# **Beam Power Tube**

2 MEGAWATTS PEAK POWER OUTPUT IN SHORT-PULSE SERVICE AT 425 Mc

PULSE LENGTH TO 15 MICROSECONDS LOW FILAMENT POWER FOR AIRBORNE USE

# LIQUID COOLED

For Grid-Driven, Plate-Pulsed Amplifier Applications at Frequencies from 174 to 600 Mc

Electrical:	<
Filamentary Cathode, Multistrand, Matrix-Type, Voltage: a	Oxide-Coated:
Maximum, with dc or 60 cps ac excitation Maximum, with 400 cps	1.00 volt
ac excitation	1.05 volts
ac excitation	0.95 volt
Typical operation value at 0.95 volt, with 60 cps excitation Minimum time to reach operating	495 amp
filament voltage	30 seconds
voltages are applied	90 seconds 7
Grid No.1 to plate	0.15 max. pf 500 pf 30 pf
Mechanical:	18000 max. pf
Operating Position	8.62" ± 0.31" 11.25" 38 lbs G <sub>2</sub> G <sub>2</sub> Circuit Returns
← Ir	ndicates a change.

#### Thermal:

Ceramic-Insulator Temperature 150 max.	oC
Metal-Surface Temperature 100 max.	oC
Minimum Storage Temperature,	
without cooling liquid in	
coolant ducts65 min.	
External Gas Pressure 60 max.	psia

Air Cooling for Insulators and Contact Areas:

It is important that the temperature of any external part of the tube not exceed the value specified. In general, forced—air cooling of the ceramic insulators and the adjacent contact areas may be required if the tube is used in a confined space without free circulation of air. Under such conditions, provision should be made for blowing an adequate quantity of air across the ceramic insulators and adjacent terminal areas to limit their maximum temperature to the value specified.

## Liquid Cooling:

Liquid cooling of the filament block, dc cathode block, grid-No.1 block, grid-No.2 block, and plate is required. When tube operation under low ambient temperatures is required, the recommended coolant is inert liquid FC75 (Made by the Fluorochemical Division, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., 900 Bush Avenue, St. Paul 6, Minnesota) but ethylene glycol mixed with water in the proportion of 60% ethylene glycol to 40% water by weight can be used. When the environmental temperature permits, the coolant may be water; the use of distilled water or filtered deionized water is essential. The liquid flow must start before application of any voltages and preferably should continue for several seconds after removal of all voltages. Interlocking of the liquid flow through each of the cooled elements with all power supplies is recommended to prevent tube damage in case of failure of adequate liquid flow.

#### Flow:

Liquid Pressure at any outlet. . . . . . . 100 max. psi Water Flow:

	A	bsolute Min. Flow gpm	Typical Flow gpm	Max. Pressure Differential for Typical Flow psi
Through Filament block		0.5	0.8	8
Through dc cathode block.		0.5	0.8	· 8
Through grid-No.1 block		0.5	0.8	6
Through grid-No.2 block		0.5	0.8	8
Through plate:				
For plate dissipations up				
to 5 kw (Av.)		5	7	5
For plate dissipations of				
5kw to 8 kw (Av.)		8	10	10
Resistivity of Water at 25°	С		1	min. megohm—cm

	A	bsol: Min Flor	•		F	oic lou	al v	F	erent Typi low <sup>c</sup>	tial
		g⊅m			8	φm			psi	
Water Temperature from any outlet Storage Temperature			•	•				max. ee $fo$	otno	o <sub>C</sub>
FC75 Flow:										
Through filament block Through dc cathode block Through grid-No.1 block Through grid-No.2 block Through plate: For plate dissipation up		1.0 1.0			1	2			20 20 14 20	
to 5 kw (Average)		10				12			20	
For plate dissipations of 5 kw to 8 kw (Average) Outlet-Liquid FC75 Temperatur		20				24			80	
from any outlet Storage Temperature with liqu				•			70	max.		oC
FC75 in Coolant Courses Liquid FC75 Temperature for	•						<b>–</b> 65	min.		οС
Tube Operation							-25	min.		oC
Ethylene-Glycol-Water Solution	n	Flov	w:							
Through filament block Through dc cathode block Through grid-No.1 block Through grid-No.2 block Through plate in direction shown on Dimensional Outlin	•	1.0 1.0 1.0			1 1	.2 .2 .2			18 18 12 18	
For plate dissipation up to 5 kw (Average)		6				8			7	
For plate dissipations of 5 kw to 8 kw (Average) .	•									
Outlet-Solution Temperature	•	16			1	8			40	0 -
from any outlet Min. Plate-Solution-Column	•	• •	•	•		•		max.		οС
Resistance at 25° C Storage Temperature with Solu	ıt i	on	•	•		•	10	min.	meg	ohms
in Coolant Courses Solution Temperature for	•		•	•	•	•	<b>-4</b> 5	min.		oC
Tube Operation						•	-20	min.		oC
PULSED R	F	AMPL	.IF	I EF	₹					
For frequencies from 174 to 600 Mc, and amaximum "ON" time as specified in any 3000-microsecond interval.										
Maximum Ratings, Absolute-Maximum Values:										
"ON" Tim	e	15	μse	c			70 p	us e c		
Peak Positive—Pulse Plate Voltage <sup>e</sup>		5500	00 r	пах	( <b>.</b>	3	30000	) max.	. vc	olts

