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# MCP (MICROCHANNEL PLATE) ASSEMBLY

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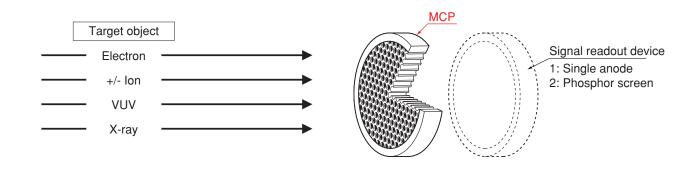
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Microchannel plate (MCP) is a two-dimensional sensor that detects electrons, ions, VUV rays, X-rays and gamma rays in a vacuum, and amplifies the detected signals. These MCPs are widely used in many types of analytical equipment such as for "mass spectroscopy", "semicon-ductor inspection" and "surface analysis".

The MCP assemblies are available with two different readout devices to meet application needs. The devices are of: (1) single anode (electrical signal output), and (2) phosphor screen (visible light output). Select the ideal output device for your application.

From one to three stage MCPs can be selected for the assembly to obtain necessary gain, allowing uses in the analog mode (the output signal is measured as a continuous electrical current) or the counting mode (the low level signal can be measured by a binary processing).



## **OPERATING PRINCIPLE**

As shown in the figure on the lower right, a potential gradient is established along the channel when the voltage  $V_D$  is applied between the input and output sides of the MCP. Multiple secondary electrons are emitted when an electron enters a channel from the input side and hits its inner wall. These secondary electrons are accelerated by the potential gradient to draw parabolic trajectories that are determined by their initial velocities. They then hit the opposite wall in the channel causing further secondary electrons to be emitted. The electrons in this way travel towards the output end while striking the inner wall of the channel repeatedly. As a result, a large number of exponentially increased electrons are extracted from the output side.

### Thickness

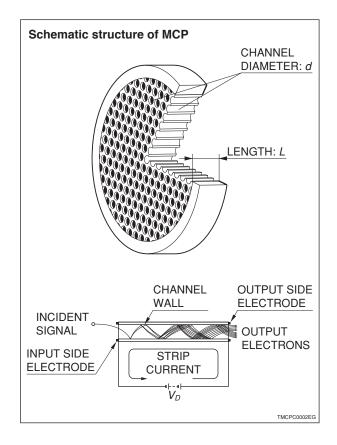
The thickness of an MCP is nearly equal to the channel length. The ratio of the channel length (*L*) to the channel diameter (*d*) is referred to as  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha$ =*L*/*d*), and this  $\alpha$  and the secondary emission factor inherent to the channel wall material determine the gain of the MCP. Standard MCPs are fabricated so that  $\alpha$  is 40 to 60. The MCP thickness is therefore determined by the required channel diameter and the design value of this  $\alpha$ .

### **Open Area Ratio: OAR**

The OAR indicates the ratio of the channel open area to the entire effective area of MCP.

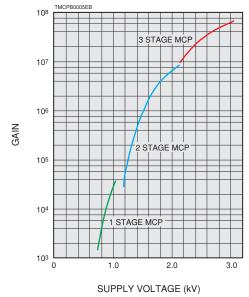
### **Bias angle**

The bias angle is formed by the channel axis and the axis perpendicular to the plate surface. This bias angle is chosen by considering the detection efficiency and spatial resolution as well as the prevention of input signals from passing through the channels without colliding with the channel walls.

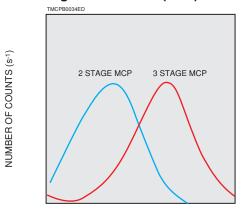


# CHARACTERISTICS

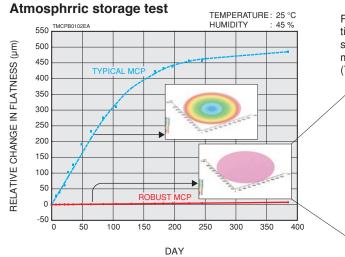
### MCP gain characteristics



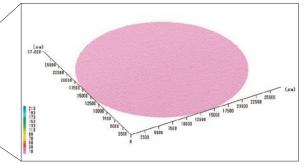
Pulse height distribution (PHD)



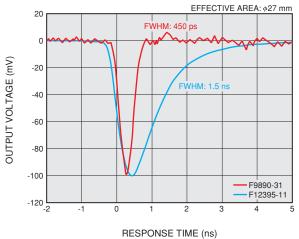
PULSE HEIGHT (CHANNEL NUMBER)



Robust MCPs have durability against various environmental conditions. They are less likely to warp or crack and are very stable in shape even when exposed to air and humidity for long time, minimizing the time jitter that affects the mass resolution of TOF-MS (Time-of-flight mass spectrometry).



