MG5193-Alphatron
Tunable S-Band Magnetron

The data should be read in conjunction with the Magnetron Preamble and with British Standard BS9030:1971.

ABRIDGED DATA
Mechanically tuned pulse magnetron intended primarily for linear accelerators.
Frequency range (cooling water 40 °C) 2993 to 3002 MHz
Peak output power 2.6 MW
Magnet separate
Output to no. 10 (WR 284) waveguide (74.14 x 34.04 mm internal)
Cooling water
The use of an isolator is recommended (see note 1)

GENERAL DATA
Electrical
Cathode indirectly heated
Heater voltage (see note 2) 8.5 V
Heater current 9.0 A
Peak heater starting current, not to be exceeded 20 A max
Cathode pre-heating time (minimum) 3.0 min

Mechanical
Overall dimensions see outline
Net weight 8 kg approx
Tuner revolutions to cover frequency range (see note 3) 4.75
Mounting position (see note 4) any

Accessories
Electromagnet (see notes 5 and 6) MG6062
Waveguide transition M4152S

Cooling
The magnetron is water cooled and has an integral water jacket. The recommended water flow is 5 litres per minute or more; a pressure of approximately 1.25 kg/cm² will be necessary to give this rate of flow. The outlet water temperature must not exceed 50 °C.
MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM RATINGS
(Absolute values)

These ratings cannot necessarily be used simultaneously, and no individual rating should be exceeded.

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TEST CONDITIONS AND LIMITS

The magnetron is tested to comply with the following electrical specification.

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<td>3002</td>
<td>MHz</td>
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LIFE TEST

The quality of all production is monitored by the random selection of tubes which are then life-tested under typical operation conditions. If the tube is to be operated under conditions other than those specified herein, e2v technologies should be consulted to verify that the life of the magnetron will not be impaired.

NOTES

1. It is recommended that the magnetron should be isolated from the load by means of an isolator of approved design. Information on the characteristics of a suitable isolator may be obtained from e2v technologies.

2. With no anode input power.

3. The heater voltage must be reduced within 5 seconds after the application of HT according to the schedule shown on page 4.

4. To minimise frequency deviation when the magnetron is rotated about a horizontal axis, this axis should be parallel to the axis of the tuner.

5. The magnetron is designed for use with a separate permanent magnet or electromagnet. The north seeking pole of the magnet must be adjacent to the cathode terminal, marked C. The position of the magnet must be adjusted so that the axis of the field is in line with the axis of the anode and is at right angles to the H plane of the system waveguide. The user is invited to consult e2v technologies on the choice of magnets.

6. The MG5193-Alpha-tron can be used at lower power levels by reducing both the magnetic field (which controls the peak voltage) and the peak current (see graph); this is necessary for maintaining a good RF spectrum and constant impedance.

7. Using a small Hall effect probe, the magnetic field measured at each pole face of the magnet must be within the following limits.

(a) At the centre of the pole face and 37.287 mm from the surface, the field must be 155.0 ± 2.5 mT (1550 ± 25 gauss).

(b) At four or more points equispaced on a circle of 33 mm diameter concentric with the pole face and 6.35 mm from its surface, including a point nearest the back limb of the magnet, the field must be as follows. At all points the field must be between 9.0 and 27 mT (90 and 270 gauss) greater than the field measured at the centre of the pole face; the variation between the points must not exceed 13 mT (130 gauss).

8. Defined as the steepest tangent to the leading edge of the voltage pulse above 80% amplitude. Any capacitance in the viewing system must not exceed 6.0 pF.

9. At the maximum pressure of 3.1 kg/cm² gauge the maximum leakage will be such that with an enclosed volume of 1 litre the pressure will not drop by more than 70 kPa in 7 days.
10. The various parameters are related by the formula:

\[ P_i = i_{apk} \times V_{apk} \times Du \]

where \( P_i \) = mean input power in watts

\( i_{apk} \) = peak anode current in amperes

\( V_{apk} \) = peak anode voltage in volts

and \( Du \) = duty cycle.

11. The maximum variation of mean output power when the magnetron is rotated through 360° around any axis of the magnetron will not be greater than 4%.

