



NTC thermistors for temperature measurement

Miniature sensors
with bendable wires

Series/Type: B57867S
Date: February 2009

Applications

- Temperature measurement

Features

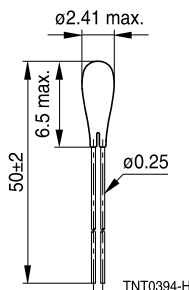
- Short response time
- High measuring accuracy
- Different tolerances available
- Epoxy resin encapsulation
- Silver-plated nickel leads
- UL approval (E69802)

Options

- Alternative lead lengths on request

Delivery mode

Bulk

Dimensional drawing


Dimensions in mm

Approx. weight 60 mg

General technical data

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Climatic category | (IEC 60068-1) | | 55/155/56 | |
| Max. power | (at 25 °C) | P_{25} | 60 | mW |
| Resistance tolerance | | $\Delta R_R/R_R$ | $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5$ | % |
| Rated temperature | | T_R | 25 | °C |
| Dissipation factor | (in air) | δ_{th} | approx. 1.5 | mW/K |
| Thermal cooling time constant | (in air) | τ_c | approx. 12 | s |
| Heat capacity | | C_{th} | approx. 18 | mJ/K |

Electrical specification and ordering codes

| R_{25} Ω | No. of R/T characteristic | $B_{25/100}$ K | Ordering code |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2 k | 1008 | 3560 ±1% | B57867S0202+140 |
| 3 k | 8016 | 3988 ±1% | B57867S0302+140 |
| 5 k | 8016 | 3988 ±1% | B57867S0502+140 |
| 10 k | 8016 | 3988 ±1% | B57867S0103+140 |
| 30 k | 8018 | 3964 ±1% | B57867S0303+140 |
| 50 k | 2901 | 3760 ±1% | B57867S0503+140 |
| 100 k | 2014 | 4540 ±1% | B57867S0104+140 |

+ = Resistance tolerance

F = ±1%

H = ±3%

J = ±5%

Reliability data

| Test | Standard | Test conditions | $\Delta R_{25}/R_{25}$ (typical) | Remarks |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Storage in dry heat | IEC 60068-2-2 | Storage at upper category temperature T: 155 °C t: 1000 h | < 2% | No visible damage |
| Storage in damp heat, steady state | IEC 60068-2-78 | Temperature of air: 40 °C Relative humidity of air: 93% Duration: 56 days | < 1% | No visible damage |
| Rapid temperature cycling | IEC 60068-2-14 | Lower test temperature: –55 °C Upper test temperature: 155 °C Number of cycles: 100 | < 1% | No visible damage |
| Long-term stability (empirical value) | | Temperature: 70 °C t: 10000 h | < 2% | No visible damage |