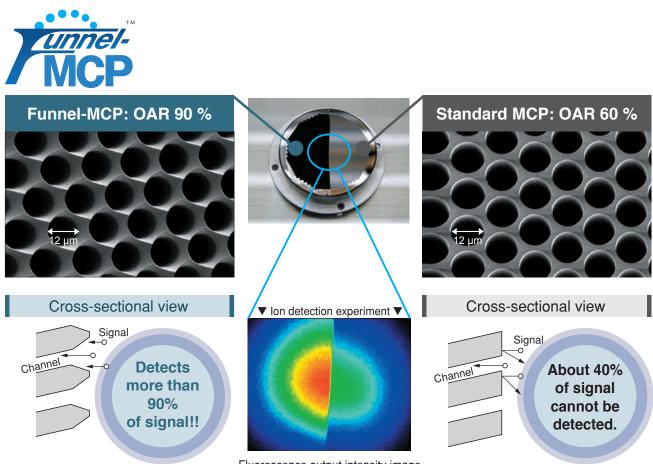
### **Output waveform**



MCP assemblies for TOF measurement are available with a fast response time ranging from 450 ps to 1.5 ns (FHWM). Select according to your application.

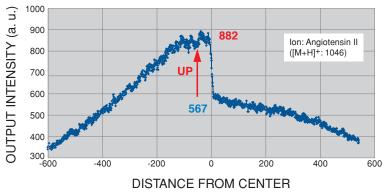
# LARGE OAR: FUNNEL TYPE

Funnel MCPs have a large open area ratio (OAR) by making the input side of each channel into the shape of a funnel. This allows more signals to enter each channel than before, enabling effective and accurate signal detection.



Fluorescence output intensity image (pseudo color display)





### Line-up

Parameter Type No.	F1551-011F	F1094-011F	F1552-011F	F1217-011F	Unit			
Channel diameter		1	2		μm			
Effective area	<i>φ</i> 14.5	<i>\phi</i> 20	φ <b>2</b> 7	<i>ϕ</i> 42	mm			
Bias angle		12						
Thickness		0.48						

# **MCP** SPECIFICATIONS AND DIMENSIONAL OUTLINES

Type No.		F1551			F1094			F1552		F1208-01	F12	217	F1942-04	Unit
Parameter	<b>-01</b> ①	-011	-074	<b>-01</b> ①	-011	-074	<b>-01</b> <sup>①</sup>	-011	-074	F1200-01	<b>-01</b> <sup>①</sup>	-011	F 1942-04	Unit
Outer size A		φ17.9			<i></i> \$\$			<i>\$</i> 32.8		<i>\$</i> 38.4	φ49	9.9	¢86.7	mm
Electrode area B		φ <b>1</b> 7			<i></i> \$\$23.9			<i></i> \$31.8		<i>\$</i> 36.5	φ4	.9	<i>\phi</i> 84.7	mm
Effective area C	φ14	<i>φ</i> 14.5 <i>φ</i> 14 <i>φ</i> 20 <i>φ</i> 27 <i>φ</i> 32 <i>φ</i> 42 <i>φ</i> 79						<i>φ</i> 79	mm					
Thickness D	0.4	48	0.3	0.4	48	0.3	0.	48	0.3	0.48	0.4	18	1	mm
Channel diameter	1	2	6	1	2	6	1	2	6	12	1:	2	25	μm
Channel pitch	1	5	7.5	1	5	7.5	1	5	7.5	15	1	5	31	μm
Bias angle $\theta$	8	1	2	8	1	12	8	1	2	8	8	12	8	0
Open area ratio							60							%
Electrode material							Inconel							_
Gain (Min.) <sup>②</sup>	1(	04	5×10 <sup>3</sup>	10	D4	5×10 <sup>3</sup>	1	04	5×10 <sup>3</sup>			104		_
Resistance <sup>2</sup>	100 to 700	20 to 100	20 to 200	50 to 500	10 to 50	10 to 100	15 to 200	6.7 to 33.3	6.7 to 66	20 to 200	10 to 200	4 to 20	10 to 100	MΩ
Dark current (Max.) 2							0.5							pA·cm⁻²
Maximum linear output 2						7 % o	f strip cui	rrent 4						_
Supply voltage 3		1.0								kV				
Operating ambient							EQ to 7	0						°C
temperature 3						-	50 to +7	0						

