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# Introduction







MDC vacuum gauge tubes

- Bourdon gauge
  - Thermocouple gauge tube
- **Enclosed ionization gauge tube**
- Nude ionization gauge tube

### **Bourdon Gauge**

Deflection gauges measure true pressure via deflection of a bourdon tube, independent of the type of gas in a system. Bourdon tubes are constructed in either C-tube or helical coil geometries and of these two, helical Bourdon tubes provide the greatest sensitivity.

MDC Bourdon gauges are designed for rough vacuum measurements in the range of 30 inches of mercury and positive pressures to 30psig. As a general rule, all vacuum components and chambers are rated for vacuum service and should never be internally pressurized. Bourdon gauges are offered with Del-Seal™ CF metal seal flanges, Kwik-Flange™ ISO KF flanges and male NPT pipe thread fittings.

### Thermocouple Gauge Tube

MDC thermocouple gauge tubes offer fast and reliable vacuum measurement from 1 to 1x10<sup>-4</sup> Torr.

Thermocouple gauge tubes consist of two basic components, a resistive filament and a thermocouple junction used to measure its temperature. Thermocouple gauge tubes operate on the thermal conductivity principle. Basically, they measure the thermal conductivity of a residual gas inside a vacuum system, or its ability to conduct heat away from a heated filament. The higher the pressure inside a vacuum system the cooler the filament or conversely, the lower the gas pressure the hotter the filament becomes. The thermocouple junction inside the gauge tube is positioned on the heated filament and is used to monitor its temperature during system evacuation. A temperature rise or drop in the filament produces a potential rise or drop in the

thermocouple junction. This potential in millivolts, is then calibrated to microns in a thermocouple gauge controller.

Because thermocouple gauge tubes and control electronics are available from a multitude of manufacturers, it is important to note that individual thermocouple gauge tubes are designed to operate at specific filament current ratings, which should be carefully matched with a control instrument's specifications. Always refer to the control electronics manufacturer for specifications on filament current requirements before purchasing or installing a thermocouple gauge tube.

MDC UHV gauge tubes feature all-welded construction and stainless steel casing tubes that are bakeable to 150°C. Electrical connections are glass insulated and employ a standard eight pin interface with a polarized center post. They are offered with Del-Seal™ CF flanges and Swagelok's VCR® fittings. HV gauge tubes are supplied with male NPT pipe thread fittings and a nickel plated steel shell assembly for maximum corrosion resistance and bakeable to 150°C.

Thermocouple gauge tubes are expendable vacuum components and must be replaced periodically. Most gauges are typically calibrated for service in air (nitrogen) and experience extreme variations in calibration when in the presence of other gases, subsequently leading to erroneous vacuum measurement readings. An inexpensive solution would be to include a non-gasdependent gauge such as a Bourdon gauge to verify calibration.

#### **Glass Enclosed Ionization Gauge Tube**

MDC glass enclosed ionization gauge tubes are designed for high and ultrahigh vacuum

All dimensions in this catalog are given in inches unless specified otherwise.



**Bourdon type gauges** 

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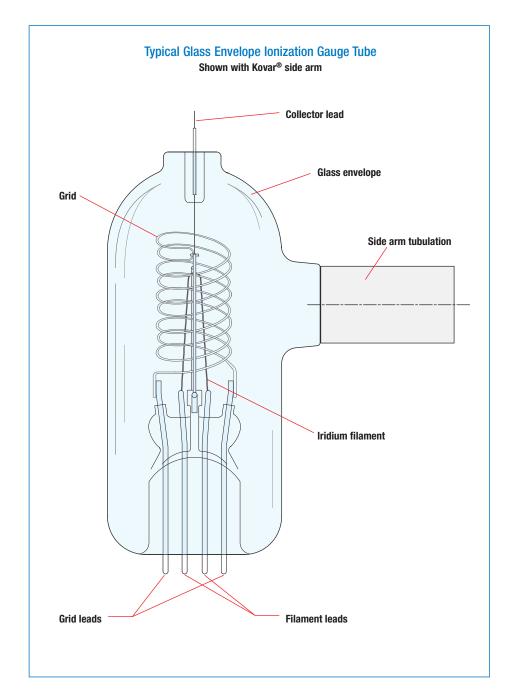
Thermocouple gauge tube

