

# Graphical symbols for power generating plant —

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## Foreword

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It has long been felt that, except in the electrical engineering field, there has been a lack of uniformity in the method adopted for the preparation of schematic diagrams of engineering plant generally and that there is need for standardized symbols by which particular items of the plant can conveniently be identified, applying equally to different branches of engineering.

To meet this need, the preparation of a series of British Standards for graphical symbols for general engineering has been undertaken.

This Part, which provides graphical symbols for Power Generating Plant, forms Part 2 of this series.

Part 1, published separately, deals with graphical symbols for Pipes, Valves and Fittings. Part 3 deals with Compressing plant.

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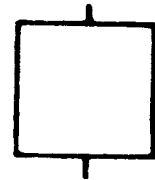
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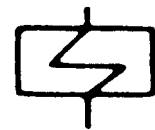
## Section 11. Steam plant

### Group 11A. Steam generators

11A1 Boiler, general symbol.

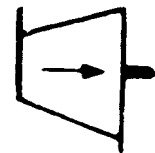


11A2 Superheater, Flue-gas re-heater or Economizer.  
Additional connections may be shown as required for air, flue gas, etc.

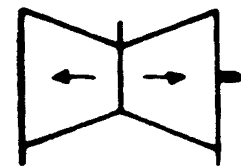


### Group 11B. Prime movers

11B1 Steam turbine, general symbol or single-flow turbine cylinder.

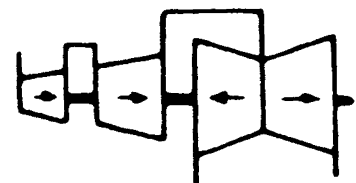


11B2 Double-flow steam-turbine cylinder.  
NOTE Multi-cylinder turbines may be shown by combinations of these symbols.

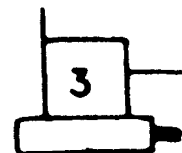


Example:— Three-cylinder turbine with double-flow exhaust cylinder.

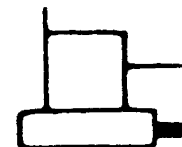
In such cases as mixed-flow, pass-out, or bled-steam turbines, additional connections may be shown on the turbine cylinder.



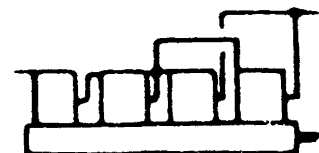
11B3 Reciprocating steam engine, general symbol.  
Number of cylinders may be shown by a figure within the symbol.



11B4 Reciprocating steam-engine cylinder.  
NOTE Any number of these symbols may be combined to show a complete engine.

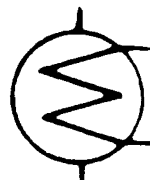


Example:— Four-cylinder triple-expansion engine.

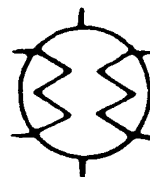


**Group 11C. Condensers**

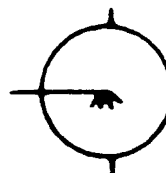
11C1 Surface condenser unit.



11C2 Surface condenser unit, divided on water side.

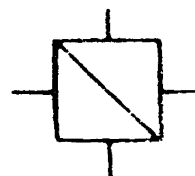


11C3 Jet condenser unit.

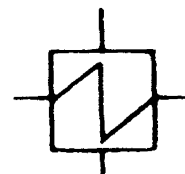


**Group 11D. Heat exchangers**

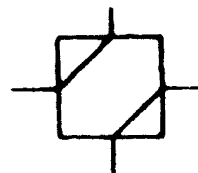
11D1 Live-steam re-heater.



11D2 Feed-water heater, de-superheater, attemperator or water cooler, surface type.



11D3 Air pre-heater.



**Group 11E. Pumps, ejectors and fans**

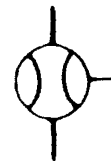
11E1 Pump, general symbol.



