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## Valves and Tubes

**Part 3**

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## GENERAL SECTION

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### 1. SYMBOLS FOR ELECTRODES

Anode ... ..	a	Fluorescent Screen or Target...	t
Cathode ... ..	k	External Metallisation ... ..	M
Grid ... ..	g	Internal Metallisation ... ..	m
Heater ... ..	h	Deflector Electrodes ... ..	x or y
Filament ... ..	f	Internal Shield ... ..	s
Beam Plates ... ..	bp	Resonator ... ..	Res

NOTE 1. In valves having more than one grid, the grids are distinguished by numbers— $g_1, g_2$ , etc.,  $g_1$  being the grid nearest the cathode.

NOTE 2. In multiple valves, electrodes of the different sections may be distinguished by adding one of the following letters:

Diode ... ..	d	Hexode ... ..	} h
Triode... ..	t	Heptode ... ..	
Tetrode ... ..	q	Octode ... ..	
Pentode ... ..	p	Rectifier ... ..	r

Thus, the grid of the triode section of a triode-hexode is denoted by  $g_1$ .

NOTE 3. Two or more similar electrodes which cannot be distinguished by any of the above means may be denoted by adding one or more primes to indicate to which electrode system the electrode forms a part.

Thus, the anode of the first diode in a double diode valve is denoted  $a'$ .

### 2. SYMBOLS FOR ELECTRIC MAGNITUDES

Voltages		Current	
Direct Voltage ... ..	V	Direct Current ... ..	I
Alternating Voltage (r.m.s.)	$V_{r.m.s.}$	Alternating Current (r.m.s.)	$I_{r.m.s.}$
Alternating Voltage (mean)	$V_{av}$	Alternating Current (mean)	$I_{av}$
Alternating Voltage (peak)	$V_{pk}$	Alternating Current (peak)	$i_{pk}$
Peak Inverse Voltage ... ..	P.I.V.	No Signal Current ... ..	$I_0$

#### Miscellaneous

Frequency ... ..	f	Anode Efficiency ... ..	$\eta$
Amplification Factor ... ..	$\mu$	Sensitivity ... ..	S
Mutual Conductance ... ..	$g_m$	Brightness ... ..	B
Conversion Conductance...	$g_c$	Temperature ... ..	T
Distortion ... ..	D	Time ... ..	t

# LIST OF SYMBOLS

	Inside Valve	Outside Valve
Resistance ... ..	r	R
Reactance ... ..	x	X
Impedance ... ..	z	Z
Admittance ... ..	y	Y
Mutual Inductance ... ..	m	M
Capacitance ... ..	c	C
Capacitance at Working Temperature ... ..	c <sub>w</sub>	P
Power ... ..	p	

## 3. AUXILIARY SYMBOLS

Battery or other source of supply ... ..	b
Inverse (Voltage or Current) ... ..	inv
Ignition (Voltage) ... ..	ign
Extinction (Voltage) ... ..	ext
No Signal ... ..	o
Input ... ..	in
Output ... ..	out
Total ... ..	tot
Centre Tap ... ..	ct

## 4. COMPLEX SYMBOLS

Symbols in Sections 1 and 3 above may be used as subscripts to symbols in Section 2, to denote such magnitudes as Anode Current, Grid Volts, etc., e.g.:-

Anode Voltage ... ..	V <sub>a</sub>	Anode Current (A.C. r.m.s.)	I <sub>a(r.m.s.)</sub>
Control-Grid Voltage ... ..	V <sub>g1</sub>	No Signal Anode Current ... ..	I <sub>a(o)</sub>
Anode Supply Voltage ... ..	V <sub>a(b)</sub>	Control-Grid Current ... ..	I <sub>g1</sub>
Filament Voltage ... ..	V <sub>f</sub>	Total Distortion ... ..	D <sub>tot</sub>
Heater Voltage ... ..	V <sub>h</sub>	3rd Harmonic Distortion ... ..	D <sub>3</sub>
Anode Dissipation ... ..	p <sub>a</sub>	Equivalent Noise Resistance ... ..	R <sub>eq</sub>
Output Power ... ..	P <sub>out</sub>	Limiting Resistor ... ..	R <sub>lim</sub>
Drive Power ... ..	P <sub>drive</sub>	Cathode Bias Resistor	R <sub>k</sub>
Anode Current (D.C.)	I <sub>a</sub>		
		Internal	External
Anode Resistance ... ..	r <sub>a</sub>		R <sub>a</sub>
Insulation Resistance (heater to cathode) ... ..	r <sub>h-k</sub>		
Resistance between Control-Grid and Cathode ... ..	r <sub>g1-k</sub>		R <sub>g1-k</sub>
Capacitance (cold)-			
Anode to all other electrodes ... ..			C <sub>a-all</sub>
Anode to control-grid ... ..			C <sub>a-g1</sub>
Control-grid to cathode at working temperature ... ..			C <sub>g1-k(w)</sub>
Control-grid to all other electrodes except anode (Input Capacitance) ... ..			C <sub>in</sub>
Anode to all other electrodes except control-grid (Output Capacitance) ... ..			C <sub>out</sub>
Inner Amplification Factor ... ..			μ <sub>g1-g2</sub>



### Construction

The Mullard counter and selector tubes consist of 30 identical rod-shaped cathodes arranged in a circle concentric with the common circular plate anode. The 30 cathodes are divided into three groups of ten and arranged so that every third electrode going around the ring belongs to the same group. The three groups are called main cathodes, guide A cathodes, and guide B cathodes. The order of the electrodes proceeding in a clockwise direction around the tube as seen from the dome is a main cathode, a guide A cathode, guide B cathode, next main cathode etc.

In both the counter tube and the selector tube all the guide A electrodes are connected internally and brought out to a single pin. The guide B electrodes are similarly connected and brought out. In the counter tube the main cathodes 1 to 9 are connected together internally and connected to a single pin. The 0 or tenth main cathode is brought out separately so that the tube can be set to zero and also an electrical output obtained for driving a succeeding tube. In the selector tube all the main cathodes are brought out individually so that an electrical output pulse can be obtained at any point around the tube.

### Function of the electrode groups

#### *Main cathodes*

The glow normally rests on a main cathode thus providing indication, and electrical output may also be obtained from this cathode. The position of the discharge may be seen through the dome of the tube as an orange 'cathode glow' at the tip of the cathode concerned. The position of the discharge can be related to the number of input pulse by the use of an external numbered escutcheon aligned so that the numbers coincide with the position of the main cathodes.

#### *Guide cathodes (A and B)*

The function of the guide cathodes is to transfer the discharge from one main cathode to the next on the receipt of an input signal.



### Basic circuit

The basic circuit is shown in Figure 1 on the individual data sheets and is essentially the same for both counter and selector tubes. An h.t. voltage, normally 475V, (which is greater than the anode-cathode ignition voltage) is applied to the circuit and breakdown to one of the main cathodes will, therefore, occur. Breakdown to more than one cathode cannot occur since conduction causes a voltage drop across the anode resistor and reduces the anode voltage across the tube to the maintaining voltage.

### The transfer mechanism

The method usually employed to move the discharge around the tube is to convert the input signal into a pair of negative pulses. The first pulse is applied to all guide A cathodes followed immediately by the second pulse applied to all guide B cathodes.

Assume that the discharge is resting on the third main cathode  $k_3$ : when the pulse is applied to guides A the voltage between anode and guides A exceeds the ignition voltage and breakdown can therefore occur. Because of the priming from the discharge to the conducting main cathode  $k_3$ , breakdown will always occur to the adjacent guide A cathode  $GA_4$ . The discharge to  $k_3$  will be extinguished since the anode voltage falls by the magnitude of the applied negative pulse. Similarly breakdown to  $GB_4$  will take place on the arrival of the second pulse and the potential of guides A will return to the bias level. Finally at the end of the second pulse the potential of guides B will also return to the bias level. The anode voltage rises towards a potential equal to the guide bias plus the maintaining voltage. However, when the anode to  $k_4$  voltage exceeds the ignition value the discharge will move to  $k_4$  and the transfer has then been completed. This sequence results in rotation in the clockwise direction. Counting in the anti-clockwise direction can be obtained by applying pulses to guides A and B in the reverse order.

### Output pulse

A resistor is connected in series with  $k_0$  (in Figure 1) so that an output pulse can be obtained when the discharge rests on  $k_0$ . This resistor must be chosen so that when the glow rests on  $k_0$ , the voltage on  $k_0$  does not exceed the positive guide bias. It is common practice to take the earthy end of the resistor back to a negative bias supply to obtain a larger pulse. However, the magnitude of the bias should not at any time be more negative than -20 volts.

In the selector tube an output can be obtained by inserting a resistor in series with any of the main cathodes.

The maximum value of the main cathode resistor for either selector or counter is given by

$$R_k \text{ max.} = \frac{(V_G + V_k - 10) R_a}{(V_{ht} - V_M - V_G + 10)}$$

and the output voltage for any value of  $R_k$  is

$$V_{out} = \frac{(V_{ht} - V_M + V_k) R_k}{(R_k + R_a)}$$

where  $V_{ht}$  is the supply voltage

$V_M$  is the maintaining voltage

$V_G$  is the positive guide bias

$V_k$  is bias to  $k_0$  (numerical value only)

$R_k$  is the cathode resistor

$R_a$  is the anode resistor

### Set zero

The discharge can conveniently be returned to  $k_0$  by momentarily disconnecting all cathodes except  $k_0$ . An alternative method is to pulse  $k_0$  negatively to -120 volts. Care must be taken if this method is adopted that spurious pulses are not fed down the chain of counter tubes at the termination of the pulse.

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Short construction, bi-directional cold cathode, 10 output selector tube with neon type glow.

Maximum counting speed	5.0	kc/s
Supply voltage	475	V
Output		
voltage	35	V
current	340	$\mu$ A
Indication	Self indicating	

No individual adjustment is necessary to align the bulb with the escutcheon.

This data should be read in conjunction with OPERATING NOTES - STEPPING TUBES which precede this section of the handbook.

**CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN** (at an ambient temperature between 10° and 50°C unless otherwise stated.)

The values given state the range over which the tube will operate both initially and during life. No allowance has been made for supply voltage and component variations.

All voltages are referred to the most positive supply voltage to which any main cathode (not guide cathode) is returned.

### IGNITION REQUIREMENTS

Anode supply voltage range  $V_{a(b)}$  375 to 1000 V

Minimum time constant of rise

of anode supply voltage (see note 1)

$V_{a(b)} < 550V$  1.0 ms

$V_{a(b)} \geq 550V$  6.0 ms



## DISCHARGE AT REST ON A MAIN CATHODE

Maintaining voltage of anode to  
main cathode (see curve on page C1)

$$(I_a = 340 \mu A, V_{GDB} = +25 \text{ to } +50V)$$

Typical maximum	205	V
Typical minimum	185	V
Main cathode current		
maximum (except during reset)	525	$\mu A$
minimum	250	$\mu A$
recommended	340	$\mu A$
Positive guide supply voltage $V_{GDB}$		
maximum	60	V
minimum	25	V
Maximum resistance between guides and guide supply	220	k $\Omega$

Main cathode potential (except during reset)

Non-conducting cathode		
maximum negative voltage	14	V
Conducting cathode		
maximum positive voltage (see note 2)	$V_{GDB} \text{ minus } 10$	V
maximum negative voltage	0	V

### STEPPING REQUIREMENTS

This section should be considered in conjunction with the figures given on pages D7 and D8.

Minimum discharge dwell time		
Main cathode	75	$\mu s$
guide A cathode	60	$\mu s$
guide B cathode	60	$\mu s$
Maximum interval between trailing edge of guide A pulse and leading edge of guide B pulse (double rectangular pulse drive)	3.0	$\mu s$

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Negative guide voltage to step the discharge from a main cathode to an adjacent guide cathode.

maximum	140 minus $V_{GDB}$	V
minimum	45	V

Voltage difference required between a guide cathode and the adjacent guide cathode in order to step the discharge.

maximum	140	V
minimum (see note 3)	45	V

Positive guide supply voltage to step the discharge from a guide cathode to the next cathode.

maximum	50	V
minimum	25	V

Main cathode potential

Non-conducting cathodes

maximum negative voltage	14	V
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Conducting cathode

maximum positive voltage

(see note 2)

$V_{GDB}$ minus 10	V
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maximum negative voltage

0	V
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## RESETTING REQUIREMENTS

Reset to Cathodes

(7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3) (4, 5, 6)

Maximum permitted negative

main cathode voltage	240	140	V
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Minimum negative main cathode voltage

pulse duration $>1.0\text{ms}$	120	120	V
		(see note 4)	

pulse duration $\geq 200\mu\text{s}$	130	-	V
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Minimum pulse duration h	200	-	$\mu\text{s}$
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Maximum reset cathode

current (see note 5)	800	650	$\mu\text{A}$
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## LIFE AND RELIABILITY

With this tube an average failure rate of less than 0.5%/1000 hours has been obtained. When operated continuously this failure rate applies for a period in excess of 25000 hours, but the visual read-out may be impaired after the first 15000 hours.

These figures have been obtained under the following typical conditions

Anode current	340	$\mu\text{A}$
Positive guide supply voltage	40	V
Negative guide voltage for transfer	80	V
Output cathode ( $K_0$ ) voltage		
Non-conducting	-12	V
Conducting	0	V
Guide A dwell time	110	$\mu\text{s}$
Guide B dwell time	250 to 650	$\mu\text{s}$
Counting speed	0.2 p.p.h. to 500	p.p.s.
Temperature	$20 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$	

A typical tube can be expected to count correctly with the above conditions after standing on one main cathode for a period of approximately 4500 hours.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Maximum continuous main cathode current (except during reset)	525	$\mu\text{A}$
Maximum reset cathode current (cathodes 7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3)	800	$\mu\text{A}$
(cathodes 4, 5, 6)	650	$\mu\text{A}$
Maximum voltage between any two main or guide cathodes (except during reset)	140	V
Maximum positive guide supply voltage	60	V
Maximum ambient temperature for operation and standby (see note 6)	50	$^\circ\text{C}$

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## NOTES

1. If the power supply does not have a suitable time constant as one of its characteristics, it can be conveniently obtained by inserting a resistor in series with the supply voltage and a capacitor to earth ( $4.7k\Omega$  and  $0.25\mu F$  for 1.0ms,  $6.8k\Omega$  and  $1.0\mu F$  for 6.0ms).
2. This value should not exceed 40V.
3. The adjacent guide cathode (the cathode to which the discharge is being transferred) must also be 45V negative with respect to the most positive main cathode supply voltage.
4. For cathodes 4, 5 and 6, the leading edge of the resetting pulse should have a rate of fall not exceeding 140V per ms. Resetting will occur within 1ms after the voltage has reached 120 Volts.
5. The high current permitted during reset should not be allowed to flow for more than a few seconds.
6. It is preferable to store the tube as near as possible to room temperature.

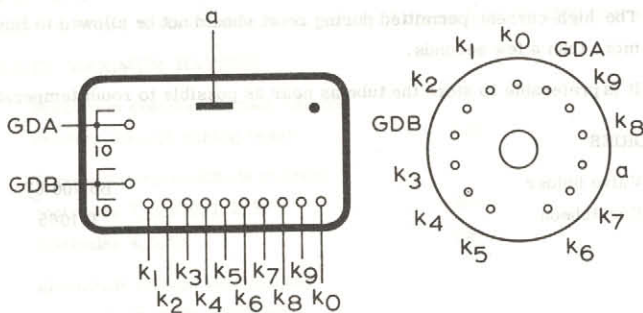
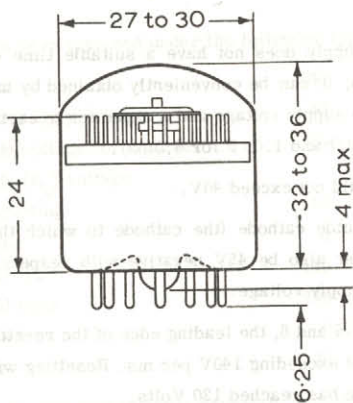
## ACCESSORIES

Valve holder

Escutcheon

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BI3B Base

All dimensions in mm

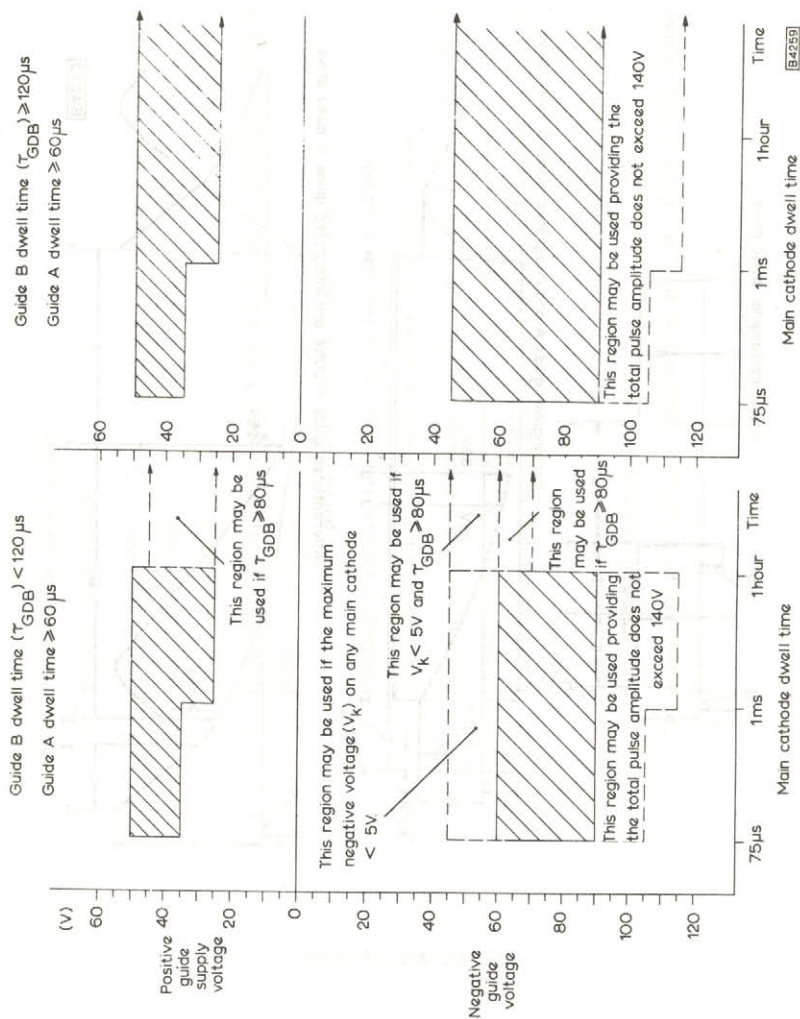
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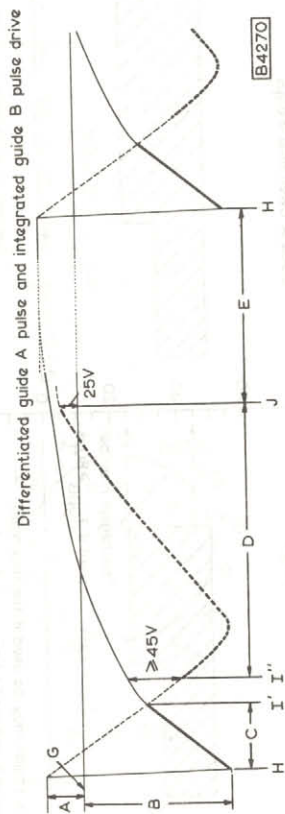
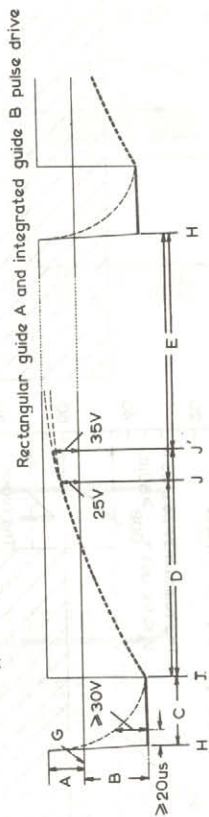
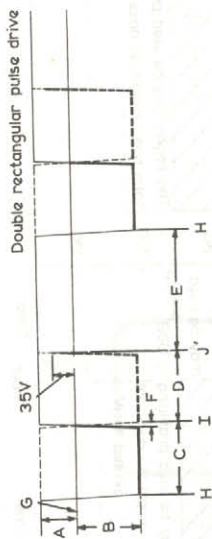
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## GUIDE OPERATING VOLTAGES

The shaded areas represent regions where the tube may be used without restriction initially and during life





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GUIDE WAVEFORMS

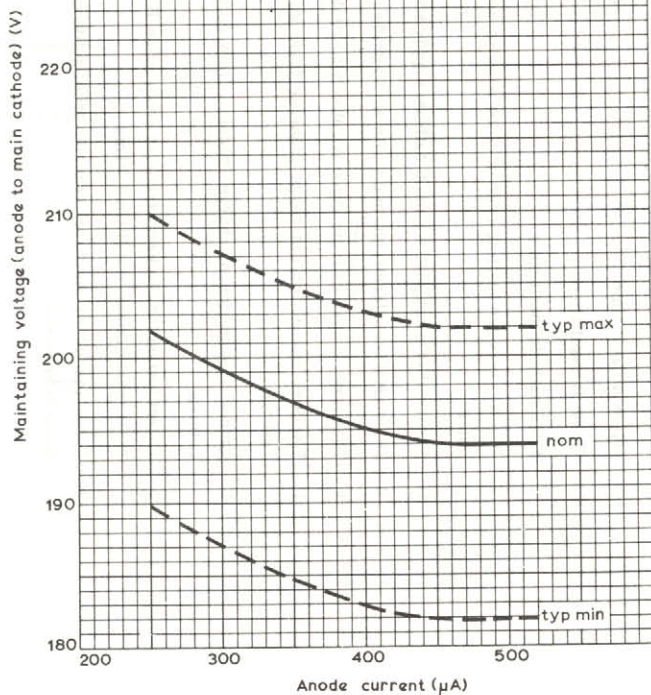
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- A Positive guide supply voltage
- B Negative guide voltage
- C Guide A dwell time
- D Guide B dwell time
- E Main cathode dwell time
- F Interval between trailing edge of guide A pulse and leading edge of guide B pulse
- G Potential of most positive main cathode supply voltage
- H Discharge transfers from main cathode to guide A cathode
- I Discharge transfers from guide A cathode to guide B cathode
- I' Earliest instant for discharge transfer from guide A cathode to guide B cathode
- I'' Latest instant for discharge transfer from guide A cathode to guide B cathode
- J Latest instant for discharge transfer from guide B cathode to main cathode, for a main cathode dwell time  $>1\text{ms}$
- J' Latest instant for discharge transfer from guide B cathode to main cathode dwell time  $\leq 1\text{ms}$

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ANODE TO MAIN CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED  
AGAINST ANODE CURRENT

APPLICATION DATA

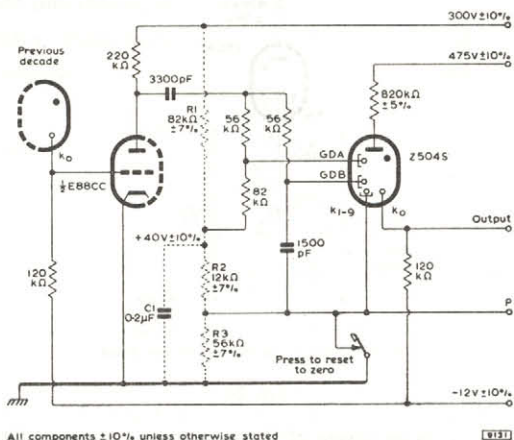
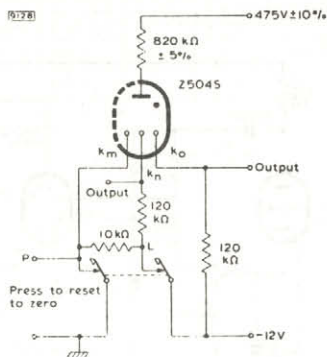


Fig. 1

Coupling stage suitable for use with Z504S

The potential divider R1, R2, R3 and C1 is used to define the positive guide bias and the reset voltages. The potential divider may be used as a common supply for up to five further coupling stages.