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measurements between 1x10<sup>-3</sup> to 2x10<sup>-10</sup> Torr. Glass enclosed ionization tubes, commonly referred to as a Bayard-Alpert gauge tubes, consist of several components including a resistive filament, a positively charged grid and a negatively charged collector. The resistive filament is heated to incandescence for the purpose of emitting electrons. The grid, a positively charged wire, coiled in the shape of a spiral, attracts and accelerates filament emitted electrons. The collector, a negatively charged wire, is strategically placed in the path of oncoming electrons. As electrons collide with air molecules inside the tube, the air molecules lose an electron and become positively charged or ionized and thus attracted to the negatively charged collector. Upon colliding with the collector air molecules regain their lost electron and return to their original neutral charge. The flow of electrons from the collector to air molecules is measured and calibrated for vacuum measurement. The number of air molecules is directly proportional to their ionization and in direct proportion to the flow of electrons surrendered by the collector.

#### **Nude Ionization Gauge Tube**

MDC nude ionization gauge tubes are designed for high and ultrahigh vacuum measurements between 1x10<sup>-3</sup> to 2x10<sup>-11</sup> Torr. Like their glass enclosed counterparts, these are also hot cathode ionization types. The main difference being their method of construction. Nude gauges allow for easy replacement of perishable filaments and the added durability of ceramic-to-metal electrical feedthrough insulation which makes them bakeable to 450°C. Two nude gauge styles are offered, these are resistive heating or electron bombardment degas.





Nude ionization gauge tube

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Glass enclosed ionization gauge tube



Replacement filaments

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#### **Features**

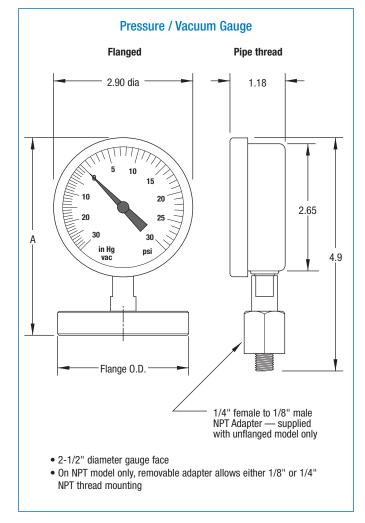
- Large easy-to-read dial 30 inch Hg to 30 PSIG range Del-Seal™ CF, Kwik-Flange™ or NPT mounting
- Stainless steel construction
- 150°F maximum bakeout temperature

# **Description**

Provides a quick visual check of roughing line pressures.

Note that these gauges are intended for vacuum use with other MDC components and as such are not rated for oxygen service.

### **LOW VACUUM SERIES**



NOMINAL FLANGE	FLANGE REFERENCE	FLANGE O.D.	A	WT LBS	REFERENCE	PART Number
FLANGED						
1-1/3	F133000	1.33	4.0	1/2	075-VG	432014
2-1/8	F218000	2.11	4.2	3/4	100-VG	432015
2-3/4	F275000	2.73	4.2	3/4	150-VG	432016
NW16	K075	1.18	4.2	1/2	K075-VG	432010
NW25	K100	1.57	4.2	1/2	K100-VG	432011
NW40	K150	2.16	4.2	3/4	K150-VG	432012
NW50	K200	2.95	4.2	3/4	K200-VG	432013
PIPE THREAD						
NPT THREAD	Includes one 1/	4" FEMALE TO 1/8	' MALE air fitting	1/2	VG	432020

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**Thermocouple Gauge Tubes** 

### **General Description**

MDC Thermocouple Gauge Tubes offer a fast and reliable means of measuring vacuum from 0.1 to 1000 micron Hg. They can be read continuously and remotely under severe operating conditions.