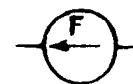
11E2 Pump, positive-displacement.



**11E3** Air ejector, steam-jet or thermo-compressor type.



**11E4** Forced-draught fan.



**11E5** Induced-draught fan.



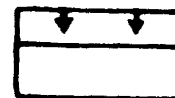
**NOTE** The use of reference letters other than those given in **11E2**, **11E4**, and **11E5** is not recommended, because it is not usually important to specify the type of pump or fan on a diagram.

### Group 11F. Tanks and de-aerators

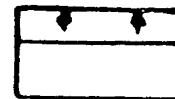
**11F1** Open tank.  
Connections may be shown as required.



**11F2** Closed tank, vacuum type.



**11F3** Closed tank, pressure type.



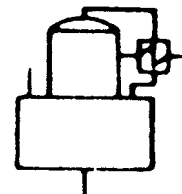
**11F4** Closed tank, steam-sealing type.



**11F5** De-aerator.



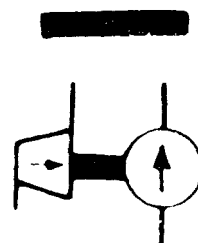
**11F6** De-aerator with storage tank and vent condenser.



**Group 11G. Miscellaneous**

**11G1** Shaft extension or mechanical coupling between machines.

Example:— Turbine-driven pump



**11G2** Gearing, general symbol.



**11G3** Clutch, general symbol.



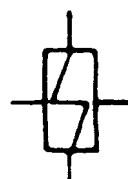
**11G4** Flash box.



**11G5** Air cooler.



**11G6** Oil cooler or oil heater.



**11G7** Steam receiver.



**11G8** Steam separator.

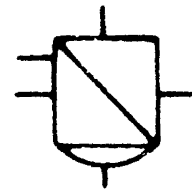


**11G9** De-superheater or attemperator, spray type.

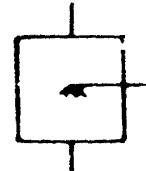




11G10 Evaporator.



11G11 Feed-water heater, contact type.



11G12 Cooling tower.



11G13 Open-ended screen.



11G14 Centrifugal clarifier.



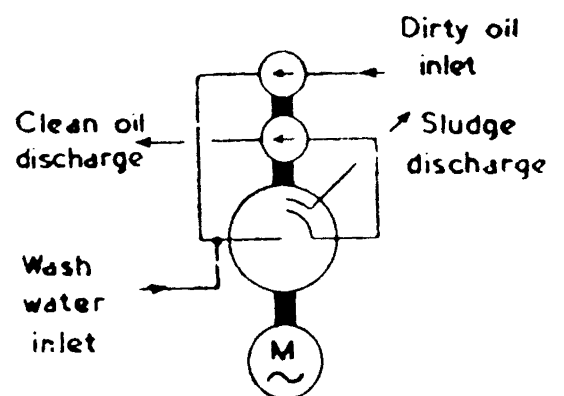
11G15 Centrifugal separator with heavy and light fraction discharges.



11G16 Centrifugal separator, as 11G15 with wash-water connection.



Symbols 11G14 to 11G16 may be used in conjunction with other symbols as required. Example:— A.C. motor-driven centrifugal oil separator with positive wash-water inlet and discharge pumps.

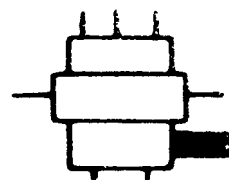


11GI7 Heat load, e.g., Process plant.



## Section 12. Reciprocating internal-combustion engines

**12A1** Reciprocating internal-combustion engine, general symbol.



The top three connections of this symbol represent fuel inlet, air inlet and exhaust. The centre two connections represent jacket-cooling medium inlet and outlet (where fitted). The bottom two connections represent lubricating-oil inlet and outlet (where fitted).

Particulars of the engine may be shown by means of symbols from the following lists, inset in the appropriate portion of the general symbol.

