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Triggered Vacuum Gaps GPV-Series

The Triggered Vacuum

Spark Gaps are ideal high-voltage switches for applications where a wide operating voltage range is desired. The low end of the operating voltage range is independent of the Static Breakdown Voltage (SBV). Operating ranges from 300 volts to 80 kilovolts are possible. Switching times (from the trigger input to the start of main gap current flow) of less than 1 microsecond may be achieved when using a suitable trigger. These switches are commonly used in "crowbar" circuits for protection against overvoltage conditions.



Features

- Wide operating voltage range
- Ceramic-metal construction
- No warm up period
- High current capability
- Long life

Standard Model Operating Characteristics ⁽¹⁾

Type Number	Static Breakdown Voltage ^(2,7) (Kilovolts)	Maximum Peak Current ⁽³⁾ (Kiloamperes)	Maximum Conducted Charge per shot ⁽⁴⁾ (Coulombs)	Contains Wall Shield ⁽⁵⁾ (Y/N)	Contains Mercury ⁽⁶⁾ (Y/N)	Typical Operating Voltage Range (Kilovolts)
GPV-63	65	50	0.5	N	Y	0.3 - 50
GPV-6301	50	50	0.5	N	Y	0.3 - 40
GPV-6313	100	60	0.5	Y	N	0.3 - 80
GPV-6322	65	60	0.5	Y	N	0.3 - 50
GPV-7013	40	20	0.3	N	N	0.3 - 32

Environmental Specifications

Ambient temperature range	
Operating temperature range	-54 to +100°C without mercury, -54 to +50°C with mercury
Nonoperating temperature range	-65 to +125°C
Vibration	15 to 500 Hz at 10 g maximum
Shock	50 g, 11 milliseconds
Thermal Shock	-65 to +125°C

Electrical Specifications

Electrode capacity	Less than 5 pf.
Interelectrode resistance	Greater than 10 ¹⁰ ohms at 500 V.

Mechanical Specifications

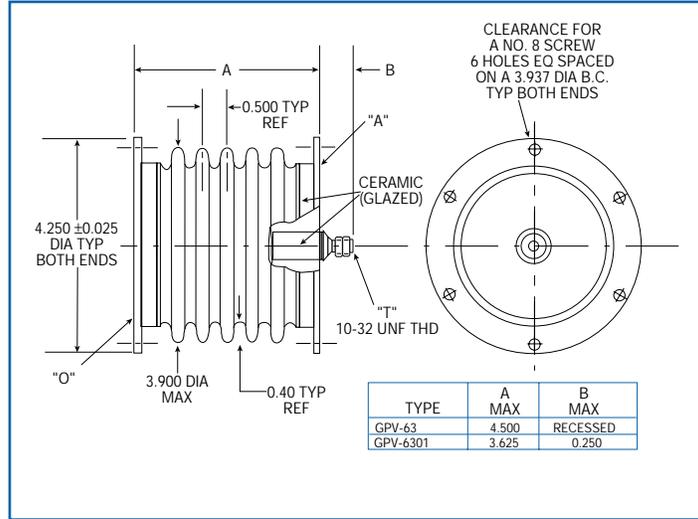
Envelope	Ceramic-metal, hermetically sealed, exposed metal parts nickel plated.
Torque applied to studs	6 inch-pounds maximum.