Individual thermocouple gauges operate with specific heater current ratings. Gauge tubes must be matched to the instrument's specifications. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for heater current and thermocouple output. Note that although some units are fitted with eight pins, only four pins are actively used. See tube pin-out configurations on page 292.

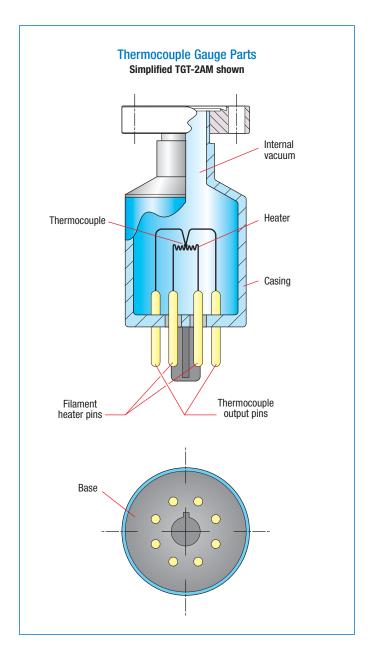
UHV Series Tubes feature all-welded construction, stainless steel casings, and are bakeable to 150°C. Electrical connections are glass insulated. They are offered with Del-Seal™ CF mini-flanges and Cajon VCR® fittings.

**HV Series Tubes** are supplied with nickel plated steel shell and stem assemblies for corrosion resistance. They are bakeable to 150°C.

# **ULTRAHIGH & HIGH VACUUM SERIES**

#### **Features**

- 0.1 micron to 1000 micron Hg range
- **UHV** and **HV** tubes
- Interchangeable with other brands
- Choice of connectors







# **Thermocouple Gauge Tubes**

# **Tube Interchange / Cross Reference Table**

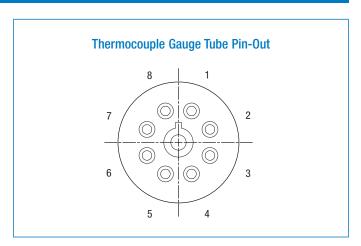
Several of the MDC tubes will directly interchange with models of various manufacturers as noted in the Cross Reference Table. Standard Series tubes are equal or superior in performance while the High Temperature / UHV Series offer even higher specifications. Other models are available on request. Note that although some units are fitted with eight pins, only four pins are actively used.

MANUFACTURER	MODEL NUMBER	MDC REFERENCE	MDC Part Number
TELEVAC	2A	TGT-2A	511013
VARIAN / NRC	531	TGT-5310	511008
VARIAN / NRC	531	TGT-531M	511001
VARIAN / NRC	531	TGT-531W	511003
CONSOLIDATED CVC	GTC-004	TGT-1504	511005
VEECO INSTRUMENTS	DV-1M	TGT-1000	511006
HASTINGS-RAYDIST	DV-6M	TGT-6000	511007

### **Tube Pin-Out**

Generally, for all thermocouple gauge tubes the pin out patterns employ four active pins. Two of the pins supply current to the heater inside the gauge head and two of the pins provide a return signal which is dependent on pressure inside the vacuum vessel.

In the case of gauge tubes having eight pins, four of the pins are active and the other four are used for support only.