*in the top rectangle:*

**Cycle:** Two-stroke 2S  
Four-stroke 4S

*In the centre rectangle:*

**Cylinder arrangement:** In line L  
Vee V  
Radial R  
"H" type H  
Opposed O

**Number of cylinders:** Shown by a figure.

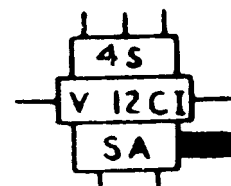
**Method of ignition:** Compression ignition CI  
Spark ignition SI

*In the bottom rectangle:*

**Action:** Single-acting SA  
Double-acting DA

*Example:*

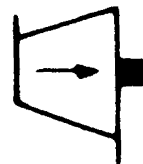
Four-stroke, V-type, 12-cylinder, compression-ignition single-acting internal-combustion engine.



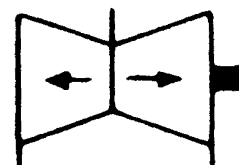
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## Section 13. Gas turbines

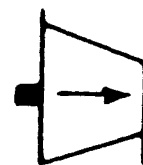
**13A1** Gas turbine general symbol or single-flow turbine cylinder.



**13A2** Double-flow gas-turbine cylinder.



**13A3** Compressor, general symbol.



**13A4** Combustion chamber, general symbol.



NOTE Symbols for ancillary equipment should be taken from appropriate items in other parts of this standard.

## British standards on allied subjects

BS 1553, *Graphical symbols in general engineering.*

BS 1553-1, *Pipes and valves.*

BS 1553-3, *Compressing plant.*

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BS 974, *Symbols for use in diagrams of chemical plant.*

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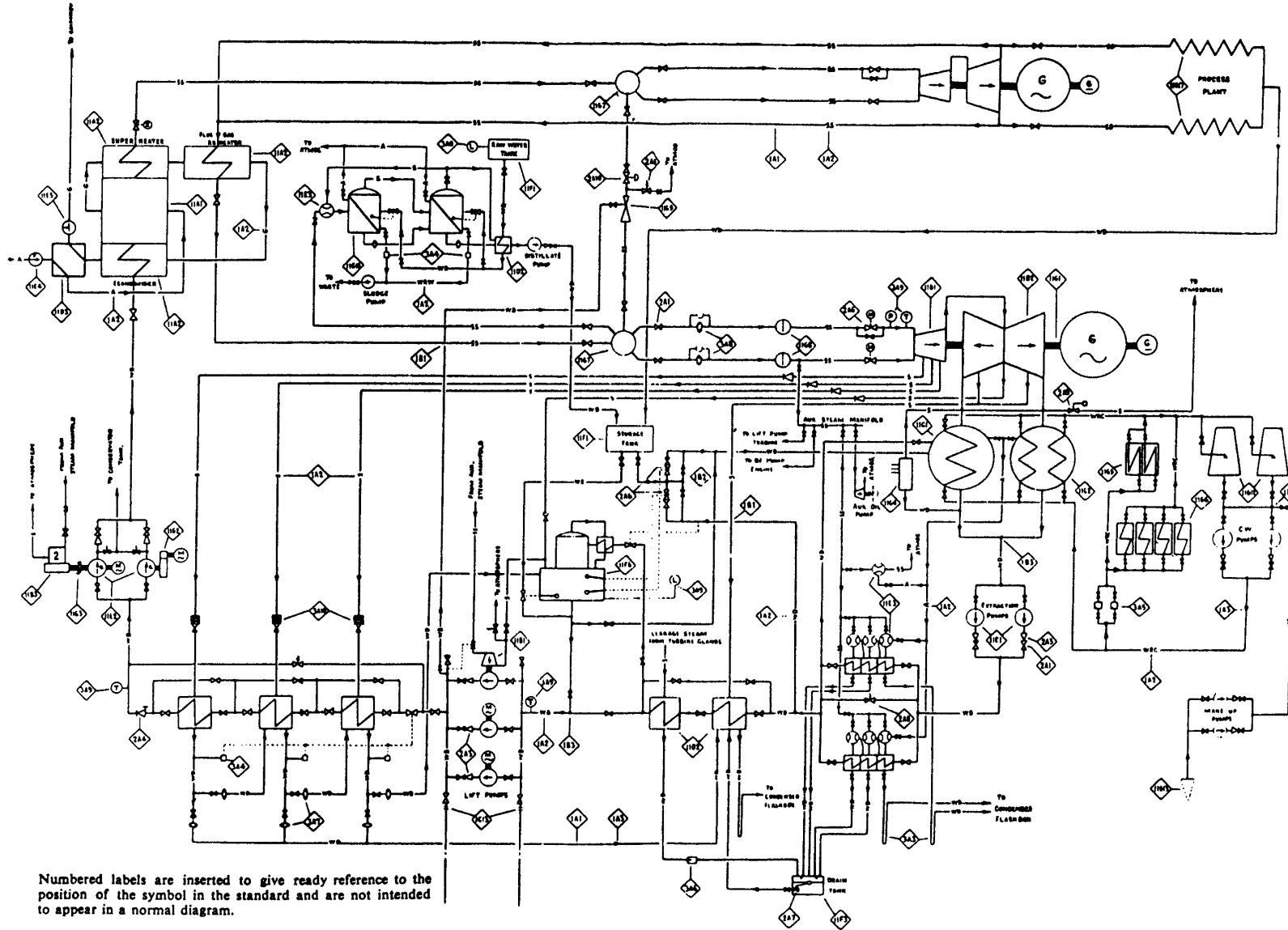
BS 308, *Engineering drawing-office practice.*

