



T.31 THYRATRON

RATING.

Heater Voltage	...	...	...	...	4.0
Heater Current (Amps.)	...	...	...	...	1.5
Peak Anode Current (mA.)	...	...	...	...	500
Maximum Peak to Peak Volts Scan Output	...	...	...	...	120
Peak Voltage between two electrodes	...	...	...	...	400
Gas Voltage Drop (approx.)	...	...	...	...	40
Control Ratio	...	...	...	...	20
Maximum Frequency when used in time base circuits	...	...	...	...	15 kC.

TYPICAL OPERATION.

Generated Peak to Peak Scan Voltage	...	...	...	20-30	60
Mean Anode Current (mA.)	...	...	...	2.5	1.5
Minimum Grid to Cathode Resistance at Scan Frequency (ohms/bias volt)	...	...	...	500	500
Recommended Grid-Cathode Resistance at Scan Frequency (ohms)	...	...	...	30,000 to 50,000	

DIMENSIONS.

Maximum Overall Length	...	...	...	...	128 mm.
Maximum Diameter	...	...	...	...	39 mm.

GENERAL.

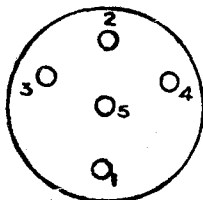
The T.31 is a three-electrode thyatron in which a trace of gas has been introduced. The ions produced by collision of the gas molecules with the electron emission from the cathode serve to neutralise the normal space charge. When ionisation is established the internal resistance of the thyatron is negligible and the current flowing in the anode circuit is limited only by external resistance. The ionisation potential of the gas is approximately 40 volts and the flow of current will be maintained as long as the anode potential exceeds this value. The function of the grid is to control the anode potential at which ionisation takes place. The "Control Ratio" of the thyatron is the amount by which anode potential for ionisation must be raised for each volt of bias applied to the grid. Once the ionisation has taken place variation of grid potential within wide limits will not affect it, and the anode potential must be reduced below the critical value in order to stop the discharge. The thyatron is fitted with a 5-pin base, the connexions to which are given overleaf.

APPLICATION.

The T.31 is suitable for use as a frame or line sweep voltage generator in television receivers with either electrostatic or magnetic deflection. To prolong the life of the thyatron the cathode should be allowed to reach its full operating temperature before the application of the anode voltage. A resistance should be incorporated in the grid circuit to limit the flow of grid current when the thyatron strikes. When used as a grid-controlled rectifier this grid resistance should not exceed 0.5 megohm in any case. In scanning circuits a minimum value of 500 ohms per volt is permissible.

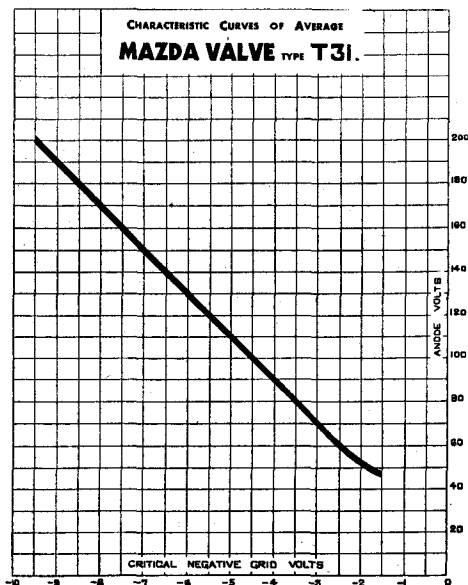


BASING.



- Pin No. 1. —
 2. Control Grid.
 3. Heater.
 4. Heater.
 5. Cathode.
 Top Cap. Anode.

Viewed from the free end of the base.



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