



ELECTRON TUBE DEPARTMENT ■ COMPONENTS DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORPORATION, CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

F-7173
IATRON *

T E N T A T I V E

DESCRIPTION:

THE F-7173 IS A 4 INCH IATRON (DIRECT VIEW STORAGE CATHODE-RAY TUBE) THAT PRODUCES A BRIGHT VISUAL DISPLAY OF ELECTRICALLY STORED INFORMATION. IT IS ELECTROMAGNETICALLY FOCUSED AND DEFLECTED. THE TUBE DISPLAYS BRIGHT IMAGES ON A DARK BACKGROUND, CAN BE VIEWED IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT, AND FEATURES THE ABILITY TO WRITE, STORE, AND ERASE INFORMATION AT WILL. GREY SHADES ARE PRODUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMPLITUDE VARIATIONS OF THE INPUT SIGNAL. THE TUBE HAS TWO ELECTRON GUNS, A WRITING GUN, WHICH WRITES THE INPUT SIGNAL ON A STORAGE MESH, AND A FLOOD GUN WHICH ILLUMINATES THE PHOSPHOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STORED SIGNAL.

GENERAL:

DIMENSIONS	SEE OUTLINE AND FUNCTIONAL SCHEMATIC
NOMINAL TUBE DIAMETER	4 INCHES
MINIMUM USEFUL DISPLAY DIAMETER	3 INCHES
PHOSPHOR	P-20 ALUMINIZED
OPERATING POSITION	ANY
CATHODE PRE-HEATING TIME	60 SECONDS
FOCUS	MAGNETIC
DEFLECTION	MAGNETIC

DIRECT INTERELECTRODE CAPACITANCES WITHOUT EXTERNAL SHIELD (APPROX.)		
GRID #1 TO ALL OTHER ELECTRODES	2.5	UUF
WRITE CATHODE TO ALL OTHER ELECTRODES	8.0	UUF
FLOOD CATHODE TO ALL OTHER ELECTRODES	3.0	UUF

MAXIMUM RATINGS:

VIEWING SCREEN	10	KV	DC
BACKING ELECTRODE	25	VDC	
COLLECTOR	200	VDC	
ANODE #2	75	VDC	
GRID #3	INTERNALLY CONNECTED TO ANODE #2		
GRID #2	250	VDC	RESPECT WRITE CATHODE
GRID #1	0	VDC	RESPECT WRITE CATHODE
WRITE CATHODE	-1000	VDC	
HEATER-CATHODE	125	VDC	
FLOOD CATHODE	200	VDC	

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TYPICAL OPERATING VALUES:

	<u>FLOOD SECTION</u>			
VIEWING SCREEN	/ 7	KV	DC	700 UA MAXIMUM
BACKING ELECTRODE	/ 10	VDC	AND ERASE PULSES	
COLLECTOR	/ 125	VDC		
ANODE #2	/ 44	VDC		
ANODE #1	/ 60	VDC		
CATHODE	0	VDC		
HEATER	6.3	V	AC OR DC	1.4 A

	<u>WRITE SECTION</u>			
HEATER	6.3	V	AC OR DC	.6A
CATHODE	-450	VDC		3 MA
GRID #1 (NOTE 1)	-40	VDC	RESPECT WRITE CATHODE	
GRID #2	-150	VDC	RESPECT WRITE CATHODE	
GRID #3	INTERNALLY CONNECTED TO ANODE #2			

RANGE OF OPERATING ADJUSTMENTS:

ANODE #2	/35 TO /50	VDC	ADJUST FOR BEST COLLIMATION	
GRID #1 (CUTOFF - NOTE 1)	-32 TO -45	VDC	RESPECT WRITE CATHODE	
ERASE PULSES	4-10 VOLTS	100-5000 PRF	.5 U/SEC. WIDE	

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE:

RESOLUTION (NOTE 2)		
MINIMUM BRIGHTNESS	120	LINES/INCH
MAXIMUM BRIGHTNESS	50	LINES/INCH
LIGHT OUTPUT	2800	FT. LAMBERTS
WRITING SPEED TO 90% BRIGHTNESS	40000	IN/SEC.
ERASE TIME (NOTE 3)	3	MILLISECONDS
VIEWING TIME (NOTE 4)	30	SECONDS

NOTES:

1. VISUAL CUTOFF OF THE STORED, FOCUSED, UNDEFLECTED SPOT.
2. RESOLUTION IS MEASURED BY THE SHRINKING RASTER METHOD AT THE CENTER OF THE VIEWING SCREEN.
3. ERASE TIME IS THE SHORTEST TIME IN WHICH INFORMATION CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE TUBE AFTER BEING STORED AT FULL BRIGHTNESS.
4. VIEWING TIME IS THE TIME THAT A SIGNAL STORED AT FULL BRIGHTNESS ANYWHERE IN THE DISPLAY AREA CAN BE VIEWED WITH ERASE PULSES APPLIED TO COUNTERACT ION WRITING.