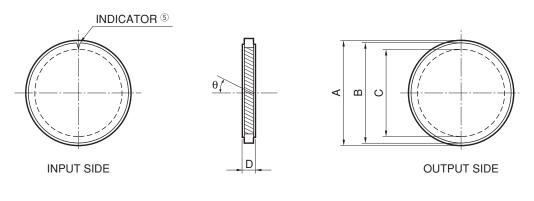
NOTE: 1) The F1551-01, F1094-01, F1552-01, F1208-01 and F1217-01 are also available with a center through-hole (6 mm diameter).

<sup>2</sup>Supply voltage: 1.0 kV, vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C

3Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa

(4) Strip current is the current that flows through channel walls when a voltage is applied between MCP IN and OUT. It is given by dividing the applied voltage by the MCP resistance.

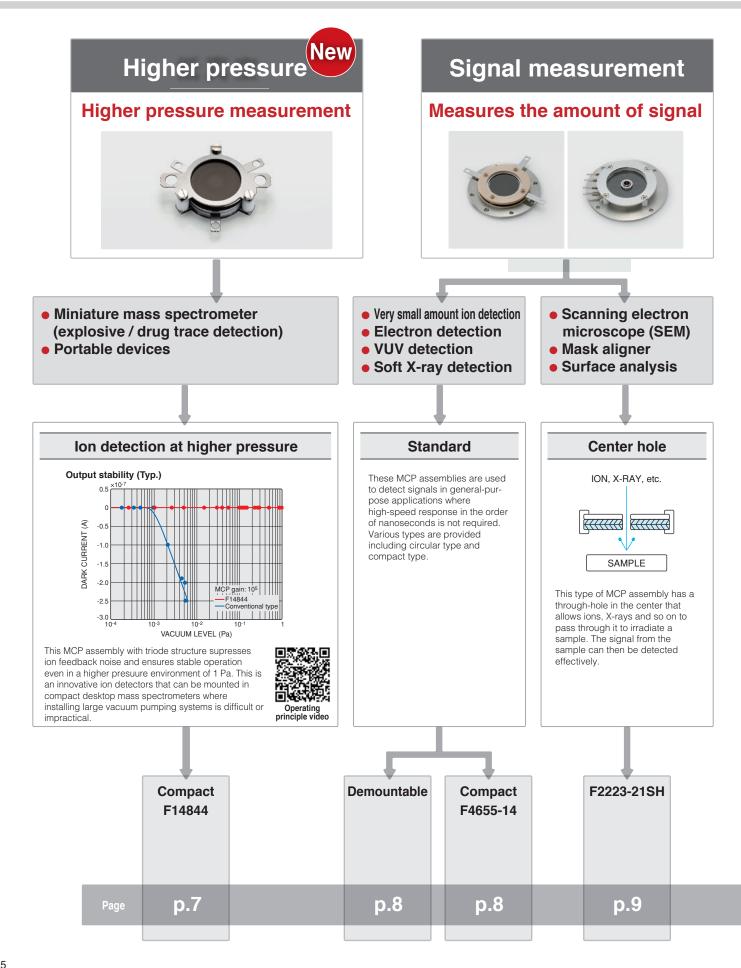
⑤Indicates MCP input side. Shape varies depending on product type.

