



## TH 9806 PA 1" VIDICON

- MAGNETIC FOCUS AND DEFLECTION
- HIGH RESOLUTION (900 TV LINES)
  - NORMAL SENSITIVITY
  - LOW LAG
- PROFESSIONAL TV

TH 9806 PA is a 1" Vidicon designed especially for pick-up in high quality TV cameras (black and white or color TV cameras) with normal light level conditions. This tube incorporates in its structure the latest isolated post-acceleration electrode with separate external connection. Due to this feature TH 9806 PA provides higher resolution, higher output signal capability and better resolution and signal uniformity than previous Vidicon tubes.

TH 9806 PA is intended for all professional and educational applications : compact light weight camera and all closed circuit TV where high quality of image is essential.

The sensitivity of TH 9806 PA can be equivalent to photographic film having an ASA exposure index of 1200 (32/10 DIN, 39 Sch). Satisfactory quality picture with good resolution and acceptable signal to noise ratio can be obtained at illuminations of 0.5 lux (50 mf.c) to 1 lux (100 mf.c) on the faceplate (5 to 10 lux on the subject with an unity numerical aperture lens) giving rise to a signal current of 50 nA at 50 nA dark current. For such illuminations, higher signal current is obtained by increasing dark current up to 100 nA, value beyond which a signal saturation will occur.

Due to a new low lag photoconductive layer, excellent picture quality can be obtained within a large illumination range with good signal uniformity and appropriate "gamma" characteristics.

TH 9806 PA performances are substantially identical under high or low level illumination conditions. The tube sensitivity can be controlled by target voltage which also causes some variation of dark current.

TH 9806 PA can be operated over a wide range of electrode voltage selection although recommended adjustment requires a g4 voltage to g3 voltage ratio of 1.4 - 1.5. Under these conditions TH 9806 PA can provide an optimum resolution and an uniform signal output over the entire scanned area with a beam landing considerably improved minimizing "porthole" effect and geometrical distortion.

The limiting resolution of TH 9806 PA is about 1000 T.V. lines at center of picture and 600 T.V. lines at corner. This high resolution is obtained with 900 V on electrode g4 and 600 V on g3. When the TH 9806 PA is operated at a lower g4 voltage of 500 V and g3 voltage of 300 V, its limiting resolution will be 900 T.V. lines at center and 500 T.V. lines at corner. Operating g4 voltage at 1.5 times g3 voltage requires 20 % deflection current increase over the current necessary for "g3 - g4 connected" mode. Focusing field is not noticeably changed with such an operation.





Full advantage of resolution and signal uniformity is achieved when the deflecting and focusing components are properly designed and when the tube is correctly located inside. The thickness of the photoconductive layer is made very uniform and allows for constant output signal and constant dark current. When the landing error due to an imperfect scanning system is present, the voltage gradient across the photoconductive layer is not uniform and a signal variation (shading) is introduced which can be compensated by proper adjustment of the cathode, g1 and g2 voltages.

Due to good design, high reliability is obtained throughout the tube life. The necessary alignment field is reduced to a minimum by precise electron gun mounting. An extremely flat faceplate avoids all optical distortions and permits the use of any good quality lens. Particle barriers adjacent to the field mesh allow these tubes to operate in any position.

One watt power heater makes these Vidicons particularly suitable for transistorized equipment. The reduced heat dissipation improves the quality of the picture by lowering faceplate temperature.

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### Electrical

Heater .....	for unipotential cathode indirectly heated
Heater :	
voltage .....	6.3 ± 10 % V
current at 6.3 V .....	0.15 A
Minimum preheating time .....	60 s
Output capacitances :	
target to all other electrodes .....	4.5 pF
Spectral response .....	see curve
Focusing method .....	magnetic
Deflection method .....	magnetic

#### Mechanical

Base (Ditetrar, 8 pins) .....	UTE 9 C 15 (JEDEC N° E8 - 11) METOX N° 30. 250 GERHARD type BV 200 1K 1 GERHARD type BV 80/3 see drawing
Socket (note 1) .....	
Deflecting yoke - focusing coil assembly (note 2) .....	
Alignment coil (note 2) .....	
Dimensions .....	
Photoconductive layer :	
normal dimensions of image on target .....	12.7 mm x 9.5 mm
maximum useful diagonal diameter (4 x 3 aspect ratio) .....	17 mm
orientation of quality rectangle :	
horizontal scan parallel to the plane passing through the tube axis and short index pin (note 3) .....	
Maximum temperature of faceplate .....	70 °C
Mounting position .....	any
Net weight, approximate .....	60 g



