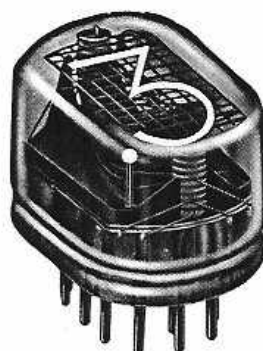
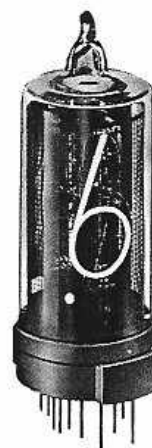


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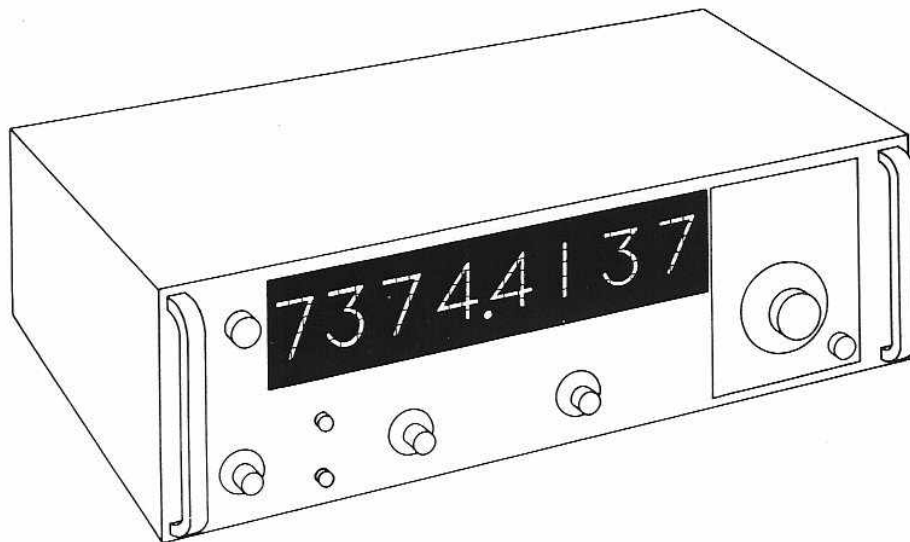
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MINIATURE

(.310" CHARACTER SIZE)
END VIEWING
14' VIEWING DISTANCE



NL4998
LONG LIFE

NL7977/4032
LONG LIFE

NL7009
STANDARD LIFE



½" CHARACTER SIZE
SIDE VIEWING
25' VIEWING DISTANCE

NL5870S
LONG LIFE

NL5870ST
LONG LIFE

NL5560/918
LONG LIFE

STANDARD

(.610" CHARACTER SIZE)
SIDE VIEWING
30' VIEWING DISTANCE



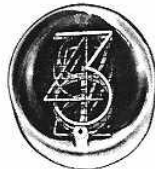
NL5440
LONG LIFE

NL5440A
LONG LIFE

NL8754/840
LONG LIFE

NL900
LONG LIFE

NL904
LONG LIFE



STANDARD AND SUPER

(.610 CHARACTER SIZE) (.808 CHARACTER SIZE)

SIDE END VIEWING
30' AND 38' VIEWING DISTANCE

NL8421/5092
LONG LIFE
.610 CHARACTER SIZE

NL8422/5991
LONG LIFE
RECTANGULAR
.610 CHARACTER SIZE

NL809
LONG LIFE
RECTANGULAR
WITH DECIMAL POINT
.610 CHARACTER SIZE

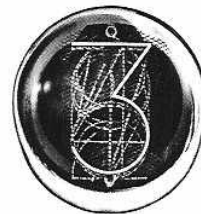
NL8423/6091
LONG LIFE
.808 CHARACTER SIZE

NL807
SIDE VIEWING
LONG LIFE
.808 CHARACTER SIZE

LARGE AND JUMBO

(1.375" CHARACTER SIZE) (2.0" CHARACTER SIZE)

SIDE AND END VIEWING
65' AND 100' VIEWING DISTANCE



NL8091
LONG LIFE
1.375 CHARACTER SIZE

NL7094
LONG LIFE
2.0 CHARACTER SIZE

NL7037
LONG LIFE
SIDE VIEWING
2.0 CHARACTER SIZE

*Multiple type numbers are always the EIA assigned number followed by the common industry number.

