



ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

RS2042HF

Power - Tetrode (NOT beam) (over 1000V 100W) electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL
DATA

1 SECTION
CONSTRUCTION
TETRODE

High-power transmitting tetrode designed primarily for broadcast, FM, VHF, medium-wave, or short-wave transmitter RF power service.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASE DESIGNATION	—	BASE PINS	—
NOMINAL HEATER	8.5 V / 920 A	PARALLEL HEATER	— / —
HEATING	Direct	SERIES OPERATION	Not specified
CATHODE ARRANGEMENT	Separate cathodes	SECTION CONSTRUCTION	Similar

SECTION RATINGS

SECTION 1 Tetrode	
TRANSCONDUCTANCE	0.22 S
AMPLIFICATION FACTOR	4.5
MAXIMUM PLATE VOLTAGE	23000 V
MAXIMUM SCREEN VOLTAGE	2200 V
MAXIMUM PLATE DISSIPATION	300000 W
MAXIMUM SCREEN DISSIPATION	5000 W
MAXIMUM GRID DISSIPATION	1500 W
MAXIMUM CATHODE CURRENT	50 A
<i>Maximum ratings promoted from published rating tables; additional condition-specific values preserved in parameters.</i>	

Coaxial metal-ceramic tetrode, vapor-condensation-cooled. The version RS 2042 SK is particularly suitable for broadcast transmitters up to 300 kW medium wave and 250 kW short wave, for grid-current

free operated modulators in transmitters up to 600 kW, and for use as switching tube in PDM transmitters up to 600 kW.

SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

1963 Siemens

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

1963 SIEMENS

Section 1 · Tetrode

CHARACTERISTICS		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Amplification factor	4.5	—
Transconductance	220000 μ S	—
Emission current at $U_A = U_{G2}$ = $U_{G1} = 600$ V	300 A V	—
Amplification factor of screen grid	4,5	—
at $U_A = 6$ kV, $U_{G2} = 800$	1200 V, I A = 20 A kV	—
Transconductance	220 mA/V mA/V	—

OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Heater voltage	8,5 V V	—
Heater current	$\approx$ 920 A A	—
Permissible starting current	$\leq$ 3000 A A	—
Frequency	55 MHz MHz	—
Anode voltage (dc)	23 kV kV	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	1600 V V	—
Control grid voltage (dc)	— 1200 V V	—
Cathode current (dc)	50 A A	—
Peak cathode current	300 A A	—
Anode dissipation	300 kW 3) kW	—
Screen grid dissipation	4,0 kW kW	—
Control grid dissipation	1,5 kW kW	—
Frequency	50 MHz MHz	—

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Output power	320 + 13,7 2) kW 1) kW	—
Anode voltage (dc)	12 kV kV	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	1100 V V	—
Control grid voltage (dc)	– 400 V V	—
Peak control grid voltage (ac)	540 V V	—
Anode current (dc)	40,5 A A	—
Screen grid current (dc)	1,0 A A	—
Control grid current (dc)	0,6 A A	—
Anode input power	485 kW A	—
Drive power	0,3 + 13,7 2) kW 1) kW	—
Anode dissipation	165 kW kW	—
Screen grid dissipation	1100 W W	—
Control grid dissipation	60 W W	—
Efficiency	66 %	—
Anode load resistance	181 Ω Ω	—
Transmitter Tetrode	2042 HF	—
Frequency	150 MHz MHz	—
Anode voltage (dc)	17 kV kV	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	1600 V V	—
Control grid voltage (dc)	– 1200 V V	—
Cathode current (dc)	50 A A	—
Peak cathode current	300 A A	—
Anode dissipation	300 kW 3) kW	—
Screen grid dissipation	4,0 kW kW	—
Control grid dissipation	1,5 kW kW	—
Frequency	$\leq$ 150 MHz MHz	—
Pulse duration	$0,4 \times 10^{-3}$ s	—
Pulse separation	$0,6 \times 10^{-3}$ s	—
Pulse output power	400 + 16 2) kW 1) kW	—
Anode voltage (dc)	15 kV kV	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	1100 V V	—

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Control grid voltage (dc)	– 430 V V	—
Peak pulse control grid voltage (ac)	250 V V	—
Pulse anode current (dc)	42 A A	—
Pulse screen grid current	1,0 A A	—
Pulse control grid current (dc)	0,7 A A	—
Pulse anode input power	630 kW A	—
Pulse drive power	16 kW 1) kW	—
Pulse anode dissipation	230 kW kW	—
Pulse screen grid dissipation	1100 W W	—
Pulse control grid dissipation	60 W W	—
Pulse efficiency	63 %	—
Anode load resistance	190 Ω Ω	—
Transmitter Tetrode	2042 SK	—
Frequency	30 MHz MHz	—
Anode voltage (dc)	15 V V	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	2200 V V	—
Control grid voltage (dc)	– 1200 V V	—
Cathode current (dc)	50 A A	—
Peak cathode current	300 A A	—
Anode dissipation	300 kW 5) kW	—
Screen grid dissipation	5,0 kW kW	—
Control grid dissipation	1,5 kW kW	—
Frequency	$\leq$ 30 MHz MHz	—
Carrier power	325 kW 1) kW	—
Anode voltage (dc)	12 kV kV	—
Screen grid voltage (dc)	1100 V V	—
Control grid bias (dc), fixed	– 450 V V	—
Control grid resistance	65 Ω Ω	—

PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Peak control grid voltage (ac)	900 V V	—
Anode current (dc)	33 A A	—
Screen grid current (dc)	2,5 A A	—
Control grid current (dc)	4,0 A A	—
Anode input power	396 kW A	—
Drive power	3,5 kW 1) kW	—
Anode dissipation	71 kW 2) kW	—
Screen grid dissipation	2,75 kW kW	—
Control grid dissipation	0,7 kW kW	—
Efficiency	82 %	—
Anode load resistance	180 Ω Ω	—
Modulation factor	100 %	—
Peak screen grid voltage (ac)	650 V V	—
Modulation power	208 kW kW	—

CAPACITANCE		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Cathode/control grid	$\approx$ 315 pF pF	—
Cathode/screen grid	$\approx$ 35 pF pF	—
Cathode/anode	$\approx$ 1,1 pF 1) pF	—
Control grid/screen grid	$\approx$ 450 pF pF	—
Control grid/anode	$\approx$ 4,5 pF 1) pF	—
Screen grid/anode	$\approx$ 100 pF pF	—
LL electrolytic target	1/ 4" hose RÖE17 Q81-X512	—
Transmitter Tetrode	2042 HF	—

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