



ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

885

Specialized - Thyatron electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA

1 SECTION

CONSTRUCTION

THYRATRON

Gas triode for sweep oscillators and grid-controlled rectifier operation. Its controlled gas discharge provides relaxation oscillation and switching.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASE DESIGNATION	5A2	BASE PINS	5
NOMINAL HEATER	2.5 V / 1.5 A	PARALLEL HEATER	– / –
HEATING	Indirect	SERIES OPERATION	Not specified
CATHODE ARRANGEMENT	Separate cathodes	SECTION CONSTRUCTION	Similar

SECTION RATINGS

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MAXIMUM PLATE VOLTAGE	350 V
MAXIMUM CATHODE CURRENT	300 mA
<i>Published ratings and characteristics promoted from approved datasheet.</i>	

Gas triode sharing the Sylvania 884/885 sheet, intended for sweep oscillators or grid-controlled rectifier operation.



SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

1950 Sylvania

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1950 SYLVANIA

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OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Maximum Plate Voltage	300 V	—
Maximum Cathode Current	75 mA	—
Peak Plate Current	300 mA	—
Average Plate Current	75 mA	Grid-controlled rectifier; after warmup

CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Tube Voltage Drop	16 V	—



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1960 RCA Industrial and Communications Types

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1960 RCA INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS TYPES

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CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
HeaterOrFilamentVoltage	2.5 V	—
HeaterOrFilamentCurrent	1.5 A	—
DeviceClass	Negative-control gas triode	RenewalUse

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OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Heater voltage	2.5 V	Nominal
Heater current	1.5 A	Nominal
Peak anode voltage - relaxation oscillator service	300 V	—
Peak anode voltage - relay/rectifier service	350 V	—
Peak cathode current	300 mA	—
Average cathode current - relay/rectifier service	75 mA	—
Peak grid current - relaxation oscillator service	1 mA	—
DC heater-cathode potential	-100 to +25 V	—
Ambient temperature range	-75 to +90 C	—
Recommended heater warmup before conduction	10 s	—

CAPACITANCE		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Grid-to-anode capacitance	6 pF	—
Grid-to-cathode capacitance	2 pF	—
Anode-to-cathode capacitance	0.6 pF	—

CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Tube voltage drop	16 V	—