BS 1192, *Architectural and building drawing-office practice.*

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BS 1991, *Letter symbols, signs and abbreviations — Part 1: General.*

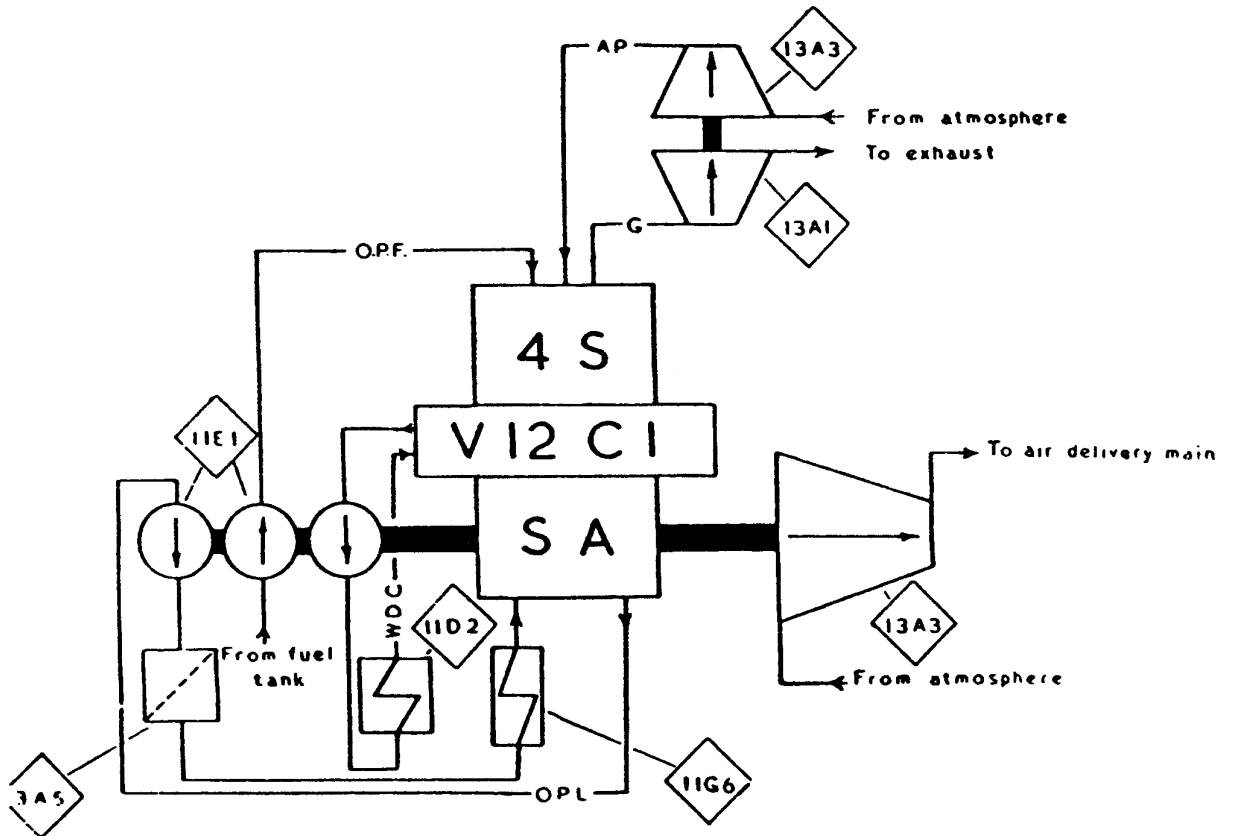
# Typical diagram of steam power generating plant