R/T characteristics

| R/T No. | 1008 | | 2014 | | 2901 | |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| T (°C) | B _{25/100} = 3560 K | | B _{25/100} = 4540 K | | B _{25/100} = 3760 K | |
| | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) |
| -55.0 | 53.104 | 6.1 | 142 | 7.8 | 63.969 | 6.7 |
| -50.0 | 39.318 | 6.0 | 96.615 | 7.6 | 46.179 | 6.4 |
| -45.0 | 29.325 | 5.8 | 66.562 | 7.3 | 33.738 | 6.2 |
| -40.0 | 22.03 | 5.7 | 46.4 | 7.1 | 24.927 | 6.0 |
| -35.0 | 16.666 | 5.5 | 32.708 | 6.9 | 18.611 | 5.8 |
| -30.0 | 12.696 | 5.4 | 23.302 | 6.7 | 14.033 | 5.6 |
| -25.0 | 9.7251 | 5.2 | 16.77 | 6.5 | 10.679 | 5.4 |
| -20.0 | 7.5171 | 5.1 | 12.186 | 6.3 | 8.198 | 5.3 |
| -15.0 | 5.8353 | 4.9 | 8.937 | 6.1 | 6.3123 | 5.2 |
| -10.0 | 4.5686 | 4.8 | 6.6125 | 5.9 | 4.9014 | 5.1 |
| -5.0 | 3.605 | 4.7 | 4.9342 | 5.8 | 3.821 | 4.9 |
| 0.0 | 2.8665 | 4.5 | 3.712 | 5.6 | 3.0027 | 4.7 |
| 5.0 | 2.2907 | 4.4 | 2.8145 | 5.5 | 2.3801 | 4.6 |
| 10.0 | 1.8438 | 4.3 | 2.15 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 4.5 |
| 15.0 | 1.492 | 4.1 | 1.6544 | 5.2 | 1.5257 | 4.3 |
| 20.0 | 1.2154 | 4.0 | 1.2819 | 5.0 | 1.233 | 4.3 |
| 25.0 | 1.0000 | 3.9 | 1.0000 | 4.9 | 1.0000 | 4.1 |
| 30.0 | 0.82976 | 3.8 | 0.78514 | 4.8 | 0.81679 | 4.0 |
| 35.0 | 0.68635 | 3.7 | 0.62031 | 4.7 | 0.67166 | 3.9 |
| 40.0 | 0.57103 | 3.6 | 0.49304 | 4.5 | 0.55527 | 3.8 |
| 45.0 | 0.48015 | 3.5 | 0.39417 | 4.4 | 0.46095 | 3.8 |
| 50.0 | 0.40545 | 3.4 | 0.3169 | 4.3 | 0.38459 | 3.7 |
| 55.0 | 0.3417 | 3.3 | 0.25616 | 4.2 | 0.32184 | 3.6 |
| 60.0 | 0.28952 | 3.2 | 0.20815 | 4.1 | 0.27068 | 3.5 |
| 65.0 | 0.24714 | 3.1 | 0.17 | 4.0 | 0.22907 | 3.3 |
| 70.0 | 0.21183 | 3.1 | 0.13952 | 3.9 | 0.19468 | 3.2 |
| 75.0 | 0.18194 | 3.0 | 0.11505 | 3.8 | 0.16607 | 3.1 |
| 80.0 | 0.1568 | 2.9 | 0.095302 | 3.7 | 0.14221 | 3.1 |
| 85.0 | 0.13592 | 2.8 | 0.079296 | 3.6 | 0.12218 | 3.0 |
| 90.0 | 0.11822 | 2.8 | 0.066263 | 3.5 | 0.10533 | 2.9 |
| 95.0 | 0.1034 | 2.7 | 0.055601 | 3.5 | 0.09123 | 2.8 |
| 100.0 | 0.090741 | 2.6 | 0.046843 | 3.4 | 0.079284 | 2.8 |
| 105.0 | 0.079642 | 2.6 | 0.039618 | 3.3 | 0.069062 | 2.7 |
| 110.0 | 0.070102 | 2.5 | 0.033634 | 3.2 | 0.06034 | 2.7 |
| 115.0 | 0.061889 | 2.4 | 0.028658 | 3.2 | 0.052886 | 2.6 |
| 120.0 | 0.054785 | 2.4 | 0.024505 | 3.1 | 0.046482 | 2.5 |
| 125.0 | 0.048706 | 2.3 | 0.021026 | 3.0 | 0.040985 | 2.5 |
| 130.0 | 0.043415 | 2.3 | 0.018101 | 3.0 | 0.036233 | 2.5 |
| 135.0 | 0.038722 | 2.2 | 0.015633 | 2.9 | 0.032101 | 2.4 |
| 140.0 | 0.034615 | 2.2 | 0.013544 | 2.8 | 0.02851 | 2.4 |
| 145.0 | 0.031048 | 2.1 | 0.011769 | 2.8 | 0.025373 | 2.3 |
| 150.0 | 0.02791 | 2.1 | 0.010258 | 2.7 | 0.022633 | 2.3 |
| 155.0 | 0.025193 | 2.0 | 0.0089659 | 2.7 | 0.020231 | 2.3 |