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SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

OBSERVE MAXIMUM RATINGS TO AVOID POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE TUBE. IN PARTICULAR THE VIEWING SCREEN VOLTAGE SHOULD BE LIMITED SO AS TO NEVER EXCEED 10 KV.

THE FULL VOLTAGE SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THE VIEWING SCREEN INSTANTANEOUSLY. AN ORDINARY RC FILTER AT THE OUTPUT OF THE POWER SUPPLY WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE ASSURANCE THAT THE VOLTAGE BUILD UP WILL NOT BE TOO ABRUPT. THE VIEWING SCREEN POWER SUPPLY SHOULD HAVE A SERIES RESISTANCE OF AT LEAST 1 MEG OHM.

REPEATED BOMBARDMENT WITH A HIGH CURRENT FOCUSED BEAM ON A SMALL AREA OF THE STORAGE SURFACE CAN BURN A DARK IMAGE INTO THE DISPLAY WHICH MAY REMAIN FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR EVEN PERMANENTLY. THEREFORE, THE DEFLECTION VOLTAGES SHOULD BE APPLIED BEFORE OPERATING THE WRITING BEAM.

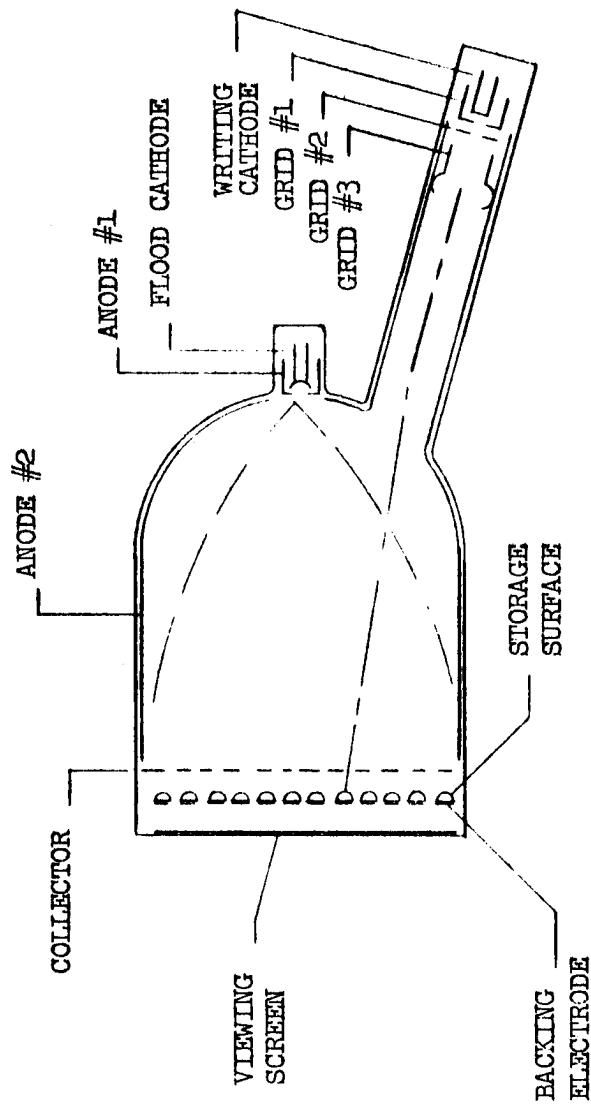
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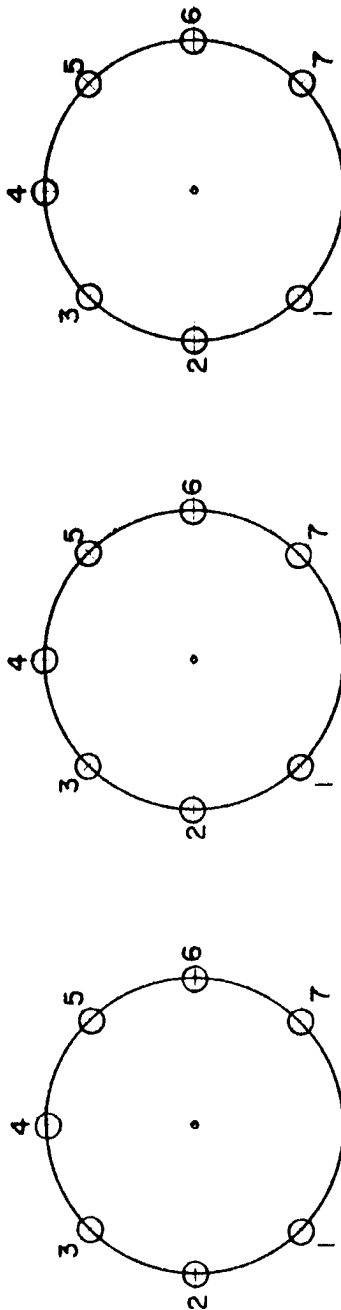