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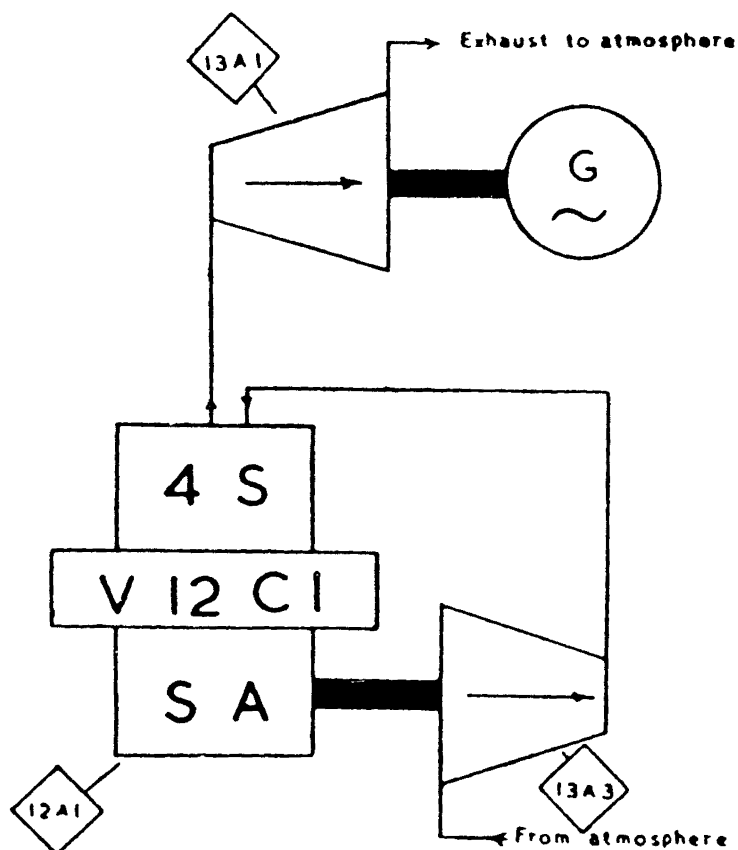
This is a representative diagram using as many as possible of the symbols, etc., shown in the standard, but is not to be regarded as a standard diagram with regard to the method of combining the various items of plant or the method of layout of the diagram as a whole. It is recommended that diagrams should be arranged so that the main flow of fluids, etc., is in a clock-wise direction.

