

ELECTRONIC TUBE REFERENCE

ZM3420

Specialized - Traveling Wave electronic tube

CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL DATA  
1 SECTION  
CONSTRUCTION  
TRAVELINGWAVE

General Electric low-noise broadband traveling-wave amplifier for microwave radar, electronic countermeasures, communications, instrumentation, or radiometry receiver service.

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 TravelingWave                                                                                         |
| No fixed ratings recorded.                                                                                     |
| Traveling-wave microwave amplifier section; helix, collector, gain, noise, and RF data retained as parameters. |

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## SOURCE OPERATING CONDITIONS

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# 1950 General Electric Transmitting Types

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

## 1950 GENERAL ELECTRIC TRANSMITTING TYPES

## Section 1 · TravelingWave

| CONSTRUCTION    |                                  |                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| PARAMETER       | PUBLISHED VALUE                  | CONDITION / NOTE |
| Device class    | Traveling-wave tube              | —                |
| Focusing method | Single-reversal permanent magnet | —                |
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| APPLICATION         |                                 |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| PARAMETER           | PUBLISHED VALUE                 | CONDITION / NOTE |
| Primary application | Microwave amplification         | —                |
| Application         | Low-noise radar / broadband ECM | —                |

| OTHER                |                 |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| PARAMETER            | PUBLISHED VALUE | CONDITION / NOTE |
| Power supply nominal | 28 Vdc          | —                |

| CHARACTERISTICS           |                 |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| PARAMETER                 | PUBLISHED VALUE | CONDITION / NOTE |
| Acoustic noise test level | 150 dB          | —                |

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