ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

NL844

Nixie electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA
1 SECTION
CONSTRUCTION
NIXIE

Long-life neon-filled cold-cathode numerical readout tube displaying digits 0–9 with decimal-point capability. Manufacturer data specify 170 V maximum ionization and minimum supply voltage and published cathode-current limits for display operation.

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 PLATE VOLTAGE	170 V
MAXIMUM CATHODE CURRENT	4.5 mA
Cold-cathode glow display section; peak cathode-current limit promoted.	

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SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

1968 Nixie National Electronics

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

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OTHER

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Ionization Voltage Maximum	**170 V**	Published technical information
Peak Cathode Current Maximum	**4.5 mA**	Published technical information
Average Cathode Current Maximum	**3 mA**	Published technical information
Ambient Temperature Minimum	**-20 degC**	Normal life range
Ambient Temperature Maximum	**55 degC**	Normal life range
Decimal Point Current Maximum	**0.5 mA**	Published technical information
Recommended Supply Voltage	**170 V**	Published technical information
Recommended Supply Voltage	**250 V**	Published technical information
Recommended Supply Voltage	**300 V**	Published technical information

CHARACTERISTIC

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Supply Voltage Minimum	**170 V**	Published technical information
Average Cathode Current Minimum	**0.3 mA**	Published technical information
Prebias Voltage Minimum	**60 V**	Off cathodes
Prebias Voltage Maximum	**120 V**	Off cathodes
Dynamic Life	**200000 h**	Published dynamic life
Decimal Point Current Minimum	**0.1 mA**	Published technical information

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