Thermocouple and RTD Sensors

Thermocouples

• J, K, T, and E types

RTDs

- Platinum 100 Ω at 0 °C
- Conform to DIN 43760-1980 (alpha = 0.00385)
- 3-wire

Configuration Options

- Field-cuttable probes
- Ready-made sensors
- Thermocouple wire
- Thermocouple extension wire

Accessories

- Thermocouple plugs (J, K, T, E)
- Spring-loaded fittings (probes only)
- Tubing cutters (probes only)



Overview

NI offers thermocouples and RTDs for your measurement and automation systems. These sensors are available in versatile configurations - field-cuttable probes and ready-made sensors. NI also offers spools of thermocouple wire and extension wire.

Thermocouples

Thermocouples are the most popular temperature measurement transducers available. Because of their low cost and wide temperature acceptance range, you can use thermocouples for a wide variety of applications in all industries. All NI thermocouples and extension wires are available in J, K, T, and E types and follow ANSI color coding specifications.

Field-Cuttable Thermocouples

NI field-cuttable thermocouples suit a wide variety of temperature applications. With field-cuttable thermocouples, you can cut the metal sheathed probe to the desired length - from 8.9 to 61 cm (3.5 to 24 in.)

Ready-Made Thermocouples

For cost-sensitive applications, NI offers ready-made thermocouples individual packets of thermocouple wire with the measuring junction provided at one end. Ready-made thermocouples are ideal for starter or educational applications.

Thermocouple and Extension Wire

For large-scale or custom temperature measurement applications, NI offers spools of thermocouple and extension wire. You are responsible for making the thermocouple junction.

Thermocouple Miniconnector Plugs

For applications requiring fast, easy connection and disconnection of thermocouples, we suggest thermocouple miniconnectors. These plugs work with any standard thermocouple miniconnector jack, including those available with the TC-2095, SCXI-1112,

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SC-2311, SC-2345, and CA-1000 Series connector panelettes. Thermocouple miniconnector plugs come in quantities of 10, and are available for J, K, T, and E types.

RTDs

RTDs are popular for high-accuracy temperature measurement applications. NI offers 3-wire, 100 Ω platinum RTDs that conform to the DIN 43760-1980 (European) standard curve (a = 0.00385). These RTDs are available as field-cuttable metal sheathed probes and ready-made element configurations.

Field-Cuttable RTDs

NI field-cuttable RTDs are ideal for a wide variety of temperature applications. With field-cuttable RTDs, you can cut the metal sheathed probe to the desired length - from 8.9 to 61 cm (3.5 to 24 in.).

Ready-Made RTDs

Ready-made RTDs offer solutions for cost-sensitive temperature measurement applications. Each RTD element is sealed in an Alumina tube, with three Teflon-coated leads, and can measure up to 204 °C (400 °F).

Thermocouple and RTD Sensors

Ordering Information		T-type	
Field-Cuttable Thermocouples		30 m	745687-T030
J-type		300 m	745687-T300
Grounded7	745685-J01	E-type	
Ungrounded7	745685-J02	30 m	745687-E030
K-type		300 m	745687-E300
Grounded7	45685-K01	Thermocouple Extension Wire	
Ungrounded7	45685-K02	Jx-type	
T-type		30 m	745689-J030
Grounded7	'45685-T01	300 m	745689-J300
Ungrounded7	45685-T02	Kx-type	
E-type		30 m	745689-K030
Grounded7	45685-E01	300 m	745689-K300
Ungrounded7	45685-E02	Tx-type	
Ready-Made Thermocouples		30 m	745689-T030
J-type		300 m	745689-T300
1 m74	15690-J001	Ex-type	
2 m74	15690-J002	30 m	745689-E030
K-type		300 m	745689-E300
1 m74	5690-K001	Accessories	
2 m74	5690-K002	Thermocouple Miniconnector Plugs (Quantity 10)	
T-type		J type	745688-J10
1 m74	5690-T001	K type	745688-K10
2 m74	5690-T002	T type	745688-T10
E-type		E type	745688-E10
1 m74	5690-E001	Uncompensated	745688-U10
2 m74	5690-E002	Spring-loaded fitting	
Thermocouple Wire		Tubing cutter	745688-37
J-type		RTDs	
30 m74	15687-J030	Field-Cuttable RTD	
300 m74	15687-J300	100 Ω, Pt, 3-wire	745686-01
K-type		Ready-Made RTDs	
30 m74	5687-K030	1 m	745691-01
300 m74		2 m	

Specifications

Thermocouple Characteristics Extension Wire

Temperature range.. -20 to 221 °F (-6.7 to 105 °C)

RTD Characteristics Type
Resistance
Probe range

Platinum $100~\Omega~at0~^\circ\text{C} \\ -58~to~900~^\circ\text{F}~(-50~to~482~^\circ\text{C}) \\ -58~to~400~^\circ\text{F}~(-50~to~204~^\circ\text{C}) \\ DIN 43760-1980~(European)~Standard Curve~(a = 0.00385) \\ \pm (0.3+0.005~|t)~^\circ\text{C}~(where~t~is~the~absolute~valueof~the~temperature~being~measured~in~^\circ\text{C}) \\ 3-wire$

Configuration...

Probe and Ready-Made Thermocouple Calibrations
'Where error is given in percent, the percentage applies to the temperature being measured, not the range.

	Conductor			Limits of Error ¹
Calibration	Positive	Negative	Temp. Range	(whichever is greater)
J-type	Iron	Constantan	32 to 900 °F	±2.2 °C (4.0 °F)
	(White)	(Red)	(0 to 482 °C)	or ±0.75%
K-type	Chromel	Alumael	32 to 900 °F	±2.2 °C (4.0 °F)
	(Yellow)	(Red)	(0 to 482 °C)	or ±0.75%
T-type	Copper	Constantan	-328 to 32 °F	±2.2 °C (4.0 °F)
(probe only)	(Blue)	(Red)	(-200 to 0 °C)	or ±0.75%
			32 to 500 °F	±1.0 °C (2.0 °F)
			(0 to 260 °C)	or ±0.75%
T-type (ready-	Copper	Constantan	32 to 500 °F	±1.0 °C (2.0 °F)
made only)	(Blue)	(Red)	(0 to 260 °C)	or ±0.75%
E-type	Chromel	Constantan	32 to 900 °F	±1.7 °C (2.0 °F)
	(Purple)	(Red)	(0 to 482 °C)	or ±0.75%