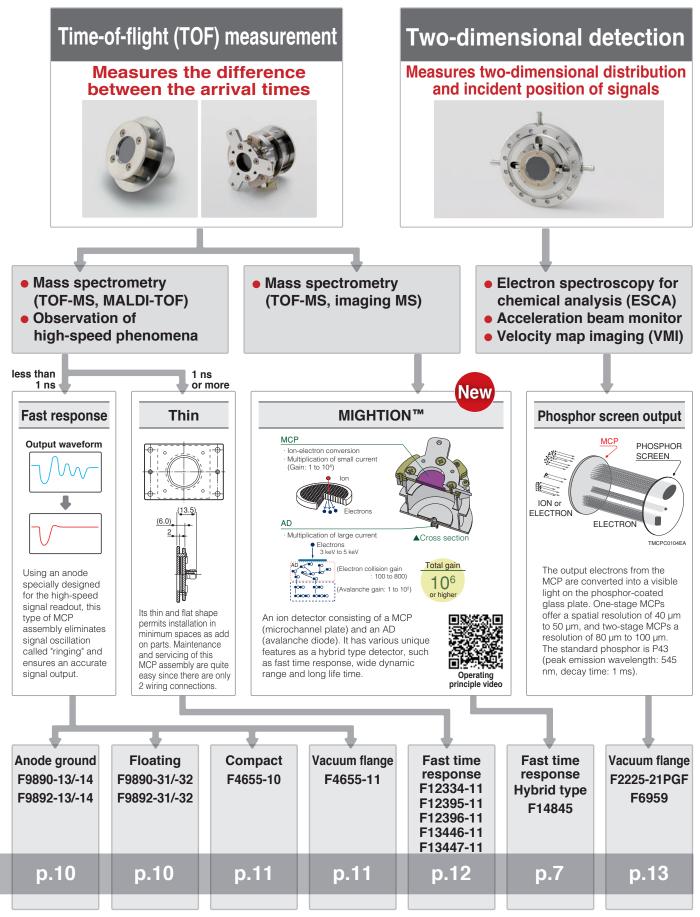


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# **MCP ASSEMBLY** SELECTION GUIDE BY PURPOSE

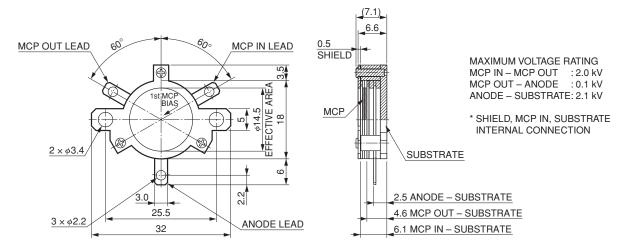




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### F14844

Max. operating pressure	Gain (Min.)	Effective area	Resistance	Dark count (Max.)
(pa)		(mm)	(MΩ)	(s <sup>-1</sup> ·cm <sup>-2</sup> )
1	1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	φ14.5	300 ~ 600	3



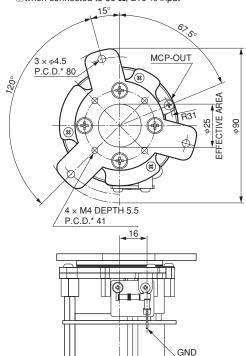
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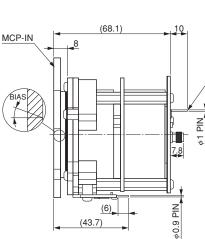
Pulse width (FWHM)	Gain	Effective area	DC output 2	Pulse linearity <sup>3</sup>
(Тур.)	(Min.)		(Max.)	(Max.)
(ps)		(mm)	(μA)	(V)
550	1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	φ25	200	3.2

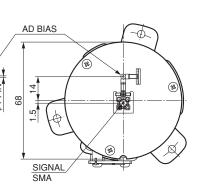
NOTE: 1)MCP-in: -6 kV, MCP: 600 V, AD: -350 V

(3) when connected to 50  $\Omega$ , ±10 % input

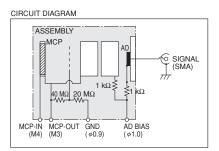


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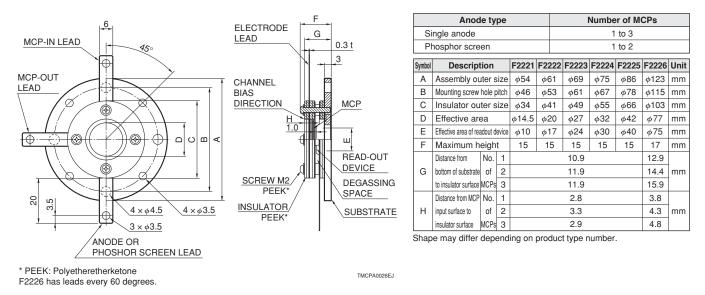
\* P.C.D. (Pitch Circle Diameter)



