

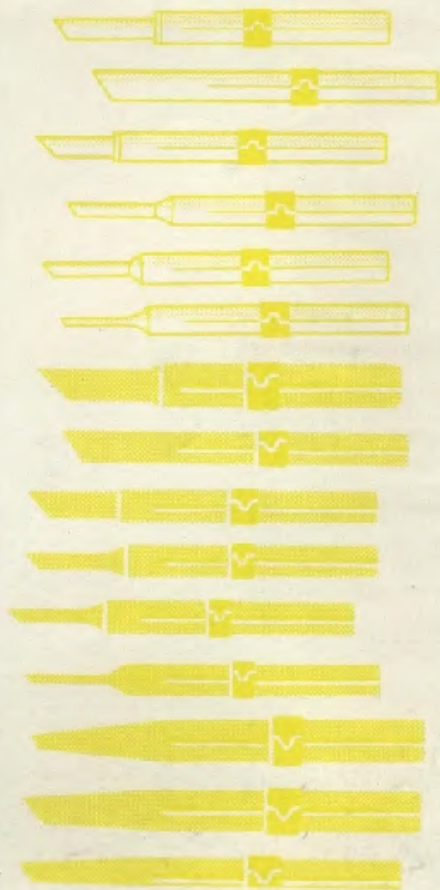
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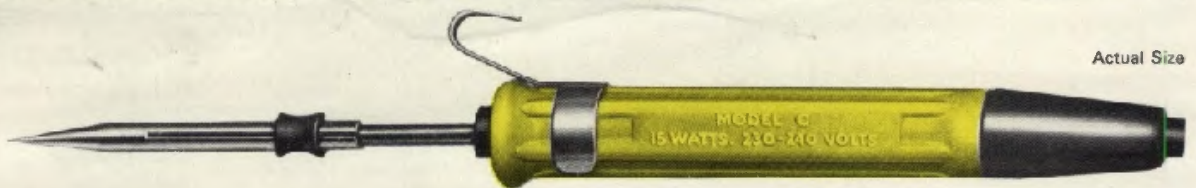


