

The N20181 is a broadband helix travelling wave tube. It is capable of providing a minimum of 100 W output power over the frequency band 4.5 – 18 GHz. Saturation gain is typically 40 dB.

The TWT incorporates a dual stage collector, providing high overall efficiency. The design also includes convergent electron gun incorporating a focus electrode grid switch that enables the TWT to be operated in either pulsed or CW mode, PPM focusing and conduction cooling.

The N20181 is small and lightweight. It has been designed to meet the most demanding environmental requirements.

This TWT is one out of a range of mini and midi-types that have been designed by e2v technologies using the latest CAD methods to achieve optimised reliability and performance, whilst operating in the most demanding of environments.

Other devices in the range include: Multi-octave bandwidth, 3-stage and single stage collectors, with options of gain and/or phase matching.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Heater					
Voltage	V_f	-6.0	-6.3	-6.6	V
Current	I_f			1.00	A
Warm-up time		90			s
Surge current limit				1.5	A
Helix					
Voltage	V_{hx}	4.70	4.70	4.80	kV
Current	I_{hx}	0	6	20	mA
Collector					
Collector 1 voltage	V_{c1}	2.64	2.69	2.74	kV
Collector 2 voltage	V_{c2}	1.73	1.78	1.83	kV
Collector 1 current	I_{c1}	2		160	mA
Collector 2 current	I_{c2}	20	215	220	mA
Focus Electrode					
Beam-on voltage	V_{fe}	-12	0	0	V
Beam-off voltage	V_{feo}	-1.0	-1.1	-1.2	kV
Capacitance				20	pF
Prime Power			540	580	W

Note: All electrode voltages are referenced to cathode potential. The TWT is to be operated with the helix grounded and the collectors depressed.

RF PERFORMANCE

Frequency Range

The electrical and RF performance specified herein shall apply over the frequency range from 4.5 GHz to 18 GHz.

Small Signal Gain

Small signal gain performance shall be as specified in the following table with straight-line approximations between frequency points.

Frequency (GHz)	Minimum Gain (dB)	Maximum Gain (dB)
4.5	42	49
5	45	52
6	52.5	59.5
7	56.5	63.5
8	59	66
9	62.5	69.5
10	63.5	70.5
11	63	70
12	62	69
13	59	66
14	57.5	64.5
15	54.5	61.5
16	51.5	58.5
17	48	55
18	44.5	51.5

RF Output Power

The RF output power shall meet the minimum and maximum values specified as a straight line approximation between the frequency points defined in the following table.

Frequency (GHz)	Minimum RF Output Power (W)
4.5	100
5	140
6	160
7	160
8	130
9	130
10	130
11	130
12	130
13	120
14	120
15	120
16	120
17	120
18	120

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Maximum Drive for Rated Output Power

Frequency (GHz)	Maximum RF Input Power (dBm)
4.5	19
5	16
6	8
7	3
8	-1
9	-4
10	-5
11	-5
12	-4
13	-1
14	3
15	5
16	9
17	12
18	15

Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR)

Input..... 2.5:1 max
Output..... 2.5:1 max

Harmonics

When operated at saturated output power and with the TWT terminated into a matched load, the second harmonics shall be less than specified in the following table.

Frequency (GHz)	Second Harmonic Level (dBc)
4.5	0.0
5	-5.0
6	-7.0
7	-8.0
8	-8.0
9	-10.0

Spurious Outputs

Spurious outputs from the TWT other than harmonic power and phase noise sidebands shall be no more than -30 dBc relative to saturated fundamental level.

Noise Power Output

The Noise output power, with the input terminated in 50Ω and the tube operating into a matched load, shall not exceed the values specified in the following table.

Frequency (GHz)	Maximum RF Noise Power Output (dBm/MHz)
4.5	-51
5	-46
6	-39
7	-34
8	-29
9	-25
10	-23
11	-24
12	-25
13	-27
14	-30
15	-33
16	-36
17	-41
18	-44

MECHANICAL

RF Connectors

Input..... SMA male
Output..... TNC male

Wiring

Element	Colour	Wire Type
Heater	Brown	18 kV rated, silicone coated FEP
Cathode	Yellow	18 kV rated, silicone coated FEP
Anode	Blue	18 kV rated, silicone coated FEP
Focus Electrode	Green	18 kV rated, silicone coated FEP
Collector 1	Red	15 kV rated, lossy, FEP
Collector 2	White	15 kV rated, lossy, FEP

Weight

Total weight of TWT shall not exceed 350 g

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The unit shall satisfy the specified performance requirements within the conditions or combination of the environments defined in the applicable documents.

