

ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

X391

Specialized - Traveling Wave electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA
1 SECTION
CONSTRUCTION
TRAVELINGWAVE

Electronically tunable backward-wave amplifier covering approximately 853–1543 MHz with adjustable 2–8 MHz passband, solenoid focusing, and at least 20 dB gain.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASE DESIGNATION	–	BASE PINS	–
NOMINAL HEATER	6.3 V / 1.9 A	PARALLEL HEATER	– / –
HEATING	Indirect	SERIES OPERATION	Not specified
CATHODE ARRANGEMENT	Separate cathodes	SECTION CONSTRUCTION	Similar

SECTION RATINGS

SECTION1 TravelingWave

No fixed ratings recorded.

Specialized microwave/image-intensifier device. Published beam, cathode, anode, helix, collector, RF, gain/noise, and optical ratings are preserved in TUBE_SECTION_PARAMETER rather than forced into unrelated promoted plate/screen fields.

Backward-wave amplifier tube covering 853–1543 MHz with electronically tunable 2–8 MHz passband, helical slow-wave structure, continuous-beam operation, and solenoid focusing.

SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

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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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CHARACTERISTIC		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Frequency Range	853–1543 MHz	—
Pass Band Range	2–8 MHz	—

OTHER		
PARAMETER	PUBLISHED VALUE	CONDITION / NOTE
Small Signal Gain Minimum	20 dB	—
Noise Figure Maximum	15 dB	—
Heater Voltage Maximum	6.5 V	—
Heater Current Maximum	2 A	—
Cathode Voltage Range	-1250--250 V	—
Cathode Current Maximum	4 mA	—
Collector Voltage Maximum	250 V	—
Helix Current Maximum	0.3 mA	—
Collector Current Maximum	4 mA	—
Typical Frequency Center	1200 MHz	—
Typical Pass Band	5 MHz	—
Typical Small Signal Gain	23 dB	—
Typical Noise Figure	12 dB	—
Typical Heater Voltage	6.3 V	—
Typical Heater Current	1.9 A	—
Typical Cathode Voltage	-600 V	—
Typical Cathode Current	2 mA	—

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