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FUNCTIONAL SCHEMATIC

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7 PIN PLUG FOR BULB CONNECTIONS

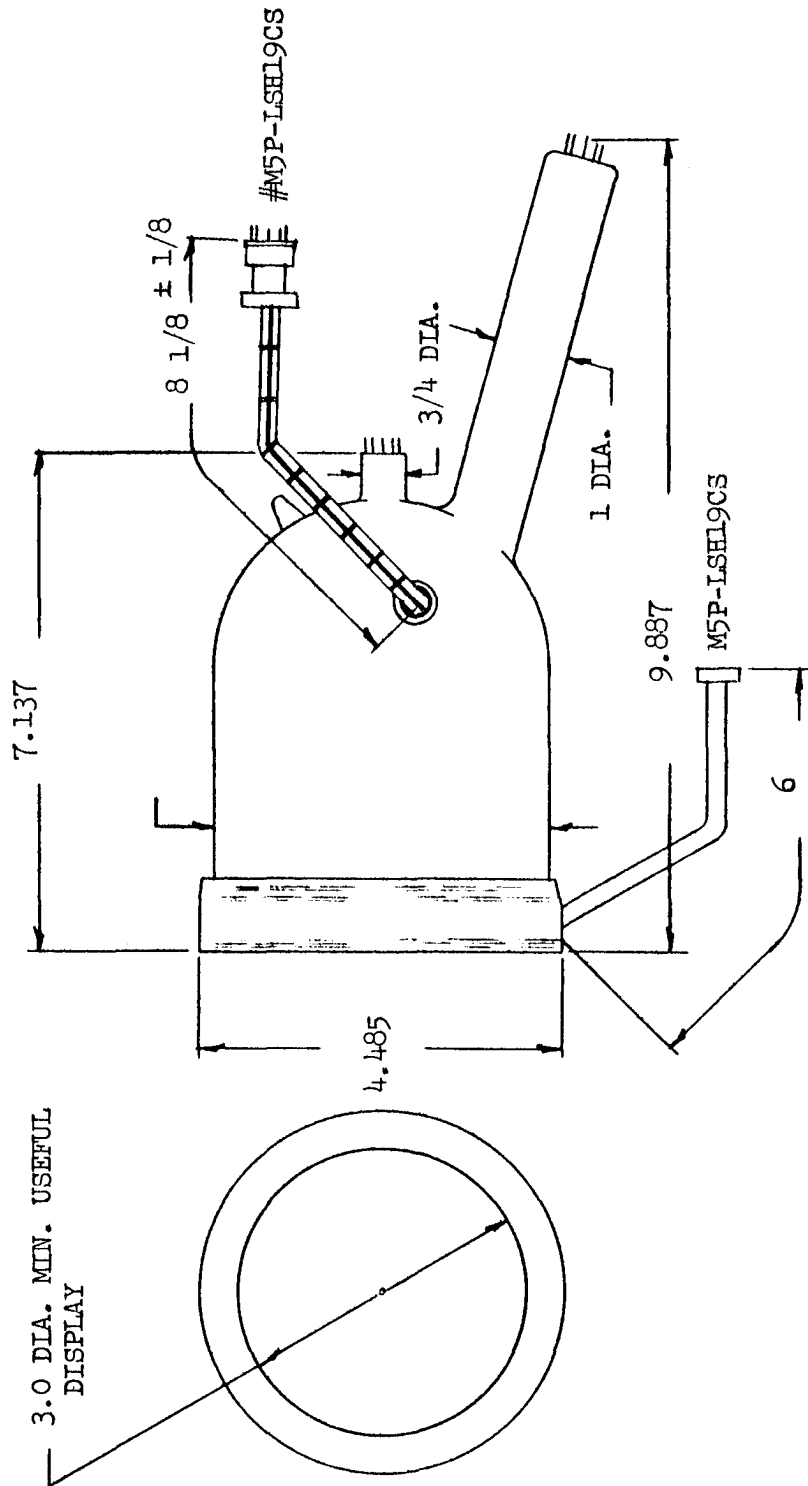
WRITE GUN

FLOOD GUN

Pin	Element	Pin	Electrode	Pin	Element	Pin	Element
1	Anode #1	1	Grid #1	1	Backing Electrode	1	Grid #1
2	N/C	2	N/C	2	N/C	2	N/C
3	Heater	3	Heater	3	N/C	3	Heater
4	Heater	4	Heater	4	Anode #2	4	Heater
5	Anode #1	5	Grid #3	5	N/C	5	Anode #1
6	N/C	6	Grid #2	6	N/C	6	N/C
7	Cathode	7	Cathode	7	Collector	7	Cathode

7L73 PIN CONNECTIONS





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