



ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

287A

Rectifier - Half Wave electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA

1 SECTION

CONSTRUCTION

RECTIFIER

Directly heated mercury-vapor rectifier for special-purpose power supplies. Rated for approximately 2.5 kV peak inverse voltage, 640 mA DC output, and 2.5 A peak current.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASE DESIGNATION	—	BASE PINS	5
NOMINAL HEATER	2.5 V / 7 A	PARALLEL HEATER	— / —
HEATING	Direct	SERIES OPERATION	Not specified
CATHODE ARRANGEMENT	Separate cathodes	SECTION CONSTRUCTION	Similar

SECTION RATINGS

SECTION 1 Rectifier	
PEAK INVERSE VOLTAGE	2500 V
NOMINAL OUTPUT CURRENT	640 mA
PEAK FORWARD CURRENT	1 A
FORWARD VOLTAGE DROP	15 V
WARM-UP TIME	10 s
Thyratron; published conduction ratings mapped to applicable rectifier-like fields.	

Mercury-vapor special-purpose diode/rectifier.



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1956 WESTERN ELECTRIC TUBES

Section 1 · Rectifier

CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
HeaterOrFilamentVoltage	2.5 V	—
HeaterOrFilamentCurrent	7 A	—



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Section 1 · Rectifier

CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Maximum Time Averaging Anode Current	5 s	—
Maximum Instantaneous Grid Current	50 mA	—
Operating Temperature Minimum	30 C	—
Operating Temperature Maximum	80 C	—
Nominal Deionization Time	1000 us	—



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Section 1 · Rectifier

OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Maximum peak voltage between anode and grid	2500 V	—
Maximum instantaneous anode current	1 A	—

CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Approximate tube voltage drop	15 V	Conducting

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