# GL-7409, GL-7538

# **IMAGE ORTHICONS**

#### **FOCUS-MAGNETIC**

#### DEFLECTION-MAGNETIC

These low-light-level image orthicons are designed to meet a wide variety of requirements for industrial, military, and scientific applications. They provide an effective low-light-level sensitivity of  $4 \times 10^{-7}$  foot-candles photocathode illumination for resolution of 100 television lines per target-inch. The GL-7538 is designed for normal environmental operation. The 7409 is a ruggedized version especially designed to operate under severe shock and vibration conditions.

Both tubes feature a high-gain, thin-film magnesium-oxide target with a sensitivity ten to twenty times that of glass targets. The extreme thinness and the anisotropic property of this semiconductor target virtually eliminates lateral leakage and increases the resolution 25 to 50 percent over that of standard glass targets. Since operation of the target depends on electron conduction, which is not a depletion process, rather than on ion conduction, permanent stickiness and burn-in are virtually eliminated. Low gamma permits a very wide operating range.

These and other features of these image orthicons assure long life and reliable operation of the 7538 in such applications as surveillance, satellite tracking, and detection. The 7409 is particularly useful in tank fire control, drone guidance, missile-borne systems, and ground vehicle systems operating over rough terrain.

#### **Electrical**

Cathode—Unipotential	
Heater Voltage, AC or DC	Volts Amperes
Photocathode—Semi-Transparent	
Spectral Response—S-10	
Rectangular Image, 4 by 3 aspect ratio Useful Size, maximum diagonal	Inches
Orientation—Proper orientation is obtained when the vertical scan is essentially parallel to the plane passing through the center of the faceplate and pin No. 7 of the shoulder base.	
Focusing Method—Magnetic	
Deflection Method—Magnetic	
Direct Interelectrode Capacitance Anode to all other Electrodes	μμf

#### Mechanical

	Mechanica	
	Over-all Length	Inches
	Greatest Bulb Diameter	Inches
	Deflecting Coil	Inches
	Length 5 Minimum Inside Diameter 23/8	Inches
	Focusing-Coil Length	Inches
	Alignment-Coil Length	Inches
	Photocathode Distance Inside End of Focusing Coil	Inches
	Weight, approximate GL-7409	Pounds Pounds
	Operating Position—Any, except with diheptal base up and tube axis at an angle of less than 20 degrees from vertical.	
	Thermal	
	Operating Temperature at any Part of Bulb, maximum70	С
	Operating Temperature of Bulb at Large	
I	End of Tube, Target Section, minimum0	C
ı	Temperature Difference Between Target Sec-	

tion and any Part of Bulb Hotter than

### **MAXIMUM RATINGS—ABSOLUTE VALUES**

Photocathode		Dynode-No. 3 to Dynode-No. 2 Voltage. 350	Volts
Voltage600	Volts	Dynode-No. 4 to Dynode-No. 3 Voltage. 680	Volts
Illumination	Foot-candles	Dynode-No. 5 to Dynode-No. 4 Voltage 350	Volts
Anode Supply Voltage*	Volts	Anode to Dynode-No. 5 Voltage 100	Volts
Grid-No. 1 Voltage		Voltage per Multiplier Stage 400	Volts
Negative Bias Value	Volts	Target Voltage	
Positive Bias Value0	Volts	Above Target Cutoff, positive direction. 10	Volts
Grid-No. 2 and Dynode-No. 1 Voltage 380	Volts	Negative	Volts
Grid-No. 3 Voltage	Volts	Peak Heater-Cathode Voltage	
Grid-No. 4 Voltage	Volts	Heater Negative with Respect to	
Grid-No. 5 Voltage	Volts	Cathode125	Volts
Grid-No. 6 Voltage	Volts	Heater Positive with Respect to	
Dynode-No. 2 to Dynode-No. 1 Voltage 350	Volts	Cathode10	Volts

<sup>\*</sup> Ratio of dynode voltages appears under Typical Operation.



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#### TYPICAL OPERATION—AVERAGE VALUES

	Normai Performance†		Sensitivity mance‡
Photocathode Voltage, image focus	-400  to  -540	-400  to  -550	Volts
Grid-No. 1 Voltage for Picture Cutoff, Beam	-45 to $-115$	-45 to -115	Volts
Photocathode Illumination—See Page 5			
Scene Illumination—See Page 5			
Grid-No. 2 and Dynode-No. 1 Voltage	300	370	Volts
Grid-No. 3 Voltage, multiplier focus§	225-330	225-380	Volts
Grid-No. 4 Voltage, beam focus	140-180	140-250	Volts
Grid-No. 5 Voltage, decelerator	0-125	0-125	Volts
Grid-No. 6 Voltage, accelerator—75 percent of photocathode voltage,			
approximate	−300 to −405	-300  to  -465	Volts
Dynode-No. 2 Voltage	600	770	Volts
Dynode-No. 3 Voltage	910	1080	Volts
Dynode-No. 4 Voltage	1200	1360	Volts
Dynode-No. 5 Voltage	1490	1610	Volts
Anode Voltage	1550	1700	Volts
DC Anode Current, maximum	30	30	Microamperes
Signal Output Current, peak-to-peak—See Light-Transfer Characteristic			
Target Cutoff Voltage¶	-3  to  +1	-3  to  +1	Volts
Target Temperature Range	15-55	15-55	С
Peak-to-Peak Blanking Voltage	5-20	5-20	Volts
Field Strength at Center of Focusing Coil**	75	75	Gausses
Field Strength of Alignment Coil, approximate#	0-3	0-3	Gausses

- † Although these tubes will operate in standard equipment, modification to permit operation at these values will improve effective sensitivity for most applications.
- ‡ These values will permit the best low-light-level-sensitivity capability of the tube to be realized and will assure the maximum useful multiplier gain required in extreme low-light-level applications. The resolution sensitivity information in this data sheet was derived with these higher multiplier voltages.
- § Adjust to give the most uniformly shaded picture near maximum signal.
- | 75 to 85 percent of photocathode voltage.
- ¶ The target supply voltage should be adjustable from -3 to +5 volts with blanking voltage off. Maximum target voltage is +10 volts above target cutoff. Recommended target voltage is +2 volts above cutoff. Slight readjustment, usually only a small fraction of a volt, may be necessary to minimize microphonics.
- \*\*Direction of current should be such that a north-seeking pole is attracted to the image end of the focusing coil, with the indicator located outside of and at the image end of the focusing coil.
- # Adjust to produce flattest field with maximum response. Alignment is correct when the center of the picture merely goes through focus and does not rotate when beam focus (Grid No. 4) is varied. For most commercial focus coils a 75-gauss field results from a focus-coil current of 75 milliamperes.

#### GL-7409

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Shock:

Per specification MIL-E-5272C (ASG) Paragraph 4.15.5 except:

- A 12 impact shocks of 30g
- B The shock shall be applied in the following directions:
  - 1—Vertically perpendicular to longitudinal axis, 3 shocks in each direction.
  - 2-Parallel to the minor horizontal axis, 3 shocks in each direction.
- C The shock pulse width is defined by the use of a 0.2 to 250-cycle-per-second filter.

Vibration: (10g) Per MIL-E-5272C (ASG) Paragraph 4.7.12 Procedure XII except at operating temperature only. Center horizontal resolution at 3 x 10<sup>-5</sup> maximum foot-candles, photocathode illumination will be at least 350 lines (EIA) with 5g applied acceleration in the frequency range from 50 to 500 cycles per second and a double amplitude of 0.036 inch from 5 to 50 cycles per second. Picture resolution of 350 TV lines (EIA) is defined as readable through any interference that may occur.

Humidity:

Per MIL-E-5272C (ASG) Paragraph 4.4.1 Procedure 1. Following this test, the interelectrode insulation of the end pins 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 each with respect to all other end base pins grounded and with 350 volts (minimum) applied is greater than 500 ohms.

Acceleration: Constant acceleration when applied perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tube for 10 minutes. (70g)

#### **OPERATING NOTES**

Some magnesium-oxide targets may be damaged permanently if directly and intermittently exposed, while in operation, to extremely bright sources which cause high photoelectron densities to occur at the target. Such sources include the sun, photoflash lamps, and exploding wire flashes. Damage, if it does occur, takes the form of black image spots burned in the target by the intense light.

In most cases an 80-megohm, ¼-watt resistor in series with the photocathode in the camera will protect the tube. This resistor will not interfere with normal operation of these or other image orthicons which may be used in the modified camera.

