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Sensor Selection Guide

How to select a temperature sensor for your application

Lake Shore offers the most comprehensive line of cryogenic temperature sensors in the world. We understand that selecting a sensor is a difficult procedure. This catalog will assist you in selecting the most appropriate sensor for your application. The table on the next page is designed to compare the sensor characteristics more easily.

You will find that our sales staff will ask you many questions regarding your application. We ask a lot of questions to inform, educate, and to assist you in selecting the correct sensor. We are here to answer your questions and concerns. If you have any specific needs, please let us know.

Any one or several of the following environmental factors may be important to you in selecting a sensor:

- **Temperature range**
- Package size
- **Fast thermal response time**
- **Fast electrical response time**
- Heat sinking
- Small thermal mass
- **Robustness**
- **-** Compatibility with harsh environments
	- Magnetic fields
	- Ionizing radiation
	- Ultra high vacuum (UHV)
	- Vibration/mechanical shock
	- Thermal shock
	- Temperatures above 323 K
- **Easily measured signal**
- **-** Compatibility with sources of error
	- Thermal EMFs
	- Self-heating
	- Noise pickup
- **High sensitivity**
- High accuracy[†]
- **High repeatability—long and short term**
- **-** Low power dissipation
- **Interchangeability**
- Ease of use
- **Low cost**
- Available accessories
- **-** Available instrumentation

Sensor overview

*RX-102B not recommended for use in magnetic fields

Unfortunately, you can't have it all in one sensor. The most stable and accurate temperature sensors are very large, have slow response times and are extremely fragile. The sensors with the highest sensitivity and resolution have the smallest range. Choosing the appropriate sensor for a particular application necessitates prioritizing the requirements for that application.

The sensors described in this catalog are manufactured for the rigors of cryogenic environments, and are designed with specific applications in mind. For much of its history, Lake Shore has focused on cryogenic sensors used for the precise measurement of temperatures from near absolute zero to well above room temperature.

As you continue through the Sensor section of the catalog, you will notice that information is presented in both graphical format as well as in more detailed specifications, pertaining to topics such as the sensor's highlights, typical magnetic field-dependent data, resistance, and sensitivity values.

Characteristics such as packaging are incorporated into each sensor's design with the customer in mind. To learn more about what package would be best for your application, please refer to the Sensor Packages and Mounting Adapters section. For more detailed information, see Appendix C.

[†] The use of the terms accuracy and uncertainty throughout this catalog are used in the more general and conventional sense as opposed to following the strict metrological definitions. For more information, see Appendix B: Accuracy versus Uncertainty.

Sensor Types

Cernox®

Cernox® sensors can be used from 100 mK to 420 K with good sensitivity over the whole range. They have a low magnetoresistance, and are the best choice for applications with magnetic fields up to 30 T (for temperatures greater than 2 K). Cernox® are resistant to ionizing radiation, and are available in robust mounting packages and probes. Because of their versatility, they are used in a wide variety of cryogenic applications, such as particle accelerators, space satellites, MRI systems, cryogenic systems, and research science.

Silicon diodes

Silicon diodes are the best choice for general-purpose cryogenic use. The sensors are interchangeable (they follow a standard curve) and are available in robust mounting packages and probes. Silicon diodes are easy and inexpensive to instrument, and are used in a wide variety of cryogenic applications, such as cryo-coolers, laboratory cryogenics, cryo-gas production, and space satellites.

Germanium

Germanium RTDs have the highest accuracy, reproducibility, and sensitivity from 0.05 K to 100 K. They are resistant to ionizing radiation, but are not recommended for use in magnetic fields. Germanium RTDs are used mostly in research settings when the best accuracy and sensitivity are required. Germanium and Ruthenium oxide are the only two sensors that can be used below 100 mK.

Ultra low temperature Rox™

ULT ruthenium oxide RTDs can be used to below 10 mK. Along with germanium, they are the only sensors that can be used below 100 mK. Calibrations for these sensors are available down to 10 mK, and can include additional extrapolated points to 5 mK. Optical shielding of the RS package reduces unwanted sensor heating, making this sensor ideal for temperature monitoring or controlling below 50 mK.