## Demountable

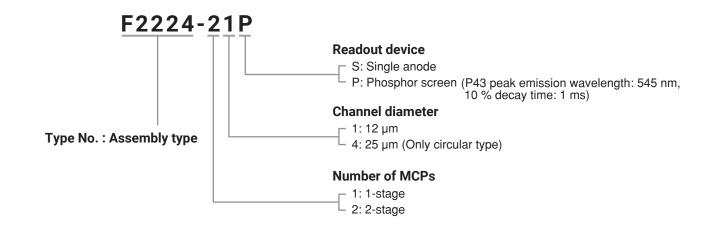
Type No.	Channel diameter (µm)	Number of MCPs	Gain <sup>①</sup> (Min.)	Pulse height <sup>①</sup> resolution (Max.) (%)	Dark count <sup>①</sup> (Max.) (s <sup>-1.</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	MCP <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)	MCP-OUT to anode <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)
F2221			1 stage MCP				
F2222		Pofor to	: 1 × 104			1 stage MCP: 1.0	Single anode: 0.5
F2223	12	Refer to	2 stage MCP	2 stage MCP: 120	3	2 stage MCP: 1.0	Phosphor screen
F2224		"Anode type" below	: 1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	3 stage MCP: 80	(2 or 3 stage MCP)	3 stage MCP: 2.0	: 3.0 to 4.0
F2225		Delow	3 stage MCP			3 stage MCF. 3.0	. 3.0 10 4.0
F2226	25		: 1 × 10 <sup>7</sup>				

NOTE: ①Supply voltage: 1.0 kV/MCP, vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C ②Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa



Perform the vacuum baking under 150 °C while keeping the evacuation system at a vacuum pressure below 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa.

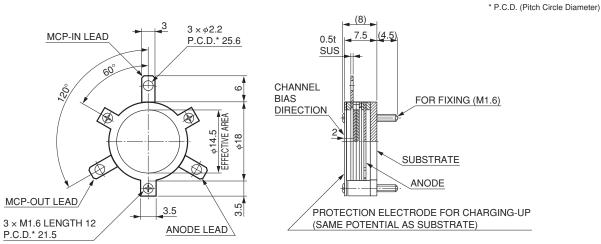
# Type number designation



Type No.	Channel diameter (µm)	Number of MCPs	MCP center dead area (mm)	Gain <sup>①</sup> (Min.)	Pulse height <sup>①</sup> resolution (Max.) (%)	Dark count <sup>①</sup> (Max.) (s <sup>-1.</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	MCP <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)	MCP-OUT to anode <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)
F4655-14	12	0	—	$5 \times 10^{7}$	50	0	2.5	0.5
F2223-21SH	12	2	φ8	1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	_	3	2.0	0.5

NOTE: ①Supply voltage: 1.0 kV/MCP, vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C ②Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa

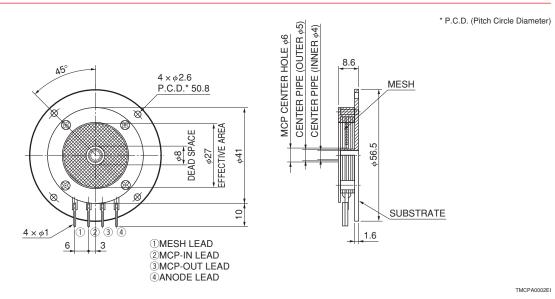
### F4655-14



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### F2223-21SH



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Type No.	Channel diameter (µm)	Number of MCPs	Pulse width (FWHM) (ps)	Gain <sup>①</sup> (Min.)	Pulse height <sup>①</sup> resolution (Max.) (%)	Dark count <sup>(1)</sup> (Max.) (s <sup>-1.</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	MCP <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)	MCP-OUT to anode <sup>(2)</sup> supply voltage (kV)
F9890-13	12		900					
F9890-14	6			- 1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	150	3		0.5
F9890-31	12							
F9890-32	6	2	450				2.0	
F9892-13	12	2	1200	1 x 10°	150	5		
F9892-14	6		1200					
F9892-31	12		700					
F9892-32	6		700					

NOTE: ①Supply voltage: 1.0 kV/MCP, vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C