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**See Fig. 1 & 3, Page 9. Use of the highest voltage available with the appropriate resistor is recommended.

††Corresponding anode resistor (Rp) is 20K.

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†Pads supplied with these tubes may be damaged by chlorinated hydrocarbons.

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**See Fig. 1 & 3, Page 9. Use of the highest voltage available with the appropriate resistor is recommended.

RATINGS, CHARACTERISTICS AND APPLICATIONS NOTES

GENERAL

A National Readout Tube is basically a gas filled, cold cathode diode with multiple cathodes. Each cathode is shaped like a display character and has a separate base pin electrical connection. Negative voltage (with respect to anode) applied to the selected character base pin causes the shaped glow discharge.

Readout Tube operation can be explained more fully by considering the tube similar to a single cathode gas diode. Fig. 1 shows a simple operating circuit with the Readout Tube

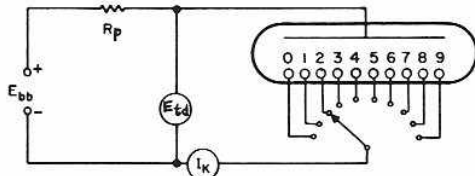


FIG. 1. READOUT TUBE FUNDAMENTAL CIRCUIT

diode connected as in normal use. By varying circuit parameters, we can obtain a typical plot (Fig. 2) of tube voltage, E_{td} , versus cathode current, I_k . Increasing E_b from zero to the ionization voltage causes only a small increase in I_k and no glow. At ionization voltage, a glow appears. With increasing I_k , two glow regions are reached; normal and abnormal. For clarity in this discussion, the high current end of abnormal glow is called intense glow. Normal glow illuminates only partial characters so is not satisfactory; intense glow operation may shorten tube life and cause extraneous lighting. Desired operation is obtained in the abnormal glow region and is the operating condition specified in technical data sheets.

ELECTRICAL RATINGS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Supply Voltage, E_{bb} (Minimum)

Minimum Supply Voltage must always equal or exceed Maximum Ionization Voltage for proper tube operation. This is a necessary condition to make sure that all tubes will ionize and operate within rated current limits. How Supply Voltage in conjunction with anode resistance determines cathode current is explained under Recommended Operating Conditions.

Cathode Current, I_k — Peak (Maximum)

Cathode Current, as shown in Fig. 2, determines in which glow region the tube operates. Maximum Peak Cathode Current places operation at the higher end of abnormal glow approaching the region of intense glow with attendant possibilities of extraneous lighting.

The NL5870S and NL5870ST were designed to operate with a very high maximum peak current for pulse or strobe applications.

Cathode Current, I_k — Average (Maximum and Minimum)

Again referring to Fig. 2, maximum and minimum limits of cathode current keep tube operation within the abnormal glow region giving the best display consistent with long life. Optimum current is midway between maximum and minimum.

In Pulse or Strobe application using high peak current the duty cycle must be limited to keep the average cathode current within the recommended limits. Average cathode currents higher than the recommended maximum can cause excessive sputtering of cathode material, overheating and reduced life.