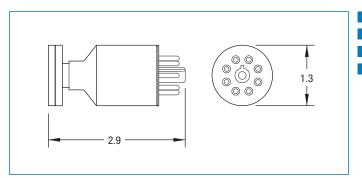


REFERENCE	PART Number	HEAT Pin		THERMOCO TC+	UPLE PINS TC-
TGT-2A	511013	1	8	7	2
TGT-2AM	511010	1	8	7	2
TGT-1518	511004	1	7	5	3
TGT-1518M	511000	1	7	5	3
TGT-1518W	511002	1	7	5	3
TGT-5310	511008	1	3	5	7
TGT-531M	511001	1	3	5	7
TGT-531W	511003	1	3	5	7
TGT-531S	511009	1	3	5	7
TGT-1504	511005	1	7	5	3
TGT-1000 <sup>1</sup>	511006	3	5	7	-
TGT-6000 <sup>1</sup>	511007	3	5	7	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AC connection on heater pins; DC connection on TC pins



• TGT-2AM



150°C bakeout
UHV compatible
Del-Seal™ CF flange
Stainless steel
construction

NOMINAL Flange	PRESSURE RANGE (µHg)	HEATER CURRENT (mA)	RESPONSE TIME (sec)	OUTPUT @ $55\Omega$ and .01 $\mu$ Hg (mV)	WT LB	
1-1/3	0.1 - 1000	95	< 0.2	9.1	1/4	
1-1/3	0.1 - 1000	15 - 18.5	< 0.1	10	1/4	T
1-1/3	0.1 - 2500	163	< 0.1	13.5 - 14.5	1/4	

REFERENCE	PART NUMBER
TGT-2AM	511010
TGT-1518M	511000
TGT-531M	511001

150°C bakeout

Stainless steel construction

150°C bakeout

**HV** compatible Nickel plated steel

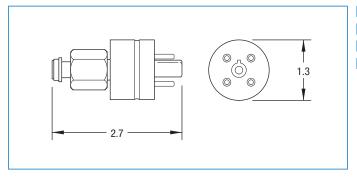
construction

Stainless steel construction on **TGT-531S** 

UHV compatible 1/4" Hex VCR® fitting



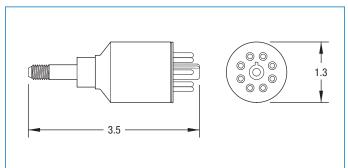
• TGT-1518W



NOMINAL PRESSURE FITTING RANGE (µHg)	HEATER CURRENT (mA)	RESPONSE TIME (sec)	OUTPUT @ $55\Omega$ and .01 $\mu$ Hg (mV)	WT LB	REFERENCE	PART Number
3/4" VCR® 0.1 - 1000	15 - 18.5	< 0.1	10	1/4	TGT-1518W	511002
3/4" VCR® 0.1 - 2500	163	< 0.1	13.5 - 14.5	1/4	TGT-531W	511003



• TGT-2A



THREAD SIZE (NPT)	PRESSURE RANGE (µHg)	HEATER Current (ma)	RESPONSE TIME (sec)	OUTPUT @ $55\Omega$ and .01 $\mu$ Hg (mV)	WT LB	REFERENCE	PART Number
1/8"	0.1 - 1000	95	< 0.2	9.1	1/4	TGT-2A	511013
1/8"	0.1 - 1000	15 - 18.5	< 0.1	10	1/4	TGT-1518	511004
1/8"	0.1 - 2500	163	< 0.1	13.5 - 14.5	1/4	TGT-5310	511008
1/8"	0.1 - 2500	163	< 0.1	13.5 - 14.5	1/4	TGT-531S	511009
1/8"	0.1 - 1000	15 - 18.5	< 0.1	9.6	1/4	TGT-1504	511005
1/8"	0.1 - 1000	130 - 135	< 0.1	10	1/4	TGT-1000	511006
1/8"	0.1 - 1000	20	< 0.1	10	1/4	TGT-6000	511007

# **Nude Ionization Gauge Tubes**







**Nude Ionization Gauge Tubes** 

### **ULTRAHIGH VACUUM SERIES**

### **Features**

- 10<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-10</sup> Torr range
  2-3/4" Del-Seal™ CF flange mounted
- Resistive heating degas
- Replaceable filament assemblies
- Mount in any position
- Bayard-Alpert type tube

### **Vacuum Specifications**

Vacuum Measurement

Vacuum Range	10 <sup>-3</sup> to 4x10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr
Maximum Operating Pressure	1x10 <sup>-3</sup> Torr
Sensitivity ±20%	10 Torr
X-ray Limit	4x10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr

# **Construction Specifications**

Flange	304ss
Grid	Molybdenum-clad Platinum
Filament	Single: Iridium
	Dual: Tungsten
Collector	Tungsten
Shield Coating	Platinum
Base Leads	Soft Nickel, 0.060" dia.
Collector Lead	Soft Nickel, 0.040" dia.

