ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

BD225

Nixie electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA
1 SECTION
CONSTRUCTION
NIXIE

Gas-filled cold-cathode Nixie special-character indicator designed to display plus/minus or other dedicated symbols using shaped glow cathodes.

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

SECTION1 Nixie	
MAXIMUM CATHODE CURRENT	5 mA
MINIMUM REGULATOR CURRENT	2 mA
MAXIMUM REGULATOR CURRENT	3 mA
STARTING VOLTAGE	250 V

Gas-filled cold-cathode Nixie special-character indicator; plus and minus special-character tube (alias of B6012). Electrical/mechanical characteristics are stated to be generally comparable to the corresponding regular numerical tube family (7153).

BD225 is a gas-filled cold-cathode Nixie numerical/readout device. The shared catalog identifies it with the 7153 electrical family, using a maximum ionization voltage of 250 V and a recommended minimum supply of 250 V.

SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

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1961 NIXIE BURROUGHS

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PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Ionization Voltage Maximum	**250 V**	—
Supply Voltage Minimum	**250 V**	Catalog minimum supply voltage
Cathode Current Peak	**5 mA**	—
Cathode Current Average	**2.5 mA**	—
Individual Cathode Wattage Maximum	**0.8 W**	—
Test Supply Voltage	**250 V**	—
Test Series Resistor	**43 kOhm**	—
Display Size Class	**Super**	—
Numeral Height	**0.808 in**	—
Recommended Socket	**HSK106 or HSK112**	—
Recommended Supply Voltage	**250 V**	Series resistor 43 kOhm
Recommended Series Resistor	**43 kOhm**	Supply voltage 250 V
Recommended Supply Voltage	**300 V**	Series resistor 62 kOhm
Recommended Series Resistor	**62 kOhm**	Supply voltage 300 V

CHARACTERISTIC

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Cathode Current Minimum	**2 mA**	—
Cathode Current Maximum	**3 mA**	—

ENVIRONMENTAL

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Shock	**55 G**	—

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Vibration	**10 G**	60 cps
Operating Temperature Range	**-65 to +70 C**	—
Altitude	**70000 ft**	—

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PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Ionization voltage	**250 V**	Absolute rating; maximum
Minimum supply voltage	**250 V**	Absolute rating; minimum recommended supply
Cathode current	**5 mA**	Peak
Cathode current	**2.5 mA**	Average
Individual cathode dissipation	**0.8 W**	Maximum
Anode supply voltage	**250 V**	BasicCircuit test condition
Anode series resistor	**43 kOhm**	BasicCircuit test condition
Cathode current	**2–3 mA**	BasicCircuit test condition
Numeral height	**0.808 in**	Super
Recommended anode series resistor	**43 kOhm**	Anode supply 250 V
Recommended anode series resistor	**62 kOhm**	Anode supply 300 V
Pre-bias voltage	**75–120 V**	Referenced to on cathode

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