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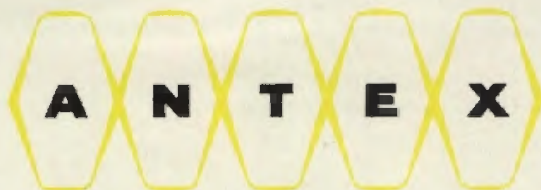
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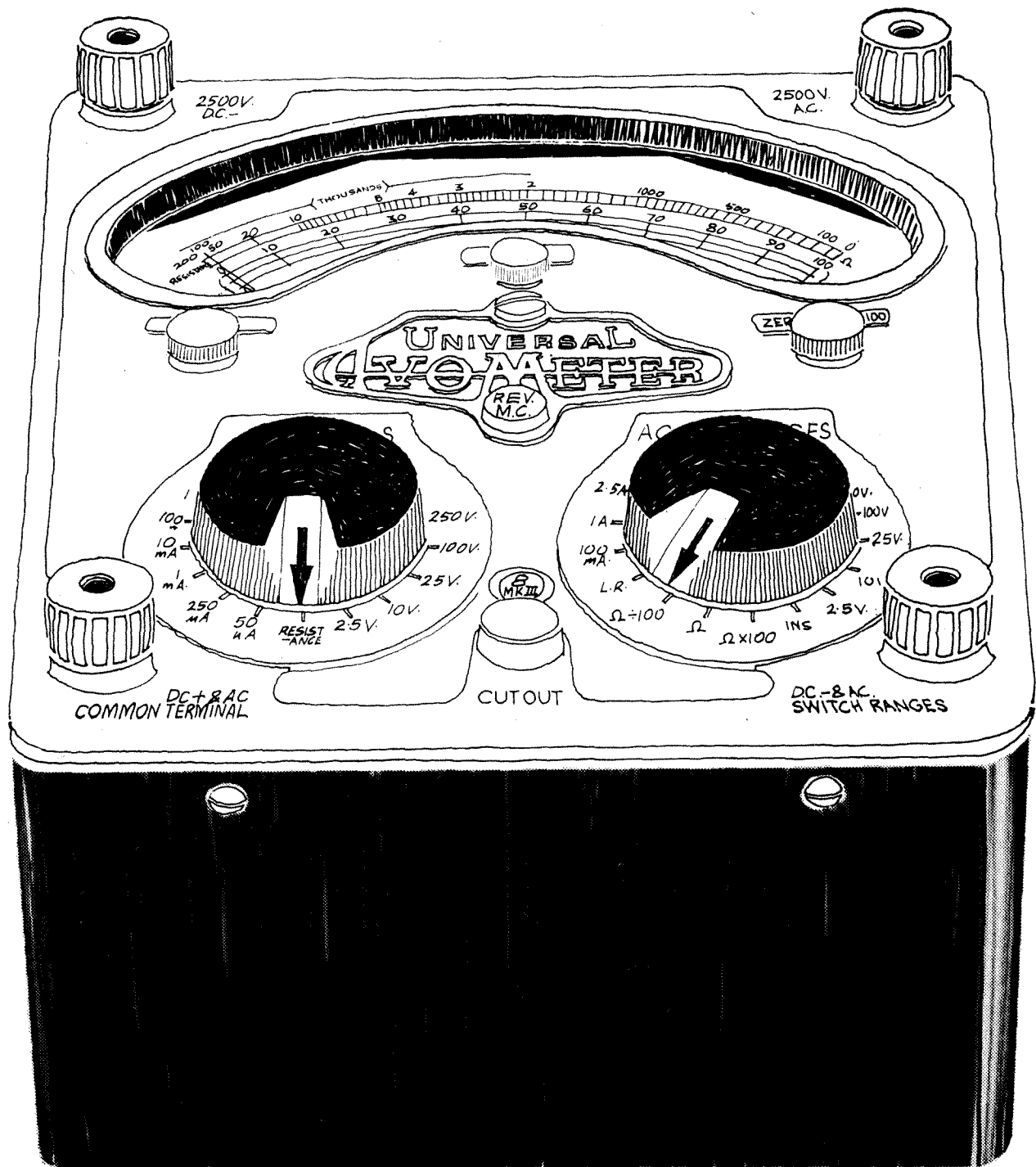
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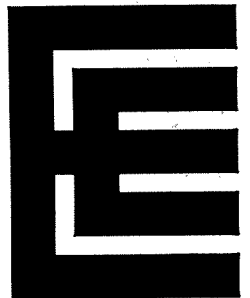
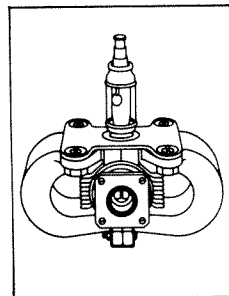
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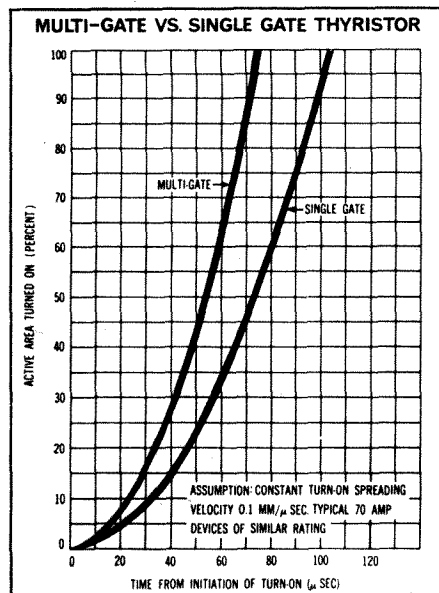
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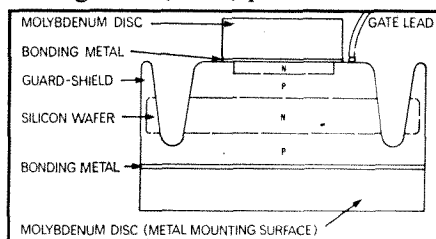
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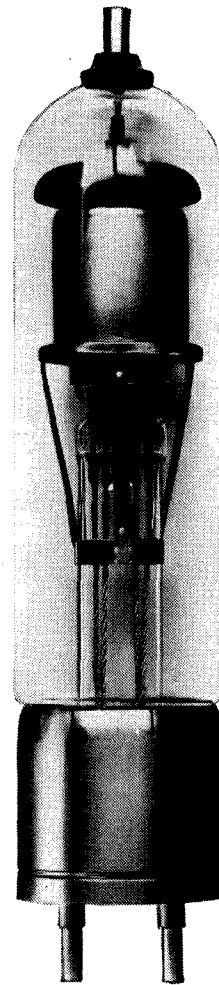
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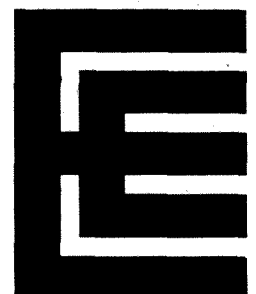
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Type	Service type	Peak inverse voltage max. (kV)	Peak anode current max. (A)	Mean anode current max. (A)	Max. d.c. output 3-phase full wave	
					Voltage (kV)	Current (A)
869B	—	20.0	10.0	2.5	19.0	7.5
AH200	—	20.0	10.0	2.5	19.0	7.5
AH205/ 857B	CV2673	22.0	40.0	10.0	21.0	30.0
AH211A	CV532	16.0	8.0	2.0	15.2	6.0
AH221	CV5 CV1435	20.0	5.0	1.25	19.0	3.75
AH238	CV1629	13.0	5.0	1.25	12.4	3.75
BD10	—	1.0	25.0	8.0	0.95	24.0
BD12*	—	1.0	2 x 50	2 x 16.5	0.95	49.5

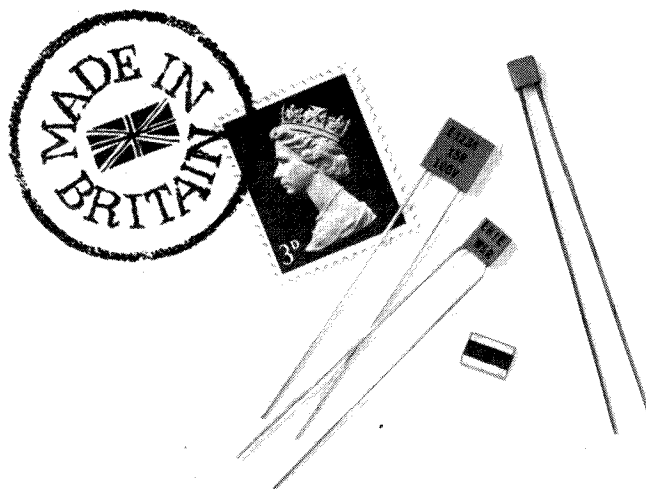
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