

# SPECIAL QUALITY SUBMINIATURE VOLTAGE REFERENCE TUBE

# M8190

Special quality 85V subminiature gas-filled voltage reference tube.

## PRELIMINARY DATA

This data should be read in conjunction with the GENERAL NOTES—  
SPECIAL QUALITY VOLTAGE STABILISER & REFERENCE TUBES  
which precede this section of the handbook, and the index numbers are  
used to indicate where reference should be made to a specific note.

### LIMITING VALUES<sup>1</sup> (absolute ratings)

*Minimum voltage necessary for ignition	125	V
Burning current		
Maximum	3.5	mA
Minimum	0.5	mA
Maximum negative anode voltage	75	V
Minimum ambient temperature	-55	°C
Maximum bulb temperature	+90	°C

\*This value covers operation in daylight and complete darkness.

### PREFERRED OPERATING CONDITION

Burning current	2.0	mA
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### CHARACTERISTICS

Measured at preferred operating condition and  $T_{\text{ambient}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Maintaining voltage (variation from tube to tube)	84 to 88	V
Maximum maintaining voltage difference over current range 0.5 to 3.5mA	3.0	V
Maximum incremental resistance	1.0	kΩ
Variation of maintaining voltage during the first 1000 hours of life		
Maximum	±1.0	%
Typical	±0.5	%

### OPERATING NOTES

A steady maintaining voltage is reached within 3 min.

The greatest constancy of maintaining voltage is obtained if the tube is operated at the preferred current.

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### TEST CONDITIONS (unless otherwise specified)

$I_{\text{burning}}$   
(mA)  
(kΩ)

30  
2.0

TESTS  
After initial warming-up period of 3 minutes at burning current of 2.0mA

	$I_{\text{burning}}$ (mA)	$R_{\text{lim.}}$ (kΩ)	A.Q.I. <sup>2</sup> (%)	Individuals <sup>3</sup> Min.	Individuals <sup>3</sup> Max.
<b>GROUP A</b>					
Ignition voltage	..	..	..	..	..
Maintaining voltage	..	..	..	..	..
Change in maintaining voltage for burning current change from 1.9 to 2.1mA	..	..	..	..	..
Voltage jumps. Burning current varies from 1.2 to 3.5mA	..	..	..	..	..
Oscillation. Burning current varies from 1.2 to 3.5mA	..	..	..	..	..
Microphonic noise	..	..	..	..	..
<b>GROUP B</b>					
Ignition voltage in darkness after 24 hours in darkness	..	..	..	..	..
Leakage current. Supply voltage = 50V $R_a = 1\text{M}\Omega$	..	..	..	..	..
Change in maintaining voltage for burning current change from 0.5 to 3.5mA	..	..	..	..	..
Maintaining voltage at burning current of 3.5mA	..	..	..	..	..
Group quality level <sup>7</sup>	..	..	..	..	..
<b>GROUP C</b>					
Glass strain test <sup>8A</sup> . No applied voltage	..	..	..	..	..
Lead fragility test <sup>10A</sup> . No applied voltage	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Resonance search</b>					
Vibrated at 2g over frequency range specified.	..	..	..	..	..
25 to 500c/s	..	..	..	..	..
500 to 2500c/s	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>†</sup>This test is carried out on a 100% basis.



**Fatigue<sup>11</sup>**  
No applied voltage, 5g min. peak acceleration,  $f = 170 \pm 5\text{c/s}$  for 33 hours in each  
of 3 mutually perpendicular planes

**Post fatigue tests**

Change in maintaining voltage	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.5	—	$\pm 0.8$	$\frac{\text{v}}{50 \text{ mV}}$	—
Microphonic noise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	$(\text{pk-pk})$	—	—
Sub-group quality level <sup>7</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.0	—	—	—

**Shock<sup>12</sup>**

No applied voltage, 750g

**Post shock tests**

Change in maintaining voltage	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.5	—	$\pm 0.8$	$\frac{\text{v}}{50 \text{ mV}}$	—
Microphonic noise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	$(\text{pk-pk})$	—	—
Sub-group quality level <sup>7</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.0	—	—	—

**GROUP D**

**Life test<sup>11</sup>**

Burning current = 2mA continuous

**Life test end points.** 1000 hours

Ignition voltage

Change in maintaining voltage from 0 to 300 hours

Change in maintaining voltage from 0 to 1000 hours

Change in maintaining voltage for burning current change from 1.9 to 2.1mA

Group quality level<sup>7</sup>

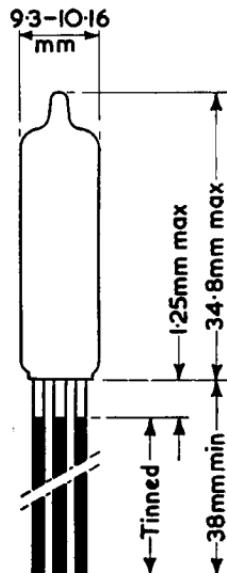
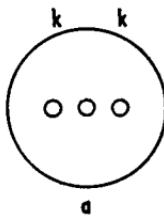
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— 125 —  $\pm 0.4$

$\pm 0.8$  —  $\pm 0.2$

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The bulb dimensions of this tube are in accordance with BS448, Section B8D.

**Note.**—Direct soldered connections to the leads of the tube must be at least 5mm from the seal and any bending of the leads must be at least 1.5mm from the seal.