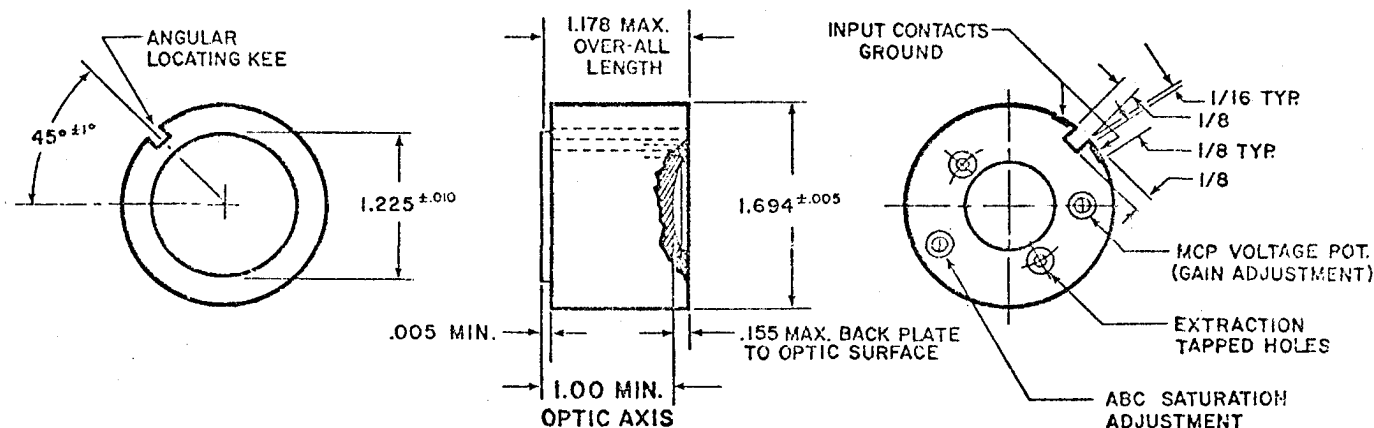


THE RECESSED AREA IS 1/3 THE TOTAL AREA.