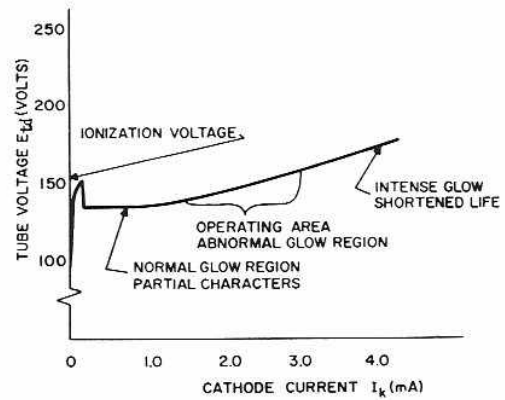


FIG. 2. NL-8422 TYPICAL VOLT-AMPERE CHARACTERISTIC

Recommended Operating Conditions

Various Supply Voltages (E_{bb}) are given with corresponding values of anode resistor (R_p) for proper operation. These values are obtained from an electrical characteristic curve, Fig. 3. The NL-8422 is used as an example; other tube types have similar curves. Two parallel lines show characteristic limits for all tubes of one type. Load lines are drawn for different values of R_p by first selecting a supply voltage, for example, 170 volts. A line drawn from this voltage on the ordinate through the intersection of mean I_k and a point midway between the parallel characteristic limits, has a slope representing proper R_p , in this case, 8.2K ohms. By identical steps, R_p is found for each E_{bb} of interest.

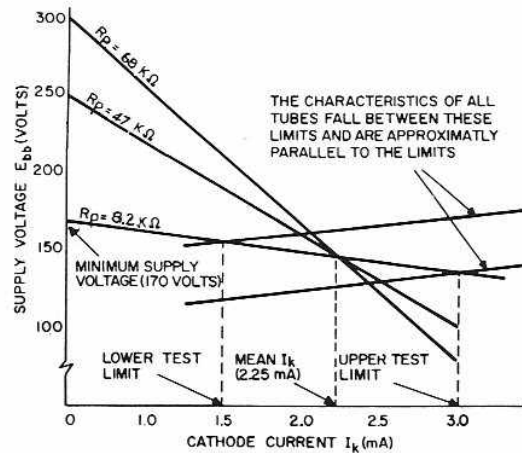


FIG. 3. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

All tubes in circuits with a particular load line will operate on that line somewhere between the parallel characteristic limits. For example, at E_{bb} of 170 volts and R_p of 8.2K ohms, all tubes will operate between 1.5 ma (lower test limit) and 3.0 ma (upper test limit). Each load has a different length between the parallel characteristic limits. This means that cathode current extremes are different for each load line.

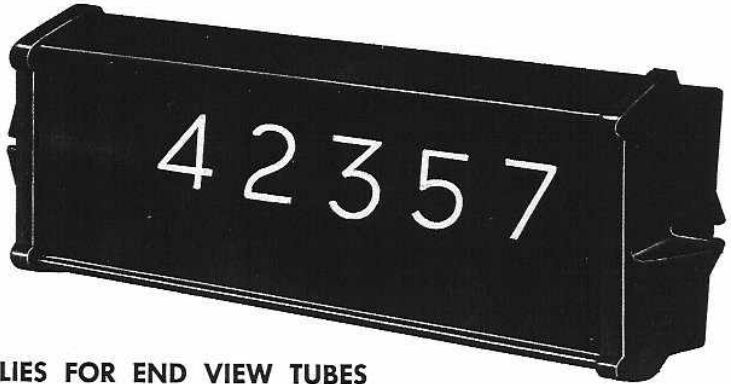
The average current and the corresponding tube drop are listed below:

Tube Type	E _{td} Volts (Avg.)	I _k ma (Avg.)	Tube Type	E _{td} Volts (Avg.)	I _k ma (Avg.)
NL-807	145	3.7	NL-5440A	143	2.6
NL-809	147	2.8	NL-5560	143	1.35
NL-840	150	2.5	NL-7037	136	7.8
NL-900	149	2.6	NL-7094	144	6.2
NL-904	149	2.6	NL-7977/4032	155	0.9
NL-5870S	134	3.5	NL-8421/5092	148	2.2
NL-5870ST	134	3.5	NL-8422/5991	150	2.5
NL-4998	155	1.0	NL-8423/6091	145	3.7
NL-5440	143	2.6	NL-8502/4021	99	1.05

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NATIONAL® READOUT TUBE BEZEL ASSEMBLIES

NATIONAL® READOUT TUBE BEZELS are designed to give maximum display effectiveness. The readout tubes are mounted in an enclosure finished dull black to minimize reflections. The amber circular polarized filter further reduces reflections and improves contrast and readability. Bezel assembly includes appropriate readout tube sockets and Polaroid filter type HACP-24.