Interchangeable Rox™

These interchangeable ruthenium oxide temperature sensors are thick-film resistors. Each interchangeable Rox™ model adheres to a single resistance versus temperature curve. They are often used for applications that require a standard curve in magnetic fields, such as MRI systems. Their upper temperature range is limited to 40 K, and Cernox® are better in magnetic fields above 2 K.

Platinum

Platinum RTDs are an industry standard. They follow an industry standard curve from 73 K to 873 K with good sensitivity over the whole range. Platinum RTDs can also be used down to 14 K. Because of their high reproducibility, they are used in many precision metrology applications. Platinum RTDs have limited packaging options, but they are inexpensive and require simple instrumentation. They are widely used in cryogenic applications at liquid nitrogen temperatures or greater.

Capacitance

Capacitance sensors are ideally suited for use as temperature control sensors in strong magnetic fields because they exhibit virtually no magnetic field dependence. Small variations in the capacitance/ temperature curves occur upon thermal cycling. It is recommended that temperature in zero field be measured with another temperature sensor, and that the capacitance sensor be employed as a control element only.

Thermocouples

Thermocouples can be used over an extremely wide range and in harsh environmental conditions, and follow a standard response curve. Less accurate than other sensors, special techniques must be employed when using thermocouples to approach temperature accuracies of 1% of temperature. Thermocouples are used for their small size, extremely wide temperature range (exceeding high temperature limits of platinum RTDs), and simple temperature measurement methodology.

Lake Shore calibrations

Lake Shore offers complete calibration services from 50 mK to 800 K. Above 0.65 K, Lake Shore calibrations are based on the International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90). For temperature below 0.65 K, calibrations are based on the Provisional Low Temperature Scale of 2000 (PLT-2000).

Each scale is maintained on a set of germanium, rhodium-iron, and/or platinum resistance secondary thermometers standards. These secondary standards are calibrated at various national labs: NIST, PTB, and NPL. Working thermometers are calibrated against, and routinely intercompared with these secondary standards. For PLTS-2000 calibrations, working sensors are also compared to a superconducting fixedpoint set and nuclear orientation thermometer.

Lake Shore offers sensor calibrations down to 10 mK. Our enhanced ultra-low temperature calibration facility includes dilution refrigerators, a nuclear orientation thermometer, and a superconducting fixed point set.

All calibration reports include:

- Certificate of calibration
- Calibration test data and data plot
- Polynomial fit equations and fit comparisons
- **Interpolation tables**
- **Instrument breakpoint tables and data files**

Sensor Characteristics

Sensor packages and characteristics

¹ Adapters will increase thermal response times—see individual sensor specifications for thermal response times

Sensor package size versus temperature sensor characteristics

Short and long term sensor characteristics

⁴ Long-term stability data is obtained by subjecting sensor to 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

⁵ Based on 670 h of baking at 500 K

⁶ Platinum reproducibility tested at 77 K

Sensor characteristics in various environments

⁷ See additional information in Appendix A: Overview of Thermometry

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors, ΔT/T (%), at B (magnetic induction)

Typical accuracy* (interchangeability): uncalibrated sensors

Typical accuracy*: SoftCal™ (2-point and 3-point soft calibration sensors)

terms accuracy and uncertainty throughout this catalog are used in the more general and conventional sense as opposed to following the strict metrological definitions. For more information, see Appendix B: Accuracy versus Uncertainty, page 158.

**The use of the*

9 2S (2-point at 77 K and 305 K) 103S (3-point at 77 K, 305 K, and 480 K)

¹²All accuracies are: 2 o figures; [(calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)²]^{0.5}; for additional information, please see Appendix D.

