# FLASH X-RAY TUBE

1200 MEGAWATT

MODEL 506



FEXITRON Flash X-ray tube Model 506, T-600-2000-0.2



FIELD EMISSION CORPORATION 611 THIRD STREET MCMINNVILLE, OREGON

The FEXITRON flash x-ray tube, Model 506, Type T-600-2000-0.2, is designed for flash radiography where high intensity radiation from a small source is desired. Stop-motion pictures of high speed events in opaque media can be obtained at velocities up to 20,000 ft/sec ( $6 \times 10^6$  mm/sec). The Model 506 tube provides a film density of 0.7 through 6 1/2 inches of aluminum at a film-to-source distance of 4 feet, and shadow-graphs in air at distances up to 39 feet. An x-ray dosage rate of 2 x  $10^8$  R/sec is provided at the tube envelope.

FEXITRON flash x-ray tubes use the newly developed T-F emission electron source (Phys. Rev. 95, 325, 1954) in which current is a consistent, reproducible function of voltage and temperature; the vacuum arc source employed by earlier flash x-ray tubes is not used. When the FEXITRON tube with the T-F source is used with a square wave voltage pulse, spectrum and resolution are maximized since optimum anode power is provided for a given x-ray yield. Maximum life, reliability, and reproducibility are provided on a pulse-to-pulse basis. The Model 506 tube has an effective x-ray source size of 9.4 mm diameter, and an envelope size of 5" diameter x 16 1/4" long. A peak power of 1200 megawatts is generated and dissipated in a beam volume of 3.5 cc (600 kv, 2000 amps,  $0.2 \mu sec$ ).

#### PERFORMANCE DATA





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STEEL PENETRATION - 600 KV; 0.2 µs

ALUMINUM PENETRATION - 600 KV; 0.2 µs

Figure 1

Figure 2





Figure 3

#### PERFORMANCE RATINGS

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS

PEAK POWER:

ANODE:

ANODE TEMPERATURE:

ANODE VOLTAGE:

**BEAM CURRENT:** 

PULSE DURATION:

PULSE OVERSHOOT:

NEGATIVE OVERSHOOT:

CATHODE:

CATHODE VOLTAGE:

CATHODE CURRENT:

X-RAY SOURCE SIZE: DOSAGE RATE:

> BEAM DIRECTION: COOLING: RESIDUAL PRESSURE:

LIFE:

TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN PULSES:

DURATION OF FILAMENT CURRENT:

TUBE PERFORMANCE:

BASE CONNECTIONS:

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

PRICE:

1200 megawatts at 0.2 microsecond Tungsten 3000° K 600 kv 2000 amperes 0.2 microsecond Maximum 5% Maximum 10% T-F emission, Tungsten 9 volts ac, 50-60 cps 180 amperes 9.4 mm dia. 2 x 10<sup>8</sup> R/sec at 3" 1020 megawatts at

TYPICAL OPERATION

0.2 microsecond

Tungsten

2000<sup>0</sup> K

550 kv

1850 amperes

0.2 microsecond

Up to 5%

Up to 10%

T-F emission, Tungsten

8.5 to 9 volts ac

160 to 180 amperes (pulsed for 1 sec.)

9.4 mm dia.

#### CHARACTERISTICS

Parallel to anode axis Air circulation not required.  $10^{-12}$  mm of Hg.

Cathode life is determined by evaporation and therefore is a function of current and power level at which the tube is operated; general experience with FEXITRON tubes at typical operating voltages indicates an average life of several hundred pulses - see FEXITRON Operating Instructions for methods of extending tube life.

Nominally 3 minutes; for more rapid repetition rates see special tube bulletin.

The filament operating time should be restricted to not greater than 3 seconds per x-ray pulse (see auxiliary equipment data sheet on FEXITRON Sequential Timer).

The performance of FEXITRON x-ray tubes is shown in Figures 1 and 2. All tubes are individually tested at full ratings.

The anode end of the FEXITRON x-ray tube terminates in a female receptacle with inside diameter of 0.277" suited for use with a giant banana plug (Johnson No. 108) and the cathode end is provided with 3/8" diameter copper base pins.

Length: 16-1/4" Diameter: 5" inches (see outline drawing)

\$980 Discounts available on quantities over 40 tubes; write for schedule.



#### COLT . 45 AUTOMATIC PISTOL: BULLET IN FLIGHT

Flash x-ray picture taken with FEXITRON PS-600-2000-0.2 system. Filmto-source distance - 12 feet; 500 kilovolts, 1300 amperes, 0.2 microsecond pulse. Pistol hand held; 220 grain bullet stopped in flight just before exit from barrel.

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# **Field Emission Corporation**



Fexitron X-ray Tube, Model 506 A 483

Field Emission Corporation (Manufacturer) warrants each new Fexitron x-ray tube to be free from defects in factory workmanship or material under normal use for ninety (90) days from date of delivery to the original purchaser, or 2 pulses, whichever event shall first occur. Should the tube fail prior to the ninety (90) days and/or specified pulses, a prorated adjustment will be made when returned, transportation prepaid during warranty period. Manufacturer's obligation under this warranty is limited to the Fexitron x-ray tube.

This warranty is valid except when a Fexitron x-ray tube has been subjected to misuse, accident, or negligent damage in transit or handling, or operation outside the conditions prescribed in the operating manual.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied.

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### FEXITRON X-RAY TUBE CHARACTERISTICS

Tube Type	506	Date Tested	5-28-63
Serial No.	506 A483	Tested By	fron
Anode Type	.375 10/2° cone	Date Shipped	
Cathode Type	.050 BUPX .1	Shipped To	

Cathode Clean-up and Preheat -- Filament Voltage

Gettering -- Getter Current Gele file 1/3 him Gele file 1/3 + 21/2 this at \$.7 outrs Unit 20 then after getter Characteristic Curve for Constant Tube Impedance of 300 ohms. 15.0 14.0 Filament Voltage - volts 13.0 12.0 11.0 10.0 9.0 8.0 200 600 500 0 100 300 400

Anode Voltage - Kilovolts