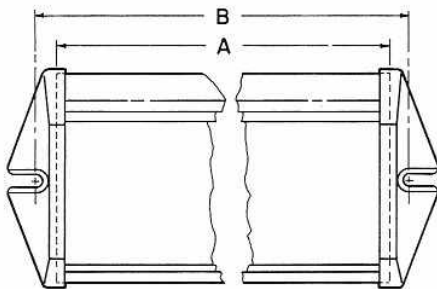


BEZEL ASSEMBLIES FOR END VIEW TUBES

Basic
Type Number

Description

- NL-BEZ-40** For All Miniature End View Types such as NL-7009, NL-7977/4032, and NL-8502/4021.
- NL-BEZ-50** For All Standard End View Types such as NL-6844A, NL-8037/5031, and NL-8421/5092.
- NL-BEZ-59** For All Standard Rectangular Types such as NL-809, and NL-8422/5991.
- NL-BEZ-60** For All Super End View Types such as NL-7153 and NL-8423/6091.



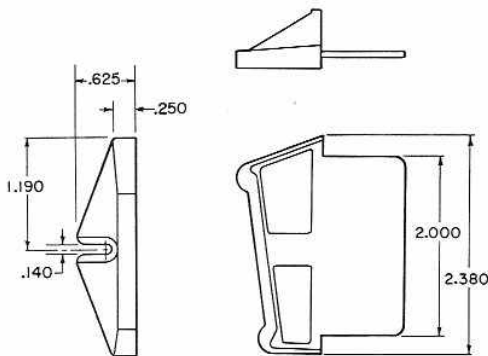
Assembly

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	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
2	3.125	3.425	4.125	4.425	3.325	3.625	4.125	4.425
3	3.875	4.175	5.312	5.612	4.125	4.425	5.625	5.925
4	4.625	4.925	6.500	6.800	4.925	5.225	7.125	7.425
5	5.375	5.675	7.687	7.987	5.725	6.025	8.625	8.925
6	6.125	6.425	8.875	9.175	6.525	6.825	10.125	10.425
7	6.875	7.175	10.062	10.362	7.325	7.625	11.625	11.925
8	7.625	7.925	11.250	11.550	8.125	8.425	13.125	13.425
9	8.375	8.675	12.437	12.737	8.925	9.225	14.625	14.925
10	9.125	9.425	13.625	13.925	9.725	10.025	16.125	16.425
11	9.874	10.174	14.806	15.106	10.524	10.824	17.624	17.924
12	10.624	10.924	15.993	16.293	11.324	11.624	19.124	19.424
13	11.374	11.674	17.180	17.480	12.124	12.424	20.624	20.924
14	12.124	12.424	18.367	18.667	12.924	13.224	22.124	22.424
15	12.874	13.174	19.554	19.854	13.724	14.024	23.624	23.924

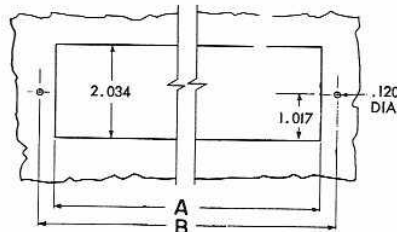
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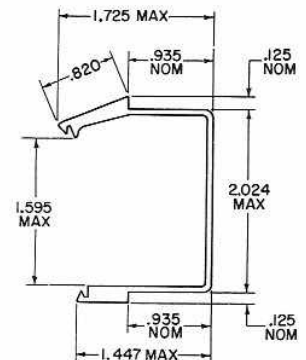
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- NL-BEZ-590.800"
- NL-BEZ-601.500"