Sensor Packages and Mounting Adapters

Temperature sensors are available in a variety of packages to facilitate mounting. Included are adapters that allow the sensor to be soldered in place, screwed on, bolted down, inserted into a hole, or inserted through a pressure seal in the form of a thermowell. Gold-plated copper bobbins are available for both diodes and resistors in order to heat sink leads. The chart below summarizes the standard Lake Shore sensor and packaging configurations. Appendix C: Sensor Packaging and Installation discusses techniques for the correct installation of temperature sensors. More specific installation notes are included for the bare chip sensors, the SD package, and the CU, DI, CY, and CD adapters. Special packaging is also available—consult Lake Shore for custom orders.

Packages

 BD CU \overline{D} **DT-621-HR LR** C DT-BR DT-SD DT-614-UN

Cernox® packages Silicon diode packages

Interchangeable Rox™ packages

Ultra low temperature Rox™ package

Unique packages

The Lake Shore Hermetically Sealed SD Package

SD (Cernox®)

SD Small package designed primarily for bonding or clamping to a flat surface

> Indium, silver epoxy, 2850 Stycast[®] epoxy, or a CO clamp may be used for mounting

The Lake Shore SD package—the most rugged, versatile package in the industry

The SD package, with its sapphire base, direct sensor-to-sapphire mounting, hermetic sealing, and brazed Kovar leads provides the industry's most rugged, versatile sensors with the best thermal connection between the sample and sensor chip. In addition, this

package is designed so heat coming down the leads bypasses the sensor chip. It can survive several thousand hours at 500 K and is compatible with most ultra high vacuum applications, and can be indium soldered to samples.The Lake Shore SD package is now available with Cernox® resistors as well as silicon diodes. For Cernox resistors the Kovar leads are replaced with nonmagnetic leads.

Mounting adapters for SD package—CO, CU, DI, CY, LR, BO, ET, MT

B Spring-loaded clamp holds standard SD sensor in contact with the surface of the sample and allows the sensor to be easily changed or replaced

- **Extra clamps are available for frequent relocation** of the sensor
- **4-40 stainless steel screw has a formed shoulder,** thus applying correct pressure to the clamp

Package material: See SD package

Adapter material: Gold-plated copper (nickel strike); spring is ASTM A313 302 Austenitic steel Leads: See SD package Lead material: See SD package Mass: 1.8 g (including SD package and clamp) Limitation: The useful upper temperature limit of this configuration is 500 K

- Ø0.560 in
[Ø14.224 mm] Ø0.122 in [Ø3.10 mm] thru-hole A 0.200 in
5.080 mm] 2-30 AWG Teflon® coated stranded copper w
(36 in 1914.4 mm) lor
- **CY** Similar to the DI package, except the bobbin is larger in diameter with a centered mounting hole
	- **Relatively large-sized, robust**

Package material: See SD package Adapter material: Gold-plated copper bobbin (SD indium-soldered to adapter and wrapped in Stycast® epoxy) Leads: Two 0.91 m (36 in), 30 AWG Teflon®-coated leads Lead material: Stranded copper Mass: 4.3 g (Including SD package and bobbin, excluding leads) Limitation: The epoxy limits the upper useful temperature of this configuration to 400 K

500 K with silicon diodes)

General tolerance of ± 0.005 in $[\pm 0.127$ mm] unless otherwise noted

MT

The MT package is similar to the ET version except the SD package is mounted in a slot in the center of the hexagonal head and the stud is a 3 mm \times 0.5 metric thread

Note: A light coating of vacuum grease on the threads further enhances the thermal contact between the sensor package and the sample.