If these or similar bright sources are to be observed continuously, appropriate exposure control of photocathode illumination can be supplied by neutral-density filters.

#### SPECIFIC PARAMETERS ON RECORDED DATA

All curves except spectral-sensitivity characteristics were recorded under the following conditions:

Camera Chain:

General Electric TE-5 (modified)

Amplifier bandwidth—total 20 mc, flat to 6 mc

Resolution Chart:

National Bureau of Standards Lens Test Chart, 100% contrast transparency.

**Window Chart:** 

100% contrast, 1% area window for signal-noise and transfer characteristic data.

**Light Source:** 

28700 Kelvin-tungsten

**Light Level:** 

Aperture and neutral density controlled (within specially constructed low-light-level box) to provide range from  $10^{-8}$  to  $10^{-2}$  foot-candles illumination on photocathode. For corresponding scene brightness in foot-lamberts when using Leitz f/1.5 lens (85 mm), multiply photocathode illumination in foot-candles by 12.

Operating Temperature for Image End: 25 to 30 C.

Target Raster:

Target diameter is 1.40 inches. For corners of scanning raster just touching target edge raster dimensions

Aspect Ratio	<u> Horizontal</u>		
1 x 1 (square)	0.99″	0.99"	
4 x 3 (standard)	1.12"	0.84"	

Horizontal TV lines = 1.12 x TV lines per target inch

Vertical TV lines (EIA) = 0.84 x TV lines per target inch

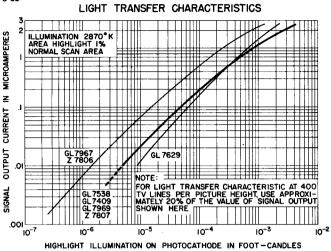
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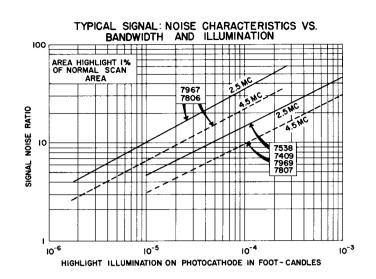
Therefore, 700 TV lines per target inch = 784 horizontal lines

= 588 vertical lines (EIA)

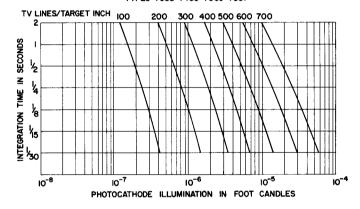
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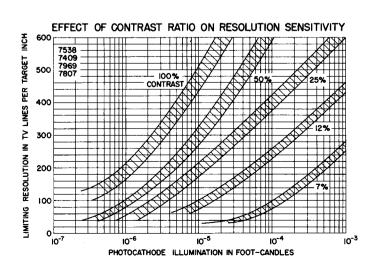
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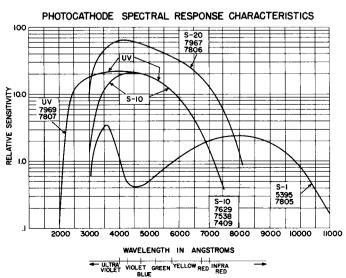