End Plate



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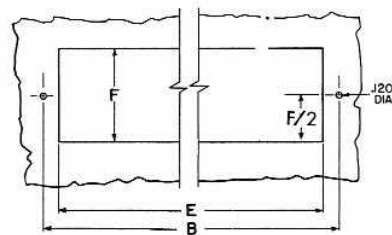
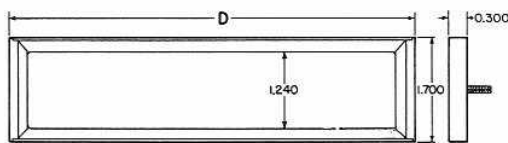
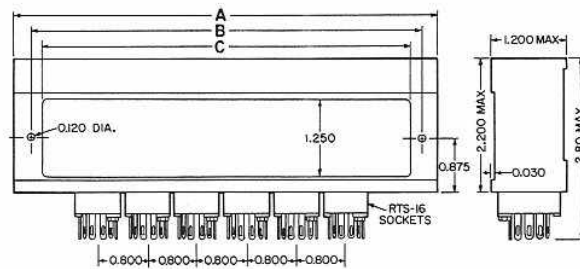
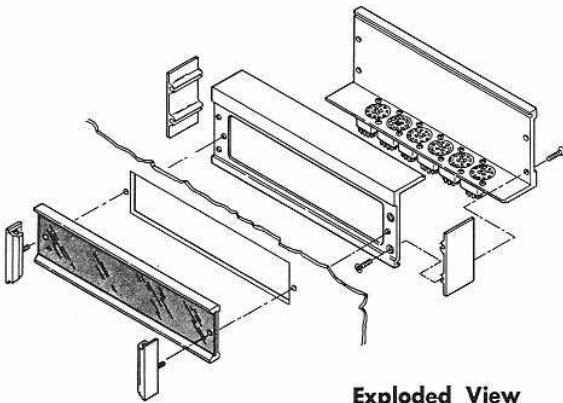
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BEZEL ASSEMBLIES FOR SIDE VIEW TUBES

NL-BEZ-84 For Standard Side View Types (.750" dia.) such as NL-840.

NUMBER OF SOCKETS	A	B	C	D	E WITH FRAME	E WITHOUT FRAME	F WITH FRAME	F WITHOUT FRAME
2	3.700	3.020	2.800	3.300	2.820	2.550	1.260	1.230
3	4.500	3.820	3.600	4.100	3.620	3.350	1.260	1.230
4	5.300	4.620	4.400	4.900	4.420	4.150	1.260	1.230
5	6.100	5.420	5.200	5.700	5.220	4.950	1.260	1.230
6	6.900	6.220	6.000	6.500	6.020	5.750	1.260	1.230
7	7.700	7.020	6.800	7.300	6.820	6.550	1.260	1.230
8	8.500	7.820	7.600	8.100	7.620	7.350	1.260	1.230
9	9.300	8.620	8.400	8.900	8.420	8.150	1.260	1.230
10	10.100	9.420	9.200	9.700	9.220	8.950	1.260	1.230
11	10.900	10.220	10.000	10.500	10.020	9.750	1.260	1.230
12	11.700	11.020	10.800	11.300	10.820	10.550	1.260	1.230
13	12.500	11.820	11.600	12.100	11.620	11.350	1.260	1.230
14	13.300	12.620	12.400	12.900	12.420	12.150	1.260	1.230
15	14.100	13.420	13.200	13.700	13.220	12.950	1.260	1.230

Dimensions (inches)



ORDERING INFORMATION

The complete type number consists of the five-letter two-digit basic type number followed by a second dash number representing the number of sockets required. Any modification of the standard bezel assembly will be considered a special and must be completely described; e.g. if decimal points are required the number and location must be specified. When special bezel assemblies are ordered, National will assign and add a special dash number to the standard type number. This special type number can be used for all reorders. For example:

