



ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

5589

Specialized - Switching Tube electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA

1 SECTION

CONSTRUCTION

RELAYCONTROL SWITCH

Three-electrode inert-gas-filled cold-cathode control tube with documented starter and anode operating characteristics, intended for heaterless relay and switching applications.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASE DESIGNATION	—	BASE PINS	—
NOMINAL HEATER	— / —	PARALLEL HEATER	— / —
HEATING	Indirect; cold cathode	SERIES OPERATION	Not specified
CATHODE ARRANGEMENT	Separate cathodes	SECTION CONSTRUCTION	Similar

SECTION RATINGS

SECTION 1 RelayControlSwitch

No fixed ratings recorded.

Published promoted values where applicable; special microwave values retained as parameters.

The 5589 is a Western Electric three-electrode inert-gas-filled cold-cathode tube with published starter and anode operating characteristics.

SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

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1960 Western Electric Random 2

Published test conditions and operating points. Values on this page are preserved as reported by this source.

1960 WESTERN ELECTRIC RANDOM 2

Section 1 · RelayControlSwitch

OTHER

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Direct cathode current, 1000-hour life	35 mA	—
Direct cathode current, 10000-hour life	20 mA	—

CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Anode voltage drop	55–70 V	Published range

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