**OPERATING CONDITIONS**

SCANNED AREA 12.7 mm x 9.5 mm

**Maximum ratings** (Absolute values)

Electrode g4 voltage (post acceleration electrode) . . . . .	1000	V
Electrode g3 voltage (wall electrode) . . . . .	1000	V
Electrode g2 voltage (accelerator) . . . . .	350	V
Electrode g1 voltage (electrode for picture cut-off) :		
negative bias value . . . . .	150	V
positive bias value . . . . .	0	V
Peak heater cathode voltage :		
heater negative with respect to cathode . . . . .	125	V
heater positive with respect to cathode . . . . .	10	V
Target voltage . . . . .	125	V
Dark current . . . . .	0.20	μA
Peak target current (note 4) . . . . .	0.60	μA
Faceplate :		
illumination . . . . .	10000	lux
	or 1000	fc
temperature . . . . .	70	°C

**Typical operation**

SCANNED AREA 12.7 x 9.5 mm  
FACEPLATE TEMPERATURE 25 °C (note 5)

Electrode voltage modes :	Low	Intermediate	High	
Electrode g4 voltage . . . . .	300	500	900	V
Electrode g3 voltage . . . . .	180	300 to 350	600	V
Electrode g2 voltage . . . . .	300	300	300	V
Electrode g1 (note 6) . . . . .	-45 to -110	-45 to -110	-45 to -110	V
Average "gamma" for a target illumination between 1 and 100 lux (note 7) . . . . .	0.65	0.65	0.65	
Minimum blanking peak to peak voltage :				
applied to electrode g1 . . . . .	-75	-75	-75	V
applied to cathode . . . . .	+20	+20	+20	V
Limiting resolution at center of picture -- (note 8) . . . . .	800	900	1000	TV lines
Limiting resolution at corner of picture . . . . .	400	500	600	TV lines
M.T.F. response at 400 T.V. lines at center of picture (5 MHz - 625 CCIR standard) (note 9) . . . . .	30	40	50	%
Field strength at center of focusing coil . . . . .	30 ± 2	40 ± 2	50 ± 2	Gauss
Peak deflecting coil current :				
horizontal . . . . .	130	170	200	mA
vertical . . . . .	15	20	24	mA
Field strength of alignment coil . . . . .	0 to 4	0 to 4	0 to 4	Gauss



**1 - HIGH LIGHT LEVEL OPERATION**  
(FACEPLATE ILLUMINATION 100 lux OR 10 fc)

Dark current $i_o$ .....	5	nA
Target voltage for $i_o = 5$ nA (note 10) .....	10 to 25	V
Faceplate illumination (2854 °K) (note 11) .....	100	lux
	or 10	fc
Signal current .....	300	nA
Lag : (note 12)		
maximum .....	15	%
average .....	10	%

**2 - AVERAGE SENSITIVITY OPERATION**  
(FACEPLATE ILLUMINATION 10 lux OR 1 fc)

Dark current $i_o$ .....	20	nA
Target voltage for $i_o = 20$ nA (note 10) .....	20 to 50	V
Faceplate illumination (2854 °K) (note 11) .....	10	lux
	or 1	fc
Signal current .....	200	nA
Corresponding sensitivity .....	170	$\mu A/lm$
Target illumination for 100 nA signal current .....	3	lux
	or 300	mfc
Lag : (note 12)		
maximum .....	20	%
average .....	12	%

**3 - HIGH SENSITIVITY OPERATION**  
(FACEPLATE ILLUMINATION 5 lux OR 500 mfc)

Dark current $i_o$ .....	50	nA
Target voltage for $i_o = 50$ nA (note 10) .....	25 to 60	V
Faceplate illumination (2854 °K) (note 11) .....	5 lux or 500	mfc
Signal current .....	200	nA
Corresponding sensitivity .....	350	$\mu A/lm$
Target illumination for 100 nA signal current .....	1.5	lux
	or 150	mfc
Lag : (note 12)		
maximum .....	20	%
average .....	15	%