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| | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) |
| 160.0 | 0.02279 | 2.0 | — | — | — | — |
| 165.0 | 0.020667 | 2.0 | — | — | — | — |
| 170.0 | 0.01878 | 1.9 | — | — | — | — |
| 175.0 | 0.01709 | 1.9 | — | — | — | — |
| 180.0 | 0.015582 | 1.8 | — | — | — | — |
| 185.0 | 0.014227 | 1.8 | — | — | — | — |
| 190.0 | 0.013012 | 1.8 | — | — | — | — |
| 195.0 | 0.011934 | 1.7 | — | — | — | — |
| 200.0 | 0.010964 | 1.7 | — | — | — | — |
| 205.0 | 0.0101 | 1.7 | — | — | — | — |
| 210.0 | 0.0093191 | 1.6 | — | — | — | — |
| 215.0 | 0.0085949 | 1.6 | — | — | — | — |
| 220.0 | 0.0079384 | 1.6 | — | — | — | — |
| 225.0 | 0.0073411 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — |
| 230.0 | 0.006798 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — |
| 235.0 | 0.0063087 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — |
| 240.0 | 0.0058623 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — |
| 245.0 | 0.0054487 | 1.4 | — | — | — | — |
| 250.0 | 0.0050705 | 1.4 | — | — | — | — |

R/T characteristics

| R/T No. | 8016 | | 8018 | |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| T (°C) | B _{25/100} = 3988 K | | B _{25/100} = 3964 K | |
| | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) | R _T /R ₂₅ | α (%/K) |
| -55.0 | 96.3 | 7.4 | — | — |
| -50.0 | 67.01 | 7.2 | — | — |
| -45.0 | 47.17 | 6.9 | — | — |
| -40.0 | 33.65 | 6.7 | 30.24 | 6.3 |
| -35.0 | 24.26 | 6.4 | 22.1 | 6.1 |
| -30.0 | 17.7 | 6.2 | 16.32 | 5.9 |
| -25.0 | 13.04 | 6.0 | 12.17 | 5.8 |
| -20.0 | 9.707 | 5.8 | 9.153 | 5.6 |
| -15.0 | 7.293 | 5.6 | 6.945 | 5.4 |
| -10.0 | 5.533 | 5.5 | 5.313 | 5.2 |
| -5.0 | 4.232 | 5.3 | 4.097 | 5.1 |
| 0.0 | 3.265 | 5.1 | 3.183 | 4.9 |
| 5.0 | 2.539 | 5.0 | 2.491 | 4.8 |
| 10.0 | 1.99 | 4.8 | 1.963 | 4.7 |
| 15.0 | 1.571 | 4.7 | 1.557 | 4.6 |
| 20.0 | 1.249 | 4.5 | 1.244 | 4.4 |
| 25.0 | 1.0000 | 4.4 | 1.0000 | 4.3 |
| 30.0 | 0.8057 | 4.3 | 0.8083 | 4.2 |
| 35.0 | 0.6531 | 4.1 | 0.6572 | 4.1 |
| 40.0 | 0.5327 | 4.0 | 0.5373 | 4.0 |
| 45.0 | 0.4369 | 3.9 | 0.4418 | 3.9 |
| 50.0 | 0.3603 | 3.8 | 0.365 | 3.7 |
| 55.0 | 0.2986 | 3.7 | 0.303 | 3.7 |
| 60.0 | 0.2488 | 3.6 | 0.2527 | 3.6 |
| 65.0 | 0.2083 | 3.5 | 0.2118 | 3.5 |
| 70.0 | 0.1752 | 3.4 | 0.1783 | 3.4 |
| 75.0 | 0.1481 | 3.3 | 0.1508 | 3.3 |
| 80.0 | 0.1258 | 3.2 | 0.128 | 3.2 |
| 85.0 | 0.1072 | 3.2 | 0.1091 | 3.2 |
| 90.0 | 0.09177 | 3.1 | 0.0933 | 3.1 |
| 95.0 | 0.07885 | 3.0 | 0.08016 | 3.0 |
| 100.0 | 0.068 | 2.9 | 0.0691 | 2.9 |
| 105.0 | 0.05886 | 2.9 | 0.05974 | 2.9 |
| 110.0 | 0.05112 | 2.8 | 0.05183 | 2.8 |
| 115.0 | 0.04454 | 2.7 | 0.04512 | 2.8 |
| 120.0 | 0.03893 | 2.6 | 0.0394 | 2.7 |
| 125.0 | 0.03417 | 2.6 | 0.0345 | 2.6 |
| 130.0 | 0.03009 | 2.5 | 0.03032 | 2.6 |
| 135.0 | 0.02654 | 2.5 | 0.02672 | 2.5 |
| 140.0 | 0.02348 | 2.4 | 0.02361 | 2.5 |
| 145.0 | 0.02083 | 2.4 | 0.02091 | 2.4 |
| 150.0 | 0.01853 | 2.3 | 0.01857 | 2.4 |
| 155.0 | 0.01653 | 2.3 | 0.016537 | 2.3 |