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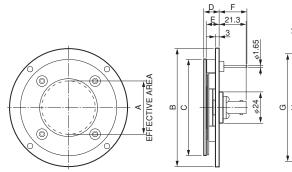
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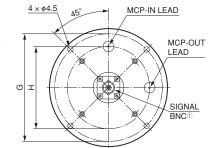
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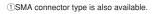
②Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa

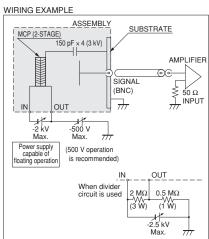
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		F9890-13	F9890-14	F9892-13	F9892-14	
А		φ2	27	<i></i> \$42		
В		φξ	31	ø92		
С		φE	63	φ75		
D		12	11.6	12	11.6	
Е		10	9.6	10	9.6	
F	MCP-IN LEAD	22	.0	22.0		
F	MCP-OUT LEAD	24	.0	24.0		
G		φ7	72	ø84		
Н		φ5	52	φ6	64	

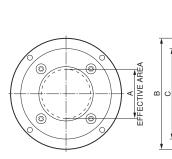




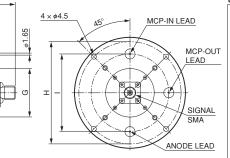


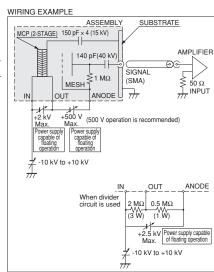
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# F9890-31/-32, F9892-31/-32



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		F9890-31	F9890-32	F9892-31	F9892-32	
Α		φ2	27	φ4	12	
В		φ{	31	ø92		
С		φ6	63	φ	75	
D		20.2	19.9	20.2	19.9	
E		18.2	17.9	18.2	17.9	
	MCP-IN LEAD	13.5	13.5 13.9		13.9	
F	MCP-OUT LEAD	15	i.2	15.2		
	ANODE LEAD	19	9.4	19	9.4	
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Ι		φ!	52	φ(	64	

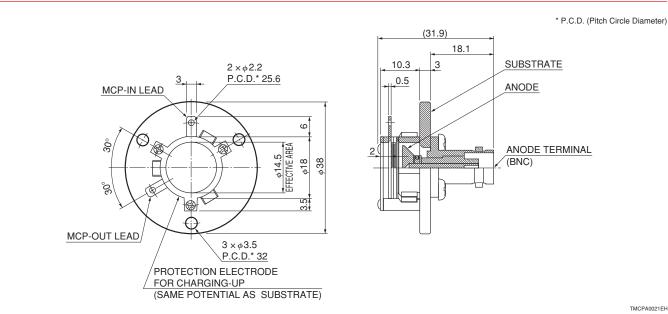




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F4655-10 F4655-11	12	2	600	$5 \times 10^{7}$	50	3	2.5	0.5

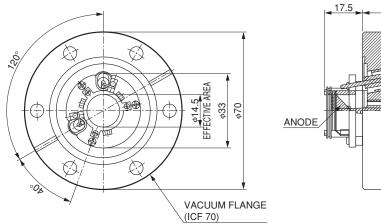
NOTE: ①Supply voltage: 1.2 kV/MCP, vacuum: 1.3 ± 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C <sup>(2)</sup>Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa

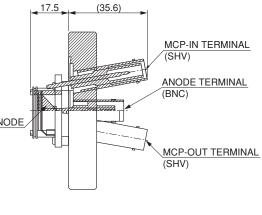
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### F4655-11





Type No.	Channel diameter (µm)	Number of MCPs	Pulse width <sup>①</sup> (FWHM) (ps)	Gain <sup>②</sup> (Min.)	Pulse height <sup>②</sup> resolution (Max.) (%)	Dark count <sup>(2)</sup> (Max.) (s <sup>-1</sup> ·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	MCP <sup>(3)</sup> supply voltage (kV)	MCP-OUT to anode <sup>③</sup> supply voltage (kV)
F12334-11			4500					
F12395-11			1500					
F12396-11	12	2		1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	—	3 ④	_ (4)	0.1
F13446-11			1300					
F13447-11			1500					

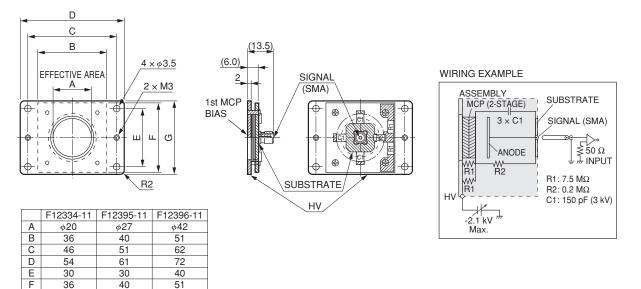
**NOTE:** ①FWHM at output peak value 20 mV, 50  $\Omega$  input

2 Supply voltage: 1.0 kV/MCP, vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa, operating ambient temperature: +25 °C

③Vacuum: 1.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa

(4) A maximum of -2.1 kV is supplied to the HV electrode, depending on the built-in bleeder resistors.