Typical diagram showing A 4-S V-12 SA diesel engine driving an air compressor, and some ancillary equipment directly associated with the engine



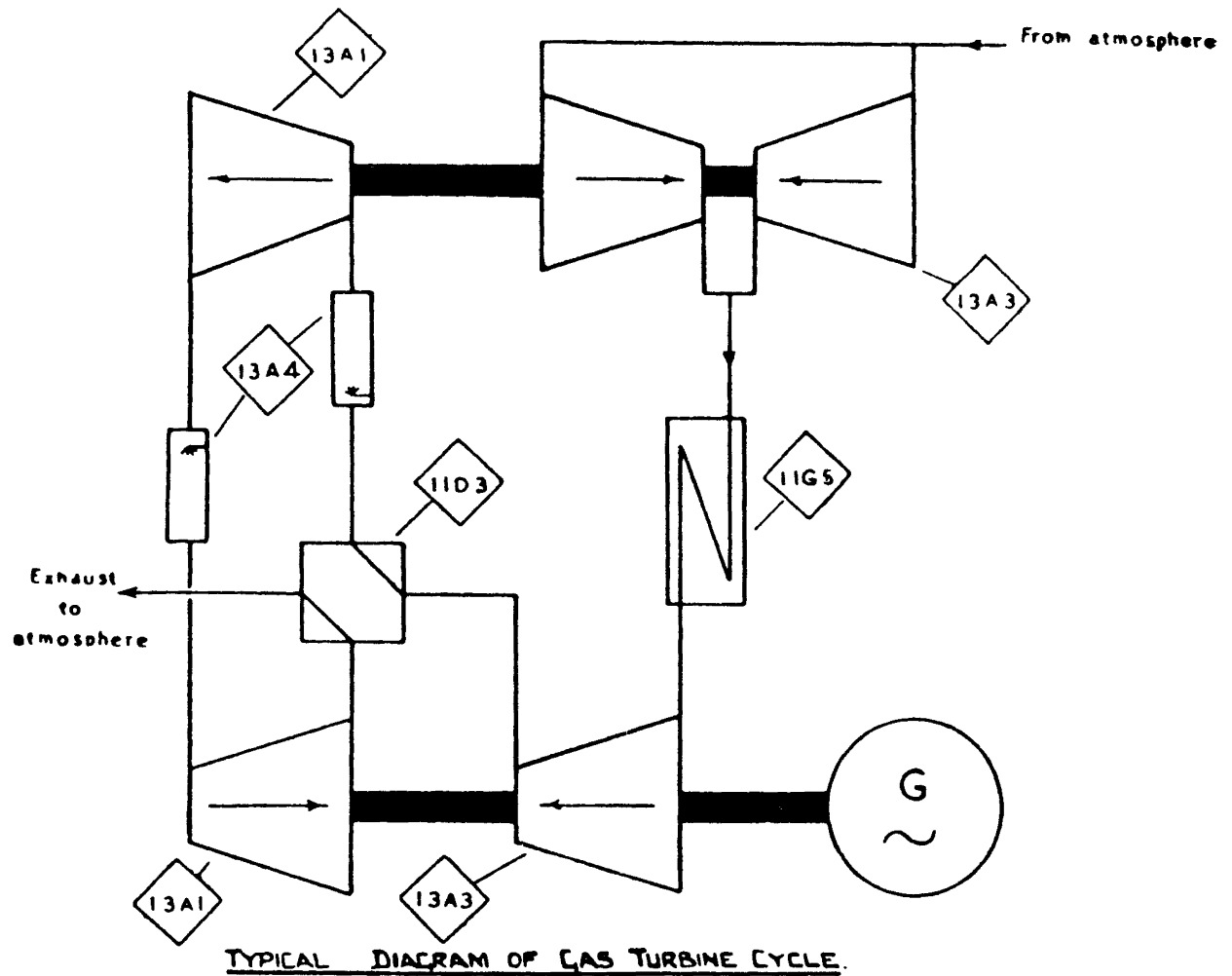
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Typical diagram showing A 4-S V-12 SA diesel engine used as a gas generator for a power gas turbine ancillary equipment is omitted



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## Typical diagram of gas turbine cycle



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