Mounting instructions

1 Soldering

1.1 Leaded NTC thermistors

Leaded thermistors comply with the solderability requirements specified by CECC.

When soldering, care must be taken that the NTC thermistors are not damaged by excessive heat. The following maximum temperatures, maximum time spans and minimum distances have to be observed:

| | <i>Dip soldering</i> | <i>Iron soldering</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bath temperature | max. 260 °C | max. 360 °C |
| Soldering time | max. 4 s | max. 2 s |
| Distance from thermistor | min. 6 mm | min. 6 mm |

Under more severe soldering conditions the resistance may change.

1.2 Leadless NTC thermistors

In case of NTC thermistors without leads, soldering is restricted to devices which are provided with a solderable metallization. The temperature shock caused by the application of hot solder may produce fine cracks in the ceramic, resulting in changes in resistance.

To prevent leaching of the metallization, solder with silver additives or with a low tin content should be used. In addition, soldering methods should be employed which permit short soldering times.

2 Clamp contacting

Pressure contacting by means of clamps is particularly suitable for applications involving frequent switching and high turn-on powers.

3 Robustness of terminations (leaded types)

The leads meet the requirements of IEC 60068-2-21. They may not be bent closer than 4 mm from the solder joint on the thermistor body or from the point at which they leave the feed-throughs. During bending, any mechanical stress at the outlet of the leads must be removed. The bending radius should be at least 0.75 mm.

Tensile strength: Test Ua1:

| | | |
|-------|---|--------|
| Leads | $\varnothing \leq 0.25 \text{ mm} =$ | 1.0 N |
| | $0.25 < \varnothing \leq 0.35 \text{ mm} =$ | 2.5 N |
| | $0.35 < \varnothing \leq 0.50 \text{ mm} =$ | 5.0 N |
| | $0.50 < \varnothing \leq 0.80 \text{ mm} =$ | 10.0 N |
| | $0.80 < \varnothing \leq 1.25 \text{ mm} =$ | 20.0 N |

Bending strength: Test Ub:

Two 90°-bends in opposite directions at a weight of 0.25 kg.

Torsional strength: Test Uc: severity 2

The lead is bent by 90° at a distance of 6 to 6.5 mm from the thermistor body.

The bending radius of the leads should be approx. 0.75 mm. Two torsions of 180° each (severity 2).

When subjecting leads to mechanical stress, the following should be observed:

Tensile stress on leads

During mounting and operation tensile forces on the leads are to be avoided.

Bending of leads

Bending of the leads directly on the thermistor body is not permissible.

A lead may be bent at a minimum distance of twice the wire's diameter +2 mm from the solder joint on the thermistor body. During bending the wire must be mechanically relieved at its outlet. The bending radius should be at least 0.75 mm.

Twisting of leads

The twisting (torsion) by 180° of a lead bent by 90° is permissible at 6 mm from the bottom of the thermistor body.

4 Sealing and potting

When thermistors are sealed, potted or overmolded, there must be no mechanical stress caused by thermal expansion during the production process (curing / overmolding process) and during later operation. The upper category temperature of the thermistor must not be exceeded. Ensure that the materials used (sealing / potting compound and plastic material) are chemically neutral.