"01	N" 1	ri m	e	15 μs e	ес	70 μs	sec	
Peak Positive-Pulse Grid-No.2 Voltage <sup>f,g</sup> . DC or Peak Negative-Puls		•		2200 r	max.	2200	max.	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage				400 r	max.	400	max.	volts
Peak Plate Current				80 r	max.	30	max.	amp
Peak Grid-No.2 Current.				15 r	max.	3	max.	amp
Peak-Rectified								
Grid-No.1 Current						3	max.	amp
DC Plate Current				0.320 r	max.	0.500	max.	amp
DC Grid-No.2 Current				0.060 r	max.	0.060	max.	amp
DC Grid-No.1 Current Plate Input (Average) . Plate Dissipation (Average)				16000 r	max.	0.060 9000 5000	max.	amp watts watts

# Typical Plate-Pulsed Operation:

In Class B service at 425 Mc with a rectangular waveshape pulse.

	Pulse width Duty factor	13 μsec 0.004	6ο μsec 0.018	
Peak Positive—Pulse Plate Voltage.		50000	19000	volts
Peak Positive-Pulse Grid-No.2 Voltage Peak Negative-Pulse	f	1800	1700	volts
Grid-No.1 Voltage Peak Plate Current Peak Grid-No.2 Curr	h	325 75 8	250 25 1	volts amp amp
Peak Rectified Grid-No.1 Current DC Plate Current DC Grid-No.2 Curren DC Grid-No.1 Curren		10 0.3 0.03 0.04	0.5 0.45 0.02 0.01	amp amp amp amp
Peak Driver Power Output (Approx.) Useful Peak Power O		20000 2000000	2000 225000	watts watts

Because the filament, when operated near the maximum voltage value, provides emission in excess of any requirements within tube ratings, during operation of the tube, the filament voltage should be reduced to a value that will give adequate but not excessive emission. Careful attention to maintaining the value of filament voltage consistent with adequate emission will conserve tube life. The filament voltage should be measured at the filament liquid coolant connections on the tube side of the threads. This procedure is essential for accurate measurement of the filament voltage. At 400 cycles some heating of the filament leads and rf cathode terminal (cathode header) occurs; this condition is not detrimental to tube operation or tube life.

This pressure is related to the output-cavity pressurization as required to prevent corona or external arc-over.

C Measured directly across cooled element for the indicated typical flow.

d The tube coolant ducts must be free of water before storage or shipment of the tube to prevent damage from freezing.

The magnitude of any spike on the plate voltage pulse should not exceed its peak value by more than 4000 volts, and the duration of any spike when measured at the peak-value level should not exceed 10% of the maximum "ON" time. The output cavity must be pressurized as required to prevent corona or external arc-over at the ceramic insulator.



The magnitude of any spike on the grid-No.2 voltage pulse should not exceed its peak value by more than 250 volts, and the duration of any spike when measured at the peak-value level should not exceed 10% of the maximum "0N" time.

A negative dc voltage of 300 volts maximum may be applied to grid No.2 to prevent any tube conduction between pulses.

The grid-No.1 voltage may be a combination of fixed and self bias obtained from a series grid resistor.

#### CHARACTERISTICS RANGE VALUES

	Note	Min.	Max.	
Filament Current	j	460	530	amp
Input Strap-Resonant Frequency	k	222	250	Mc
Output Strap-Resonant Frequency	k	230	250	Mc
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:		•		
Grid No.1 to plate	m	_	0.15	pf
Grid No.2 to cathode		10000	18000	pf

 $^{f j}$  At filament voltage of 0.95 volt and ac filament excitation at 60 cps. The frequency range of the sweep generator is varied to produce the resonance curve observed on the oscilloscope and the UHF Marker Oscillator frequency is varied so that the pip is observed at the peak of the resonance curve. The resonant frequency is read on the frequency meter.

Measured with special shield adapter.

#### COOLING CONSIDERATIONS

### System

The liquid-cooling system consists, ingeneral, of a source of cooling liquid, a liquid regeneration loop, a heat exchanger, a feed-pipe system which carries the liquid to the filament section blocks, to the filament common-point connection, to the grid-No.1 block, to the grid-No.2 block, and to the plate connections of the tube, and provision for interlocking the liquid flow through each of the cooling courses with the power supplies.

It is essential that the insulating tubing between the cooling-system piping and each of the cooling courses have good insulating qualities and be of sufficient length to minimize leakage currents and/or electrolysis effects. minimum plate liquid column resistance should be 10 megohms at 250 C.