### F12334-11, F12395-11, F12396-11



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### F13446-11, F13447-11

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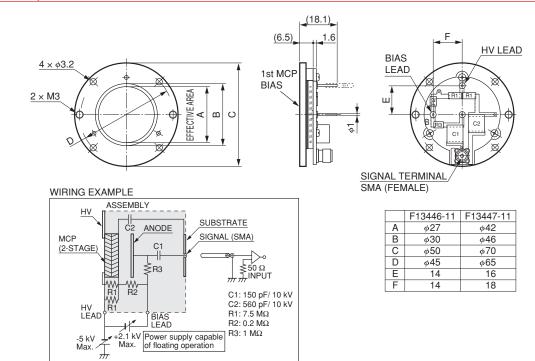
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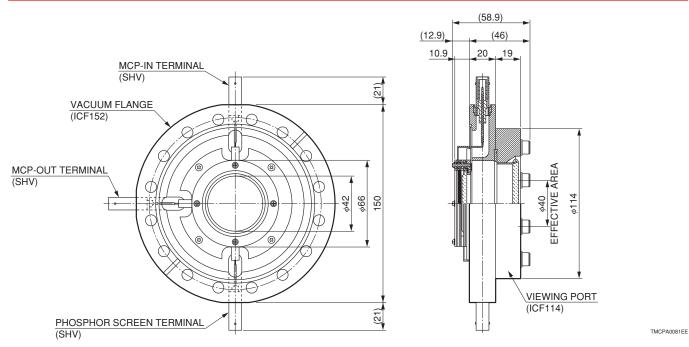
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Type No.	Channel diameter (µm)	Number of MCPs	Gain <sup>①</sup> (Min.)	Pulse height resolution (Max.) (%)	Dark count <sup>①</sup> (Max.) (s <sup>.1.</sup> cm <sup>.2</sup> )	MCP <sup>②</sup> supply voltage (kV)	MCP-OUT to anode <sup>(2)</sup> supply voltage (kV)
F2225-21PGF F6959	12	2	1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	_	3	2.0	4.0 3.0

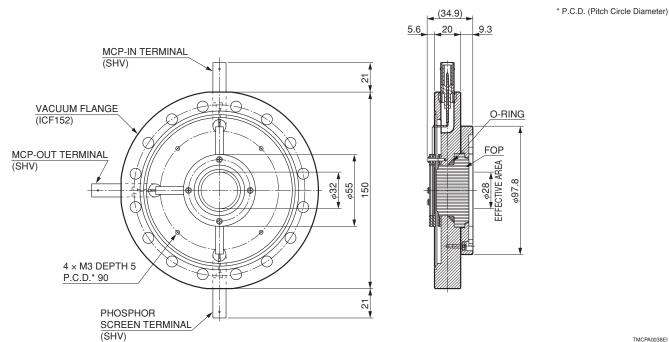
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## F2225-21PGF



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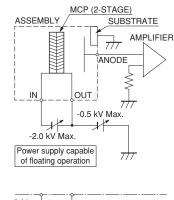
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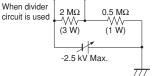


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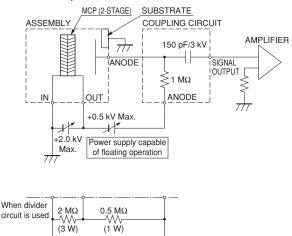
### Signal measurement (electrical signal output)

### Positive ion detection: Anode grounded



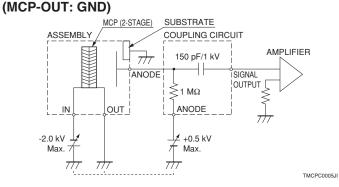


# Electron or negative ion detection: Anode floating (MCP-IN: GND)



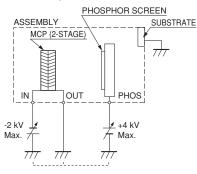
# Positive ion detection: Anode floating

+2.5 kV Max.