5 Cleaning

If cleaning is necessary, mild cleaning agents such as ethyl alcohol and cleaning gasoline are recommended. Cleaning agents based on water are not allowed. Ultrasonic cleaning methods are permissible.

6 Storage

In order to maintain their solderability, thermistors must be stored in a non-corrosive atmosphere. Humidity, temperature and container materials are critical factors.

Do not store SMDs where they are exposed to heat or direct sunlight. Otherwise, the packing material may be deformed or SMDs may stick together, causing problems during mounting. After opening the factory seals, such as polyvinyl-sealed packages, use the SMDs as soon as possible.

The components should be left in the original packing. Touching the metallization of unsoldered thermistors may change their soldering properties.

Storage temperature: $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ up to $45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Relative humidity (without condensation): $\leq 75\%$ annual mean

$< 95\%$, maximum 30 days per annum

Solder the thermistors listed in this data book after shipment from EPCOS within the time specified:

SMDs: 12 months

Leaded components: 24 months

Cautions and warnings General

See "Important notes" at the end of this document.

Storage

- Store thermistors only in original packaging. Do not open the package prior to storage.
- Storage conditions in original packaging: storage temperature $-25\text{ °C} \dots +45\text{ °C}$, relative humidity $\leq 75\%$ annual mean, $< 95\%$ maximum 30 days per annum, dew precipitation is inadmissible.
- Do not store thermistors where they are exposed to heat or direct sunlight. Otherwise, the packing material may be deformed or components may stick together, causing problems during mounting.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during storage, handling and processing.
- Avoid storage of thermistors in harmful environments like corrosive gases (SO_x , Cl etc).
- Use the components as soon as possible after opening the factory seals, i.e. the polyvinyl-sealed packages.
- Solder thermistors within the time specified after shipment from EPCOS.
For leaded components this is 24 months, for SMDs 12 months.

Handling

- NTC thermistors must not be dropped. Chip-offs or any other damage must not be caused during handling of NTCs.
- Do not touch components with bare hands. Gloves are recommended.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during handling.

Bending / twisting leads

- A lead (wire) may be bent at a minimum distance of twice the wire's diameter plus 4 mm from the component head or housing. When bending ensure the wire is mechanically relieved at the component head or housing. The bending radius should be at least 0.75 mm.
- Twisting (torsion) by 180° of a lead bent by 90° is permissible at 6 mm from the bottom of the thermistor body.

Soldering

- Use resin-type flux or non-activated flux.
- Insufficient preheating may cause ceramic cracks.
- Rapid cooling by dipping in solvent is not recommended.
- Complete removal of flux is recommended.

Mounting

- Ensure that no thermo-mechanical stress occurs due to production processes (curing or overmolding processes) when thermistors are sealed, potted or overmolded or during their subsequent operation. The maximum temperature of the thermistor must not be exceeded. Ensure that the materials used (sealing/potting compound and plastic material) are chemically neutral.
- Electrodes/contacts must not be scratched or damaged before/during/after the mounting process.
- Contacts and housing used for assembly with the thermistor must be clean before mounting.
- Ensure that adjacent materials are designed for operation at temperatures comparable to the surface temperature of the thermistor. Be sure that surrounding parts and materials can withstand the temperature.
- Avoid contamination of the thermistor surface during processing.
- The connections of sensors (e.g. cable end, wire end, plug terminal) may only be exposed to an environment with normal atmospheric conditions.
- Tensile forces on cables or leads must be avoided during mounting and operation.
- Bending or twisting of cables or leads directly on the thermistor body is not permissible.
- Avoid using chemical substances as mounting aids. It must be ensured that no water or other liquids enter the NTC thermistors (e.g. through plug terminals). In particular, water based substances (e.g. soap suds) must not be used as mounting aids for sensors.