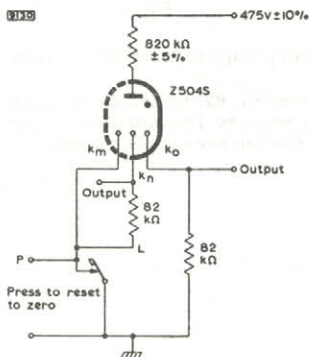
Two circuits illustrating alternative methods of connecting the main cathodes of Z504S are shown in figure 2.



All components  $\pm 10\%$  unless otherwise stated

Fig. 2a

This circuit gives an output of 35V from  $k_o$  and outputs of 35V from each of the cathodes in group  $k_n$ .



All components  $\pm 10\%$  unless otherwise stated

Fig. 2b

This circuit gives an output of 23V from  $k_o$  and outputs of 23V from each of the cathodes in group  $k_n$ . This circuit cannot be directly coupled to the coupling stage in figure 1.

In the two circuits in figure 2,  $k_m$  refers to the main cathodes from which no output is required, whilst  $k_n$  refers to the main cathodes, excepting  $k_o$  from which an output pulse is required. Each cathode in the  $k_n$  group must be connected to point L via a separate resistor.

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# Z505S

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Short construction, bi-directional, cold cathode, 10 output selector tube with glow indication.

Maximum counting speed 50 kHz

Supply voltage 500 V

Output voltage 24 V

current 800  $\mu$ A

Indication Self indicating

No individual adjustment is necessary to align the bulb with the escutcheon.

This data should be read in conjunction with OPERATING NOTES - STEPPING TUBES

CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN (at an ambient temperature between 10°C and 50°C unless otherwise stated).

The values given state the range over which the tube will operate both initially and during life. No allowance has been made for supply voltage and component variations.

All voltages are referred to the most positive supply voltage to which any main cathode (not guide cathode) is returned.

## IGNITION REQUIREMENTS

Anode supply voltage range  $V_{a(b)}$  400 to 1000 V

Minimum time constant of rise of anode supply voltage (see note 1) 2.0 ms



## DISCHARGE AT REST ON A MAIN CATHODE

Maintaining voltage of anode to main cathode

$(I_a = 800\mu\text{A}, V_{GD(b)} = 55\text{V})$

Typical maximum	275	V
Typical minimum	240	V
Main cathode current		
Maximum (except during reset)	1000	$\mu\text{A}$
Minimum	600	$\mu\text{A}$
Recommended	800	$\mu\text{A}$
Positive guide supply voltage $V_{GD(b)}$		
Maximum	65	V
Minimum	40	V
Maximum resistance between guides and guide supply	22	k $\Omega$
Main cathode potential (except during reset)		
Non-conducting cathode		
Maximum negative voltage	14	V
Conducting cathode		
Maximum positive voltage (see note 2)	28	V
Maximum negative voltage	0	V

## STEPPING REQUIREMENTS

This section should be considered in conjunction with the figures given on pages D6 and D7.

Minimum discharge dwell time

Main cathode	8.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Guide A cathode	6.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Guide B cathode	6.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Maximum interval between trailing edge of guide A pulse and leading edge of guide B pulse (double rectangular pulse drive)		
	0.3	$\mu\text{s}$

Negative guide voltage to step the discharge from a main cathode to an adjacent guide cathode.

Maximum	80	V
Minimum	30	V



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Voltage difference required between a guide cathode and the adjacent guide cathode in order to step the discharge.

Maximum	140	V
Minimum (see note 3)	30	V

Positive guide supply voltage to step the discharge from a guide cathode to the next main cathode.

Maximum	65	V
Minimum	40	V

Main cathode potential

Non-conducting cathodes

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Maximum negative voltage	14	V
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Conducting cathode

Maximum positive voltage (see note 2)	28	V
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Maximum negative voltage	0	V
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RESETTING REQUIREMENTS (see note 4)

Maximum permitted negative main cathode voltage	140	V
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Minimum negative main cathode voltage (see note 5)	100	V
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LIFE

A TYPICAL TUBE CAN BE EXPECTED TO COUNT CORRECTLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AFTER STANDING ON ONE MAIN CATHODE FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 4500 HOURS.

Anode current	800	$\mu$ A
Positive guide supply voltage	60	V
Negative guide voltage for transfer	50	V
Output cathode ( $K_O$ ) voltage		
Non-conducting	5.0	V
Conducting	-5.0	V
Guide A dwell time	6.0	$\mu$ s
Guide B dwell time	6.0	$\mu$ s
Main cathode dwell time	8.0	$\mu$ s
Temperature	20 $\pm$ 5	$^{\circ}$ C



## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

Maximum continuous main cathode current (except during reset)	1000	$\mu\text{A}$
Maximum voltage between any two main or guide cathodes (except during reset)	140	V
Maximum positive guide supply voltage	65	V
Maximum negative reset voltage	140	V
Maximum ambient temperature for operation and standby (see note 6)	50	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

## NOTES

1. If the power supply does not have a suitable time constant as one of its characteristics, it can be conveniently obtained by inserting a resistor in series with the supply voltage and a capacitor to earth ( $4.7\text{k}\Omega$  and  $0.5\mu\text{F}$  for  $2.0\text{ms}$ ).
2. The maximum voltage difference between any two main cathodes except during reset must not exceed 28 volts.
3. The adjacent guide cathode (the cathode to which the discharge is being transferred) must also be 30 volts negative with respect to the most positive main cathode supply voltage.
4. The high current which passes during reset should not be allowed to flow for more than a few seconds.
5. If the cathode current falls below  $700\mu\text{A}$  and the positive guide supply voltage applied to the tube approaches the minimum value of 40 volts, the negative voltage required for resetting may rise to 110 volts.
6. It is preferable to store the tube as near as possible to room temperature.

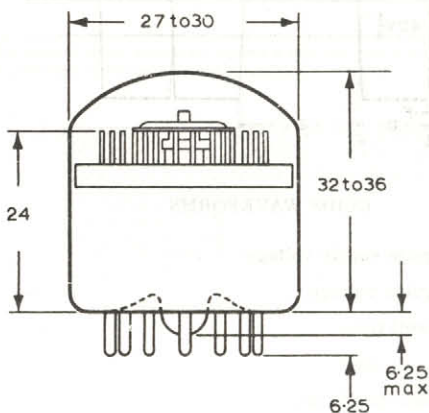
## ACCESSORIES

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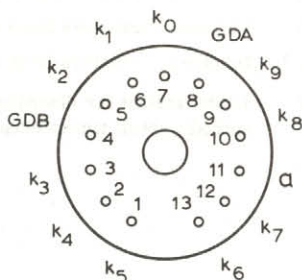
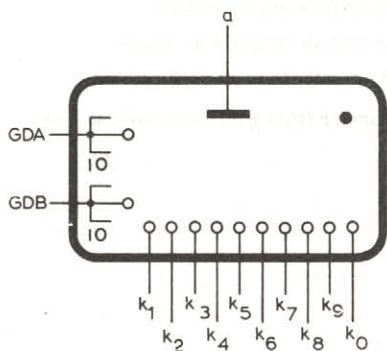


# DECADE SELECTOR AND COUNTING TUBE

# Z505S



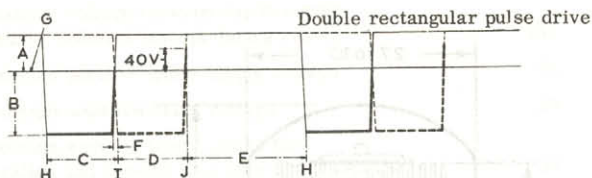
The tubulation  
does not project  
beyond the pins



B13B Base

All dimensions in mm  
 $k_0$  is aligned with pin 7 to within  $\pm 3^\circ$

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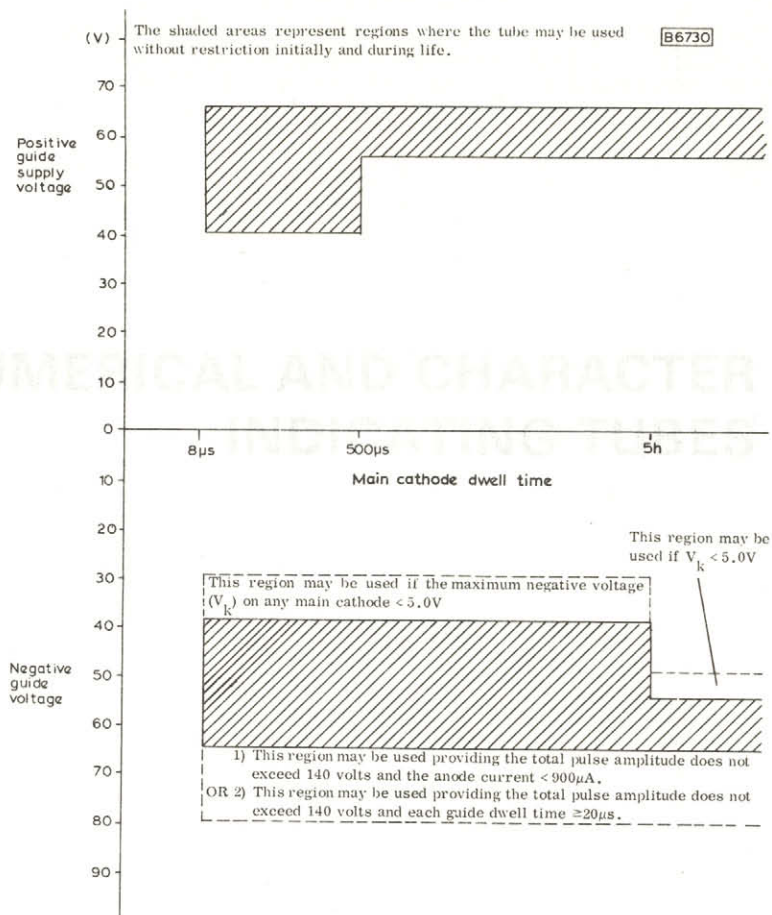


### GUIDE WAVEFORMS

- A Positive guide supply voltage
- B Negative guide voltage
- C Guide A dwell time
- D Guide B dwell time
- E Main cathode dwell time
- F Interval between trailing edge of guide A pulse and leading edge of guide B pulse
- G Potential of most positive main cathode supply voltage
- H Discharge transfers from main cathode to guide A cathode
- I Discharge transfers from guide A cathode to guide B cathode
- J Latest instant for discharge transfer from guide B cathode to main cathode, dwell time  $\leq 500\mu\text{s}$ .

# DECADE SELECTOR AND COUNTING TUBE

# Z505S



GUIDE OPERATING VOLTAGES





LIFE EXPECTANCY at anode current of 2.5mA (see note 3)

Sequentially changing the display  
from one numeral to another, every  
1000 hours or less

100 000

h

#### RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Cathode current		
Maximum average (averaged over any 20ms)	4.5	mA
Maximum peak	12	mA
Minimum average (averaged over any conduction period)	1.5	mA
Cathode selecting voltage		See page 4
Bulb temperature		
Maximum	+70	°C
Minimum (see note 3)	-50	°C

#### MOUNTING POSITION

Any

#### OPERATING NOTES

1. The minimum average current (averaged over any conduction period) of 1.5mA is necessary to ensure complete cathode coverage initially and throughout life.
2. Lower values of this resistor are permitted. The anode current should be increased due to the increase of decimal point current resulting from the decrease of this resistor.
3. For bulb temperatures below 10°C the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced and the characteristics are changed (see page 3). For equipment to be used over a wide temperature range, "constant current operation" (high supply voltage with a high anode series resistor) is recommended.
4. The pins are tinned and may be dip-soldered to a minimum of 5mm from the seals at a solder temperature of 240°C for a maximum of 10 seconds.
5. The natural frequencies of the numeral cathodes lie within the range from 300Hz to 800Hz.

#### ACCESSORIES

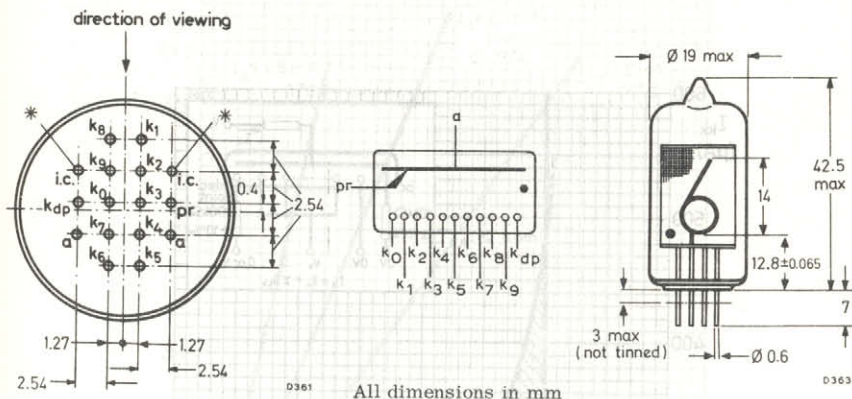
Printed wiring mounting board (19 × 100mm) on which the tube can be mounted. Afterwards the combination can be mounted on a vertical printed wiring board carrying the drive circuit. Can also be used with the snap-fit tube holder 55703	55701
Tube socket (for 2.54mm grid). Phenolic. Tinned contacts	55702
Snap-fit tube holder	55703
Set of one left-hand and one right-hand end piece to complete the snap-fit indicator tube assembly	55704



# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

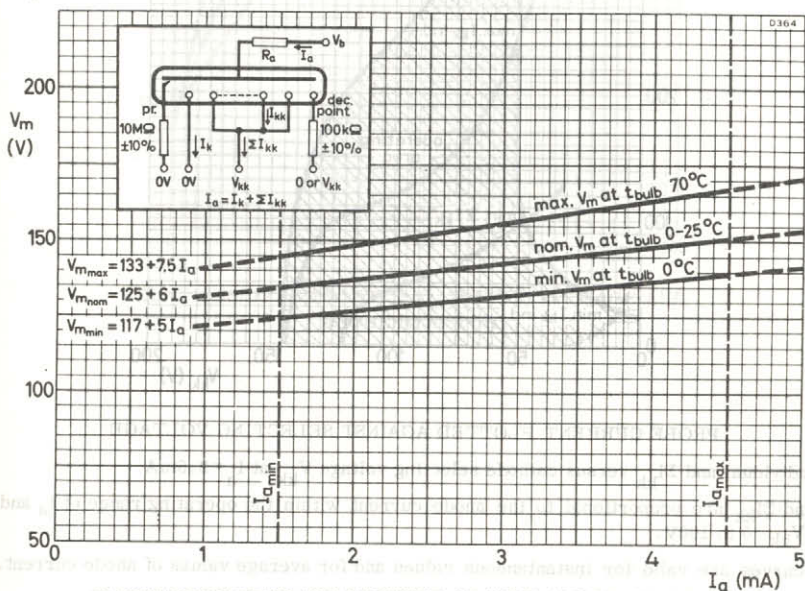
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## OUTLINE AND DIMENSIONS



\* Length of 2 pins marked \* = 2.8mm max.

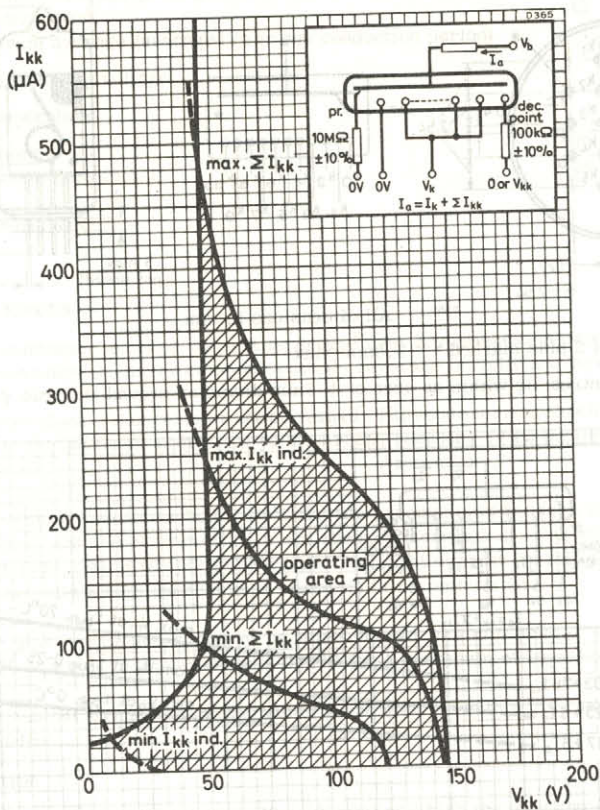
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MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE CURRENT







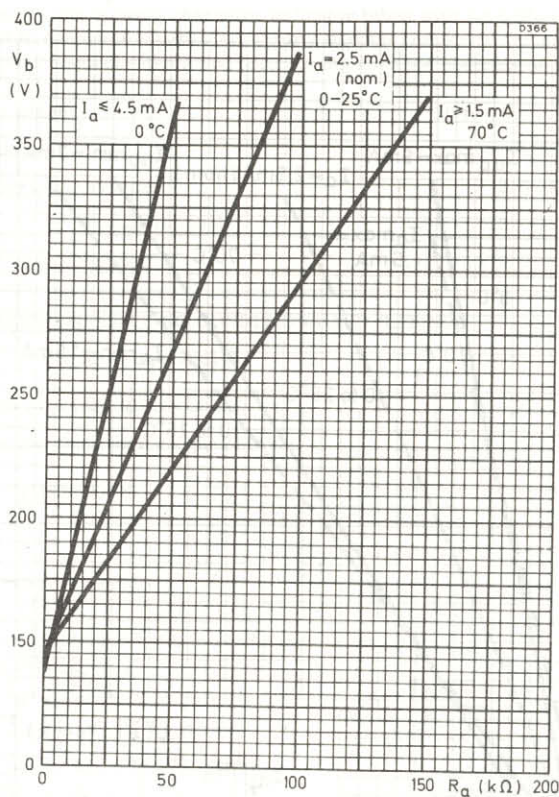
PROBE CURRENT PLOTTED AGAINST SELECTING VOLTAGE

$I_{kk}$  individual and  $\Sigma I_{kk}$  versus cathode selecting voltage  $V_{kk}$  at  $I_a = 2.5\text{mA}$ .

$I_{kk}$  and  $\Sigma I_{kk}$  are proportional to the anode current within the operating range of  $I_a$  and with  $V_{kk} = 0$  to  $100\text{V}$ .

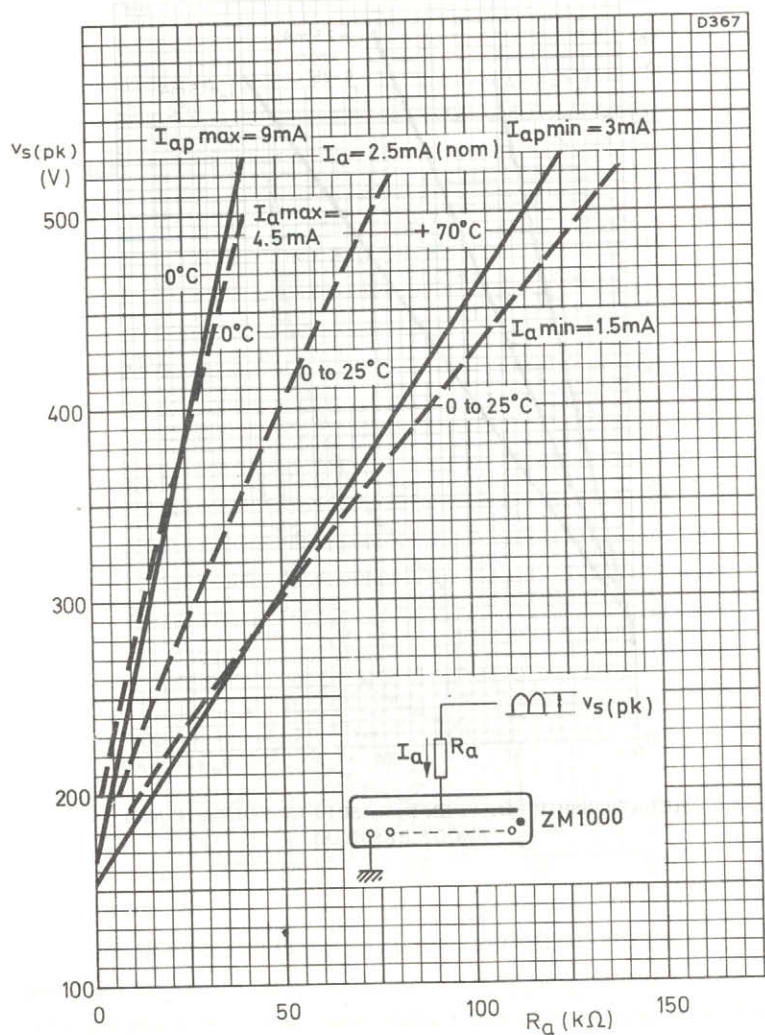
The curves are valid for instantaneous values and for average values of anode current.

Reverse probe current is not permitted.



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN D.C. SUPPLY VOLTAGE AND ANODE RESISTOR





RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PULSE SUPPLY VOLTAGE AND ANODE RESISTOR





### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, end viewing indicator tube with long life expectancy. This tube incorporates a red filter to improve the contrast of display.

Numeral height	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 15.5 \\ 0.6 \end{array} \right.$	mm
		in
Numerals	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
Cathode current	2.0	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN measured at room temperature.

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition (see note 1)	170	V
Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage at 2mA (see page C1)	140 ± 10	V
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	120	V
D.C. operation (see page D4)		
Recommended cathode current	2.0	mA
Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 2)	60	V
Half wave a.c. supply (see page D4)		
Recommended cathode current		
Average	1.5	mA
Peak	7.0	mA
Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 2)	40	V

LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature  
(see note 2)

Continuous display of one digit	> 5000	hr
Sequentially changing the display from one digit to the others, every 100 hours or less	> 30 000	hr



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

### Cathode current (Each digit)

Maximum average (averaging time = 20ms)	2.5	mA
Maximum peak	10	mA
Minimum for d. c. operation	1.0	mA
Maximum negative current	0	mA

### Bulb temperature

Maximum	+ 70	°C
Minimum	- 50	°C

## MOUNTING POSITION

### Any

The characters are viewed through the dome of the envelope. The digits will appear upright (within  $\pm 1.5^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted with the line through pins 1 and 8 vertical, pin 8 uppermost.

## OPERATING NOTES

1. Bulb temperatures below  $10^\circ\text{C}$  result in a reduced life expectancy and changes in characteristics.  
For operation in equipment, to be used within a wide temperature range, the use of constant current operation (high supply voltage and high anode resistor) is recommended.
2. To obtain a good indication over life the voltage between the conducting and remaining cathodes should be greater than the values specified. These conditions are automatically satisfied when the non-conducting cathodes are isolated by, for example, mechanical contacts. It should be noted that when using curves on pages C2 and C3 that the probe current is not shared equally between non-illuminated cathodes.

## ACCESSORY

Valve holder

B8 700 67



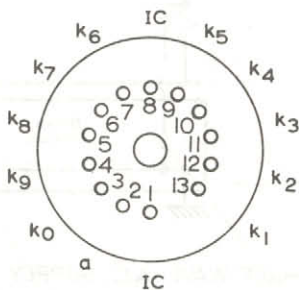
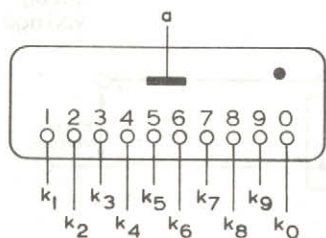
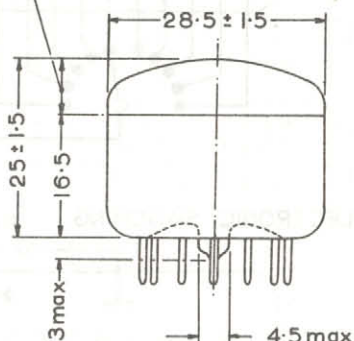
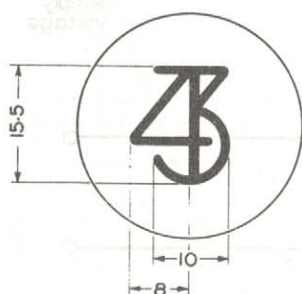
# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBE

# ZMI020

(formerly Z520M)

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This part of the bulb is filter coated



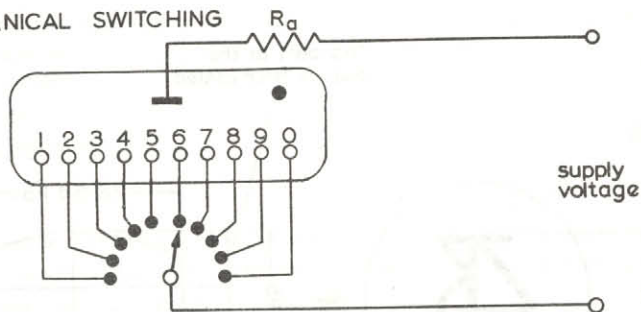
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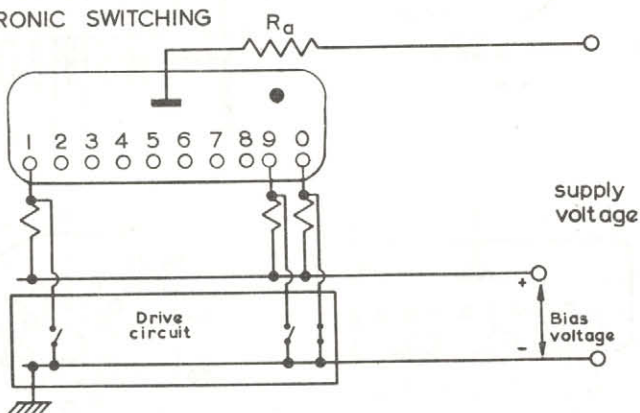
APPLICATION CIRCUITS

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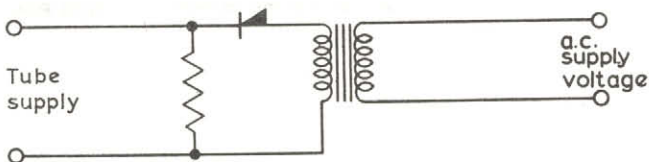
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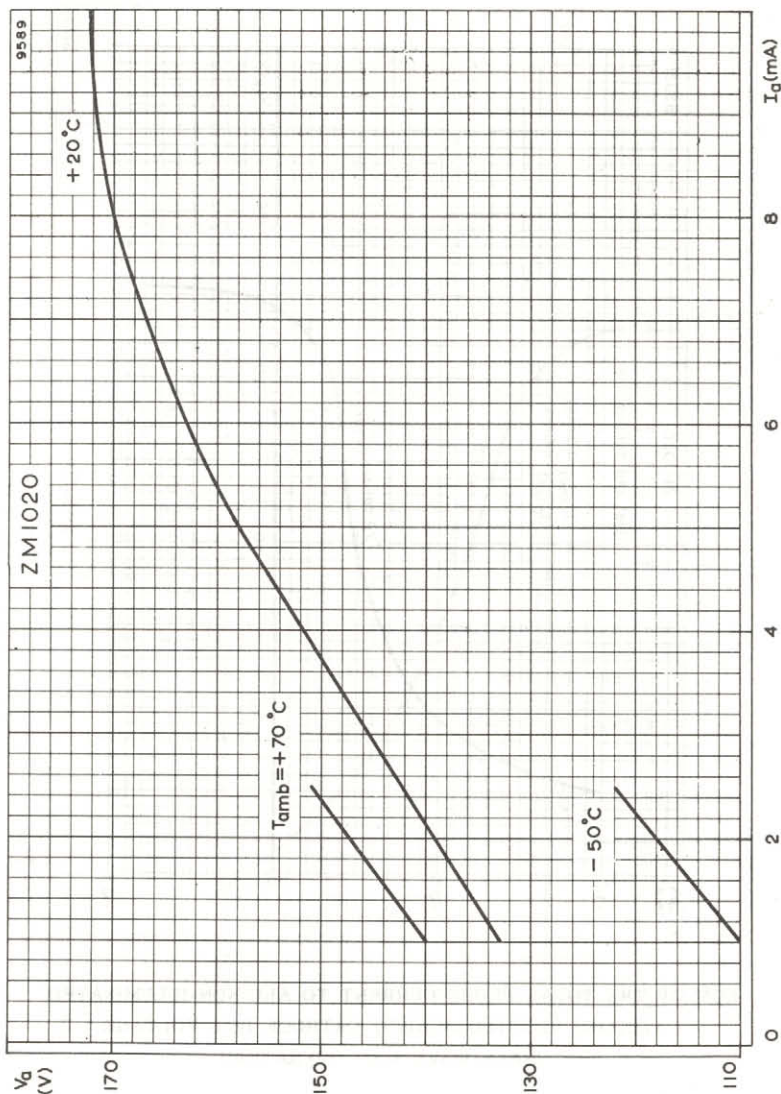
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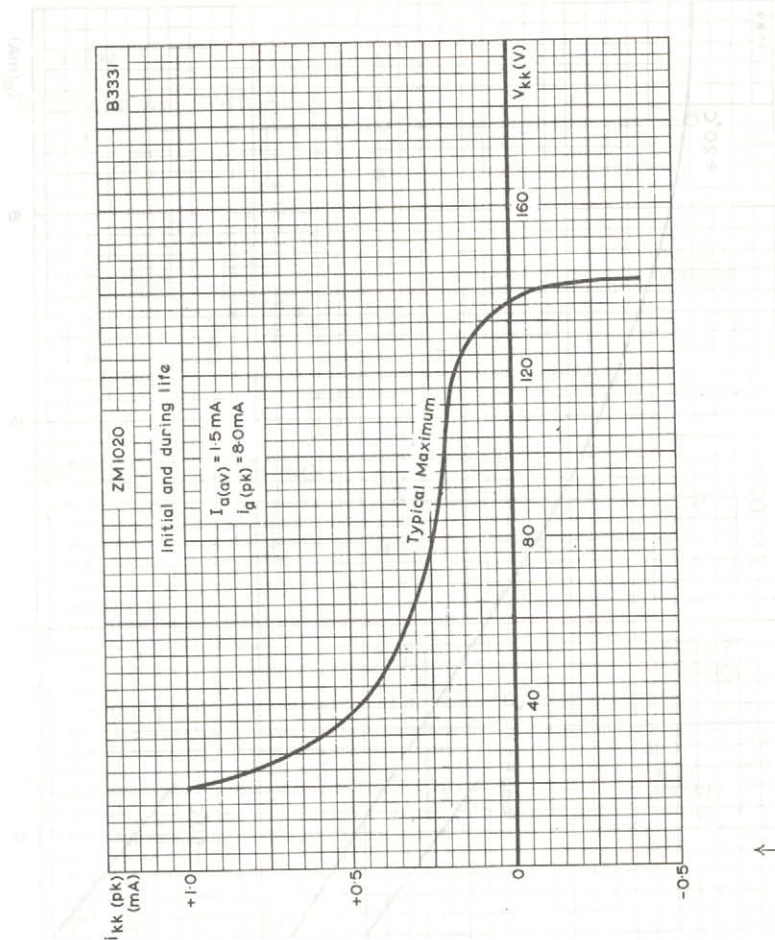
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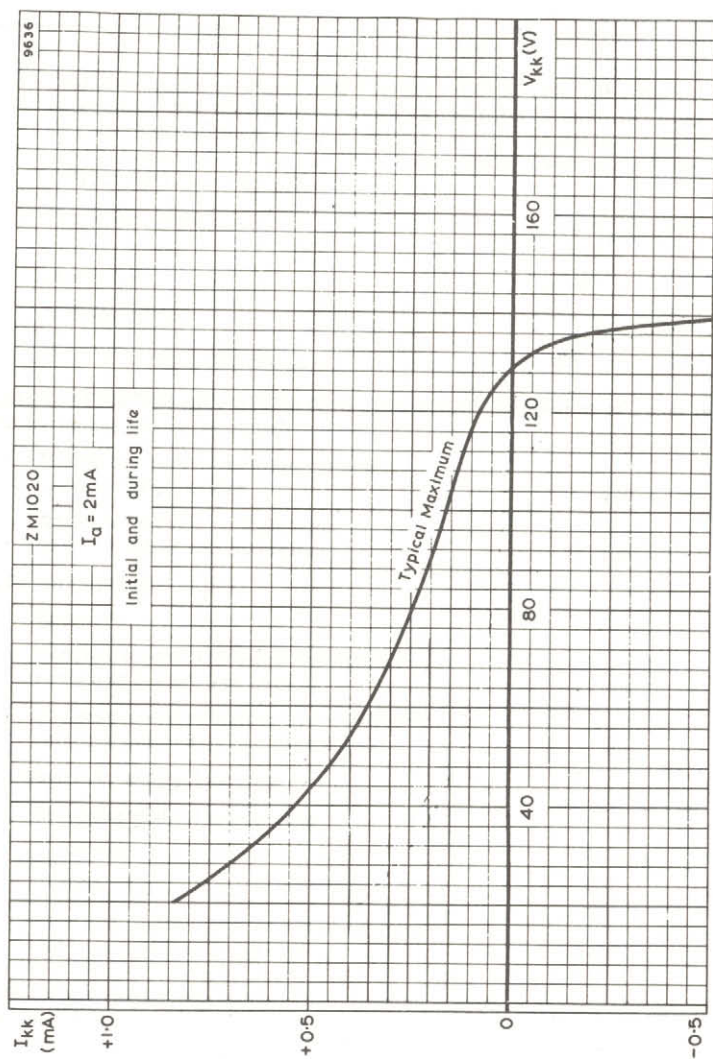




NOMINAL ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE  
PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE CURRENT WITH AMBIENT  
TEMPERATURE AS PARAMETER



SUM OF THE TOTAL PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-ILLUMINATED CATHODES PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE (HALF-WAVE A.C. OPERATION)



SUM OF THE TOTAL PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-ILLUMINATED  
CATHODES PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE  
(D.C. OPERATION)

### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, end viewing indicator tube with long life expectancy. The ZM1021 incorporates a red filter to improve visual contrast, and will form a compatible display with the ZM1020 numerical indicator tube. The ZM1023 is electrically identical with the ZM1021 but has no filter coating.

Character height	15.5	mm
	0.6	in
Characters	V A $\Omega$ $\sim$ + - %	
Cathode current	2.0	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

### CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (measured at room temperature unless otherwise stated)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition 170 V

Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish 120 V

#### D. C. operation (see page 4)

Recommended cathode current 2.0 mA

Nominal anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage at 2.0mA (see page 5) 140 V

Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 1 and page 6) 60 V

#### Half wave a. c. supply (see page 4)

Recommended cathode current

Average 1.5 mA

Peak 7.0 mA

Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 1 and page 7) 40 V

### LIFE EXPECTANCY (at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see notes 1 and 2))

Continuous display of one character > 5000 h

Sequentially changing the display from one character to the others, every 100 hours or less > 30 000 h



## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

### Cathode current (each character)

Maximum average (averaging time = 20ms)	2.5	mA
Maximum peak	10	mA
Minimum for d.c. operation	1.0	mA
Maximum negative current	0	mA

### Bulb temperature

Maximum	+70	°C
Minimum (see note 2)	-50	°C

## MOUNTING POSITION

Any. The characters are viewed through the dome of the envelope. The characters will appear upright (within  $\pm 1.5^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted with the line through pins 1 and 8 vertical, pin 8 uppermost.

## OPERATING NOTES

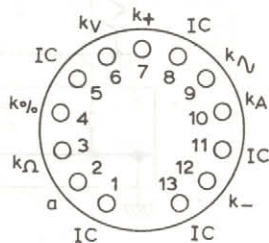
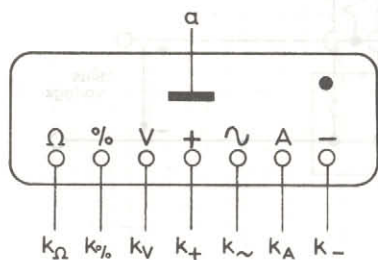
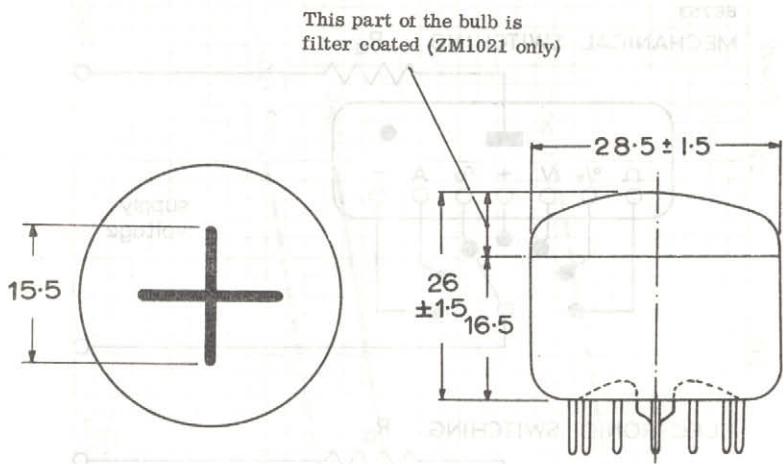
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2. Bulb temperatures below  $10^\circ\text{C}$  result in a reduced life expectancy and changes in characteristics.  
For operation in equipment to be used within a wide temperature range, the use of constant current operation (high supply voltage and high anode resistor) is recommended.

## ACCESSORY

Valve holder

B8 700 67





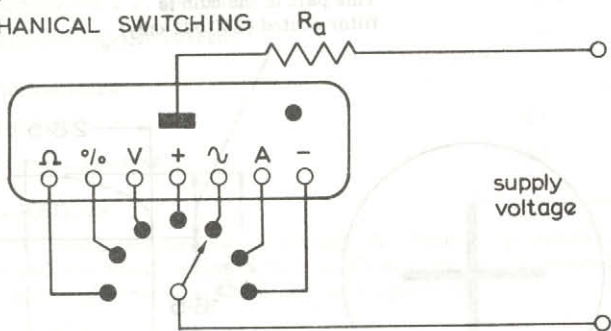
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All dimensions in mm

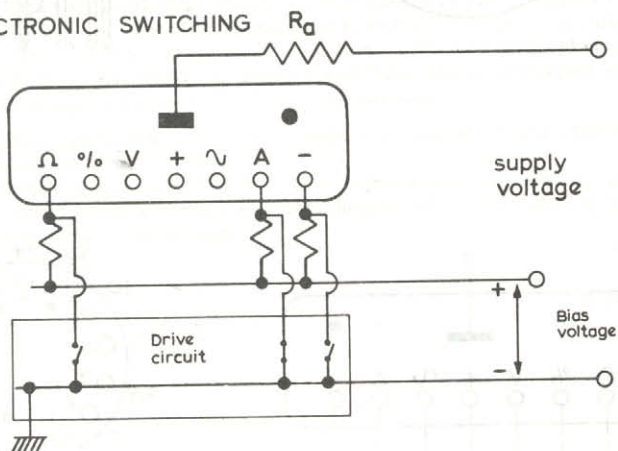
## APPLICATION CIRCUITS

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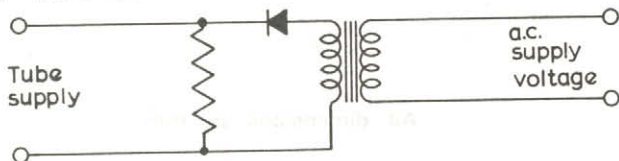
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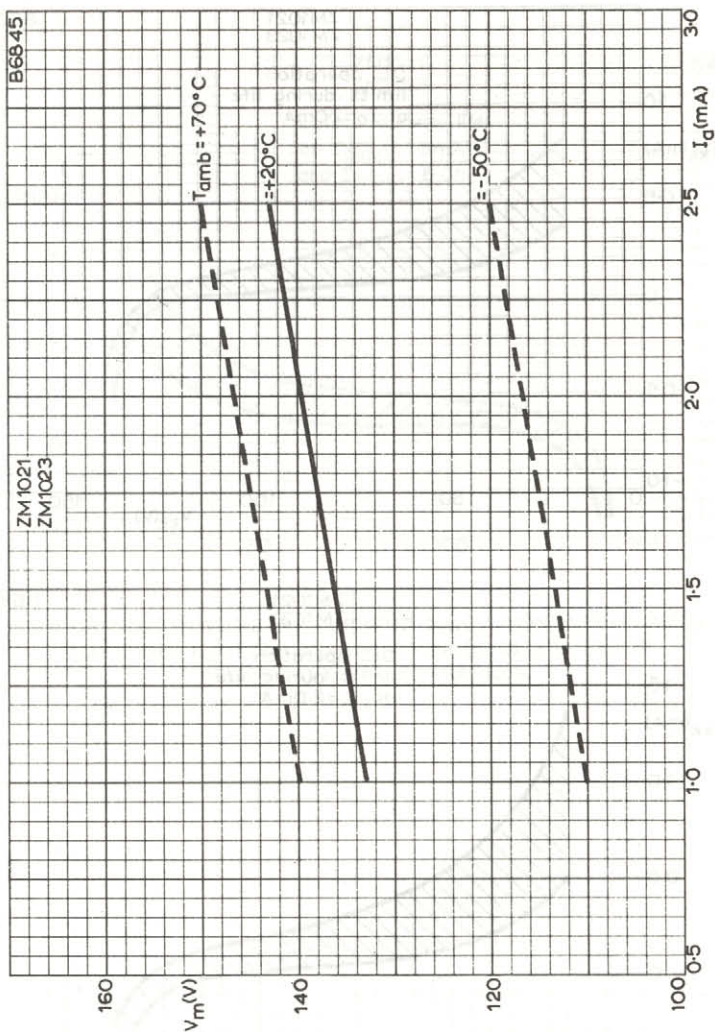
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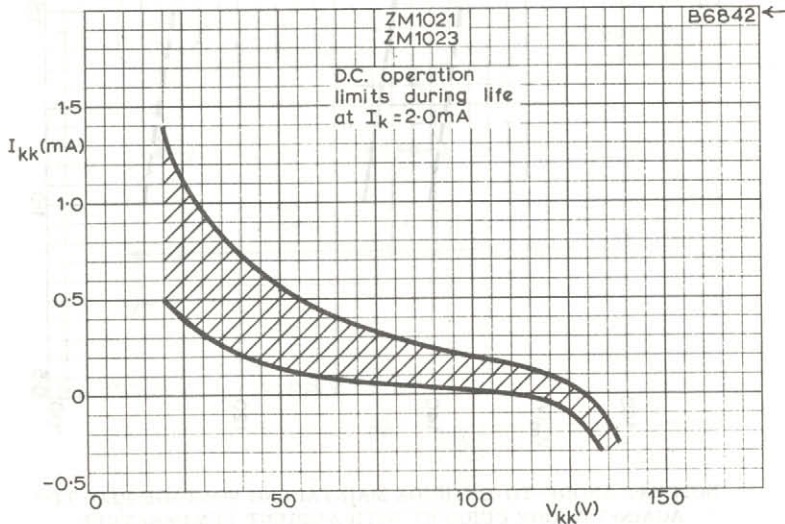
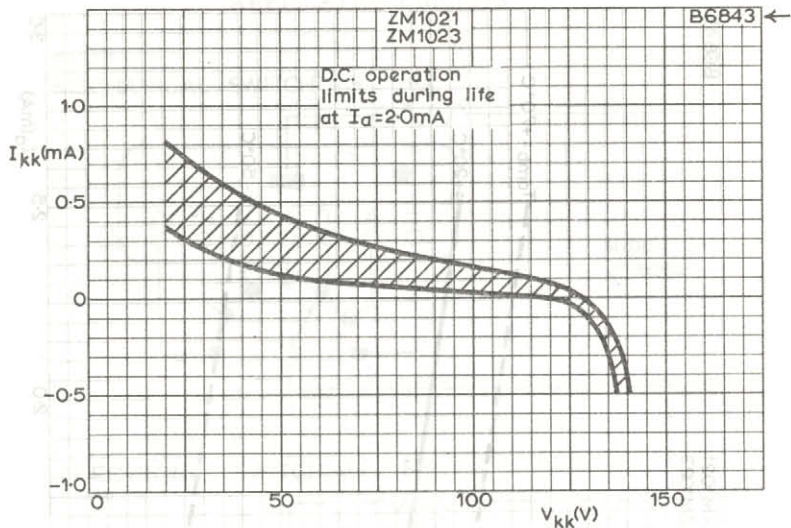


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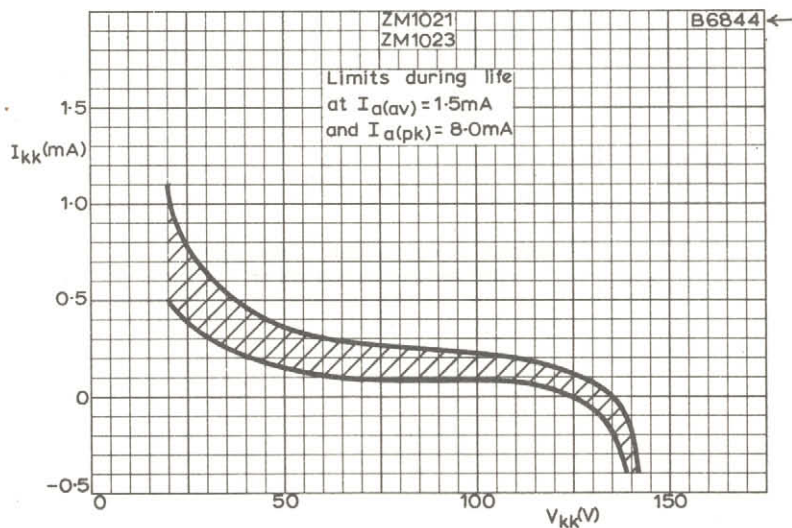
NOMINAL ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED  
AGAINST ANODE CURRENT WITH AMBIENT TEMPERATURE  
AS PARAMETER





SUM OF THE TOTAL PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-ILLUMINATED CATHODES PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE (D.C. OPERATION)





SUM OF THE TOTAL PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-ILLUMINATED  
CATHODES PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE  
(HALF-WAVE A. C. OPERATION)

### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, side viewing indicator tubes with long life expectancy. The ZM1040 incorporates a red filter to improve the contrast of display. The ZM1042 is electrically identical to the ZM1040, but has no filter coating.

Numeral height	31	mm
	1.2	in
Numerals	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
Cathode current	4.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN measured at room temperature.

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition (see note 1) 170 V

Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage at 4.5mA (see page C1) 140 ± 10 V

Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish 120 V

#### D.C. operation

Recommended cathode current 4.5 mA

Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 2 and page C2) 60 V

#### Half-wave a.c. supply

Recommended cathode current

Average 2.5 mA

Peak 11 mA

Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathodes (see note 2) 40 V

LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see note 2)

Continuous display of one digit > 3000 h

Sequentially changing the display from one digit to the others, every 100 hours or less > 20 000 h



## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

### Cathode current (each digit)

Maximum average (averaging time = 20ms)	6.0	mA
Maximum peak	20	mA
Minimum for d.c. operation	3.0	mA
Maximum negative current	0	mA

### Bulb temperature

Maximum	+70	°C
Minimum (see note 1)	0	°C

## MOUNTING POSITION

Any

The numbers are viewed through the side of the envelope and will appear upright (within  $\pm 1.5^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically.

## OPERATING NOTES

1. Bulb temperatures below  $10^\circ\text{C}$  result in a reduced life expectancy and changes in characteristics.

For operation in equipment to be used within a wide temperature range, the use of constant current operation (high supply voltage and high anode resistor) is recommended.

2. To obtain a good indication over life, the voltage between the conducting and remaining cathodes should be greater than the value specified. These conditions are automatically satisfied when the non-conducting cathodes are isolated by, for example, mechanical contacts. It should be noted that when using the curve on page C2, the probe current is not shared equally between the non-illuminated cathodes.

