

ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

MPS1A

Specialized - Ignitron electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA

1 SECTION

CONSTRUCTION

IGNITRONPOWERSWITCH

Marconi mercury-pool ignitron using an electrostatic ignition electrode for controlled high-current power switching.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

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

SECTION RATINGS

SECTION1 IgnitronPowerSwitch	
PEAK INVERSE VOLTAGE	6000 V
PEAK FORWARD CURRENT	500 A
Ignitron switching device; pulse and ignitor data retained in parameters.	

The Marconi MPS1A is a mercury-pool ignitron employing an electrostatic ignition electrode.



SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

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1955 Marconi

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

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Section 1 · IgnitronPowerSwitch

OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Peak forward voltage	6000 V	—
Peak inverse voltage	6000 V	—
Normal peak current	500 A	—
Normal RMS current	1 A	—
Permissible negative ignitor voltage	1000 V	—
Normal duty factor	0.000002	—

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