Temperature Range

Operating

The TWT shall meet the RF Performance requirements specified above when the temperature of the TWT collector is within the range between -54 °C and +140 °C.

Non-Operating

The TWT shall not be damaged after being subjected to a non-operational temperature range of between -54 °C and +100 °C.

Altitude

The TWT shall operate in the range between sea level and 21,336 m (70,000 feet).

HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS

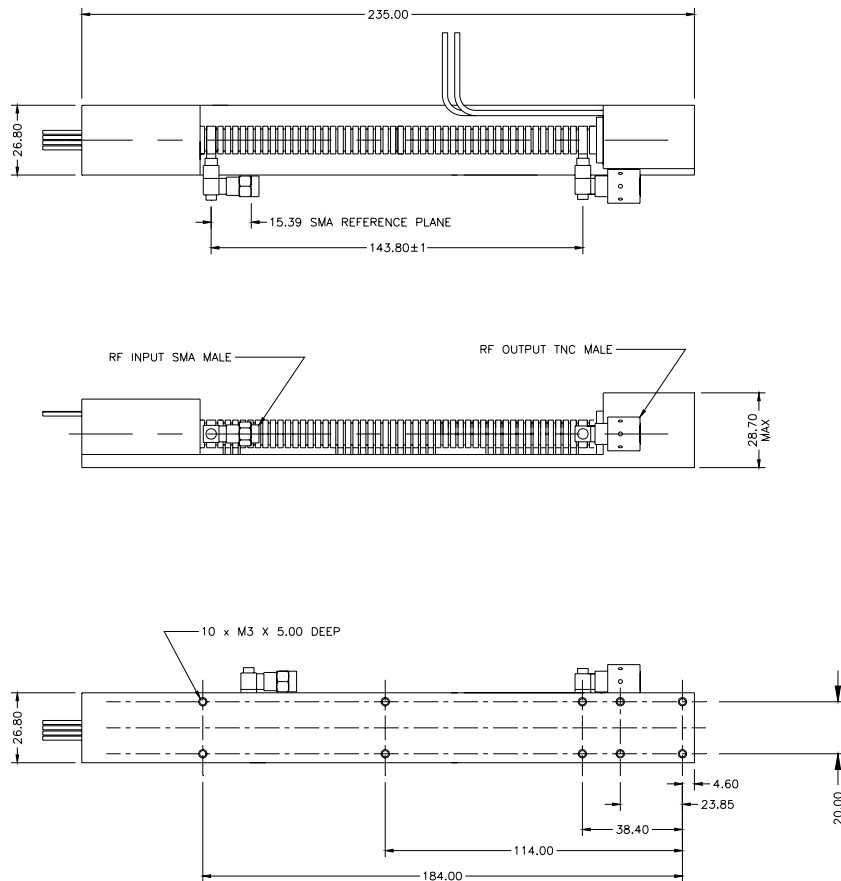
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High Voltage

Equipment must be designed so that operators cannot come into contact with high voltage circuits. Tube enclosures should have fail-safe interlocked switches to disconnect the primary power supply and discharge all high voltage capacitors before allowing access.

OUTLINE

(All dimensions nominal and in millimetres)



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 correctly terminated.

X-Ray Radiation

The operating voltage of this device results in the emission of X-rays. The maximum penetrating ability of the X-rays may correspond to a voltage approximately twice the applied voltage. Shielding is required.

Beryllium Oxide Ceramics

This tube contains beryllium oxide ceramic parts, which are not accessible unless the metal casing of the tube is damaged or removed. *Beryllium oxide dust or fumes are highly toxic if inhaled, or if particles enter a cut or abrasion.* Consult e2v technologies regarding the disposal of damaged or life-expired tubes.