Notes

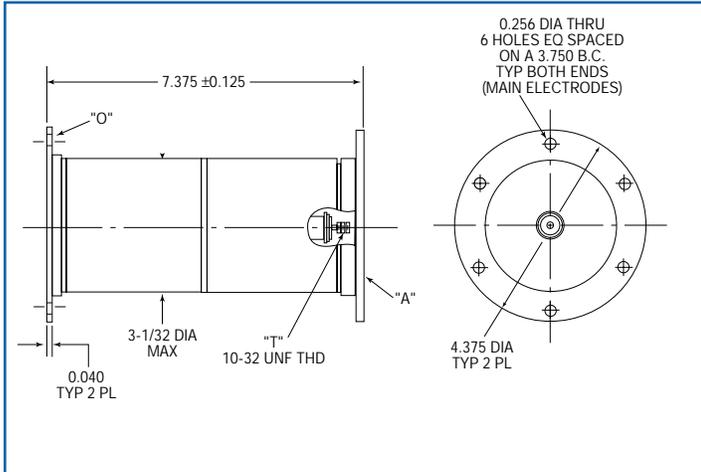
- The operating characteristics shown here are intended as an aid to *preliminary* gap selection. The characteristics listed are typical for the indicated types under standard environmental conditions. The conditions found in many applications will influence gap operating characteristics; therefore, some characteristics may not be simultaneously achievable. Prospective users of these gaps should be aware of the limitations in the data being presented. Contact PerkinElmer for information concerning the performance to be expected in the intended application.
- SBV is the Static (Self) Breakdown Voltage. It is the dc voltage across the main gap (between the opposite and adjacent electrodes, O-A) above which the gap is likely to break down (conduct) with no trigger applied.
- The peak current applies for a critically damped discharge. Current reversals degrade life, so gap operation in the underdamped condition should be avoided when possible.
- In underdamped circuits, each current half-cycle contributes to the total conducted charge, i.e., conducted charge increases independently of the direction of gap current. Therefore, the total conducted charge, including any "follow-through" current, should not exceed the maximum conducted charge indicated.
- Includes an internal shield to slow deposits of discharge debris on the insulating ceramic.
- A small amount of metallic mercury is used in these gaps to aid in the formation of the initial discharge. These gaps should not be operated above 50°C. Care should be exercised in the handling and disposal of these gaps.
- Proper application of these gaps may require them to be immersed in insulating oil or gas depending on the operating voltage level and environmental factors. A method to circumvent electrical breakdown across the outside surfaces of the ceramic insulators of the gap may be necessitated in some uses. Some of the more important factors to consider in determining the insulation qualities of the environment are altitude (local atmospheric pressure); humidity; dust; cleanliness; temperature and pulsed versus dc operation.

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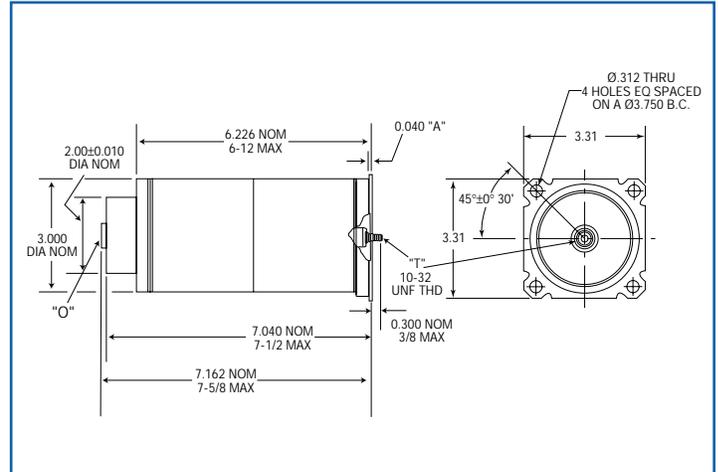
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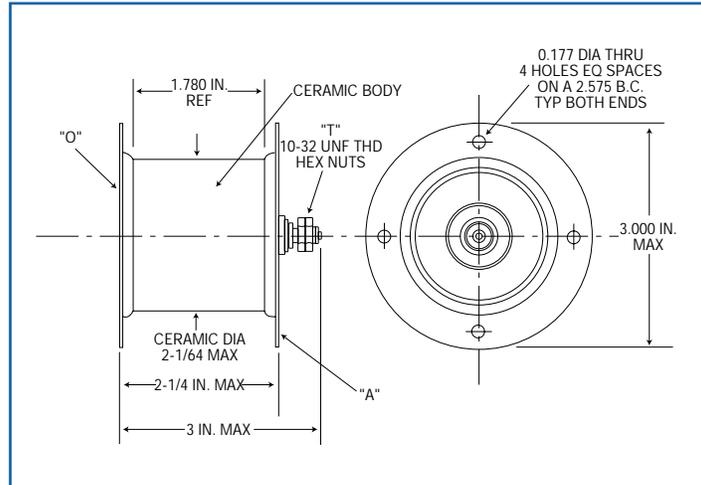
GPV-6313



GPV-6322



GPV-7013



"A" = ADJACENT ELECTRODE,

"O" = OPPOSITE ELECTRODE,

"T" = TRIGGER PROBE

Note: Dimensions in inches

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