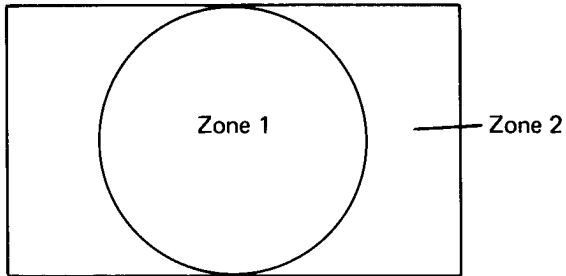
**4 - VERY HIGH SENSITIVITY OPERATION**  
(FACEPLATE ILLUMINATION 1 lux OR 100 mfc)

Dark current $i_o$ .....	100	nA
Target voltage for $i_o = 100$ nA (note 10) .....	30 to 70	V
Faceplate illumination (2854 °K) (note 11) .....	1 lux or 100	mfc
Signal current .....	100	nA
Corresponding sensitivity .....	800	$\mu A/lm$
Target illumination for 50 nA signal current .....	0.3	lux
	or 30	mfc
Lag : (note 12)		
maximum .....	20	%
average .....	17	%



### 5 - SPURIOUS SIGNAL TEST

The test is performed using a uniformly diffused white test pattern that is separated into two zones as shown in drawing :



The tube is operated under "Typical Operation" with a dark current of 20 nanoampères and the lens adjusted to provide a signal current of 200 nanoampères.

Spurious signals are classified by their size which is measured in percent of raster height.

Will actually be considered as defects, blemishes of contrast greater than 25 % (note 13).

Allowable spot size for each zone is shown in table :

*Ratio D / H (Percent raster height)	Number Allowed			
	Zone 1	Zone 1 + Zone 2		
		a	a + b	a + b + c
a : 0.8 % < D/H ≤ 1 %	0	0	1	3
b : 0.6 % < D/H ≤ 0.8 %	0			
c : 0.2 % < D/H ≤ 0.6 %	1			

0.2 % and under : do not count spots of this size unless concentration causes a smudge appearance

\* D : average diameter of spot

H : raster height

Smudges, streaks, mottled or grainy background having a contrast ratio greater than 10 % constitute a reject.



## NOTES

- 1 — METOX - 86, rue de Villiers de l'isle Adam - PARIS 20 ème  
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- 2 — GERHARD KG - REICHELSEIM / ODW Germany
- 3 — It is necessary to assure correct positioning of the tube inside the coils. An immediate test consists in observing the fine mesh grid, the wires of which should be inclined  $45^\circ$  with respect to scanning. Then again the front end of the deflecting yoke should be positioned at 20 mm from the tube faceplate.
- 4 — Target current is defined as total current in load resistance connected to target electrode : signal current plus dark current, dark current being the current left when illumination is subtracted.  
Video amplifiers must be designed properly to handle peak target current of  $0.7 \mu A$  to avoid amplifier overload and picture distortion.
- 5 — All these characteristics are provided for a temperature of faceplate of  $25^\circ C$ , the temperature range recommended is within 20 to  $30^\circ C$ . The rise of faceplate temperature is a function of ambient temperature, thermic dissipation of ambient devices and of the tube itself. Consequently,  $10^\circ C$  of faceplate temperature rise implies a dark current multiplied by a factor of 2.
- 6 — Without blanking pulses applied on electrode g1.
- 7 — Average "gamma" should be defined as the slope of the rectilinear part of transfer characteristics in log coordinates.
- 8 — Practically, limiting resolution corresponds to the resolution measured with twin bar test card with a modulation ratio of about 7 %.
- 9 — For 625 lines C.C.I.R. standard, line duration being  $52 \mu s$  (line suppression period not included), 400 TV lines correspond to 5 MHz.
- 10 — Indicated range of each type of service serves only to illustrate the operating target voltage range normally encountered. The target voltage for each Vidicon must be adjusted to that value which gives the designed operating dark current.
- 11 — All the above mentioned illumination assume  $2854^\circ K$  incandescent tungsten source.
- 12 — Lag is defined as the ratio of residual signal current measured 60 milliseconds after light excitation being removed to the initial signal current ; this value assumes 50 field/second scanning rate.
- 13 — Contrast is defined as :

$$100 \times \frac{\text{increment in video current due to the blemish}}{\text{normal signal current}}$$



Figure 1

TYPICAL SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY CHARACTERISTICS

For equal values of signal current at all wavelengths  
(0.02  $\mu$ A signal current and 0.02  $\mu$ A dark current  
for scanned area of 12.7 mm x 9.5 mm)