Operation

- Use thermistors only within the specified operating temperature range.
- Use thermistors only within the specified power range.
- Environmental conditions must not harm the thermistors. Only use the thermistors under normal atmospheric conditions or within the specified conditions.
- Contact of NTC thermistors with any liquids and solvents should be prevented. It must be ensured that no water enters the NTC thermistors (e.g. through plug terminals). For measurement purposes (checking the specified resistance vs. temperature), the component must not be immersed in water but in suitable liquids (e.g. Galden).
- Avoid dewing and condensation unless thermistor is specified for these conditions.
- Bending or twisting of cables and/or wires is not permissible during operation of the sensor in the application.
- Be sure to provide an appropriate fail-safe function to prevent secondary product damage caused by malfunction.

This listing does not claim to be complete, but merely reflects the experience of EPCOS AG.

Symbols and terms

| Symbol | English | German |
|---------------------|--|---|
| A | Area | Fläche |
| AWG | American Wire Gauge | Amerikanische Norm für Drahtquerschnitte |
| B | B value | B-Wert |
| B _{25/100} | B value determined by resistance measurement at 25 °C and 100 °C | B-Wert, ermittelt durch Widerstandsmessungen bei 25 °C und 100 °C |
| C _{th} | Heat capacitance | Wärmekapazität |
| I | Current | Strom |
| N | Number (integer) | Anzahl (ganzzahliger Wert) |
| P ₂₅ | Maximum power at 25 °C | Maximale Leistung bei 25 °C |
| P _{diss} | Power dissipation | Verlustleistung |
| P _{ei} | Electrical power | Elektrische Leistung |
| P _{max} | Maximum power within stated temperature range | Maximale Leistung im angegebenen Temperaturbereich |
| $\Delta R_B/R_B$ | Resistance tolerance caused by spread of B value | Widerstandstoleranz, die durch die Streuung des B-Wertes verursacht wird |
| R _{ins} | Insulation resistance | Isolationswiderstand |
| R _p | Parallel resistance | Parallelwiderstand |
| R _R | Rated resistance | Nennwiderstand |
| $\Delta R_R/R_R$ | Resistance tolerance | Widerstandstoleranz |
| R _s | Series resistance | Serienwiderstand |
| R _T | Resistance at temperature T (e.g. R ₂₅ = resistance at 25 °C) | Widerstand bei Temperatur T (z.B. R ₂₅ = Widerstand bei 25 °C) |
| T | Temperature | Temperatur |
| ΔT | Temperature tolerance | Temperaturtoleranz |
| t | Time | Zeit |
| T _A | Ambient temperature | Umgebungstemperatur |
| T _{max} | Upper category temperature | Obere Grenztemperatur (Kategorietemperatur) |
| T _{min} | Lower category temperature | Untere Grenztemperatur (Kategorietemperatur) |
| T _{op} | Operating temperature | Betriebstemperatur |
| T _R | Rated temperature | Nenntemperatur |
| T _{surf} | Surface temperature | Oberflächentemperatur |
| V | Voltage | Spannung |
| V _{ins} | Insulation test voltage | Isolationsprüfspannung |
| V _{op} | Operating voltage | Betriebsspannung |
| V _{test} | Test voltage | Prüfspannung |

| Symbol | English | German |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| α | Temperature coefficient | Temperaturkoeffizient |
| Δ | Tolerance, change | Toleranz, Änderung |
| δ_{th} | Dissipation factor | Wärmeleitwert |
| τ_c | Thermal cooling time constant | Thermische Abkühlzeitkonstante |
| τ_a | Thermal time constant | Thermische Zeitkonstante |

Abbreviations / Notes

| Symbol | English | German |
|-------------------|--|---|
| <u>SMD</u> | Surface-mounted devices | Oberflächenmontierbares Bauelement |
| * | To be replaced by a number in ordering codes, type designations etc. | Platzhalter für Zahl im Bestellnummerncode oder für die Typenbezeichnung. |
| + | To be replaced by a letter. All dimensions are given in mm. The commas used in numerical values denote decimal points. | Platzhalter für einen Buchstaben. Alle Maße sind in mm angegeben. Verwendete Kommas in Zahlenwerten bezeichnen Dezimalpunkte. |

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