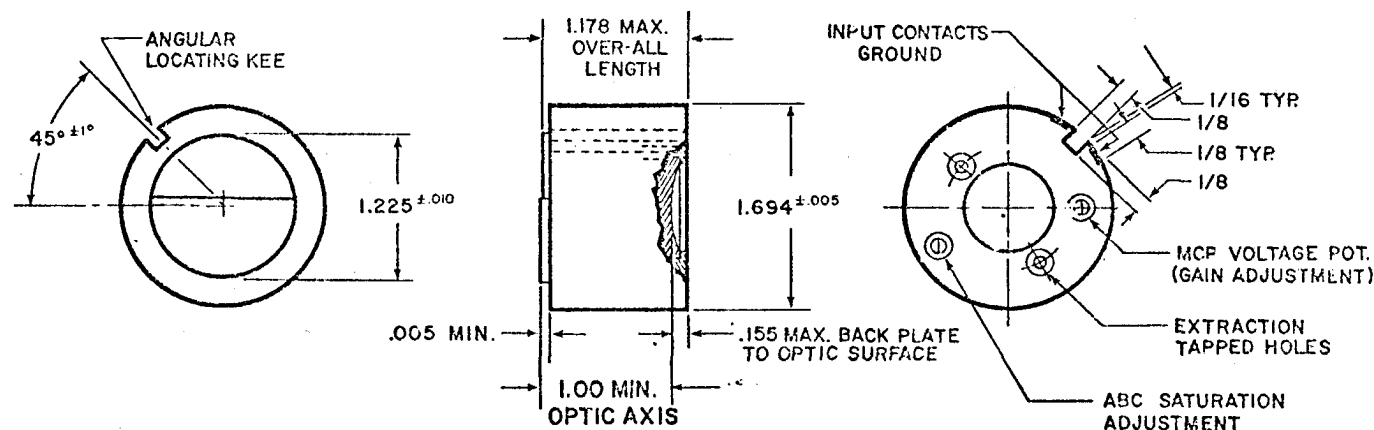
F-4704 TRIFOCAL



F-4747 SINGLE FOCAL 18mm MICROCHANNEL IMAGE INTENSIFIER



F-4748 BIFOCAL 18mm MICROCHANNEL IMAGE INTENSIFIER



F-4704 TRIFOCAL 18mm MICROCHANNEL IMAGE INTENSIFIER

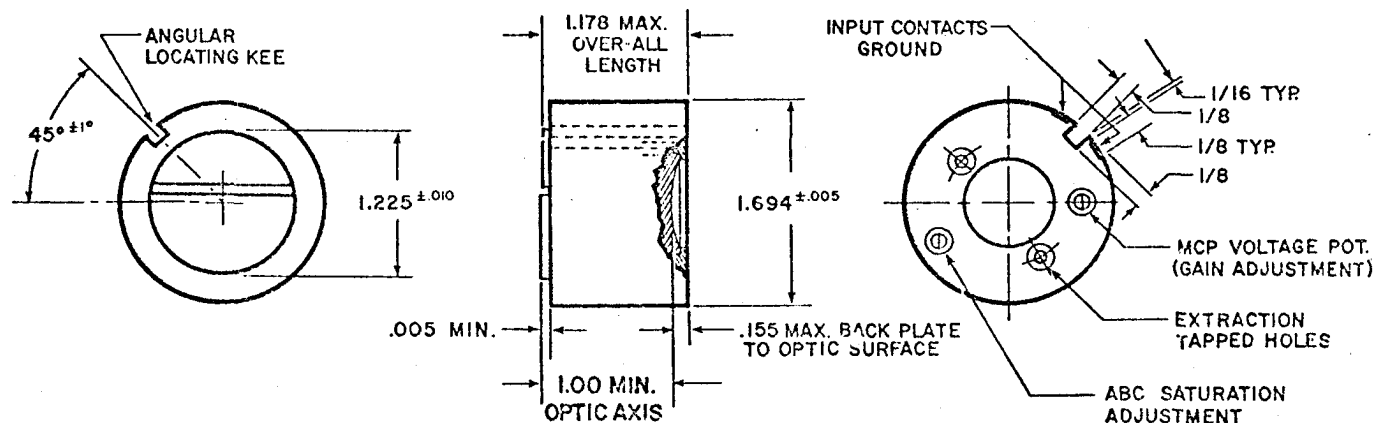


FIGURE 1
TYPICAL
SATURATION CURVE

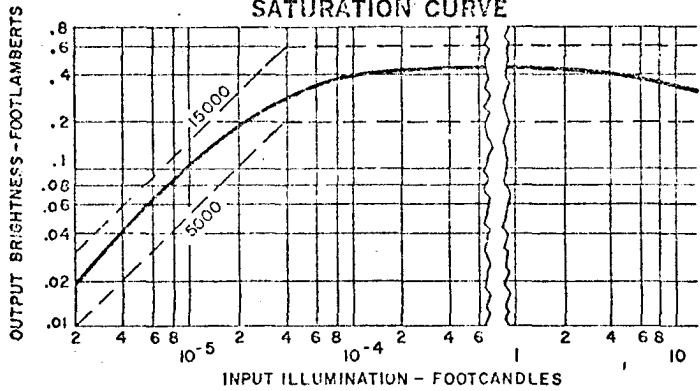


FIGURE 2
TYPICAL
MODULATION TRANSFER
FUNCTION

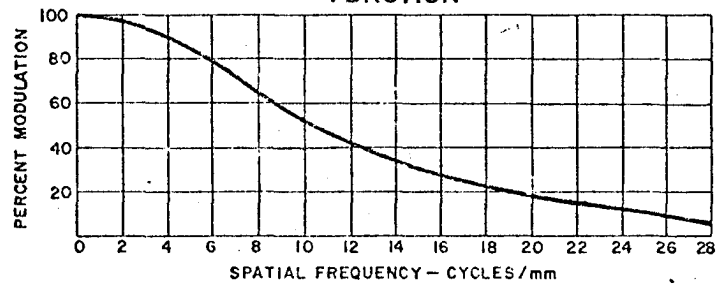


FIGURE 3
TYPICAL GAIN FOR INPUT PULSE
HEIGHT OR D.C. INPUT VOLTAGE
CATHODE TO MCP

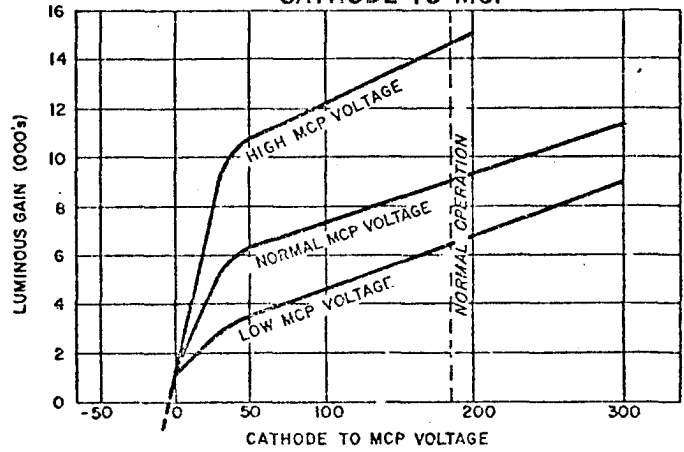


FIGURE 4
TYPICAL GAIN FOR VOLTAGE
ACROSS MCP (MICROCHANNEL PLATE)