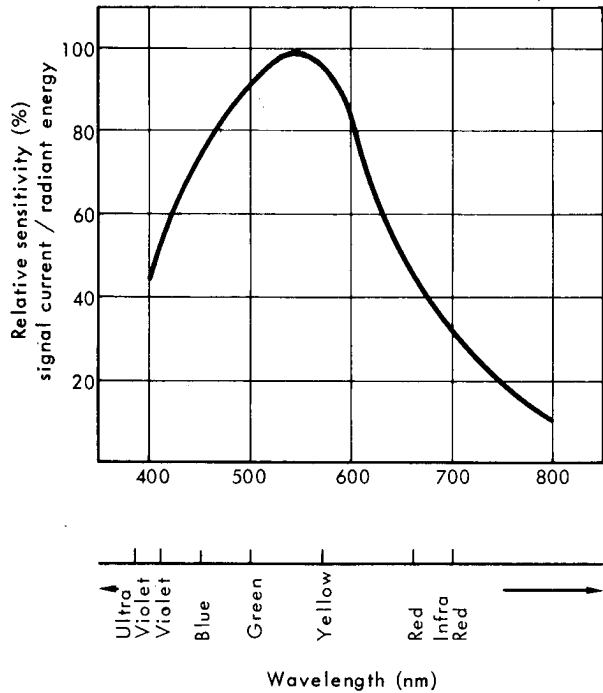


Figure 2

LIGHT TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS

Illumination uniform over photoconductive layer scanned  
area 12.7 mm x 9.5 mm face plate temperature 25°C