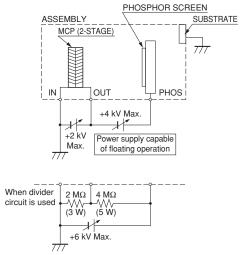


### Two-dimensional detection (visible light output)

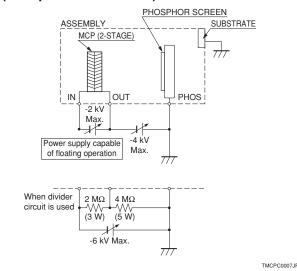
# Positive ion detection (MCP-OUT: GND)



# Electron or positive ion detection (MCP-IN: GND)



### Positive ion detection (Phosphor screen: GND)



Using multiple high-voltage power supplies has an advantage that the MCP gain can be independently adjusted.

Using the divider circuit with a single high-voltage power supply offers low cost, but there is a disadvantage that the MCP gain varies as the power supply voltage varies.

There can be some exceptions.

### **HOW TO HANDLE**

#### 1. STORAGE

MCP and MCP assembly are shipped in packages that are evacuated to a vacuum or filled with dry nitrogen. These packages are intended for use during shipping and not suited for long-term storage. When storing the MCP and MCP assemblies, take them out of their packages and keep them in a clean case under either a) or b) of the following conditions.

a) At vacuum pressure below 13 Pa and no oil diffusion.

b) Under gentle constant flow of dry nitrogen passed through a 0.45 µm or smaller filter (humidity: 20 % or less).

#### 2. HANDLING

Avoid touching the MCP and the MCP assembly with bare hand. If handled with bare hand, these might be contaminated by oil and salt from it causing an increase in dark current, a loss of gain and an electrical discharge.

When handling them, always wear clean vinyl or polyethylene gloves. Even when you wear gloves, never touch the effective area of the MCP and the MCP assembly.

#### **3. ENVIRONMENTS**

The MCP surface is processed to be electrically active and the components used for the assembly are also processed for high vacuum use. So as much as possible, handle them in an environment conforming to clean-room (dust-proof room) specifications where oily vapor, moisture and dust are minimized. If dusts or debris get on the MCP surface, blow them off with dry clean air or nitrogen gas. When doing this, check the pressure and surrounding area so as not to blow other dust into the air. Never use your own breath to blow off the dust from the MCP surface.

#### 4. DEGASSING BEFORE USE

Gas adsorption usually occurs on the surface of an MCP which has not yet been used after delivery or has been stored after use. The MCP must be evacuated in a high vacuum below  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa for more than 24 h to perform degassing before using it (before supplying a voltage).

#### 5. VACUUM BAKING

Vacuum baking is effective in degassing when the MCP or the MCP assembly is to be used in a high vacuum. Perform the vacuum baking under 150 °C while keeping the vacuum pressure below  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa. Vacuum baking cannot be performed on some types of MCP assembly. Please consult us for details.

### 6. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

Always maintain the MCP and the MCP assembly high vacuum condition below  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa in operation. (1 Pa or less for the F14844 series) When supplying a voltage to the MCP or MCP assembly and to the output signal readout device (anode, phosphor screen), slowly increase it at every 100 V step (approx. 5 sec per 100 V).

#### 7. MEASUREMENT OF MCP RESISTANCE

Because MCP is made of lead glass, the resistance of MCP cannot be measured correctly if placed in the atmosphere due to the humidity. The resistance can be measured correctly only when the MCP is placed in a vacuum and its electrodes are securely in contact with the measuring device. The MCP resistance has a negative temperature characteristics (resistance deceases as temperature increases), so it may take several minutes for the resistance value to become stable.

### WARRANTY

This product is warranted for one year after delivery. If you find any failure or defect in the workmanship and notify us within this warranty period, we will repair or replace it free of charge. The warranty is limited to replacement of the defective product.

Even if within the warranty period, this warranty shall not apply to failures or damages that were caused by the product reaching the end of its service life, incorrect operation, or accidents such as natural or man-made disasters.

### **DISPOSAL METHOD**

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