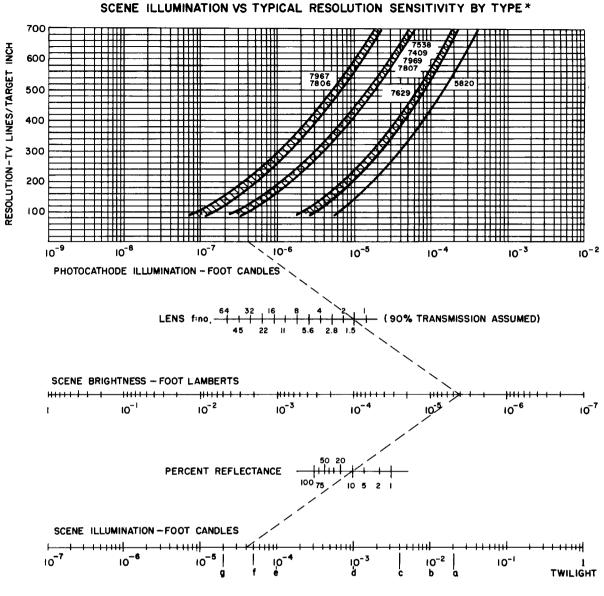
# INTEGRATION EFFECT ON RESOLUTION SENSITIVITY TYPES 7538 7409 7969 7807









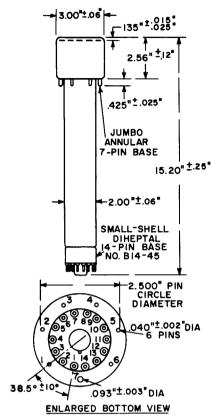


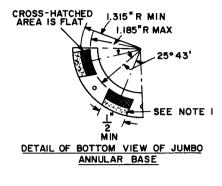
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a	Full moon-clear	$2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ ft-c}$
b	Half moon	1 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> ft-c
с	Full moon-moderately cloudy	$4 \times 10^{-3}$ ft-c
ď	Quarter moon-clear	$1 \times 10^{-3}  \text{ft-c}$
· е	No moon-clear	$1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft-c}$
f	No moon—moderately cloudy	$5 \times 10^{-5}$ ft-c
g	No moon—heavy cloud	$2 \times 10^{-5}$ ft-c

# NEUTRAL DENSITY FILTERS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROL

TYPE AND DENSITY	PERCENT TRANSMITTANCE	NUMBER OF STOPS
ND .30	50.0	1
ND .60	25.0	2
ND .90	13.0	3
ND 1.00	10.0	3.3
ND 2.00	1.0	6.6
ND 3.00	0.10	10.0
ND 4.00	0.010	13.2

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NOTE I: DOTTED AREA IS: FLAT OR EXTENDS TOWARD DIHEPTAL-BASE END OF TUBE BY 0.060" MAX.

#### ANNULAR BASE GAGE

ANGULAR VARIATIONS BETWEEN PINS AS WELL AS ECCENTRICITY OF NECK CYLINDER WITH RESPECT TO PHOTOCATHODE CYLINDER ARE HELD TO TOLERANCES SUCH THAT PINS AND NECK CYLINDER WILL FIT FLAT-PLATE GAGE WITH:

G. SIX HOLES HAVING DIAMETER OF 0.065 \*\* 0.001 AND ONE HOLE HAVING DIA OF 0.150 \*\* 20.001 ALL HOLES HAVE DEPTH OF 0.265 \*\* 20.001 THE SIX 0.065 HOLES ARE ENLARGED BY 45° TAPER TO DEPTH OF 0.047 ALL HOLES ARE SPACED AT ANGLES OF 51° 26' ± 5' ON CIRCLE DIAMETER OF 2.500 \*\* 2.001 \*\* 2.001 DIAMETER OF 2.500 ± 0.001

b. Seven stops having height of 0.187 "  $\pm$  0.001", centered between Pin Holes, to bear against flat areas of base.

c. RIM EXTENDING OUT OF A MINIMUM OF 0.125" FROM 2.812" DIAMETER AND HAVING HEIGHT OF 0.126"±0.001".

d. NECK-CYLINDER CLEARANCE HOLE HAVING DIAMETER OF 2.200"  $\pm\,$  0.001".