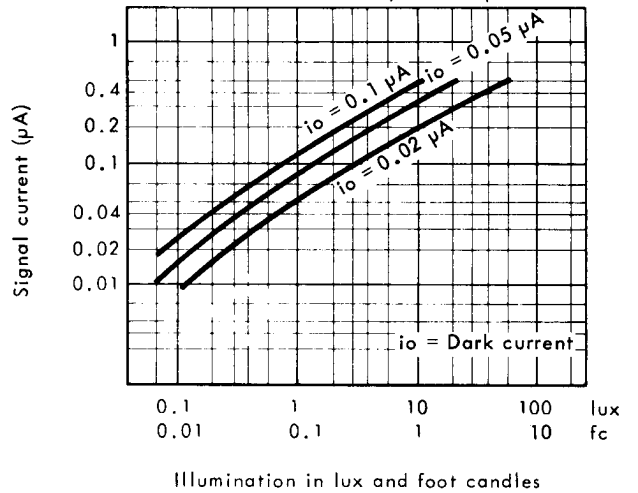


Figure 3

MODULATION TRANSFER FUNCTION

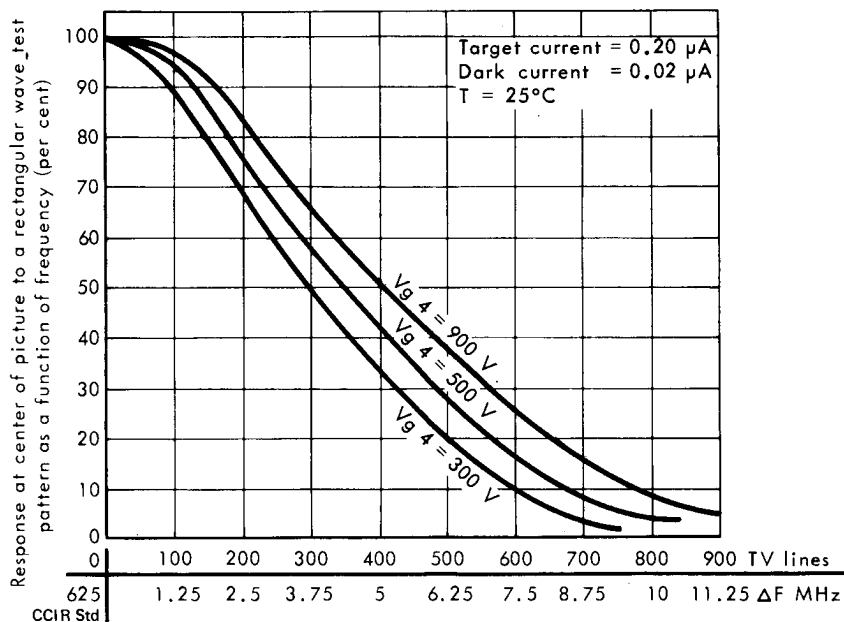




Figure 4

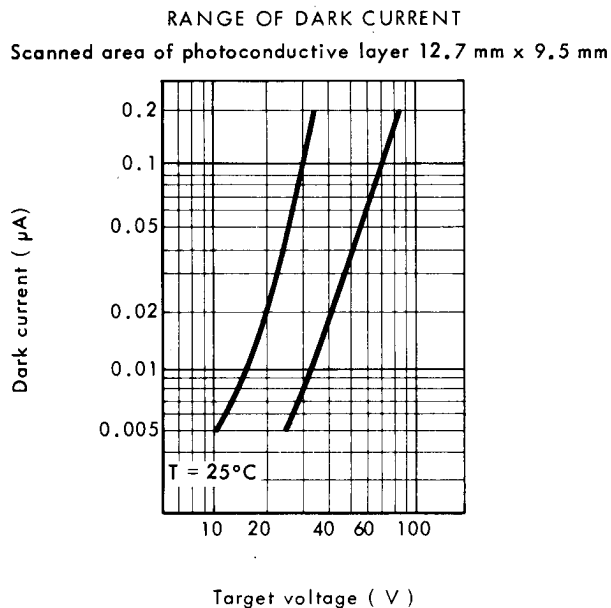


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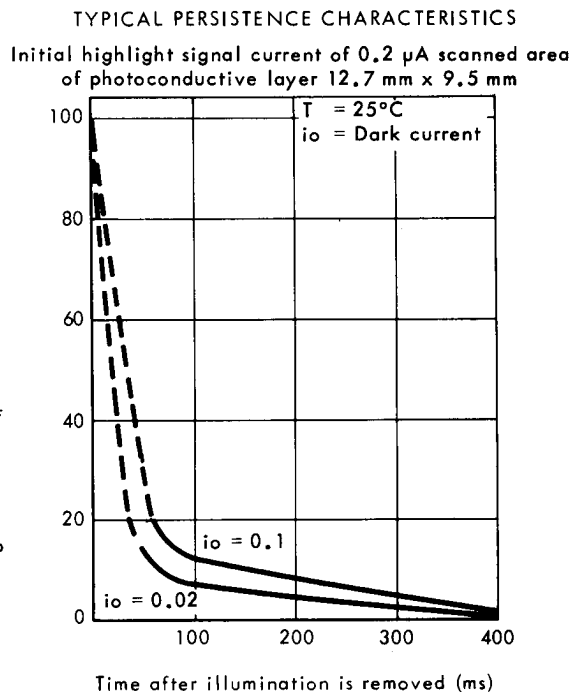
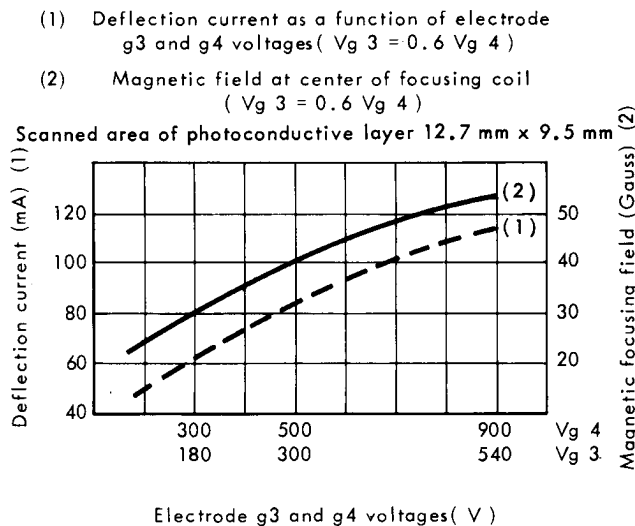


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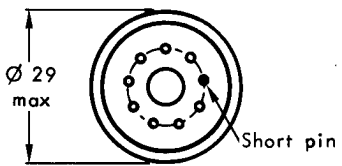