The piping system must be arranged so that direction of coolant flow through the plate coolant connection is in accord with the markings on the plate coolant connection (see Dimensional Outline) to insure adequate cooling. Through each of the other coolant connections, the liquid flow may be in either direction. Series or parallel arrangement of the coolant ducts is permissible so long as the specified flow, pressure, and outlet temperature ratings are observed. The feed-pipe system should be so designed that all Caution: of the cooling liquid indicated by the flow meter at each outlet passes through the associated coolant duct within the tube, and is not shunted inadvertently by any other path.

A test as to proper design and functioning of the feed-pipe system can be made by plugging the inlet and outlet holes of the fitting at each cooling connection.

Under these conditions, and with all voltages removed from the tube, no liquid flow should be indicated by the flow meter for any connection when the coolant valve is fully opened.

#### Precautions

Proper functioning of the coolant system is of the utmost importance. Even a momentary failure of the liquid flow will damage the tube. In fact, without coolant, the heat of the filament alone is sufficient to cause serious harm. It is, therefore, necessary to provide a method of preventing operation of the tube in case the coolant supply should fail. This may be done by the use of coolant-flow interlocks which open the power supplies when the flow through any element is insufficient or ceases. The coolant flow must start before application of any voltages and preferably should continue for several seconds after removal of all voltages.

The absolute minimum coolant flow required through the filament section blocks, the filament common-point connections, the grid-No.1 block the grid-No.2 block, and to the plate together with pressure differentials across the cooled elements, is given in the tabulated data. The use of an outlet coolant thermometer and a coolant flow meter at each of the outlets is recommended. Under no circumstances should the temperature of the coolant from any outlet ever exceed the maximum value given for the coolant in the tabulated data.

In spite of the usual precautions taken to eliminate contamination of the coolant by oil, dust, etc., some impurities are likely to enter the fluid. The use of astrainer with at least 60-mesh screen is recommended in the coolant supply line as near to the tube as possible to trap any foreign particles likely to impair the coolant flow through the tube ducts. Also, a regeneration loop followed by a submicron filter should be employed. For example, a regeneration loop having a 10-to-20-gallon-per-hour capacity will ordinarily be adequate for use with a cooling system containing about 20 gallons.

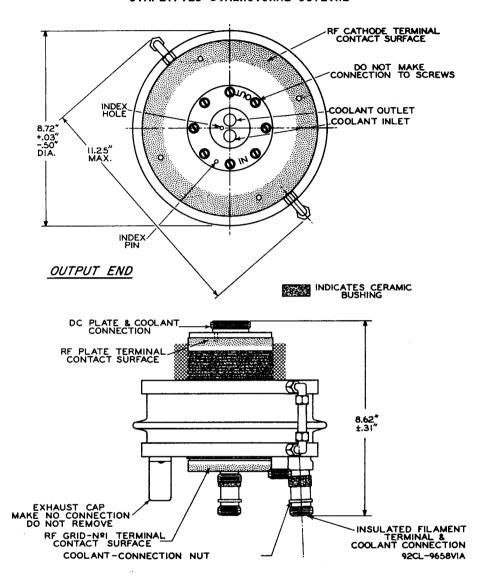
When the tube is used in equipment under conditions such that the ambient temperature is below  $0^{\rm O}$  C, precautions should be taken to prevent freezing of the water in the tube ducts.

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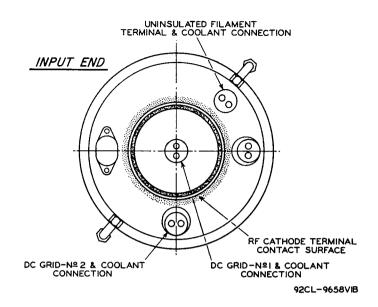
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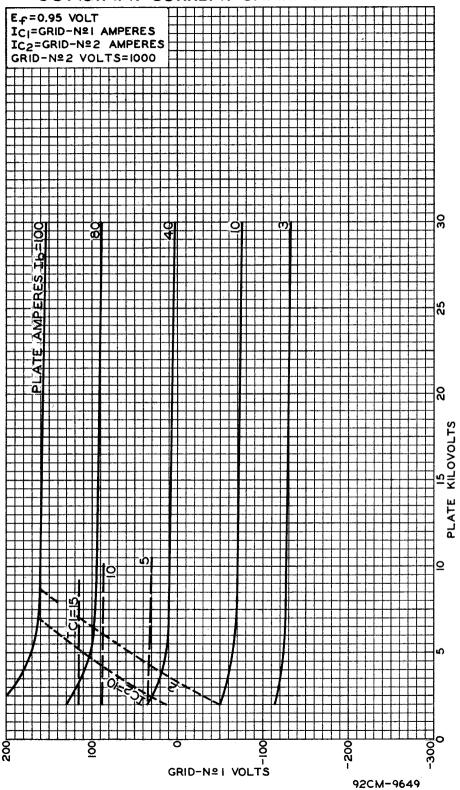
## SIMPLIFIED DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE'



A detailed Dimensional Outline and associated Gauge Drawings are given in the Technical Bulletin available upon request.



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