#### SMALL-SHELL DIHEPTAL 14-PIN BASE

PIN I: HEATER

PIN

PIN 9: DYNODE NO.3 2: GRID NO.4 & PIN 10: DYNODE NO. I

FIELD MESH GRID NO. 2

PIN II: INTERNAL CONNECTION-DO NOT USE 3: GRID NO. 3

4: INTERNAL CONNECTION-DO NOT USE PIN 12: GRID NO. I

PIN 13: CATHODE AND 5: DYNODE NO. 2 PIN SUPPRESSOR GRID

6: DYNODE NO. 4 PIN

PIN 14: HEATER PIN 7: ANODE

8: DYNODE NO.5

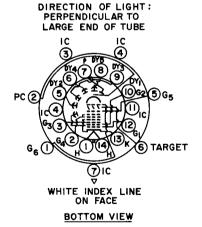
#### KEYED JUMBO ANNULAR 7-PIN BASE

PIN 1: GRID NO. 6 PIN 5: GRID NO.5

PIN 2: PHOTOCATHODE PIN 6: TARGET PIN PIN

3: INTERNAL CONNECTION-DO NOT USE 7: INTERNAL CONNECTION -DO NOT USE

PIN 4: INTERNAL CONNECTION-DO NOT USE



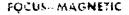
BASING DIAGRAM

# GENERAL (26) ELECTRIC

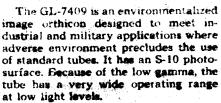
POWER TUBE DEPARTMENT

Pickup Tube Operation Syracuse, New York

#### DEFLECTION-MAGNETIC



#### ENVIRONMENTALIZED



This tube features a high-gain, thinfilm, magnesium-oxide target with a sensitivity ten to twenty times that of glass-target tubes such as the 5820. This target has several advantages. Its ex-

which-increases the resolution percent over that of the standard target. It adapts the tube for service where the signal is stored for long periods be-

fore being read off, which permits additional sensitivity by use of low frame rates or by beam pulsing. It completely eliminates both stickiness and permanent burn-in since operation depends on electron conduction which is not a depletion process, rather than as ion conduction. The curve shown on page 3 compares the resolution sensitivity of the 7409 with that of a \$820 with equivalent photocathods.

The target characteristics also assure a higher amplitude response than that of the 5820. Another advantage of the GL-7409 is a considerable reduction in the redistribution of target secondary effect. particularly

transitions.

#### Electrical

Cathode—Unipotential

Heater Voltage, AC or DC

Heater Current

Photocathode Semi transparent
Response S 10

Rectangular Image, 4 x 3 aspect ratio
Useful Size, maximum diagonal

Orientation Proper orientation is obtained when the vertical scan is essentially parallel to the plane passing through the center of the faceplate and pin-No. 7 of the shoulder base.

Focusing Method Magnetic
Deflecting Method Magnetic
Direct Interelectrode Capacitance
Anode to all other Electrodes

12 µµf

#### Machanical

Over all Length 15.20 ±0.25	Inches
Greatest Diameter of Bulb . 3.00 ±0.06	Inches
Minimum Deflecting Coil Inside Diameter. 2%	Inches
Deflecting-Coil Length 5	Inches
Focusing Coil Length 10	Inches
Alignment-Coil Length	Inch
Photocathode Distance Inside End of	
Focusing Coil	Inch
Weight, approximate 1.4	Pounds

Operating Position Any, except with diheptal base up and the tube axis at an angle of less than 20 degrees from vertical.

#### Thermal

Operating Temperature of Any Part of Bulb		70	Max C	
Operating Temperature of Bulb				
at Large End of Tube, Target Section		15	Min C	
Temperature Difference				
Between Target Section and Any Part of Bulb Hotter				
than Target Section	er and the	7.5	Max C	;

### MAXIMUM RATINGS ABSOLUTE VALUES

Photocathode Voltage	-550	Volts	Target Voltage Positive Voltage Negative Voltage Peak Heater-Cathode Voltage Heater Negative with Respect	47_14
Photocethode Illumination	50	Foot-Candles	Positive Voltage	ADIES
Anode Supply Voltage	1850	Volts	Negative Voltage	Volts
Grid-No. 1 Voltage		and the second second	Peak Hester-Cathode Voltage	All Same
Negetive Bias Value	125	Volts		
Positive Bias Value	Ô	Volts	to Cathode 125	Volts
Grid-No.2 and Dynods-No. 1	- 1. T		Heater Positive with Respect	
Voltage	350	Volts		Volts
Grid-No. 3 Voltage	400	Volts		G's
Grid-No. 4 Voltage	300	Volts	Vibration (Note 2)	G's
Grid-No. 5 Voltage	150	Volts	Humidity (Note 3)	15.0
			Acceleration (Note 4) 70	G's
Dynode-No. 2 to Dynode-No. 1 Voltage	350	Volts		
Dynode-No. 3 to Dynode-No. 2 Veltage	350	Volts		
Dynode-No. 4 to Dynode-No. 3 Voltage	680	Volts		
Dynode-No. 5 to Dynode-No. 4 Voltage	350	Volts		
Anode to Dynode-No. 5 Voltage	100	Volts		



