



LA26M

2-ELECTRODE SPARK GAP

GENERAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

The LA-series of 2-electrode spark gaps are high-pressure gas-discharge tubes, hermetically sealed in a ceramic-metal envelope, manufactured in conformity with technical conditions KBΦM 433.215.009TY.

The tubes are intended for voltage surge protection of electronic circuits, for general switching in single shot and repetitive pulse generators, including pulse x-ray systems and turbine engine ignition circuits.

The design of the tubes is protected by Russian patent #108224 (priority 11/09/2009).

THE SWITCH DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY RADIOACTIVE, TOXIC AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

| Parameter | Unit | Maximum Value |
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| DC breakdown voltage range, (DCBV) ^(Note 1) | kV | 0.5-20.0 |
| Impulse ratio, measured at 2 kV, (8/20 us waveshape) ^(Note 2) | - | <1.5 |
| Breakdown voltage tolerance within the lifetime | % | <10 |
| Peak current, (8/20 μs) ^(Notes 3,4) | kA | 30.0 |
| Charge transfer, single discharge (8/20 μs) | Coulomb | 1 |
| Pulse repetition rate | Hz | 100 |
| Insulation Resistance | MΩ | > 1000 |
| Operating temperatures | °C | -60 ... +150 |
| Net weight | g | 65 |

Important! All ratings given in this data sheet are absolute, non-simultaneous ratings. It is the equipment designer's responsibility to ensure that they are not exceeded. The spark gap life depends on circuit conditions such as peak discharge current and duration, charge transfer per discharge and the repetition rate.

NOTES

- 1) LA26M is a trade mark for the line of spark gaps with different DC Breakdown Voltages (DCBV). Parts with different DCBV ratings are available on order. At that in case when DCBV=3 kV the spark gap is signified as LA26M-3, DCBV=5 kV – LA26M-5 etc.
- 2) Impulse ratio is measured at dynamic breakdown voltage with rise rate of 15 kV/μs = 3 max @ 1.0 kV; less than 1.5 @ > 10.0 kV dc. The dynamic breakdown voltage is a function of the rate of rise of the applied voltage (dv/dt). In general, it will be higher for higher dv/dt.
- 3) Current pulse waveform - damped sinusoid with the second half-wave amplitude not more than 20 % of the first half-wave.
- 4) The tube can be operated with peak currents up to 50 kA, however limiting the peak current can increase spark gap life.

ORDERING INFORMATION

- **LA26M-X** X – Breakdown voltage.
- Please indicate your impulse voltage requirements, switching capacitance/energy per shot and pulse repetition rate