# **Operating Specifications**

Collector	-30 Volts DC
Grid	+150 Volts DC
Filament	+30 Volts DC
Filament Voltage	3 - 5 Volts
Filament Current	4 - 6 Amps
Degas by I <sup>2</sup> R	70 Watts
Emission	10 mA
Maximum Bakeout Temperature	450°C

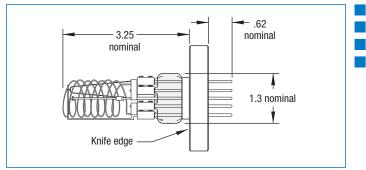
# Pin-Out Pattern **Single Filament** Collector Filament Grid Filament Common Grid Internal connection **Dual Filament** Collector Filament 1 Grid Filament Common Filament 2

• All pins 0.060 diameter

• Requires minimum 1.37" I.D. clearance for installation

# **Nude Ionization Gauge Tubes**





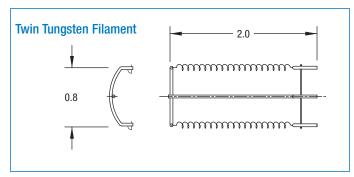
High Temperature
UHV compatible
Del-Seal <sup>™</sup> CF flange
Replaceable filaments

NOMINAL FLANGE	DESCRIPTION	WT LB
2-3/4	TWIN TUNGSTEN FILAMENT, BAYARD-ALPERT GAUGE	3/4
2-3/4	SINGLE IRIDIUM FILAMENT, BAYARD-ALPERT GAUGE	3/4

REFERENCE	PAR NUME
BATT	4320
BAIR	4320

PART Number
432000
432002





**High Temperature** UHV compatible Replacement filament assemblies for above ionization gauge tubes

REPLACEME FOR	NT DESCRIPTION	WT LB
BATT	TWIN TUNGSTEN FILAMENT, BAYARD-ALPERT GAUGE	3/4
BAIR	SINGLE IRIDIUM FILAMENT, BAYARD-ALPERT GAUGE	3/4

REFERENCE	PART Number
BART	432001
BARI	432003

# **Tube Interchange / Cross Reference Table**

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DESCRIPTION	GRANVILLE-PHILLIPS	REPLACEMENT FOR PERKIN-ELMER	VARIAN	MDC REFERENCE	MDC PART NUMBER
SINGLE IRIDIUM FILAMENT, BA GAUGE TUB	E 274028	-	-	BAIR	432002
REPLACEMENT FILAMENT FOR 432002	274029	-	-	BARI	432003









**Ionization Gauge Tubes** 

### **ULTRAHIGH VACUUM SERIES**

### **Features**

- 10<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-11</sup> Torr range
  2-3/4" Del-Seal™ CF flange mounted
- Electron Bombardment degas
- Replaceable filament assemblies
- Mount in any position

# **Vacuum Specifications**

Vacuum Range	10 <sup>-3</sup> to 2x10 <sup>-11</sup> Torr
Maximum Operating Pressure	1x10 <sup>-3</sup> Torr
Sensitivity ±20%	25 Torr
X-ray Limit	2x10 <sup>-11</sup> Torr

# **Construction Specifications**

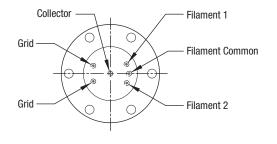
Flange	304ss
Grid	Tungsten
Filament	Dual: Tungsten or Iridium
Collector	Tungsten
Shield Coating	Platinum
Base Leads	Soft Nickel, 0.060" dia.
Collector Lead	Soft Nickel, 0.040" dia.

