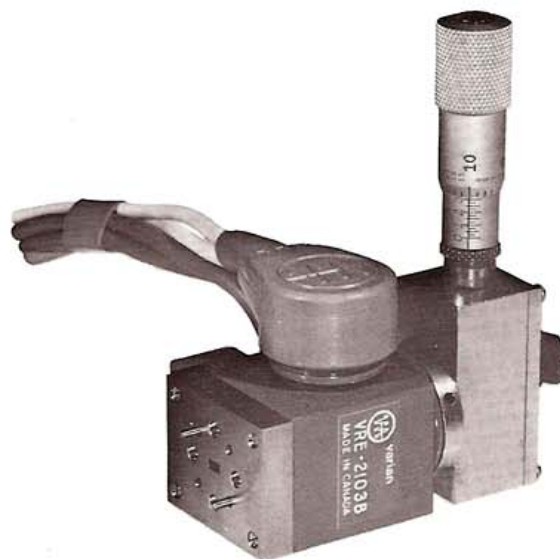


DESCRIPTION

VRE-2103B reflex klystrons are micrometer-tuned oscillators for laboratory equipment, such as signal generators and bench oscillators, or for other applications requiring good frequency stability. Each tube delivers at least 150 milliwatts into a matched load over a selected tuning range of 6 gigahertz between 50 and 80 gigahertz. At reduced resonator power, it is equally useful as a local oscillator where an output of only 10 milliwatts is needed. The base and leads are molded to the tube.

MAXIMUM RATINGS¹

Resonator Voltage ²	2550 Vdc
Resonator Current	27 mAdc
Reflector Voltage ³	-1250 Vdc
Heater Voltage	6.5 V
Body Surface Temperature ⁴	120 °C



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS⁵

ELECTRICAL

Frequency Coverage ^{2,6}	50 to 80 GHz
Mechanical Tuning Range, each tube ...	6 GHz
Output Power, minimum ⁷	
Signal Source	150 mW
Local Oscillator	10 mW
Heater Voltage	6.3 ± 0.2 V
Heater Current, typical	0.76 A

PHYSICAL

Dimensions	See Outline Drawing
Weight, approximate	13 oz
Mounting Position	Any
Cathode	Impregnated, Unipotential
Cooling ⁴	Forced Air or Conduction
R-F Output ⁸	Mates with VAE-2000 Series Adapter and Heat Sinks
Base	Molded Flexible Leads

TYPICAL OPERATING CONDITIONS⁵

	Signal Source		Local Oscillator	
Frequency ⁸	63	63	---	GHz
Operating Mode	4-3/4	5-3/4	---	
Output Power, matched load ⁷	250	100	25	mW
Resonator Voltage ²	2500	2500	1400	Vdc
Resonator Current	24	24	10	mAdc
Reflector Voltage ³	-650	-500	-250	Vdc
Electronic Tuning Range ⁹	150	250	150	MHz
Reflector Modulation Sensitivity ¹⁰	3	5	---	MHz/V
Frequency/Temperature Coefficient ¹¹	1	-1	---	MHz/°C

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RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN¹²

	Min	Max
Resonator Voltage ²	---	2550 Vdc
Resonator Current	---	27 mAdc
Reflector Voltage ³	-50	-900 Vdc
Electronic Tuning Range ⁹ ...	100	--- MHz
Heater Current, at 6.3 V ...	0.6	0.9 A

	Min	Max
Reflector Modulation Sensitivity ¹⁰		
4-3/4 Mode	2	5 MHz/V
5-3/4 Mode	3	5 MHz/V
Frequency/Temperature Coefficient ¹¹	---	±1.4 MHz/°C

NOTES:

1. Ratings should not be exceeded under continuous or transient conditions. A single rating may be the limitation and simultaneous operation at more than one rating may not be possible. Equipment design should limit voltage and environmental variations so that the ratings will never be exceeded.
2. Frequency increases as resonator voltage decreases. Hence, if operation at other than 2500 volts is contemplated, please specify desired resonator voltage when ordering.
3. Reflector must always be at least 20 volts negative with respect to the cathode.
4. Sufficient forced-air flow or conduction cooling must be supplied to maintain the body surface temperature below 120 °C; for optimum tube life, this temperature should be less than 100 °C. For conduction cooling, refer to Adapter and Heat Sink data sheets to find the appropriate Varian adapters and liquid-cooled, convection-cooled and conduction-cooled heat sinks.
5. Characteristic and operating values are based on performance tests. These figures may change without notice as a result of additional performance data or product refinement. Consult Varian Associates of Canada, Ltd. before using this information for equipment design.
6. When ordering, specify the center frequency or frequency range desired. Special versions can be furnished between 42 and 50 gigahertz but with reduced mechanical tuning ranges.
7. Output power is a function of frequency and maximum output is normally obtained at the high frequency end of the band. Output decreases as frequency is decreased. The ratio of output at the highest frequency to the output at the lowest frequency is typically 4.5 dB.
8. Tube couples to several waveguide sizes through suitable adapters or heat sinks. A type VAE-2000A12 adapter flange to mate with a UG-385/U flange on RG-98/U waveguide is supplied with the tube unless otherwise specified.
9. Measured between half-power points.
10. This parameter varies with operating frequency and mode. For more detailed information please contact your local Varian Sales Office or Varian Associates of Canada, Ltd.
11. The rate of frequency change with temperature variation is a function of tuner position. Figures apply only at the high-frequency end of the tuning range.
12. These values are acceptance limits for VRE-2103B series tubes. Equipment design should allow for these variations.

OUTLINE DRAWING

