

527A / PL-185 – Power Triode, Radar Modulator



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Power triode used either as VHF oscillator or as radar pulse modulator. Thoriated tungsten filamentary cathode. 5.5 V at 135 A.

Four tubes in SK-1M give 1 MW pulses RF at 210-225 MHz.

As pulse modulator, one single tube can switch 30 kV at 60 A. 100 A max emission.

PL-185 is the Penta Labs proprietary code for 527A.

Its use in hard-tube radar pulsers is described in 'Pulse Generators' by Glasoe and Lebacqz, volume 5, M.I.T. Radiation Laboratory Series.

Data for [527 Eimac](#).