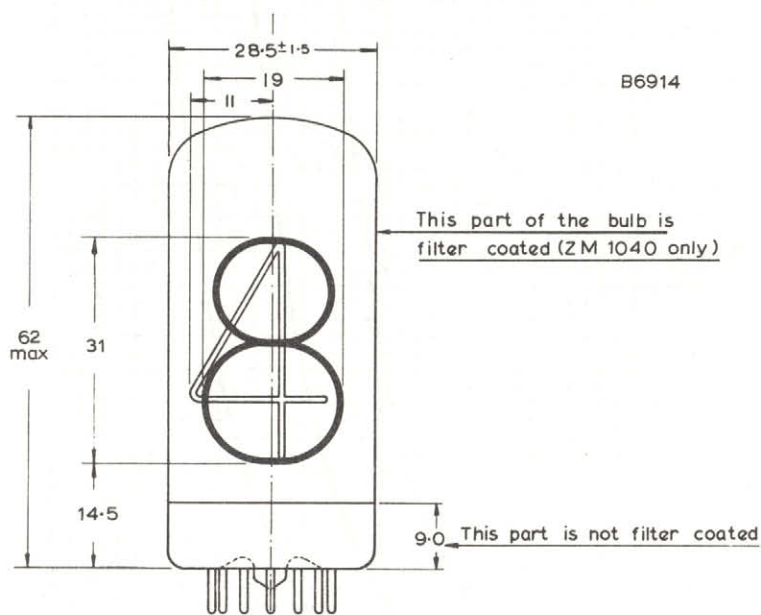
## ACCESSORY

Valve holder

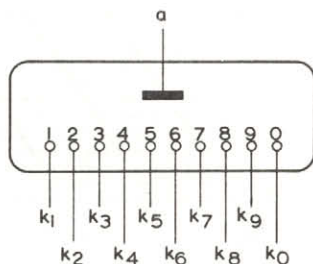
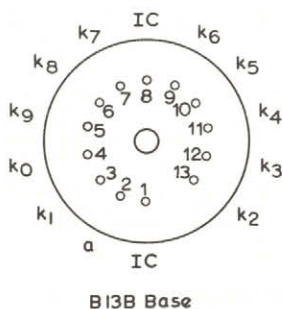
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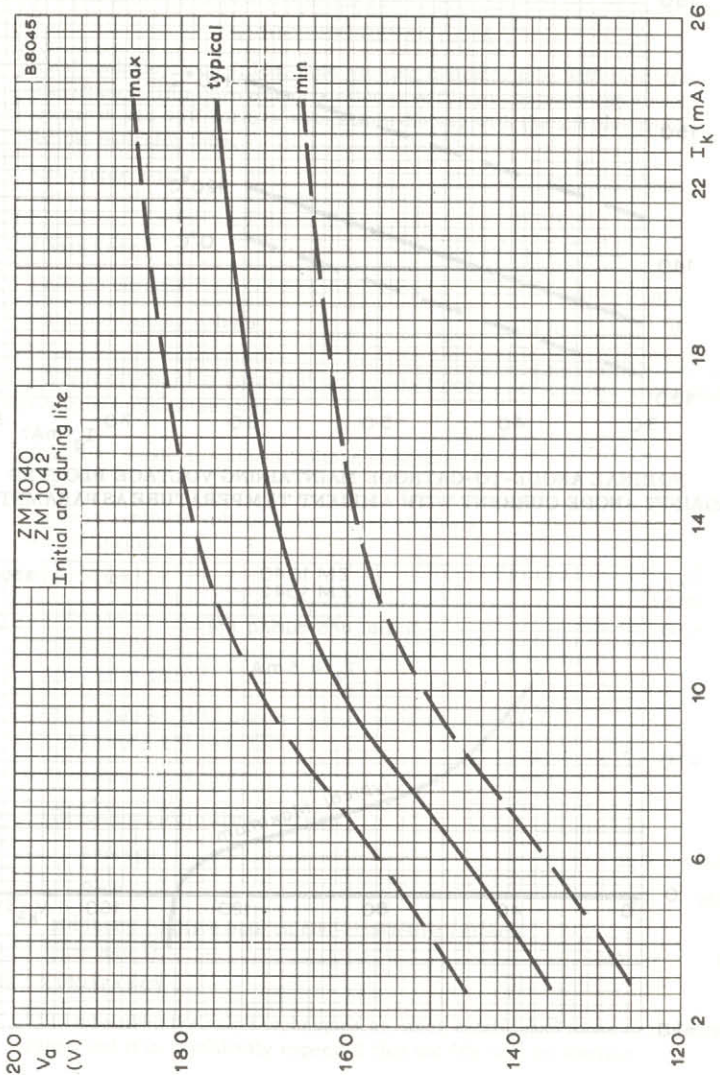
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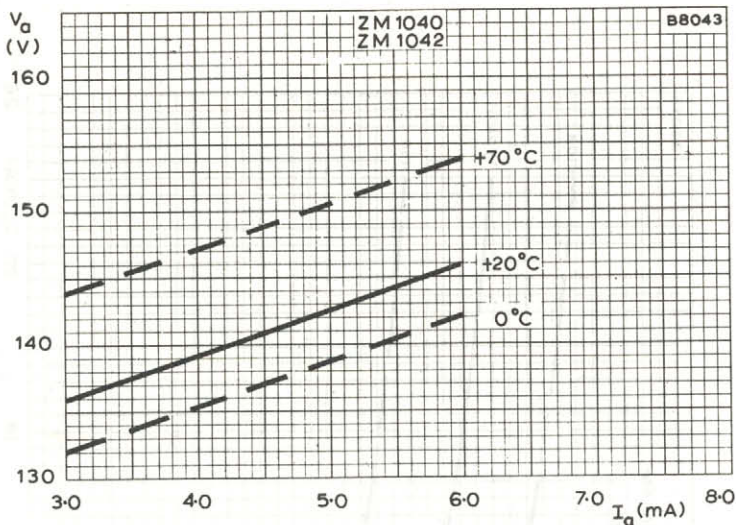


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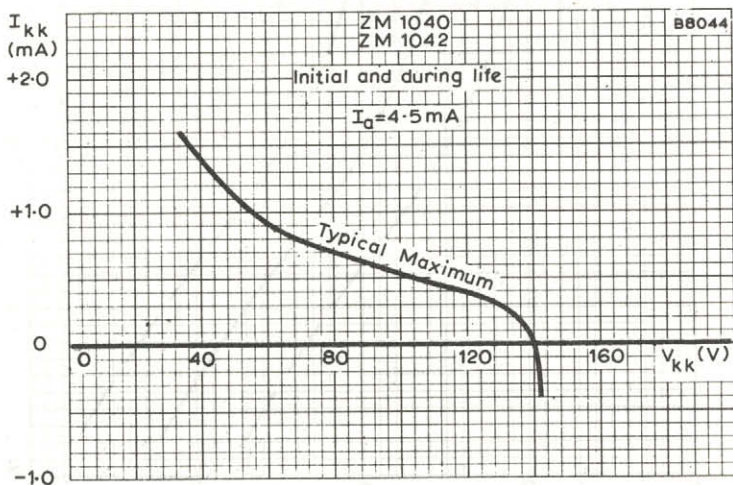


NOMINAL ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT, WITH TYPICAL LIMITS





NOMINAL ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE CURRENT WITH AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AS PARAMETER



SUM OF THE TOTAL PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-ILLUMINATED CATHODES PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE (D.C. OPERATION)

## TENTATIVE DATA

### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, side viewing indicator tube with long life expectancy. This device incorporates a red filter to improve the visual contrast and will form a compatible display with the ZM1040 numerical indicator tube.

Character height	20	mm
	0.8	in
Characters	+ -	
Cathode current	4.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

### CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (measured at room temperature unless otherwise stated)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
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Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	120	V
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#### D.C. operation

Recommended cathode current	4.5	mA
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Nominal anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage at 4.5mA (see page C1)	140	V
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Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathode (see note 1 and page C2)	60	V
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#### Half-wave a.c. supply

##### Recommended cathode current

Average	2.0	mA
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Peak	8.0	mA
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Minimum positive bias on non-conducting cathode (see note 1)	40	V
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### LIFE EXPECTANCY

This tube uses the same techniques as other established tubes in the same range and it is confidently expected that the life will be similar.



## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

### Cathode current (each character)

Maximum average (averaging time = 20ms)	6.0	mA
Maximum peak	20	mA
Minimum average during conduction	3.0	mA
Bulb temperature		
Maximum	+70	°C
Minimum (see note 2)	-50	°C

### MOUNTING POSITION

Any

The characters are viewed through the side of the envelope and will appear upright (within  $\pm 1.5^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically.

### ACCESSORIES

Valve holder

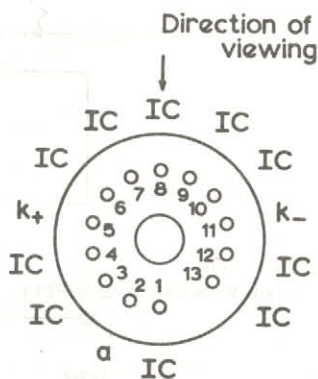
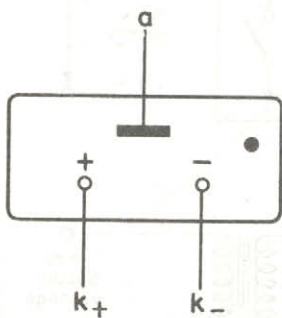
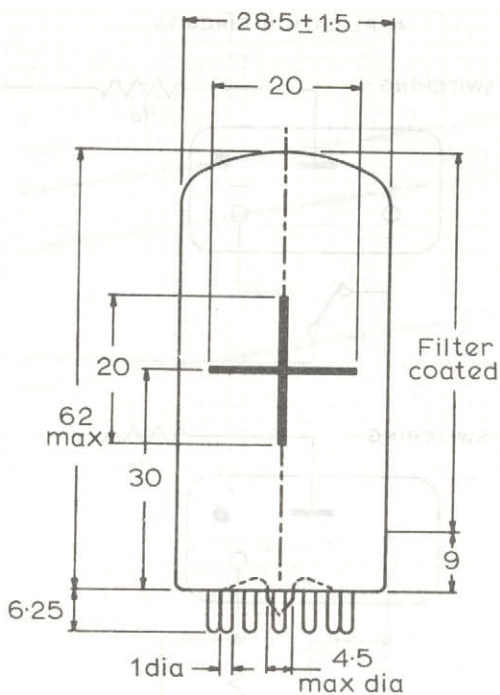
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### OPERATING NOTES

- To obtain a good indication over life the voltage between the conducting and remaining cathode should be greater than the values specified. These conditions are automatically satisfied when the non-conducting cathode is isolated by, for example, mechanical contacts.
- Bulb temperatures below  $10^\circ\text{C}$  result in a reduced life expectancy and changes in characteristics.  
For operation in equipment to be used within a wide temperature range, the use of constant current operation (high supply voltage and high anode resistor) is recommended.

# CHARACTER INDICATOR TUBE

# ZMI04I



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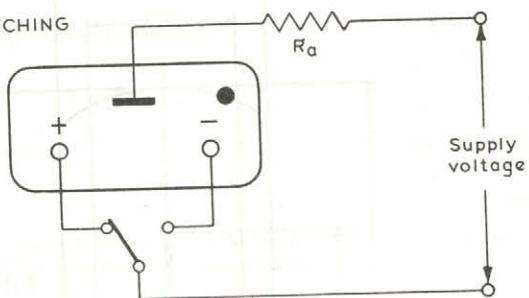
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All dimensions in mm

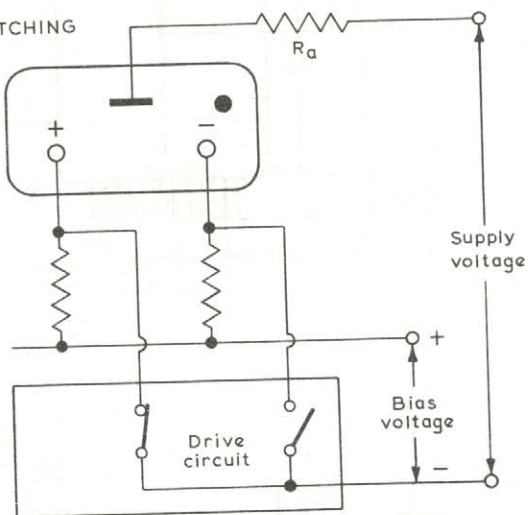


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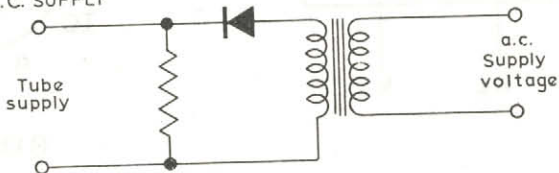
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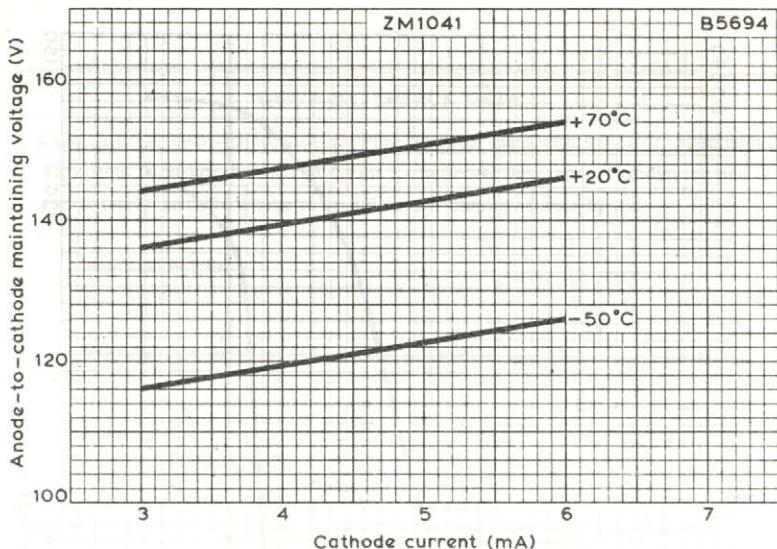
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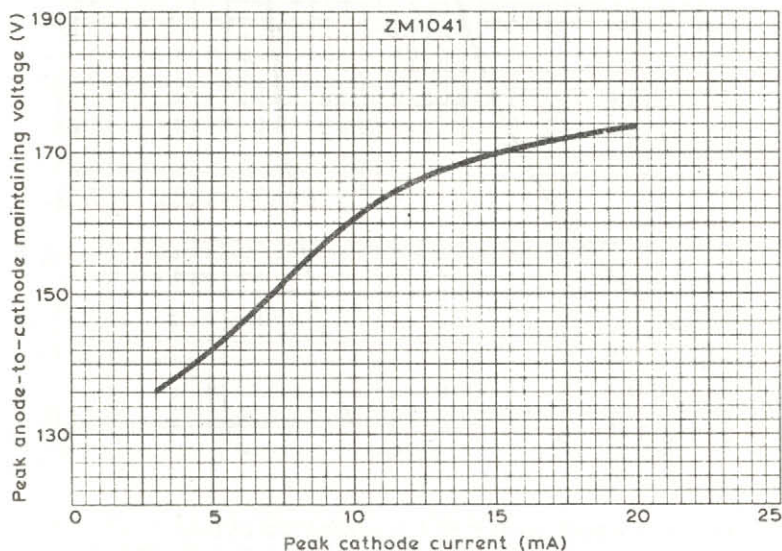
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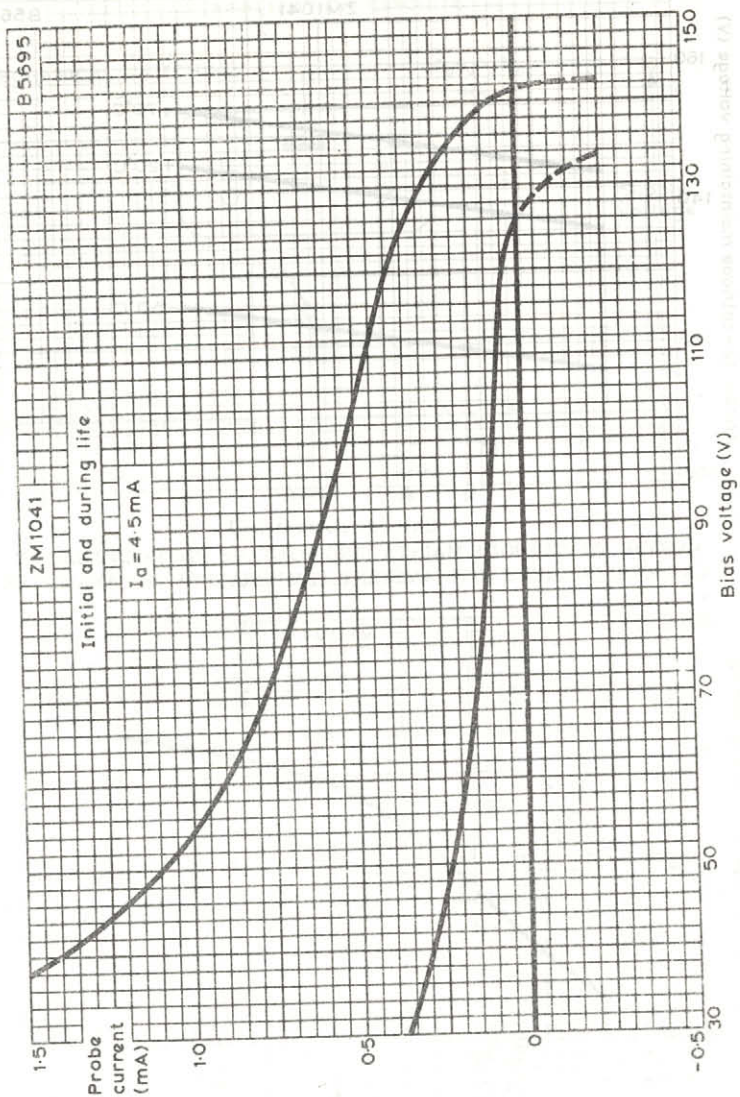
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ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT WITH AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AS PARAMETER



PEAK ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST PEAK CATHODE CURRENT



PROBE CURRENT TO THE NON-ILLUMINATED CATHODE PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE BIAS VOLTAGE (D.C. OPERATION)



# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBE

# ZM1080

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, side-viewing indicator tube with long life expectancy. This tube incorporates a red filter to improve the contrast of display and is particularly suitable where many tubes are displayed side by side.

Numeral height	13	mm
	0.5	in
Minimum distance between mounting centres	19	mm
	0.75	in
Viewing angle	120	deg
Numerals	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	
Cathode current	2	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

## CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN (measured at 20 to 50°C unless otherwise stated)

The values given state the range over which the tube will operate both initially and during life. No allowance has been made for supply voltage and component variations.

### IGNITION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum anode to cathode voltage	170	V
Ignition delay time	see page C1	

### CONDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

#### D.C. Operation

Maximum cathode current (see note 1)	3.5	mA
Minimum cathode current	1.5	mA
Nominal anode to cathode maintaining voltage at 2.0mA (see page C4)	140	V
Probe current to individual non-conducting cathodes ( $I_{kk}$ )	see pages C2 and C3	

### Pulse Operation

Maximum cathode current, peak	12	mA
Maximum cathode current, average (Averaging time = 20ms)	2.5	mA
Minimum cathode current for satisfactory display, average	0.8	mA
Pulse duration		
Maximum	20	ms
Minimum	100	$\mu$ s
Anode to cathode maintaining voltage	see page C4	
Probe current to individual non-conducting cathodes	see pages C2 and C3	

### EXTINCTION REQUIREMENTS

Maximum anode to cathode voltage to ensure extinction	115	V
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### LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature

Continuous display of one digit (see note 1)	>5000	h
Sequentially changing the display from one digit to the next every 100 hours or less	>30 000	h

### LIMITING VALUES (ABSOLUTE)

#### Cathode current (each digit)

Maximum average (Maximum averaging time = 20ms)	3.5	mA
Maximum peak	12	mA
Minimum average during conduction	1.5	mA

#### Bulb temperature

Maximum	+70	$^{\circ}$ C
Minimum (see note 2)	-50	$^{\circ}$ C

### MOUNTING POSITION

Any

The numbers are viewed through the side of the envelope. The numbers will appear upright (within  $\pm 3^{\circ}$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically.

### OPERATING NOTES

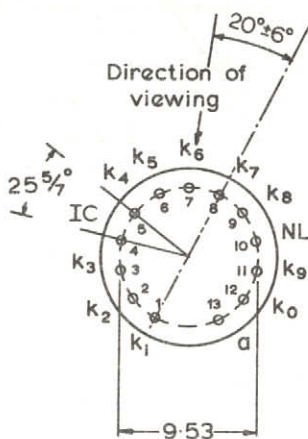
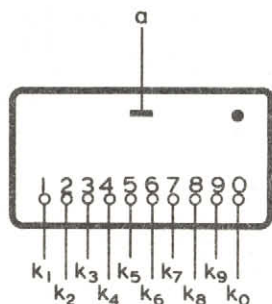
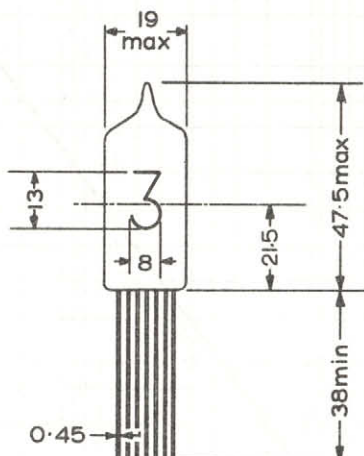
1. The life expectancy figures given above relate to operation with d.c. cathode currents between 1.5 to 2.5mA and at all permitted pulsed cathode currents. When a d.c. cathode current range of 1.5 to 3.5mA is used, the life expectancy exceeds 3000 hours with continuous display of one digit.
2. For bulb temperatures below  $0^{\circ}$ C the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced.

# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBE

# ZMI080

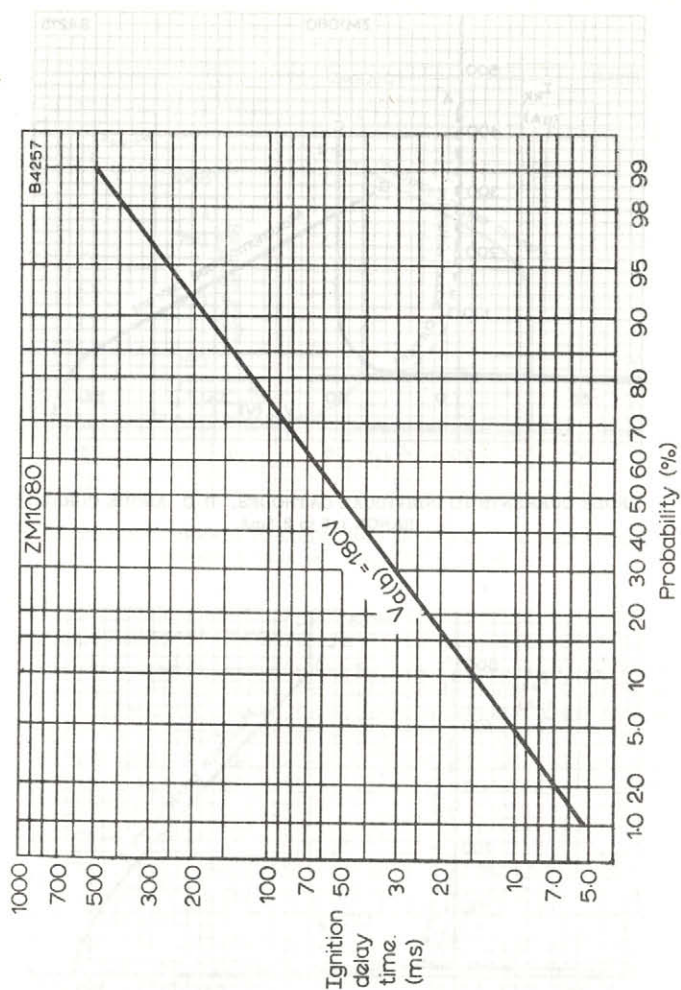
- The leads are tinned and may be dip-soldered to a minimum of 5mm from the seals at a solder temperature of 240°C for a maximum of 10 seconds.
- Care should be taken not to bend the leads nearer than 1.5mm from the seals.
- The tube may be soldered directly into the circuit but heat conducted to the glass-to-metal seals should be kept to a minimum by the use of a thermal shunt.

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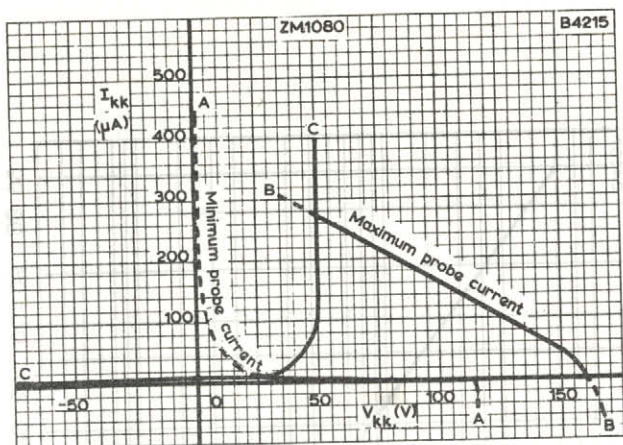
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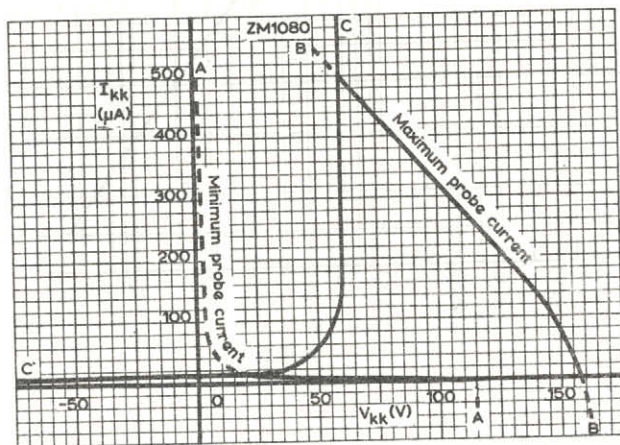


### CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF IGNITION DELAY TIME

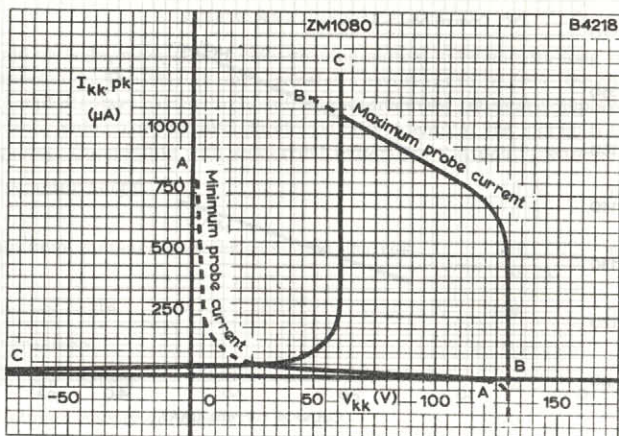
This curve shows the probability that a tube will ignite in less than the time shown after a non-conduction period of a few seconds. The ignition delay time will be appreciably reduced when the interval between conduction periods is less than 100 milliseconds. In general, an increase in the supply voltage will reduce the ignition delay time.



PROBE CURRENTS TO INDIVIDUAL CATHODES. D.C. ANODE CURRENT RANGE 1.5 to 2.5mA



PROBE CURRENTS TO INDIVIDUAL CATHODES. D.C. ANODE CURRENT RANGE 1.5 to 3.5mA



PEAK PROBE CURRENTS TO INDIVIDUAL CATHODES. PULSED ANODE CURRENT 10mA pk. 10% DUTY FACTOR

#### NOTE

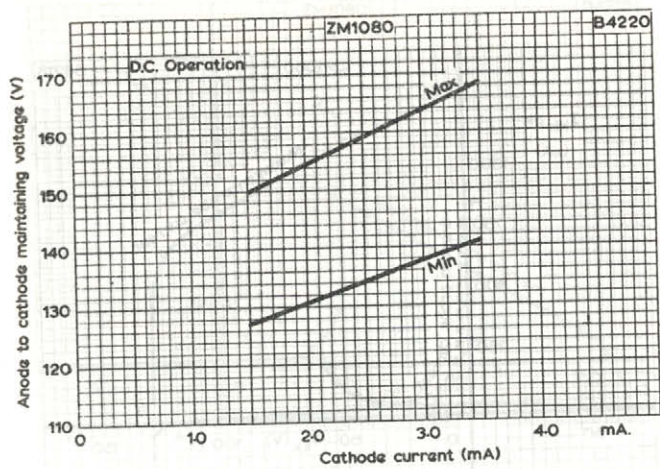
#### PROBE CURRENT CURVES

The boundaries A-A and B-B of the graphs represent, for the shown anode current ranges, the range of probe currents to individual non-conducting cathodes plotted against the voltage difference between the non-conducting cathodes and the conducting cathode.

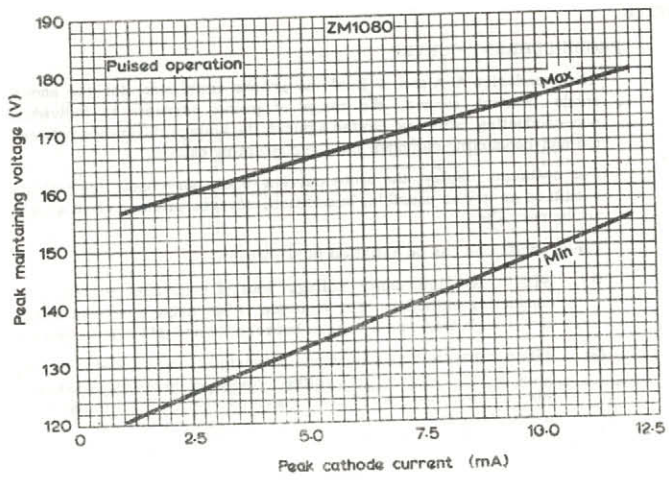
For optimum display, the probe current to any non-conducting cathode should be as low as possible. In addition, reverse probe current should not be permitted.

These conditions can be satisfied in two ways: -

- (1) With a low impedance voltage source connected to the non-conducting cathodes. For example, when using a current range of 1.5 to 2.5mA and a voltage between 50 and 115V is required.
- (2) With a separate high impedance connected to each non-conducting cathode and returned to a voltage source of less than 115V. In this case the load line of the voltage source must lie to the right of boundary C-C.



ANODE TO CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT



PEAK MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST PEAK CATHODE CURRENT



**IDENTIFYING DATA**

**CLASSIFICATION DATA**

This indicator tube is used to indicate the presence of a numerical indicator tube that has low resistance. The characteristic impedance of the tube shall be lower than that of the horizontal and vertical axes.

Number of leads	2	100
Maximum diameter of the indicator tube	0.1	10
Maximum diameter of the indicator tube	0.1	10

This tube is identical to type ZM1080  
but has no red contrast filter

Maximum diameter of the indicator tube	0.1	10
Maximum diameter of the indicator tube	0.1	10
Maximum diameter of the indicator tube	0.1	10

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-filled, side-viewing indicator tubes with long life expectancy. The ZM1081 incorporates a red filter to improve the contrast of display; particularly suitable where many tubes are displayed side by side. The ZM1083 is electrically identical but has no filter coating. Compatible with numerical indicators ZM1080, ZM1082.

Character height	10.5	mm
	0.4	in
Minimum distance between mounting centres	19	mm
	0.75	in
Viewing angle	120	deg
Characters	- + ~	
Cathode current	2.0	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

## CHARACTERISTICS AND RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN

(Measured at 20 to 50°C unless otherwise stated)

The values given state the range over which the tube will operate both initially and during life. No allowance has been made for supply voltage and component variations.

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Nominal anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage at 2.0mA (see page 3)	140	V
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	115	V

### D. C. operation

Maximum cathode current	3.5	mA
Minimum cathode current	1.5	mA

Probe current to individual non-conducting cathodes ( $I_{kk}$ )

See page 4

**LIFE EXPECTANCY** at recommended operating conditions and room temperature  
(see note 1)

Continuous display of one character > 5000 h

Sequentially changing the display from  
one character to the others, every  
100 hours or less > 15 000 h

**RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)**

Cathode current (each character)

Maximum average (max. averaging time = 20ms) 3.5 mA

Maximum peak 12 mA

Minimum average during conduction 1.5 mA

Bulb temperature

Maximum +70 °C

Minimum (see note 2) -50 °C

**MOUNTING POSITION**

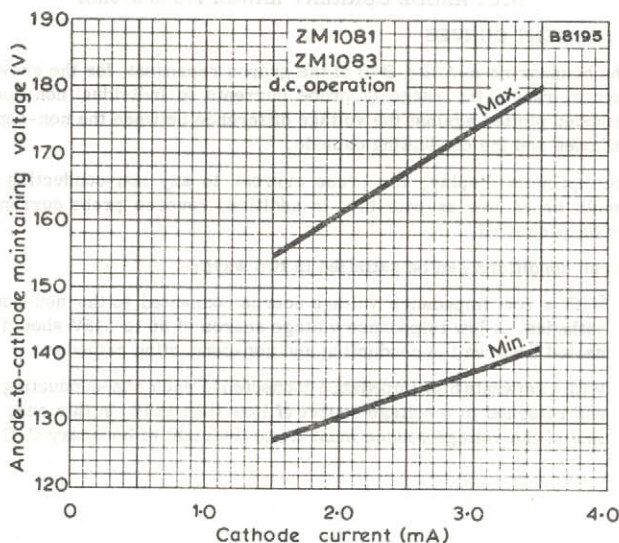
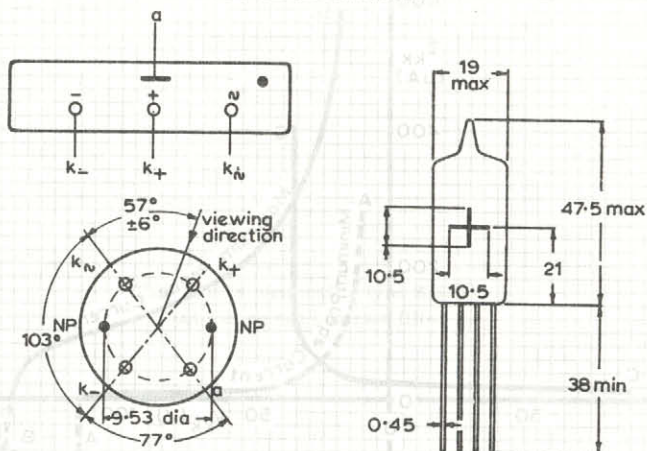
Any. The characters are viewed through the side of the envelope. The characters will appear upright (within  $\pm 3^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically.

**OPERATING NOTES**

1. The life expectancy figures given above relate to operation with d.c. cathode currents between 1.5 and 2.5mA.
2. For bulb temperatures below  $0^\circ\text{C}$  the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced.
3. The leads are tinned and may be dip-soldered to a minimum of 5mm from the seals at a solder temperature of  $240^\circ\text{C}$  for a maximum of 10 seconds.
4. Care should be taken not to bend the leads nearer than 1.5mm from the seals.
5. The tube may be soldered directly into the circuit but heat conducted to the glass-to-metal seals should be kept to a minimum by the use of a thermal shunt.

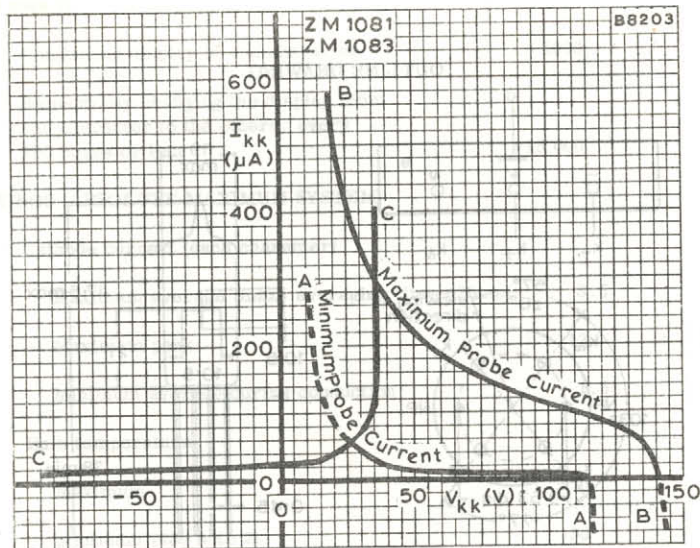


## OUTLINE DRAWING



ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT





**PROBE CURRENTS TO INDIVIDUAL CATHODES**  
D.C. ANODE CURRENT RANGE 1.5 to 3.5mA

**PROBE CURRENT CURVES**

The boundaries A-A and B-B of the graphs represent, for the shown anode current range, the range of probe currents to individual non-conducting cathodes plotted against the voltage difference between the non-conducting cathodes and the conducting cathode.

For optimum display, the probe current to any non-conducting cathode should be as low as possible. In addition, reverse probe current should not be permitted.

These conditions can be satisfied in two ways:-

1. With a low impedance voltage source connected to the non-conducting cathodes. A low impedance voltage source of 36 to 115V should be connected between the conducting and non-conducting cathodes.
2. With a separate high impedance connected to each non-conducting cathode and returned to a voltage source of less than 115V. In this case the load line of the voltage source must lie to the right of boundary C-C.

# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBE

# ZMI 162

## TENTATIVE DATA

### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon-argon filled rectangular end viewing numerical indicator tube with long life expectancy. The rectangular envelope allows for close tube-to-tube spacing, both in the horizontal and vertical axes.

Numeral height	15.5	mm
	0.6	in
Minimum distance between mounting centres	20	mm
	0.79	in
Viewing angle	90	deg
Numerals	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	
Cathode current	2.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

### CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (Measured at 20 to 50°C)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Ignition delay time	See page 3	
Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage	See page 4	
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	115	V
Recommended cathode current, d.c.	2.5	mA
Minimum cathode current, d.c. (during any conduction period)	1.5	mA
D.C. operation	See pages 5 to 9	

### LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see operating note)

Continuous display of one numeral	> 5000	h
Sequentially changing the display from one numeral to another, every 100 hours or less	> 20 000	h



# RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

## Cathode current (each digit)

Maximum average (maximum averaging time = 20ms)	3.0	mA
Maximum peak (for 20ms maximum)	3.5	mA
Minimum (during any conduction period)	1.5	mA

## Bulb temperature

Maximum	+70	°C
Minimum (see operating note)	-10	°C

## MOUNTING POSITION

Any. The numerals are viewed through the top of the envelope. The numerals will appear upright (within  $\pm 3^\circ$ ) when the tube is mounted with the line through pins 6 and 12 vertical, pin 6 uppermost.

## OPERATING NOTE

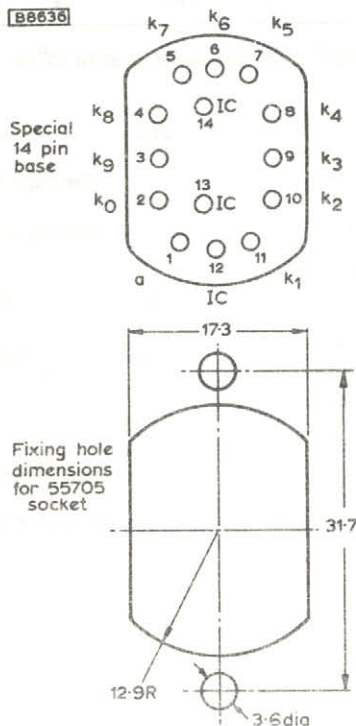
For bulb temperatures below  $+10^\circ\text{C}$  the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced.

## ACCESSORY (supplied as additional item)

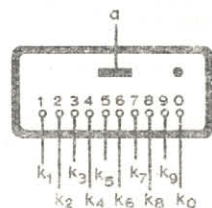
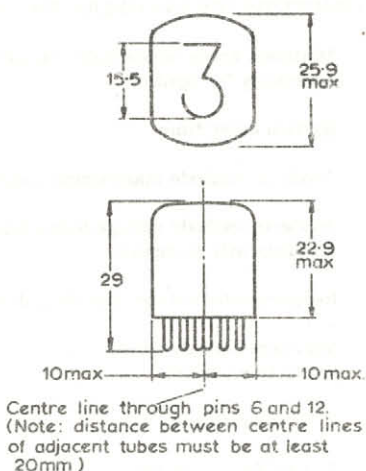
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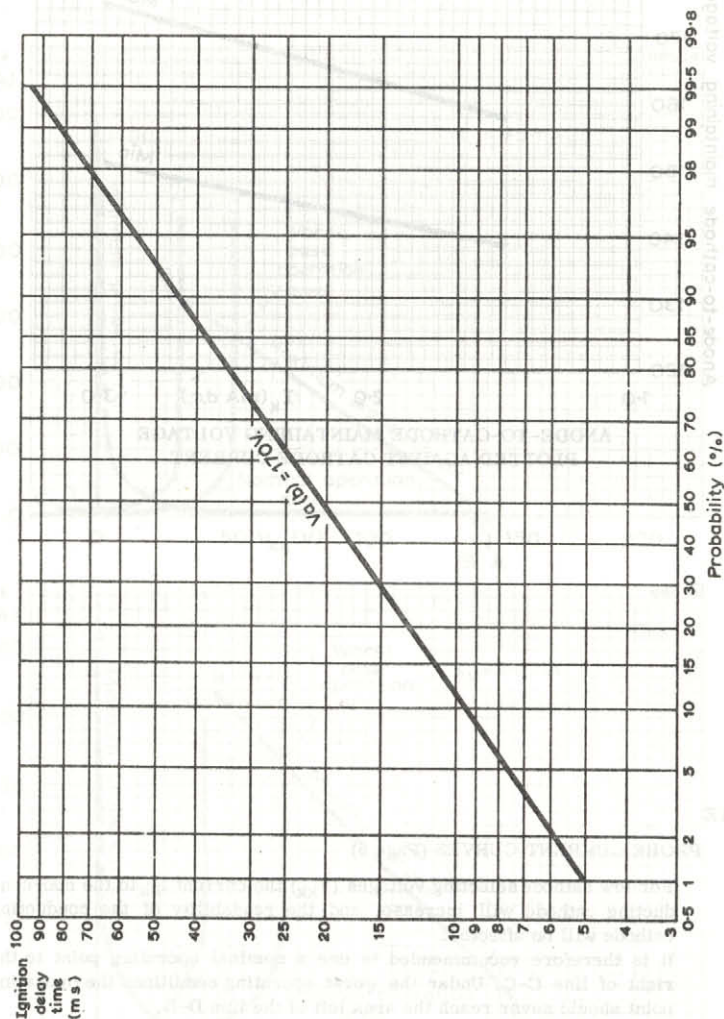
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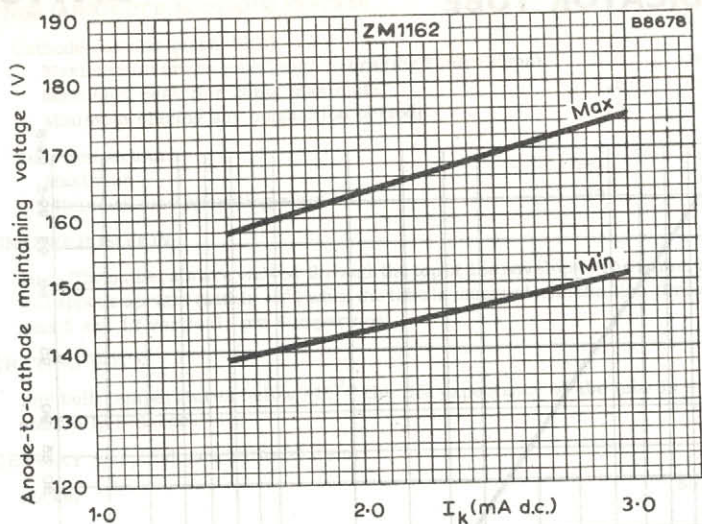




CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF IGNITION DELAY TIME

This curve shows the probability that a tube will ignite in less than the time shown after a non-conduction period of a few seconds. The ignition delay time will be appreciably reduced when the interval between conduction periods is less than 100 milliseconds. In general, an increase in the supply voltage will reduce the ignition delay time.





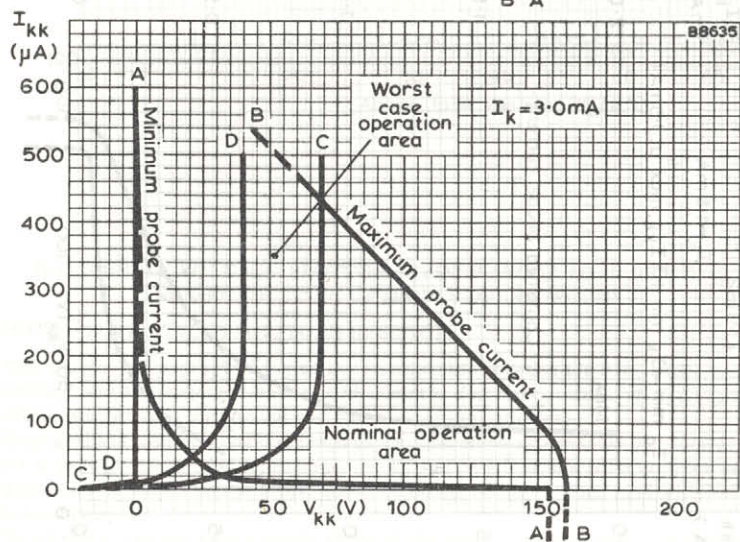
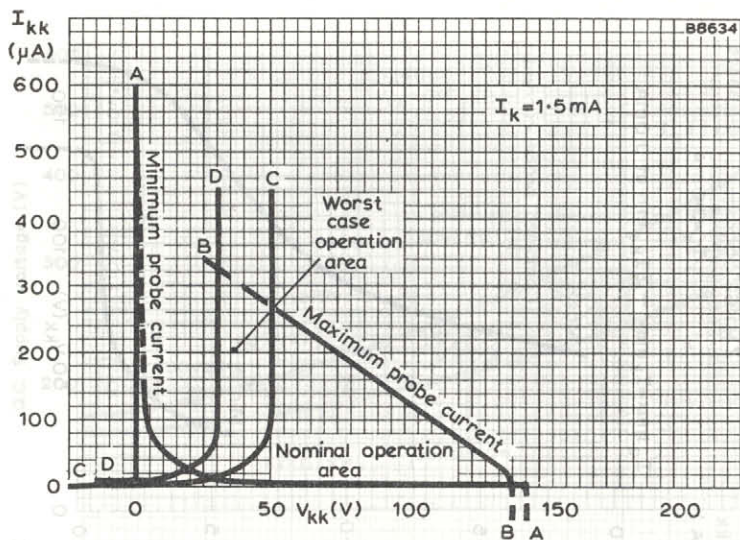
ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE  
PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT

NOTE

PROBE CURRENT CURVES (Page 5)

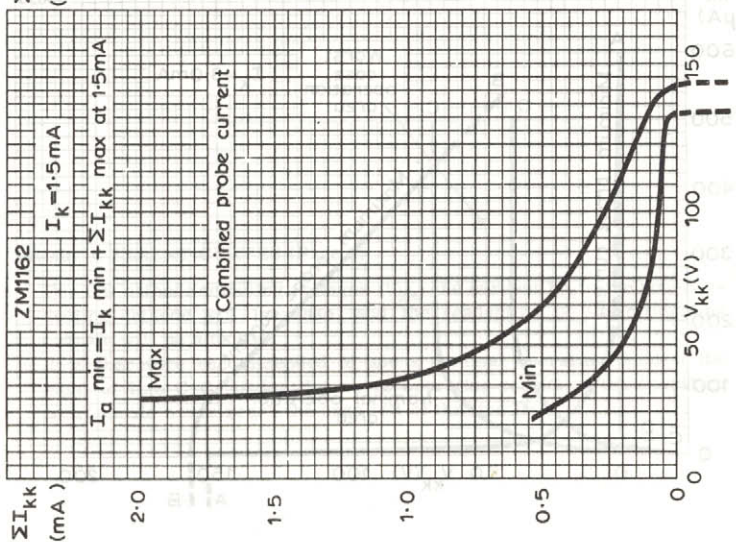
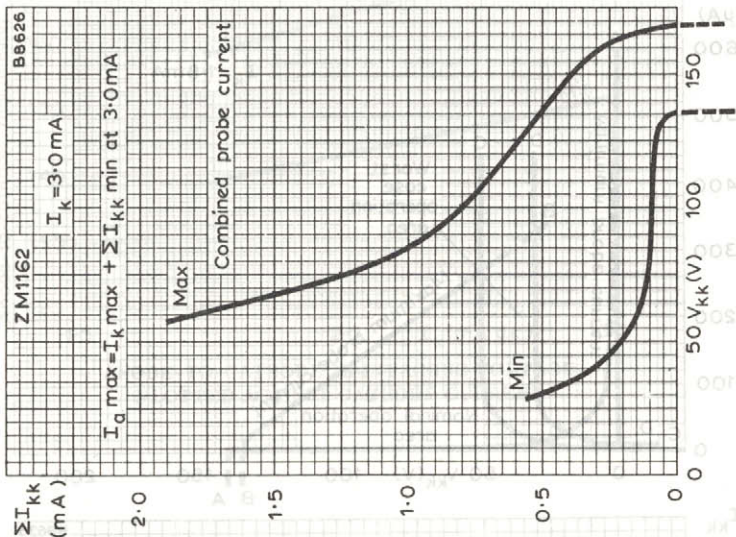
For low cathode selecting voltages ( $V_{kk}$ ) the current  $I_{kk}$  to the non-conducting cathode will increase, and the readability of the conducting cathode will be affected.

It is therefore recommended to use a nominal operating point to the right of line C-C. Under the worst operating conditions the operating point should never reach the area left of the line D-D.



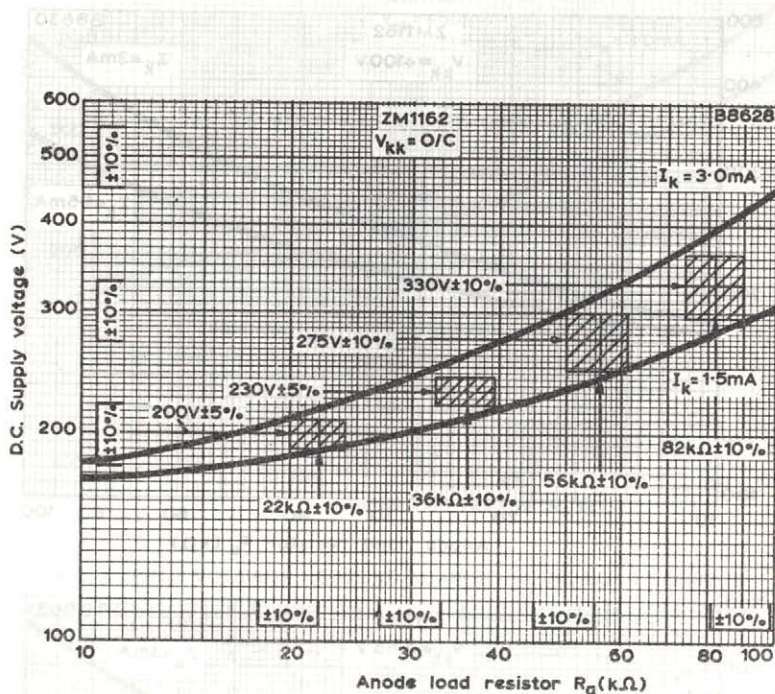
PROBE CURRENTS TO INDIVIDUAL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES





COMBINED PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES





### D.C. SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR: NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES OPEN CIRCUIT

#### NOTE - SUPPLY VOLTAGE/LOAD RESISTOR

The graphs on pages 7 to 9 give the relationship between the d.c. supply voltage and the required anode load resistor for fixed values of  $V_{kk}$  (voltage difference between conducting and non-conducting cathodes).

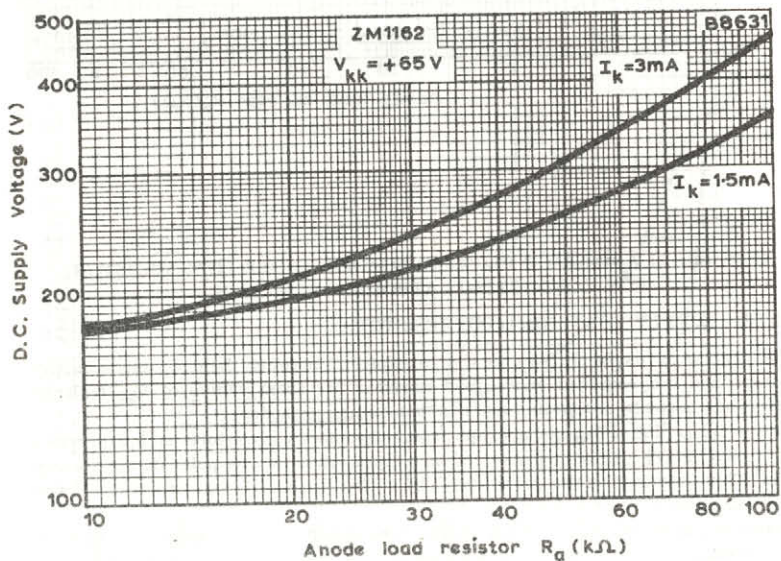
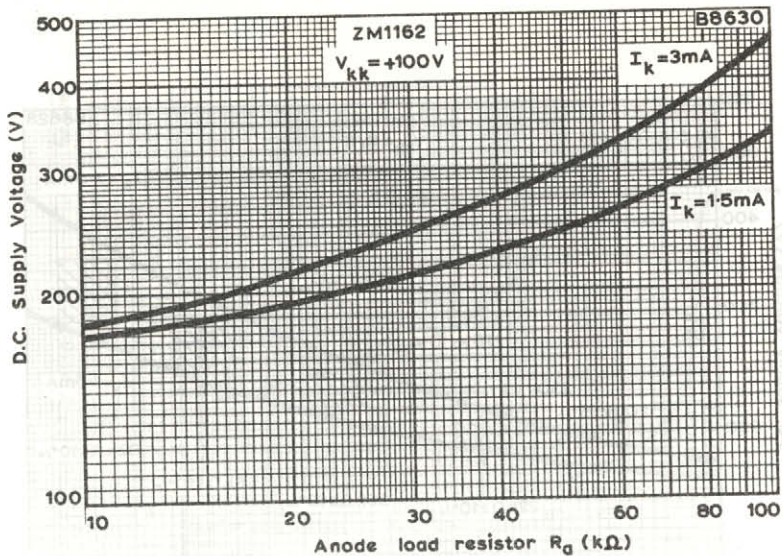
Each graph is plotted on log-log graph paper; therefore a given tolerance expressed as a percentage can be represented as a fixed length at any point on the x and y axis. This is shown on the graph above by taking points on each axis with a fixed tolerance.

Examples are shown on the graph above of the supply voltages and load resistors with tolerances expressed as a percentage so as to remain within the recommended operating region.

On page 9 details are given of the method of calculating corresponding values of supply voltage and anode load resistor, for fixed values of  $V_{kk}$ .

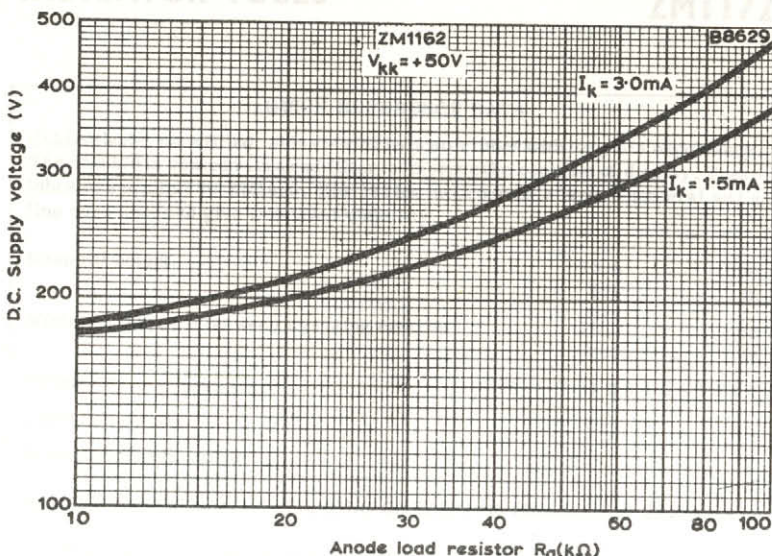






D.C. SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR





### D.C. SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR

NOTE - The supply voltage/load resistor curves are derived from:

$$V_s = I_a \cdot R_a + V_m \quad (\text{General formula})$$

$$V_s = [I_k + \Sigma I_{kk}] R_a + V_m$$

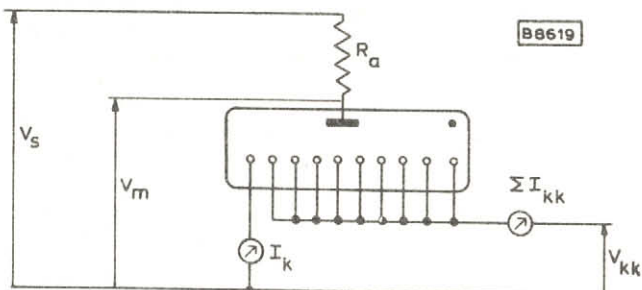
The value of  $\Sigma I_{kk}$  will depend on the bias voltage  $V_{kk}$ .

Supply voltage required to work above the minimum value of  $I_k$ :

$$V_s = [1.5\text{mA} + \Sigma I_{kk} \text{ max. at } I_k = 1.5\text{mA}] R_a + 158\text{V}$$

Supply voltage required to work below the maximum value of  $I_k$ :

$$V_s = [3.0\text{mA} + \Sigma I_{kk} \text{ min. at } I_k = 3.0\text{mA}] R_a + 151\text{V}$$



# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

# ZM1170 ZM1172

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon filled, side viewing indicator tubes with long life expectancy. The ZM1170 is coated with a red filter to improve the contrast of display. These tubes are similar to ZM1080, ZM1082 but incorporate a larger numeral and a fine wire anode to give improved visibility.

Numeral height	15.5	mm
	0.6	in
Minimum distance between mounting centres	19	mm
	0.75	in
Numerals	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	
Cathode current	2.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

## CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (Measured at 20 to 50°C)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Ignition delay time	See page 4	
Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage	See page 5	
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	115	V
Cathode current		
Maximum peak	12	mA
Maximum average		
(averaged over any 10ms) (see note 1)	3.5	mA
Minimum average		
(averaged over any 10ms) (see note 1)	0.8	mA
Minimum average		
(averaged over any conduction period) (see note 1)	1.5	mA
Recommended average		
(during any d.c. conduction period)	2.5	mA
Probe current		
Probe current to individual non-conducting cathodes ( $I_{kk}$ )	See pages 6 and 11	
Probe current to combined non-conducting cathodes ( $\Sigma I_{kk}$ )	See pages 7, 11 and 12	

## D.C. operation

See pages 5 to 10

## Pulse operation

Minimum pulse duration	100	$\mu$ s
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See pages 5, 11, 12 and 13

## LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see note 2)

Continuous display of one numeral	> 5000	h
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Sequentially changing the display from one numeral to another, every 100 hours or less	> 30 000	h
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## RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

### Cathode current (each digit)

Maximum average (averaged over any 10ms)	3.5	mA
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Maximum peak	12	mA
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Minimum average (averaged over any conduction period)	1.5	mA
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### Bulb temperature

Maximum	+70	$^{\circ}$ C
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Minimum (see note 2)	-50	$^{\circ}$ C
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## MOUNTING POSITION

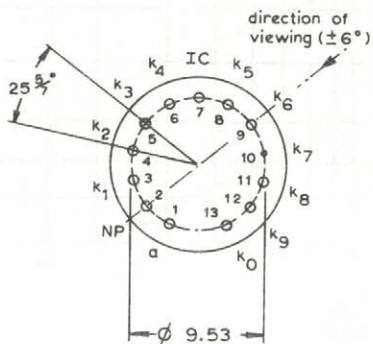
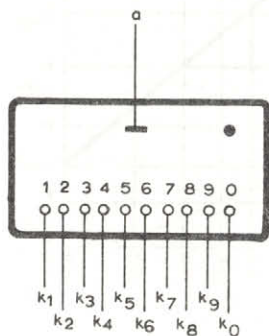
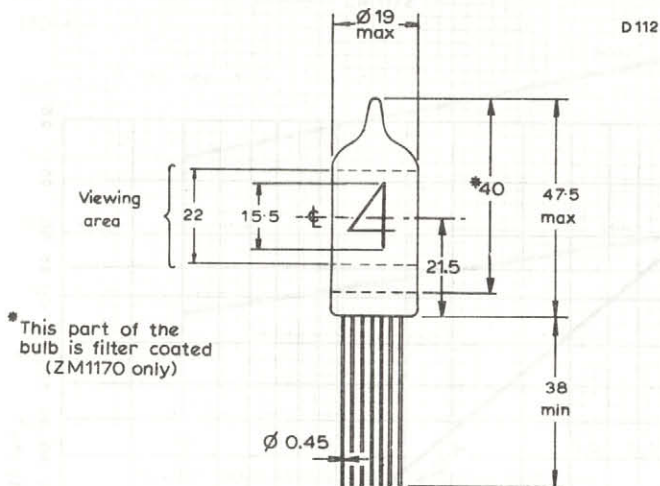
Any. The numerals are viewed through the side of the envelope. The numerals will appear upright (within  $\pm 3^{\circ}$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically, base down.

## OPERATING NOTES

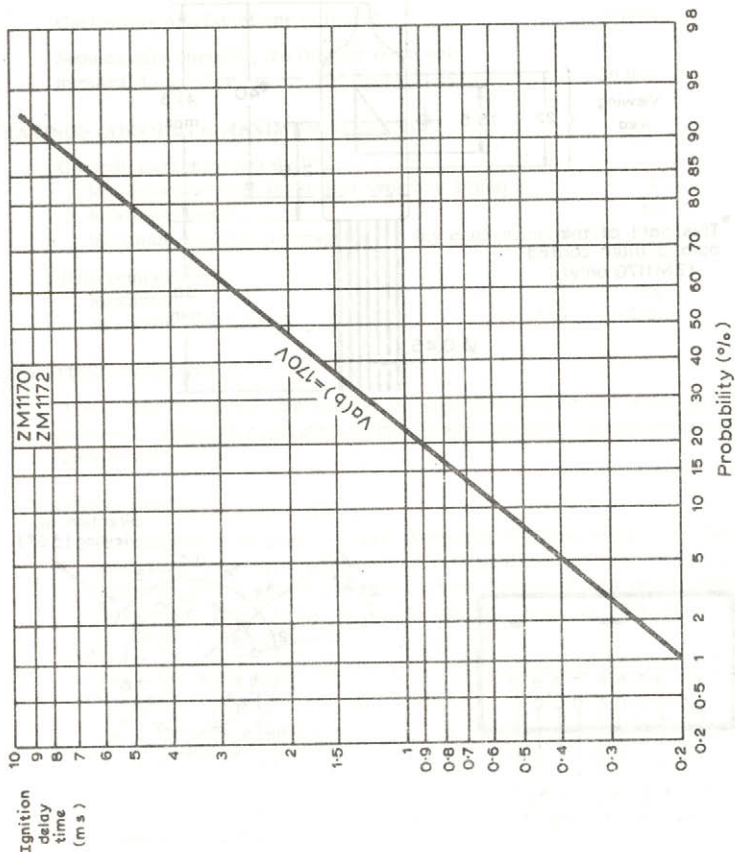
1. The minimum average current (averaged over any 10ms) of 0.8mA is necessary for adequate light output without flicker in applications other than d.c. The minimum average current (averaged over any conduction period) of 1.5mA is necessary to ensure complete cathode coverage initially and throughout life.
2. For bulb temperatures below  $0^{\circ}$ C the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced.
3. The tube may be soldered directly into the circuit, but heat conduction to the glass-to-metal seals should be kept to a minimum by the use of a thermal shunt.
4. The leads are tinned and may be dip-soldered to a minimum of 5mm from the seals at a solder temperature of  $240^{\circ}$ C for a maximum of 10 seconds.
5. Care should be taken not to bend the leads nearer than 1.5mm from the seals.



## OUTLINE AND DIMENSIONS



All dimensions in mm



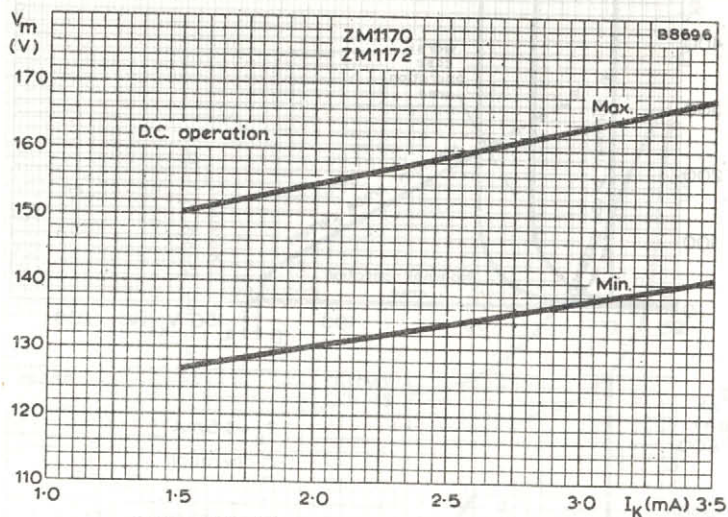
### CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF IGNITION DELAY TIME

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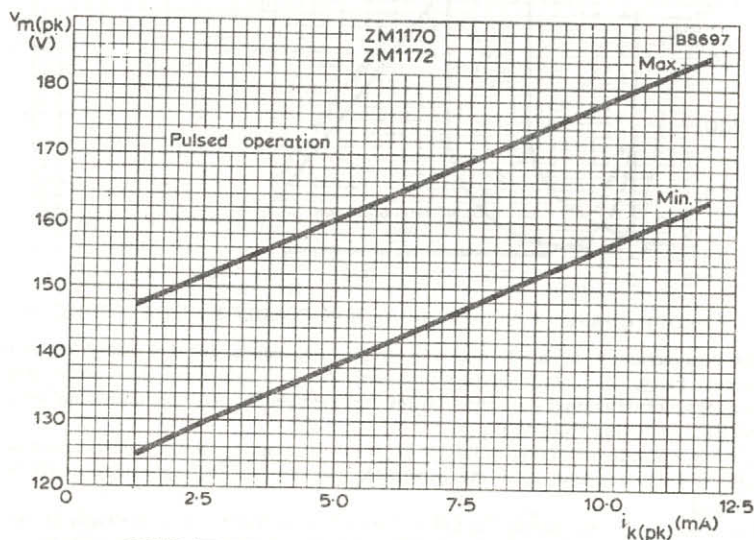


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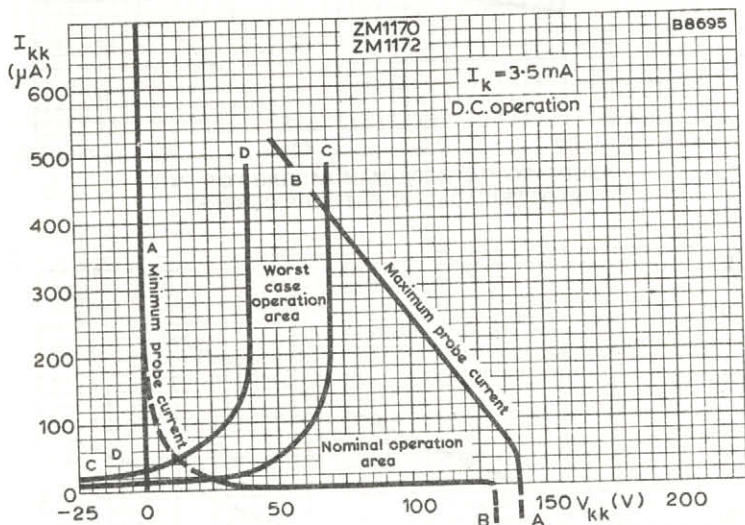
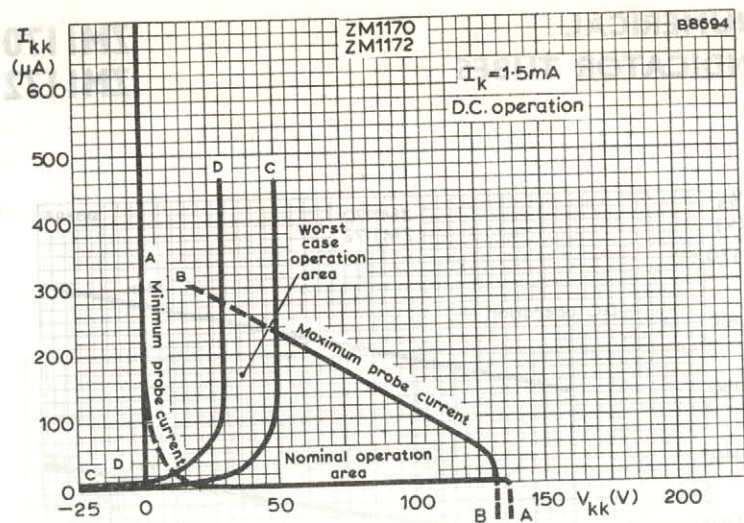


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PEAK ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE  
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#### PROBE CURRENT TO INDIVIDUAL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES

The boundaries A-A and B-B of the graphs represent, for the shown cathode current range, the range of probe current ( $I_{kk}$ ) to individual non-conducting cathodes plotted against the voltage difference between the non-conducting cathodes and the conducting cathode ( $V_{kk}$ ).

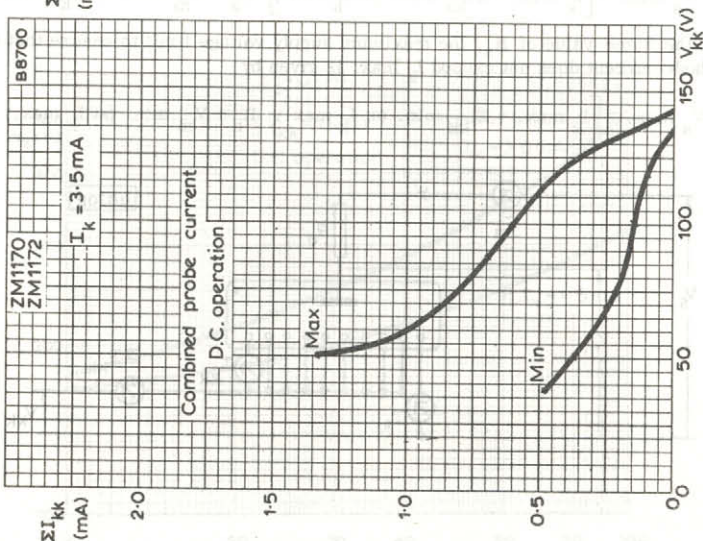
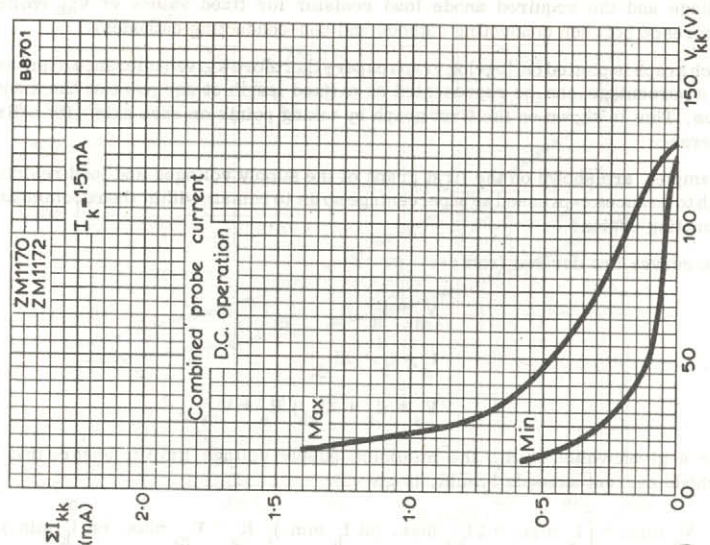
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# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

## ZM1170 ZM1172



### COMBINED PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES

Sum of the probe currents to the non-conducting cathodes ( $\Sigma I_{kk}$ ) plotted against the voltage difference between the non-conducting cathodes and the conducting cathode ( $V_{kk}$ ), showing the minimum and maximum values of probe current for a particular cathode current ( $I_k$ ).



## SUPPLY VOLTAGE/LOAD RESISTOR

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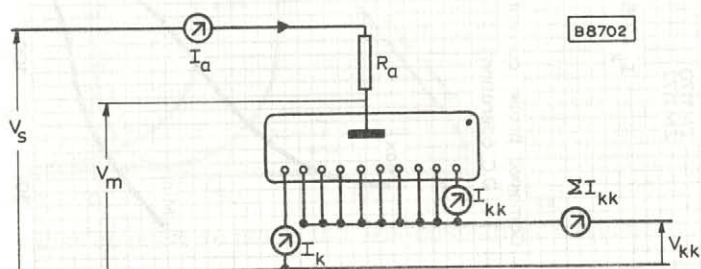
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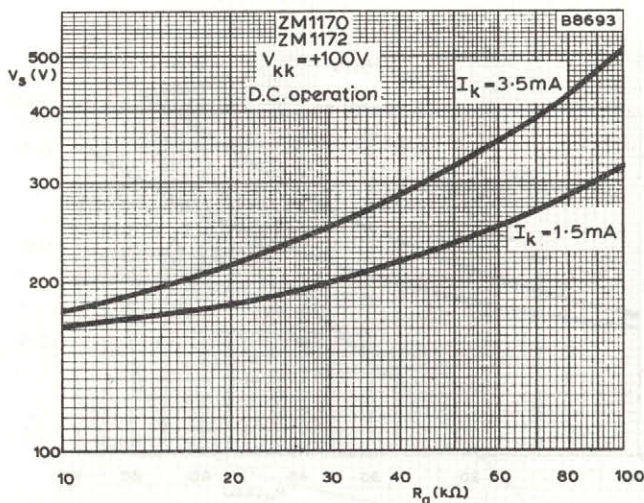
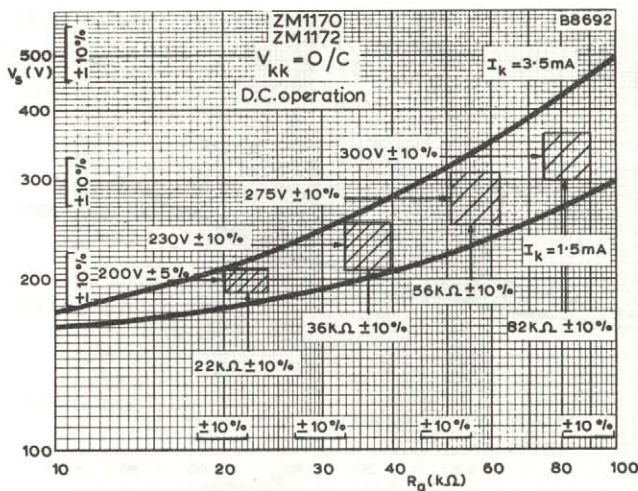
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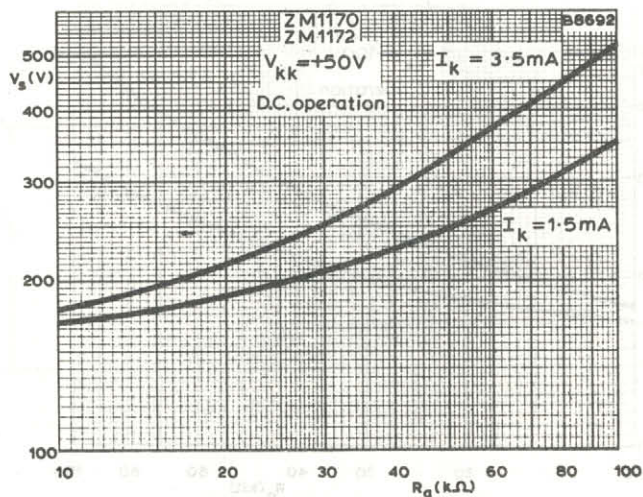
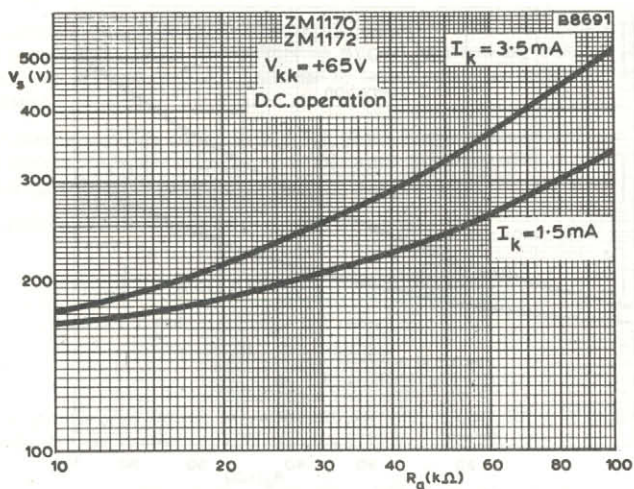
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D.C. SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR



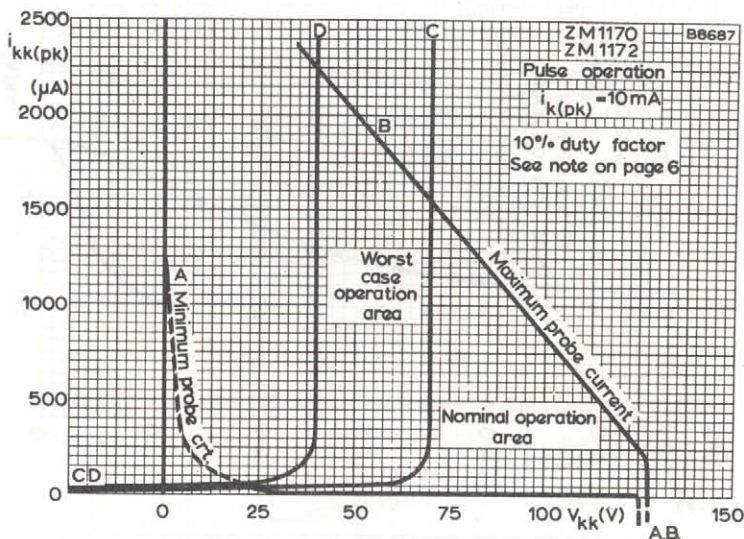


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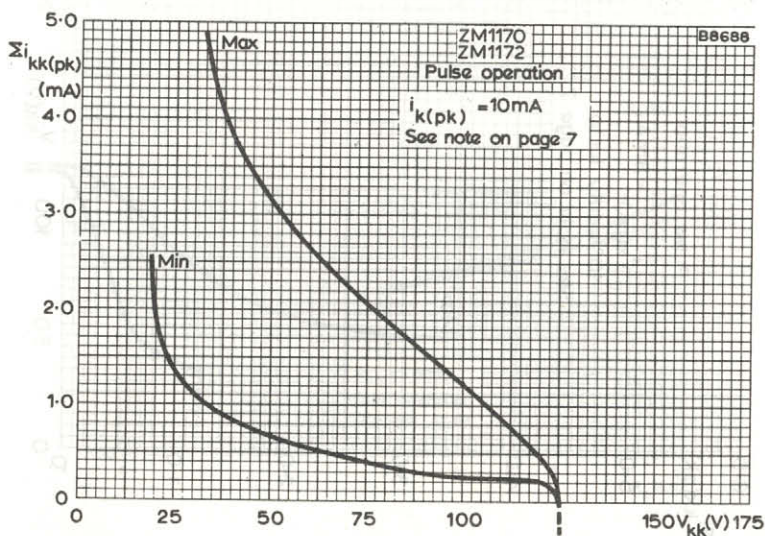


# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

# ZM1170 ZM1172

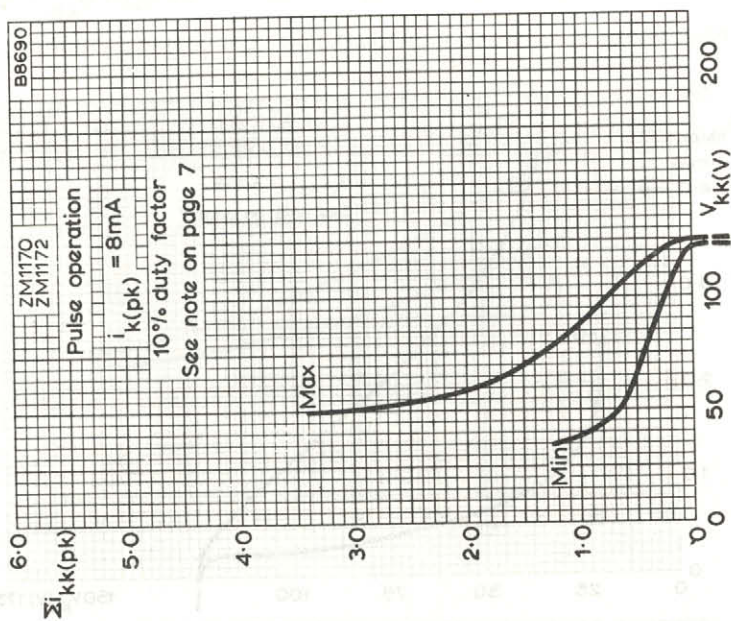
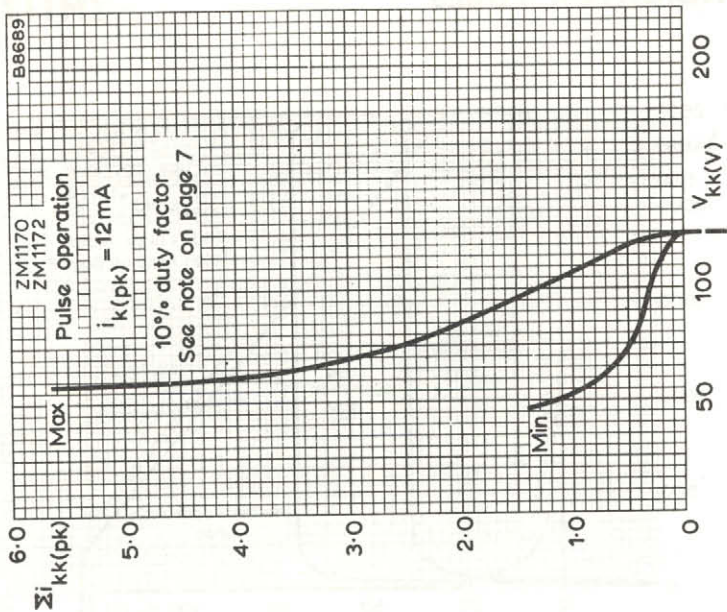


PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO INDIVIDUAL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES

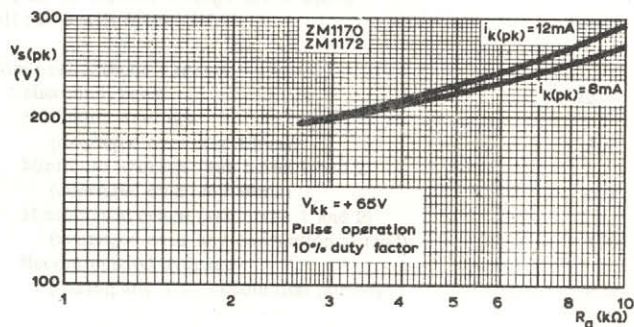
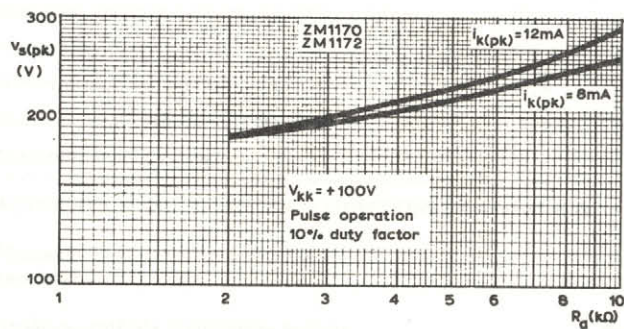
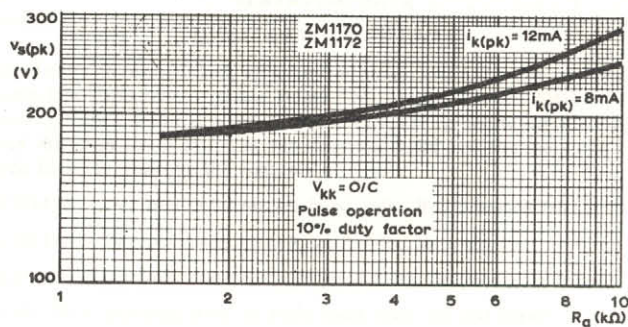


COMBINED PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES





COMBINED PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES



PEAK SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR

## TENTATIVE DATA

### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon filled, side viewing numerical indicator tubes with long life expectancy. These tubes are similar to the ZM1172, but incorporate a decimal point. The four types are electrically identical, but differ in the position of the decimal point and the inclusion of a red filter to improve the contrast of display.

ZM1174 - Decimal point on left hand side. Red contrast filter.

ZM1175 - Decimal point on left hand side. No red filter.

ZM1176 - Decimal point on right hand side. Red contrast filter.

ZM1177 - Decimal point on right hand side. No red filter.

Numeral height	15.5	mm
Minimum distance between mounting centres	19	mm
Numerals	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	
Numeral cathode current	2.5	mA
Decimal point cathode current (nom.)	0.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

### CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (Measured at 20 to 50°C)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage	See page 4	
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	115	V
Numeral cathode current		
Maximum peak	12	mA
Maximum average		
(averaged over any 10ms)	3.5	mA
Minimum average (see notes 1 and 2)		
(averaged over any 10ms)	0.8	mA
Minimum average (see notes 1 and 2)		
(averaged over any conduction period)	1.5	mA
Recommended average		
(during any d.c. conduction period)	2.5	mA



Decimal point cathode current (see note 3)		
Maximum peak	2.5	mA
Minimum average (averaged over any conduction period)	0.05	mA
Recommended average (during any d.c. conduction period)	0.5	mA
Minimum pulse duration (pulsed operation)	100	$\mu$ s

**LIFE EXPECTANCY** at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see note 4)

Continuous display of one numeral	> 5000	h
Sequentially changing the display from one numeral to another, every 100 hours or less	> 30 000	h

**RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)**

Numeral cathode current (each digit)		
Maximum average (averaged over any 10ms)	3.5	mA
Maximum peak	12	mA
Minimum average (averaged over any conduction period)	1.5	mA
Bulb temperature		
Maximum	+70	$^{\circ}$ C
Minimum (see note 4)	-50	$^{\circ}$ C

**MOUNTING POSITION**

Any. The numerals and the decimal point are viewed through the side of the envelope. The numerals will appear upright (within  $\pm 3^{\circ}$ ) when the tube is mounted vertically, base down.

**OPERATING NOTES**

1. This value applies, irrespective of whether the decimal point is running or not.
2. The minimum average current (averaged over any 10ms) of 0.8mA is necessary for adequate light output without flicker in applications other than d.c. The minimum average (averaged over any conduction period) of 1.5mA is necessary to ensure adequate cathode coverage, initially and throughout life.
3. These conditions are automatically satisfied when the decimal point is directly connected to the numeral cathode carrying the main discharge. When the decimal point is connected in this way the maximum decimal point current is 0.15mA at a numeral cathode current of 1.5mA.
4. For bulb temperatures below  $0^{\circ}$ C the life expectancy of the tube is substantially reduced.

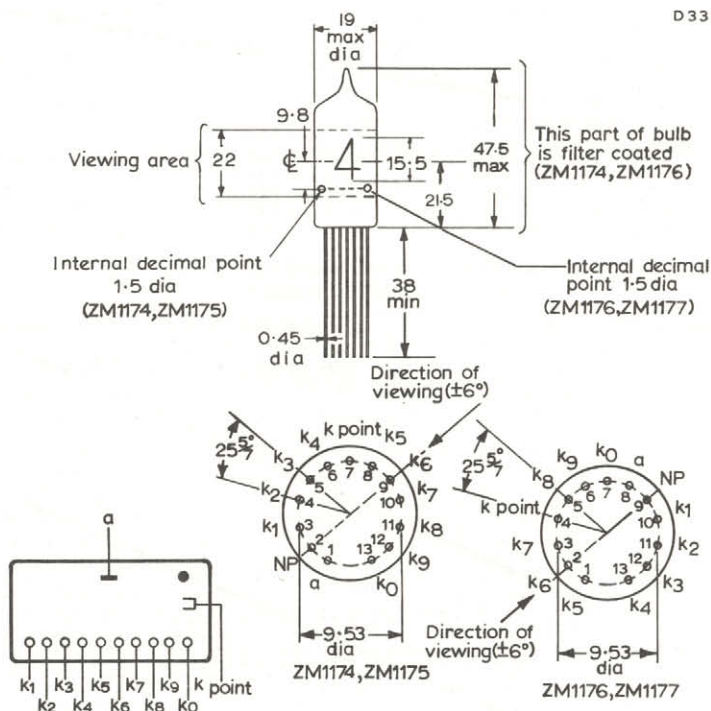


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ZM1176  
ZM1177

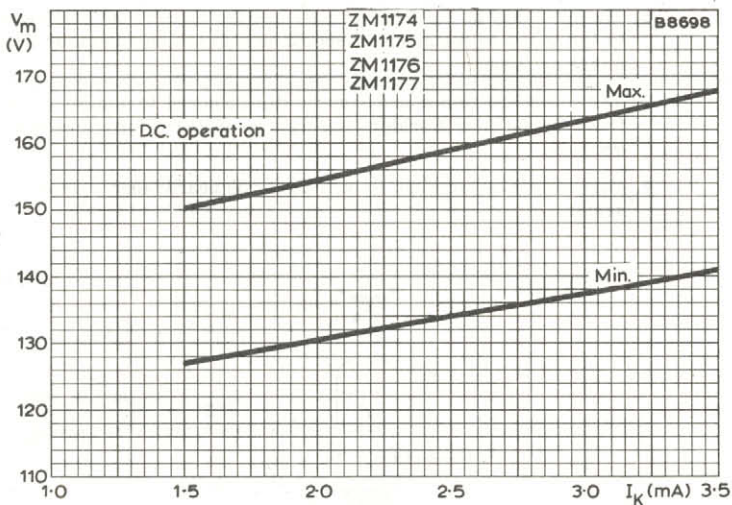
- The tube may be soldered directly into the circuit, but heat conduction to the glass-to-metal seals should be kept to a minimum by the use of a thermal shunt.
- The leads are tinned and may be dip-soldered to a minimum of 5mm from the seals at a solder temperature of 240°C for a maximum of 10 seconds.
- Care should be taken not to bend the leads nearer than 1.5mm from the seals.

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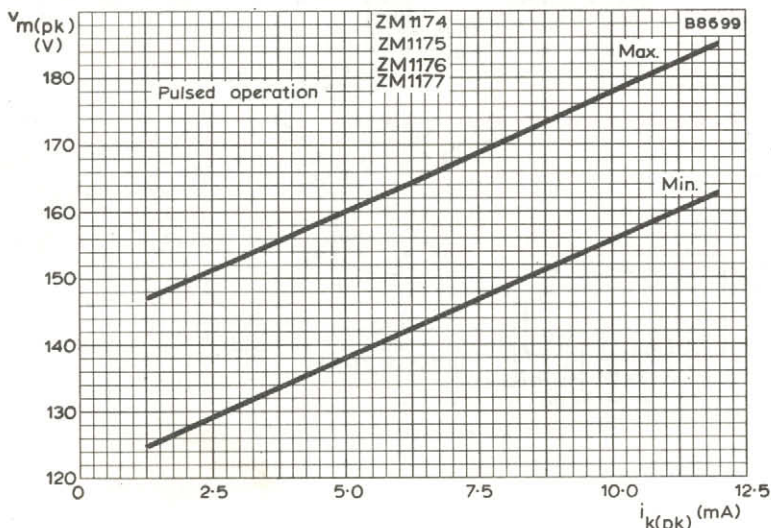


All dimensions in mm





ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE  
PLOTTED AGAINST CATHODE CURRENT



PEAK ANODE-TO-CATHODE MAINTAINING VOLTAGE  
PLOTTED AGAINST PEAK CATHODE CURRENT



### QUICK REFERENCE DATA

Cold cathode, neon filled, side viewing indicator tubes with long life expectancy. The ZM1230 is coated with a red filter to improve contrast of display. These tubes are similar to ZM1170, ZM1172 but are inverted with leads mounted at the top.

Numeral height	15.5	mm
	0.6	in
Minimum distance between mounting centres	19	mm
	0.75	in
Numerals	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	
Cathode current	2.5	mA
Minimum supply voltage	170	V

### CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATING CONDITIONS (Measured at 20 to 50°C)

Minimum anode-to-cathode voltage necessary for ignition	170	V
Ignition delay time		See page 4
Anode-to-cathode maintaining voltage		See page 5
Anode-to-cathode voltage below which all tubes will extinguish	115	
Cathode current		
Maximum peak	12	mA
Maximum average (averaged over any 10ms) (see note 1)	3.5	mA
Minimum average (averaged over any 10ms) (see note 1)	0.8	mA
Minimum average (averaged over any conduction period) (see note 1)	1.5	mA
Recommended average (during any d.c. conduction period)	2.5	mA
Probe current		
Probe current to individual non-conducting cathodes ( $I_{kk}$ )		See pages 6 and 11
Probe current to combined non-conducting cathodes ( $\Sigma I_{kk}$ )		See pages 7, 11 and 12

#### D.C. operation

See pages 5 to 10

#### Pulse operation

Minimum pulse duration	100	$\mu$ s
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See pages 5, 11, 12 and 13

LIFE EXPECTANCY at recommended operating conditions and room temperature (see note 2)

Continuous display of one numeral	> 5000	h
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Sequentially changing the display from one numeral to another, every 100 hours or less	> 30 000	h
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#### RATINGS (ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SYSTEM)

Cathode current (each digit)		
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#### MOUNTING POSITION

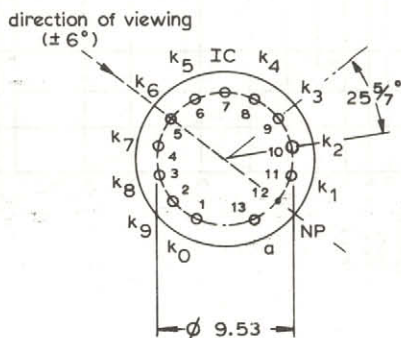
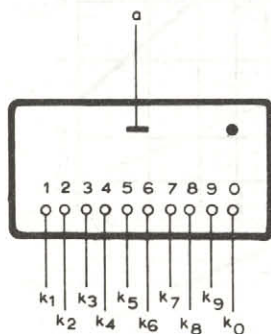
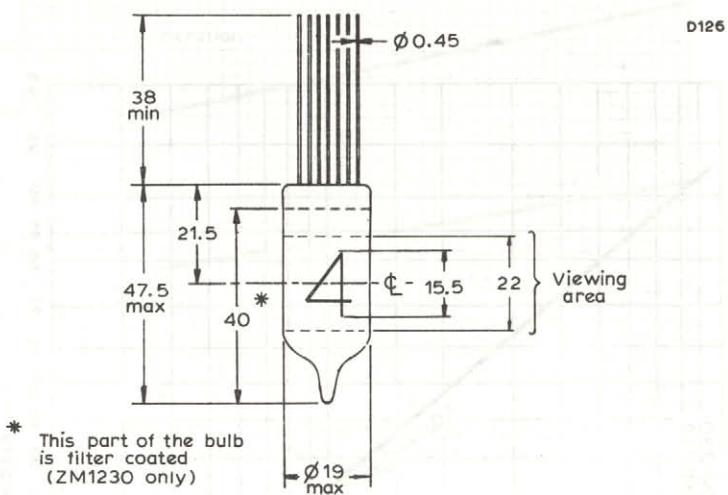
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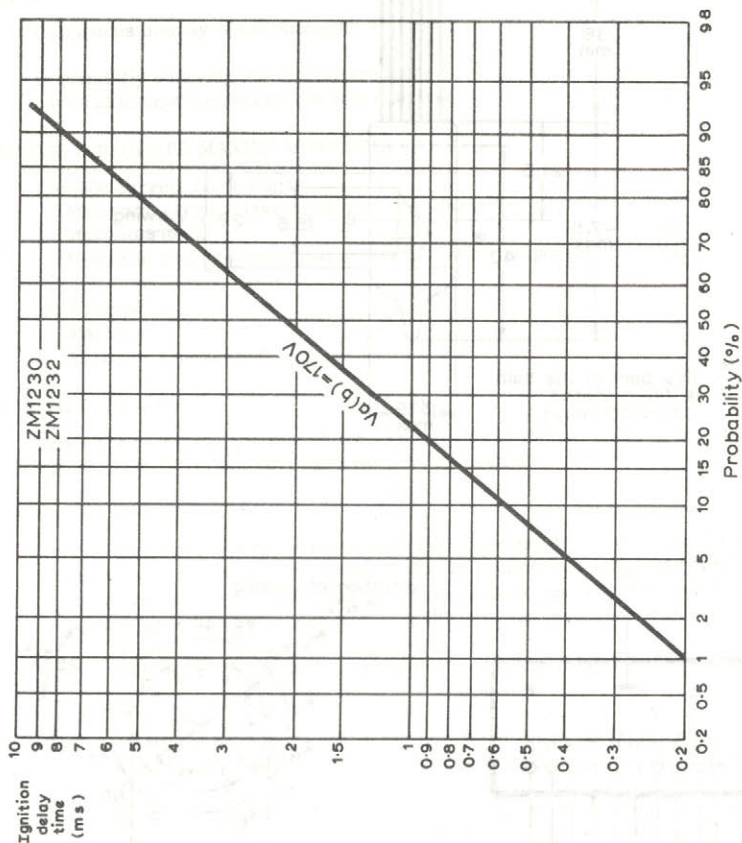
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## OUTLINE AND DIMENSIONS



All dimensions in mm



#### CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF IGNITION DELAY TIME

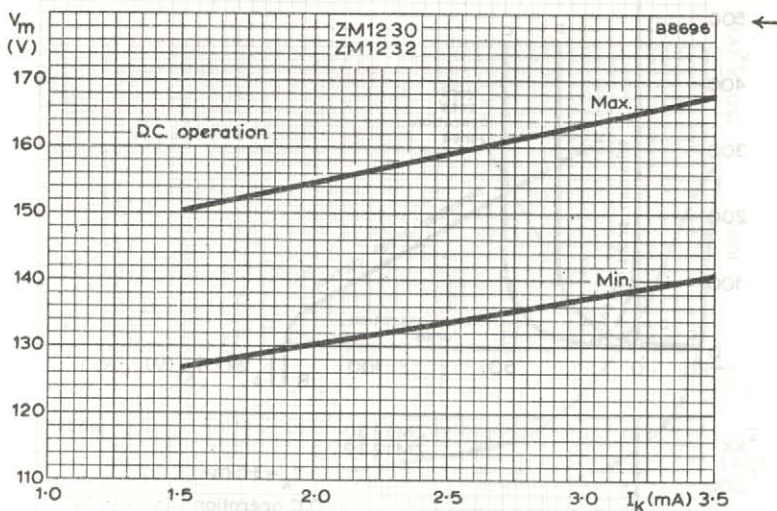
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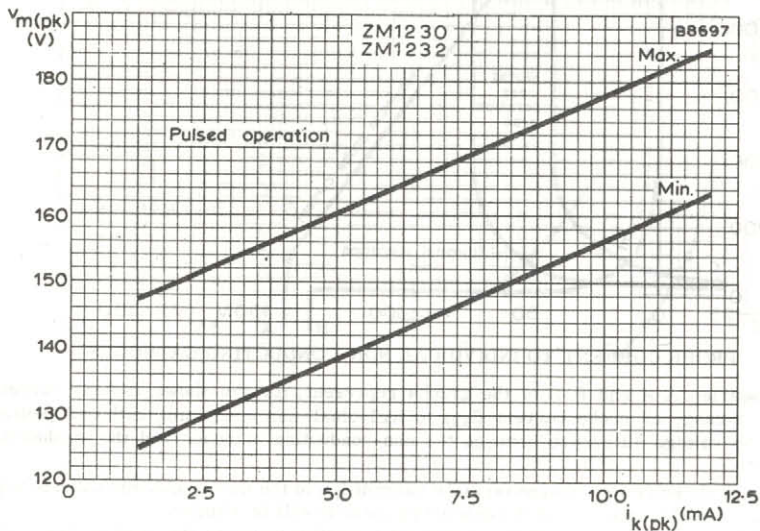
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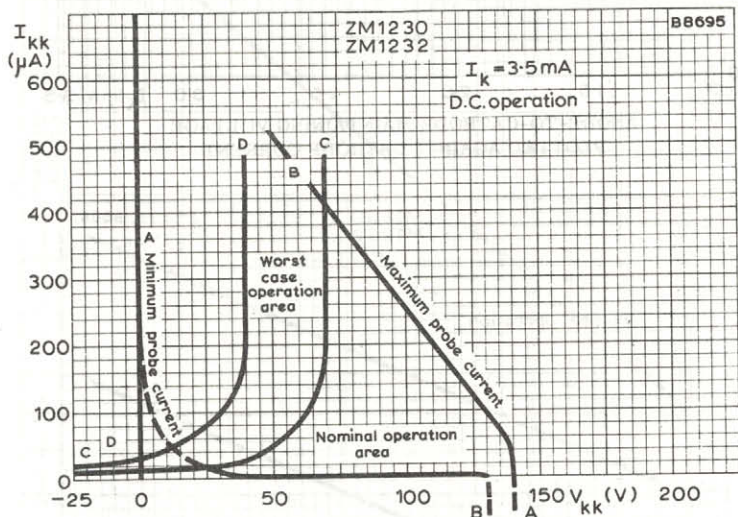
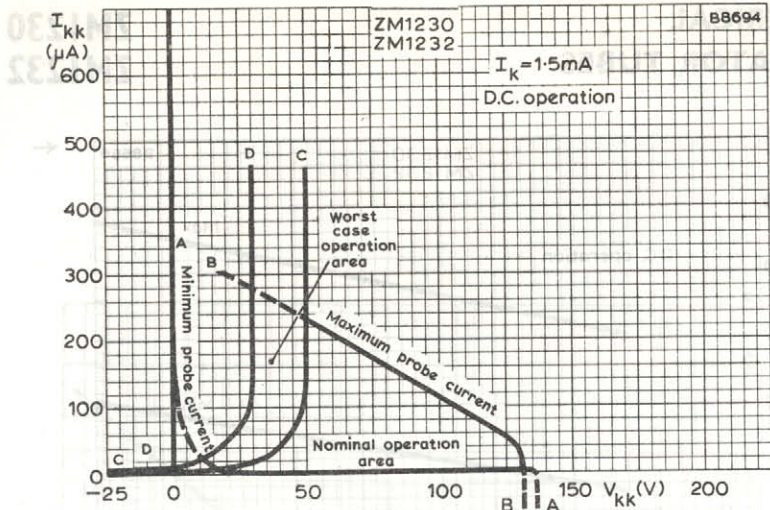
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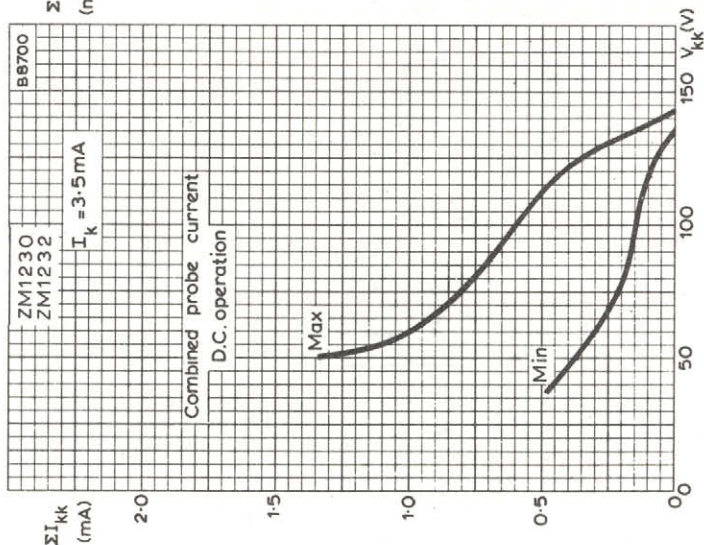
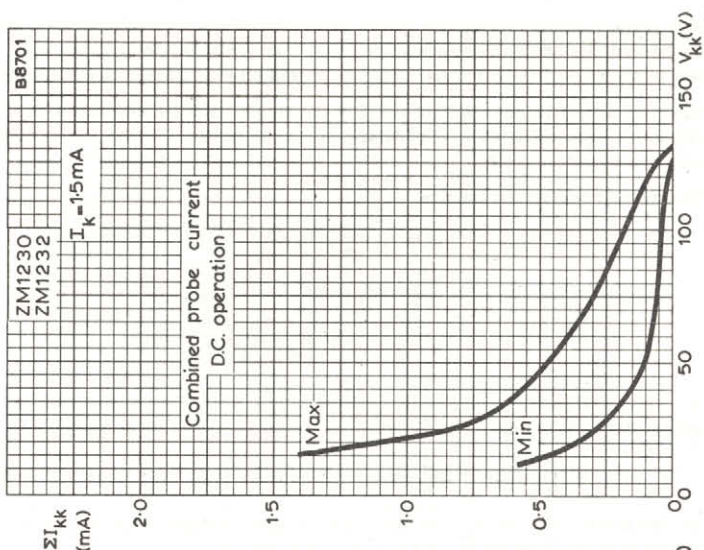


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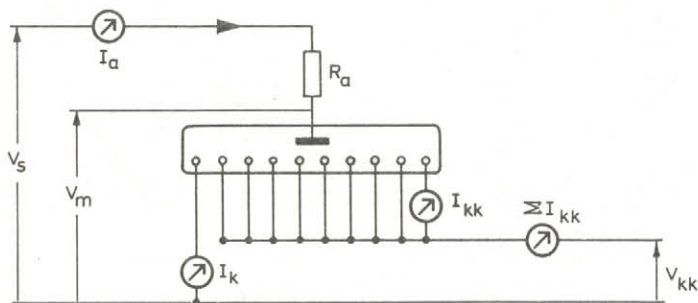
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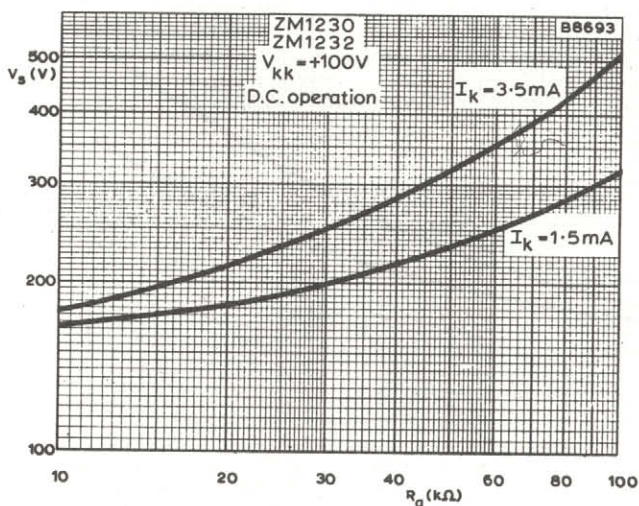
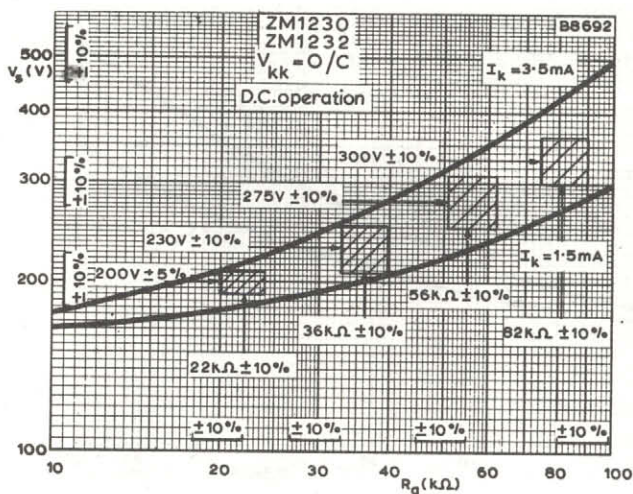
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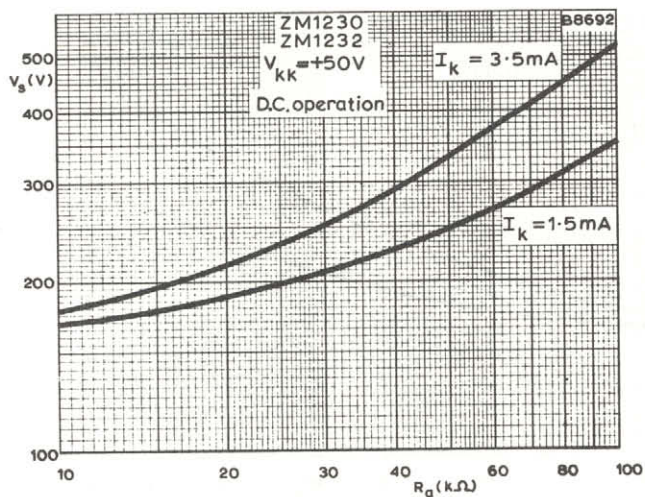
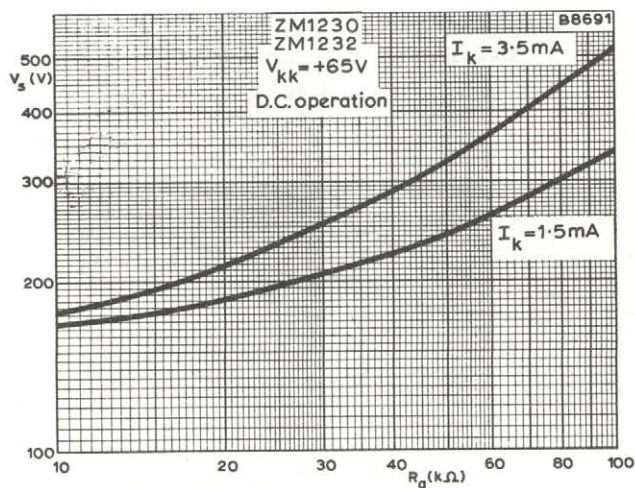
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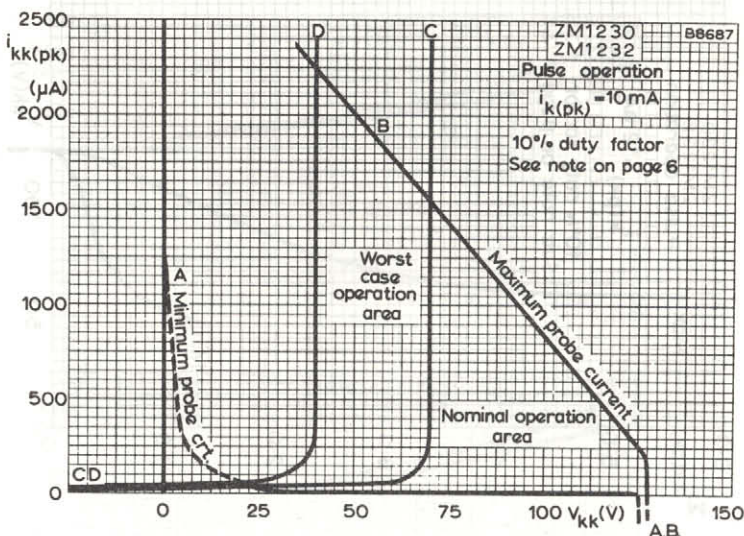


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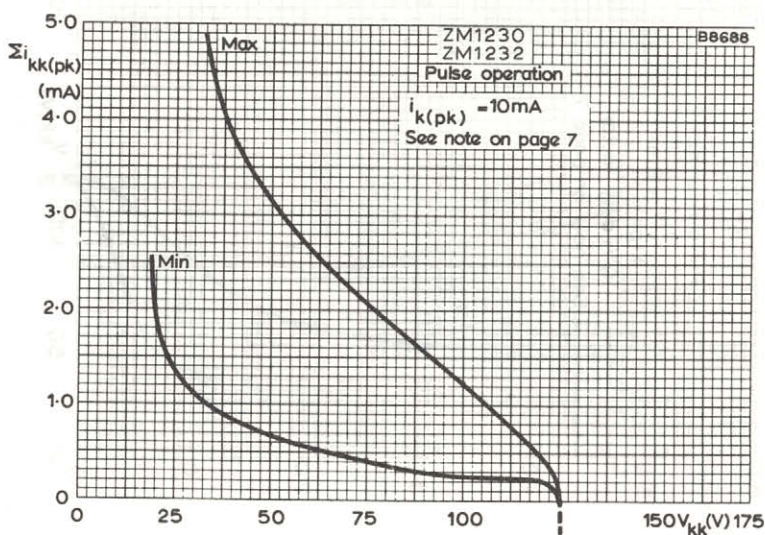


# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

# ZM1230 ZM1232

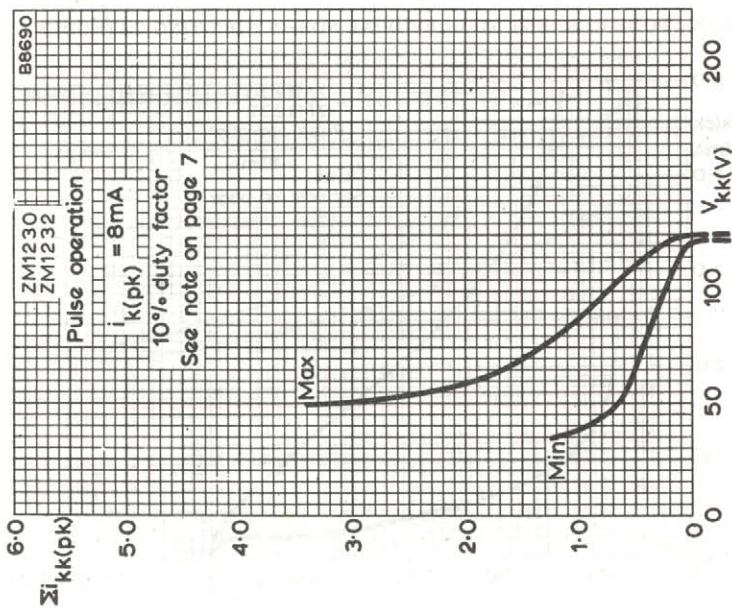
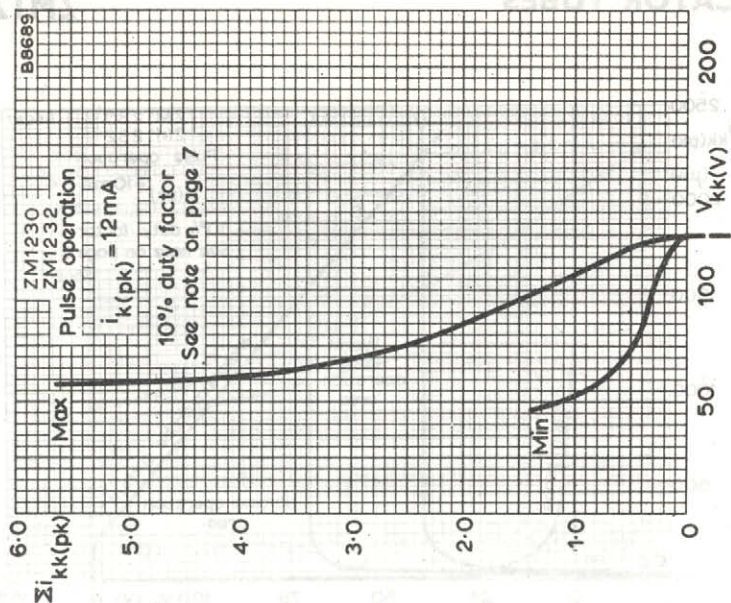


PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO INDIVIDUAL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES



COMBINED PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES



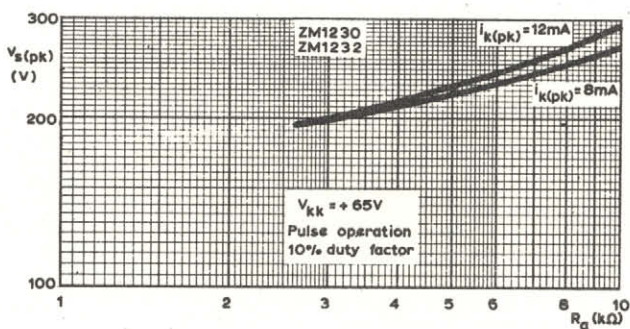
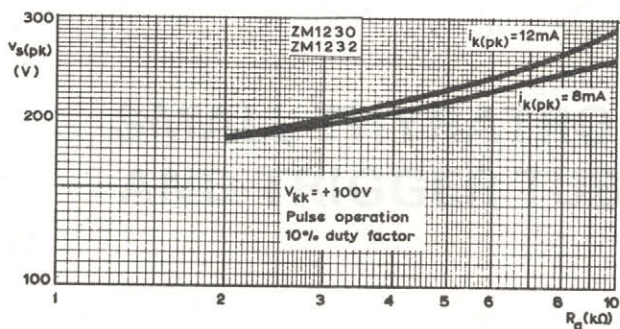
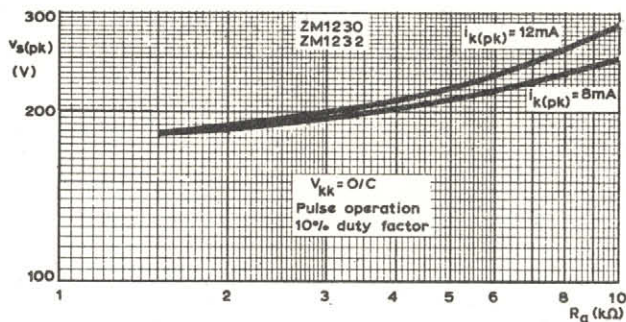


COMBINED PEAK PROBE CURRENT TO ALL NON-CONDUCTING CATHODES



# NUMERICAL INDICATOR TUBES

# ZM1230 ZM1232



PEAK SUPPLY VOLTAGE PLOTTED AGAINST ANODE LOAD RESISTOR





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EN92	F	XG15-10	*
ET51	*	XG15-12	*
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M8142	*	XH8-100	G
M8163	C	XH16-200	*
M8190	C	XH25-500	*
M8204	F	XR1-12	*
M8223	C	XR1-12A	*
M8224	C	XR1-1600A (see ZT1011)	
M8225	C	XR1-3200	*
RG1-240A	J	XR1-3200A	G
RG3-250	J	XR1-6400A	G
RG3-250A	J	Z300T	*
RG3-1250	J	Z303C	*
RG4-1250	J	Z502S	*
RG4-3000	J	Z503M	*
RI-12	B	Z504S	D
RR3-250	J	Z505S	D
RR3-1250	J	Z700U	*
RR3-1250A	J	Z700W	*
RR3-1250B	J	Z701U	*
RY12-100	*	Z803U	F

Reference to sections: —

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Z900T	F	ZM1232	E
ZA1001	*	ZT1000	*
ZA1002	B	ZT1011	G
ZA1004	B	ZX1051	H
ZA1005	*	ZX1052	H
ZM1000	E	ZX1053	H
ZM1000R	E	ZX1061	H
ZM1020	E	ZX1062	H
ZM1021	E	ZZ1000	C
ZM1022	E	75C1	C
ZM1023	E	83A1	C
ZM1024	*	85A2	C
ZM1040	E	90C1	C
ZM1041	E	108C1	C
ZM1042	E	150B2	C
ZM1050	*	150C2	C
ZM1080	E	150C4	C
ZM1081	E	5644	*
ZM1082	E	55701	K
ZM1083	E	55702	K
ZM1162	E	55703	K
ZM1170	E	55704	K
ZM1172	E	55705	K
ZM1174	E	56022	K
ZM1175	E	101063	*
ZM1176	E	101064	*
ZM1177	E	101065	K
ZM1230	E		