# **Operating Specifications**

Collector	0 Volts DC
Grid	+180 Volts DC
Filament	+30 Volts DC
Filament Voltage	3 - 4.5 Volts
Filament Current	2 - 4 Amps
Degas by EB	30-40 Watts
Emission	4 mA
Maximum Bakeout Temperature	450°C

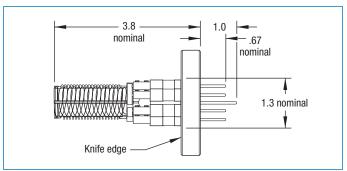
### Pin-Out Pattern

#### **Dual Filament**



- All pins 0.060 diameter
- Requires minimum 1.37" I.D. clearance for installation

**Nude Ionization Gauge Tubes** 

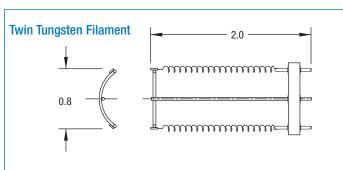


High Temperature
UHV compatible
Del-Seal™ CF flange
Stainless steel
construction

NOMINAL FLANGE	DESCRIPTION	WT LB
2-3/4	TWIN TUNGSTEN FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE	3/4
2-3/4	TWIN IRIDIUM FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE	3/4

PART Number	REFERENCE
432004	UHTT
432006	UHIR





	High Temperature
	UHV compatible
	Replacement filament
	assemblies for above
	ionization gauge tubes

REPLACEME FOR	NT Description	WT LB
UHTT	TWIN TUNGSTEN FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE	3/4
UHIR	TWIN IRIDIUM FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE	3/4

REFERENCE	PART Number
UHRT	432005
UHRI	432007

# **Tube Interchange / Cross Reference Table**

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DESCRIPTION	RANVILLE-PHILLIPS	REPLACEMENT FOR PERKIN-ELMER	VARIAN	MDC REFERENCE	MDC PART NUMBER
TWIN TUNGSTEN FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE TUB	E 274022	605-7673	-	UHTT	432004
REPLACEMENT FILAMENT FOR 432004	274024	605-7671	-	UHRT	432005
TWIN IRIDIUM FILAMENT, UHV GAUGE TUBE	274023	605-7672	-	UHIR	432006
REPLACEMENT FILAMENT FOR 432006	274025	605-7676	-	UHRI	432007

# **Glass Envelope Ionization Gauge Tube**







**Side Arm Glass Envelope Ionization Gauge Tubes** 

# **Vacuum Specifications**

Vacuum Range	10 <sup>-3</sup> to 2x10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr
Maximum Operating Pressure	1x10 <sup>-3</sup> Torr
Pumping Speed (Ionic)	0.06 liters/sec - N2 (1 mA)
X-ray Limit	2x10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr - N2 (approx.)

# **Construction Specifications**

Envelope	Nonex
Grid	"Non-Sag" Tungsten 0.025" dia.
Filament	Hairpin thoria-coated iridium
Collector	Tungsten, 0.010" dia.
Shield Coating	Platinum, internally connected to filament
Base Leads	Soft Nickel, 0.060" dia.
Collector Lead	Soft Nickel, 0.040" dia.
Internal Volume	220cc (not including tubulation)