12. The frequency of the magnetron will vary after the application of anode voltage. Typically the frequency will be 0.5 MHz high 20 seconds after switching on HT and 0.1 MHz high 5 minutes after switching on.

13. With a water flow rate of 5.0 litres per minute. Other frequency ranges can be supplied on request.

14. The maximum variation of frequency when the magnetron is rotated through 360° around any axis of the magnetron will not be greater than 0.7 MHz.

15. With the magnetron operating into a VSWR of 1.15:1. Pulses are defined as missing when the RF energy level is less than 70% of the normal energy level in a 0.5% frequency range. Missing pulses are expressed as a percentage of the number of input pulses applied during the period of observation after a period of 10 minutes operation.

16. Measured with heater voltage of 8.5 V and no anode input power, the heater current limits are 8.0 A minimum, 10.0 A maximum.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS**

e2v technologies magnetrons are safe to handle and operate, provided that the relevant precautions stated herein are observed. e2v technologies does not accept responsibility for damage or injury resulting from the use of electronic devices it produces. Equipment manufacturers and users must ensure that adequate precautions are taken. Appropriate warning labels and notices must be provided on equipments incorporating e2v technologies devices and in operating manuals.

⚠ **High Voltage**

Equipment must be designed so that personnel cannot come into contact with high voltage circuits. All high voltage circuits and terminals must be enclosed and fail-safe interlock switches must be fitted to disconnect the primary power supply and discharge all high voltage capacitors and other stored charges before allowing access. Interlock switches must not be bypassed to allow operation with access doors open.

⚠ **RF Radiation**

Personnel must not be exposed to excessive RF radiation. All RF connectors must be correctly fitted before operation so that no leakage of RF energy can occur and the RF output must be coupled efficiently to the load. It is particularly dangerous to look into open waveguide or coaxial feeders while the device is energised. Screening of the cathode sidearm of high power magnetrons may be necessary.

⚠ **X-Ray Radiation**

High voltage magnetrons emit a significant intensity of X-rays not only from the cathode sidearm but also from the output waveguide. These rays can constitute a health hazard unless adequate shielding for X-ray radiation is provided. This is a characteristic of all magnetrons and the X-rays emitted correspond to a voltage much higher than that of the anode.
HEATER VOLTAGE REDUCTION SCHEDULE

![Graph showing the relationship between heater voltage and mean input power](image-url)
RECOMMENDED PARAMETERS FOR VARIOUS POWER LEVELS

![Graph showing relationships between magnetic field, output power, anode voltage, anode current, and frequency change.](Image)
OUTLINE (All dimensions without limits are nominal)

2 HOLES THREADED 1/4" - 28 UNF-2B BY Z DEEP

8 HOLES AA ON AF PCD SEE NOTE 3

HOLE AD ON AF PCD

8 HOLES Equispaced on AH PCD

SEE NOTE 3

2 HOLES THREADED 1/4" - 28 UNF-2B BY Z DEEP

HOLE Y ON AF PCD

SEE NOTE 3

1/4" - 28 UNF-2B BY Z DEEP

HOLE THREADED 1/4" - 28 UNF-2B BY Z DEEP

EQUISPACED ON AH PCD

SEE NOTE 3

HOLE THREADED M8 x 1.25-6H BY AJ DEEP

WATER JACKET CONNECTIONS THREADED 1/4" BSP

SEE NOTE 2

REFERENCE PLANE 'A'

REFERENCE PLANE 'B'

SEE NOTE 1

SEE NOTE 4

SEE NOTE 5

8 HOLES Equispaced on AH PCD

SEE NOTE 3

Scrap View in Direction ‘X’
### Outline Notes

1. This surface is marked with the letter 'C' to indicate the cathode terminal.
2. The magnetron will fit between magnet poles 76.45 mm diameter and 75.44 mm apart.
3. Positional tolerance of holes 0.15 mm diameter.
4. Positional tolerance of holes 0.05 mm diameter.
5. Positional tolerance of flange 1.5 mm diameter with respect to reference planes A and B.