#### TYPICAL OPERATION

Photocathode Voltage, image			Dynode-No. 2 Voltage	Volts
focus.	-400 to -540	Volts	Dynode-No. 3 Voltage	Volts
Grid-No. 1 Voltage for Picture Cut-off, beam	45 to -115	Volte	Dynode-No. 4 Voltage	Volta
Grid-No. 2 and Dynode-No. 1	,,,,,,		Dynode-No. 5 Voltage	Volts
Voltage	300	Volts	Anode Voltage	
Grid-No. 3 Voltage*, multiplier			DC Anode Current	Microamparas
focus	225 to 330	Volte	Target Voltage, without blank-	
Grid-No. 4 Voltage, beam focus	. 140 to 180	Volta	ing voltage 0 to 2.0	Volts
Grid-No. 5 Voltage, decelerator		Volts		Volte
Gold No. & Volence anularation		ta filozofia	Target Temperature Range 15 to \$5	C
75 Percent of Photocathod	· •		Field Strength at Center of	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Voltage, approximate	-300 to -405	Volta	Focusing Coil 75	Cattages
		,	Field Strength of Alignment	
75 Percent of Photocathod Voltage, approximate	-13	· ·	Coil, approximate 0 to 3	Gausses

Adjust to give the most uniformly shaded picture near maximum si

Direction of current should be such that a north-seeking pole is attracted to the image en located outside of and at the image end of the focusing coil.

- Note 1: Per specification MIL-E-5272C (ASO) Paragraph 4.15.5 with the following different
  - A) 12 impact shocks of 30 G.
  - B) The shock shall be applied in the following directions:
    - Vertically perpendicular to longitudinal axis, 3 shocks in each direction
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  - C) The shock pulse width is defined by the use of a 0.2 to 250-cycle-ger-second filter.
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- Under the conditions specified in MIL-R-5272C (ASG) Paragraph 4.4.1 Procedure I. Following this test, the interelectrode insulation of the end pins 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 each with respect to all other end bess pins grounded and with \$50 Note 3: volte (minimum) applied is greater than 500 ohms.
- Note 4: Constant acceleration when applied perpendicular to the longitudinal smis of the tube for 10 minutes.

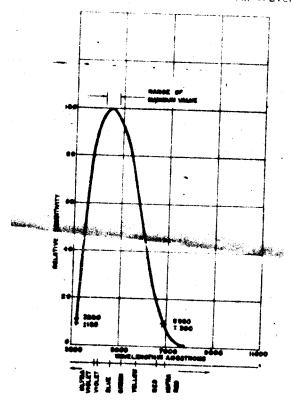
#### **OPERATING NOTES**

Normally a new tube will exhibit some slight after-image, characterized by a rapid and complete decay, which will gradually duninish with life. This can be minimized by use of an orbiter or by eliminating forced-air cooling for short periods of time. Although a warm-up time of one hour is desirable, the tube can be used immediately after alignment as it cannot be lamaged permanently by target burn-in.

Some tubes may exhibit microphonic bars if used immediately while relatively cool. These will disappear as the tube warms up and can be minimized during this period by slight readjustments in target voltage.

The target used in this tube greatly the probability of permanent burn in damage should a stationary highlight be imaged on the target for an extended period. However, imaging directly on the sun or other extremely bright courses should be avoided.

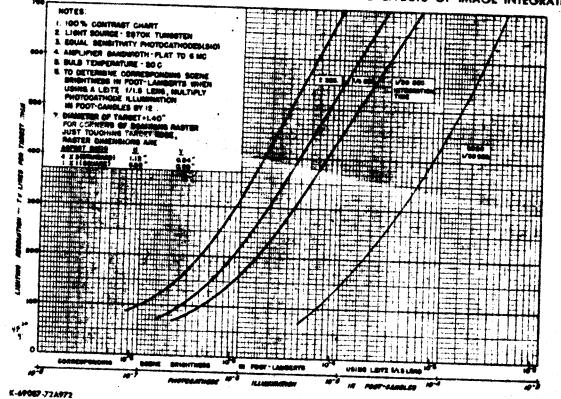
SPECTRAL-SENSITIVITY CHARACTERISTIC --- S10 RESPONSE For Equal Values of Radiant Flux at All Wavelengths



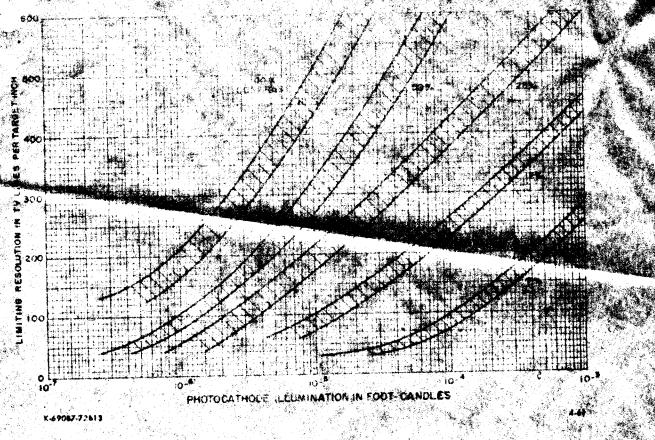
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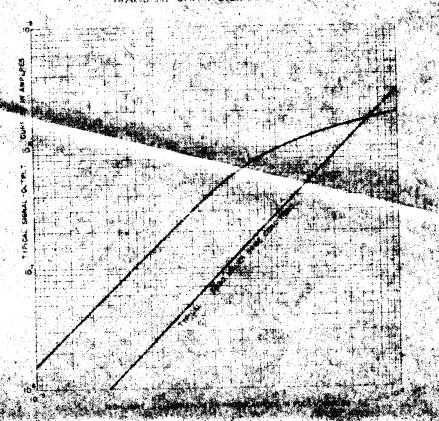
# TYPICAL RESOLUTION—SENSITIVITY CHARACTERISTICS SHOWING EFFECTS OF IMAGE INTEGRATION

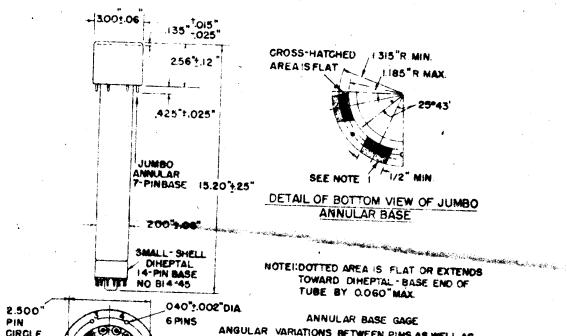


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TRANSFER CHARACTERISTIC





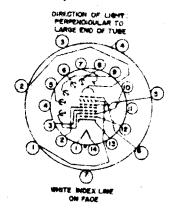
CIRCLE DIAMETER 38.5°+ 10 .0 O3 .093 \* ENLARGED BOTTOM VIEW

ANGULAR VARIATIONS BETWEEN PINS AS WELL AS ECCENTRIGITY OF NECK CYLINDER WITH RESPECT TO PHOTOCATHODE CYLINDER ARE HELD TO TOLERANCES SUCH THAT PINS AND NECK CYLINDER WILLFIT FLAT-PLATE GAGE WITH

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OF 0.265"±0.001"THE SIX 0.065"HOLES ARE ENLARGED BY 45° TAPER TO DEPTH OF G.047, ALL HOLES ARE SPACED AT ANGLES OF 51 26 ± 5 ON GIRCLE DIAMETER OF 2.500"± 0.001

BSEVEN STOPS HAVING HEIGHT OF O 187" TO OOI", CENTERED BETWEEN PIN HOLES, TO BEAR AGAINST FLATAREAS OF BASE

- C. RIM EXTENDING OUT OF A MINIMUM OF 0125 FROM 2.812" DIAMETER AND HAVING HEIGHT OF 0.126 "±0.001".
- d NECK- CYLINDER CLEARANCE HOLE HAVING DIAMETER OF 2.200 "t 0.001".



#### BASING DIAGRAM

ILL SHELL DIHEPTAL 14-PIN BASE

PIN 6 DYNODE NO 4 INTERNAL G OO NOT USE ONIO NO.I PIN 7 ANODE PIN 8 DYNODE NO. 5 PIN 9 DYNODE NO. 3 PIN 10 DYNODE NO. 1, L CONMECTION GRID NO 4 INTERNAL COMME ION-DO ROT USE DYNOCE NO. 2

## KEYED JUMBO ANNULAR 7-PIN BASE

GRID NO 6
PHOTOGRATHODE
IN TERNAL CONNECTIONDO NOT USE
INTERNAL CONNECTION
DO NOT USE

DO NOT USE