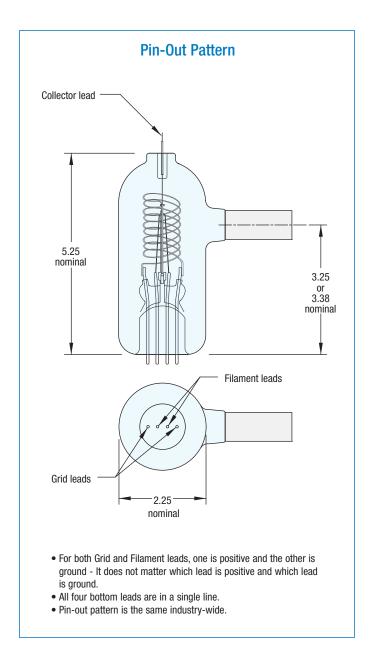
### **Operating Ratings**

Collector	0 Volts DC (ground)
Shield	Internally connected to filament
Grid	+150 Volts DC to ground
Filament	+30 Volts DC to ground
Filament Volts (AC)	4.0 Volts
Filament Current (AC)	3.5 Amps (1 mA grid current)
Absolute Max. Fil. Volts (AC)	6.0 Volts
Absolute Max. Fil. Current (AC)	6.0 Amps
Absolute Max. Fil. Temperature	1400°C

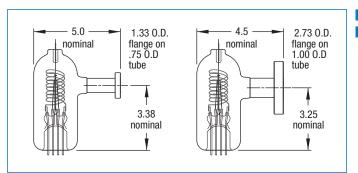
# **ULTRAHIGH & HIGH VACUUM SERIES**

### **Features**

- Non-burnout design allows momentary exposure to atmosphere
- Choice of Pyrex<sup>®</sup>, Kovar<sup>®</sup> and Del-Seal<sup>™</sup> CF flange ISO Kwik-Flange<sup>™</sup> optional



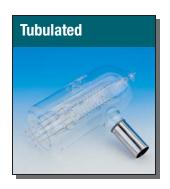
**Glass Envelope Ionization Gauge Tube** 

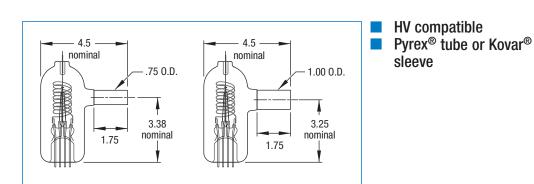


NOMINAL FLANGE	DESCRIPTION	WT LB	REFE
1-1/3	.75" TUBE WITH 1-1/3" DEL-SEAL FLANGE	1/2	IGT-
2-3/4	1.00" TUBE WITH 2-3/4" DEL-SEAL FLANGE	1/2	IGT-









METHOD OF CONNECTION	DESCRIPTION	WT LB	REFERENCE	PART NUMBER
PYREX® TUBE				
3/4	.75" TUBE	1/2	IGT-075-P	432021
1	1.00" TUBE	1/2	IGT-100-P	432024
KOVAR® SLEEV	/E			
3/4	.75" TUBE	1/2	IGT-075-K	432022
1	1.00" TUBE	1/2	IGT-100-K	432025

## **Tube Interchange / Cross Reference Table**

Several of the MDC tubes will directly interchange with models of various manufacturers as noted in the Cross Reference Table. Exact pin-out dimensions may vary, but the pattern is the same industrywide.

DESCRIPTION	GRANVILLE-PHILLIPS	REPLACEMENT FOR PERKIN-ELMER	VARIAN	MDC REFERENCE	MDC PART NUMBER
DEL-SEAL, 1-1/3" NOMINAL SIZE	274020	-	-	IGT-075-D	432023
DEL-SEAL, 2-3/4" NOMINAL SIZE	274008	605-7152	571-K2471-303	IGT-100-D	432026
PYREX WITH GRADED SEAL, 3/4" TUBE	274002	-	-	IGT-075-P	432021
PYREX WITH GRADED SEAL, 1" TUBE	274005	-	-	IGT-100-P	432024
KOVAR WITH GRADED SEAL, 3/4" TUBE	274003	605-7000	571-K2471-305	IGT-075-K	432022
KOVAR WITH GRADED SEAL, 1" TUBE	274006	-	571-K2471-302	IGT-100-K	432025