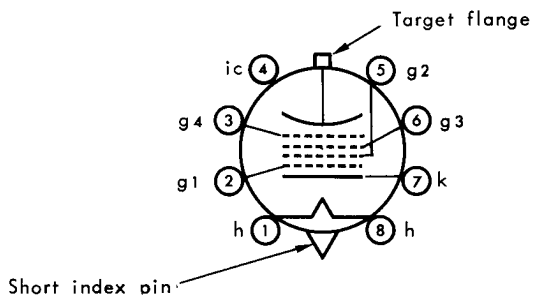


**OUTLINE DRAWING**

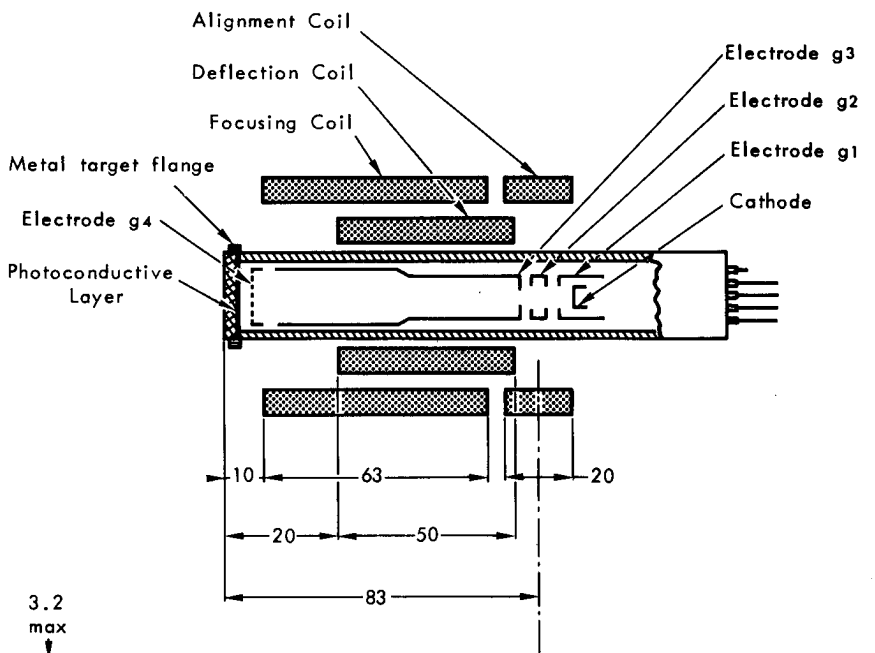
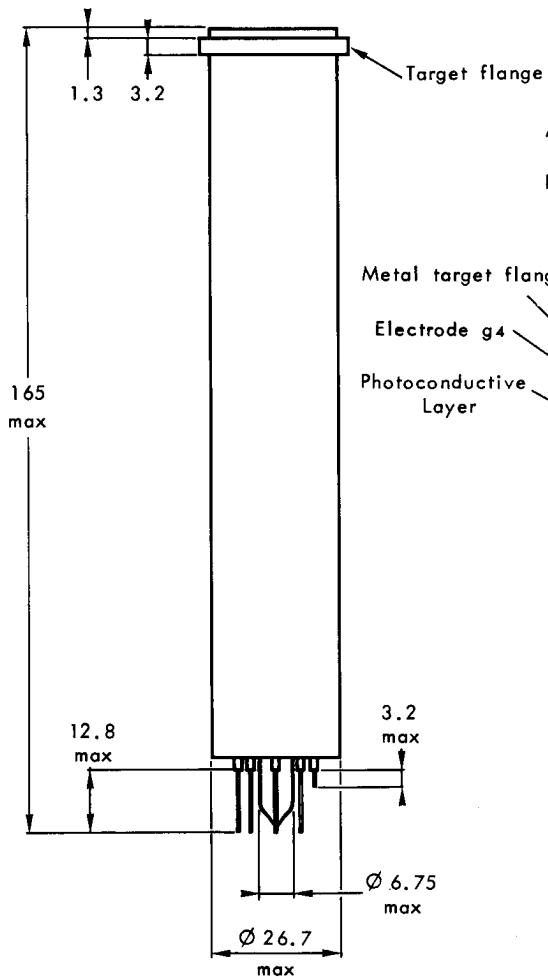
UTE 9C15 base  
(JEDEC E8-11)



BASING DIAGRAM

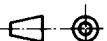


1 - Heater	5 - Electrode g2
2 - Electrode g1	6 - Electrode g3
3 - Electrode g4	7 - Cathode
4 - Internal connection	8 - Heater



Optimum locating of the tube inside the deflecting - focusing - alignment components

Dimensions in mm.





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