Copper canister packages

Mounting adapter for AA canister package

- AA canister sensor soldered into a flat, copper bobbin with the sensor leads thermally anchored to the bobbin
- Can be mounted to any flat surface with a $6-40$ screw (not supplied)
- Used with Cernox[®], Germanium, and Rox[™] sensors

Mounting adapter for platinum RTDs

PT-103-AM

- PT-103 mounted into a flat aluminum block
- Can be mounted to any flat surface with a $6-32$ or M3 screw (not included) and Inconel® Belleville washer (included)

Adapter material: 6061 Al block (PT mounted to adapter using Cotronics Durabond® 950 Al-based adhesive) Two 0.010-inch diameter; 15.240 \pm 1.270 mm $(0.600 \pm 0.050 \text{ in})$ long Platinum 2.1_g The aluminum alloy limits the upper useful temperature of these configurations to 800 K

Lead Extensions

(formerly SMODs)

Adding extra wire to your sensor leads can be cumbersome and time consuming. Lake Shore offers this service for you at the time of order, allowing numerous options to best suit your application.

There are various options available when selecting a lead extension:

Number of wires

4-wire: For accurate sensor measurements, 4-lead connections are by far the superior option when adding a lead extension to both diodes and resistive temperature sensors. See Appendix C and Appendix E for additional information.

2-wire: This option is useful if the number of electrical connections inside a system must be kept to a minimum. However, 2-lead connections add measureable resistance to sensor measurements as described in Appendix E. This additional resistance will cause a significant (but repeatable) shift on all sensors except diodes.

Wire type

Phosphor bronze: This all-purpose cryogenic wire has a great balance of features.

- \blacksquare Low thermal conductivity minimizes heat leak (lower is generally better)
- \blacksquare Moderate electrical resistance (lower is generally better)
- \blacksquare Non-ferromagnetic and very low magnetoresistance, making this wire the best choice for applications where magnetic fields are present
- Available in several convenient configurations in addition to single strand, such as Quad-Lead™ and Quad-Twist™

Manganin: This wire has several interesting characteristics that make it useful in certain situations.

- \Box Coefficient of thermal expansion very close to that of pure copper
- \blacksquare Very low thermal conductivity minimizes heat leak (lower is generally better)
- \Box Somewhat high electrical resistance (lower is generally better)
- \blacksquare Heavy Formvar[®] insulation limits upper temperature of wire to 378 K
- **D** Non-ferromagnetic
- Available as single strand wire only

Wire gauge

Various wire thicknesses are available, depending on the wire type selected. The wire gauge selection process usually involves a compromise between thermal conductivity and ease-of-use, with thinner wire being preferred to reduce thermal conductivity and thicker wire being easier to handle and work with. Lake Shore uses American wire gauge (AWG) for its wire. This conversion table is provided for your convenience.

32 AWG and 36 AWG are our preferred wire gauges to use with cryogenic sensors. By far they provide the best balance between reduced thermal conductivity and ease-ofuse.

Manganin is the only wire type available in 30 AWG as the extremely low thermal conductivity of the wire helps compensate for the "large" cross-sectional area associated with 30 AWG.

Phosphor bronze is the only wire type available in 42 AWG. This wire thickness reduces thermal conductivity substantially to the levels possible with manganin, with the same low magentoresistance of phosphor bronze. Unfortunately, this wire is extremely delicate and can break easily. Lake Shore suggests this wire be ordered only by users with extensive experience with system wiring.

Wire length

Standard lengths of 2 m and 5 m are offered with all wire types and gauges. These lengths have been selected to suit a wide range of applications, most commonly wiring from a temperature sensor through the various stages of a cryostat, up to and terminating at an electrical feedthrough. Additional wire may be trimmed from both of these wire lengths if necessary. However, if a custom length is required, please contact Lake Shore to discuss custom wire lengths.

Component temperature limits The lead extention components have different maximum temperatures. Use this chart to ensure the lead extensions you order are appropriate for your given application.

Recommended standard lead extensions

Lake Shore recommends selecting from one of these two configurations — our most popular configurations due to the wide range of applications they cover.

-QL

Quad-Lead™ phosphor bronze, 32 AWG, 2 m For situations where ease-of-use and ruggedness is important.

- 32 AWG wire is easier to prepare and solder to that thinner gauges
- Quad-lead™ wire is easy to heat-sink around copper bobbins due to its ribbon structure
- \blacksquare Polyimide insulation is strong and is resistant to solvents, and also has a high temperature rating that protects it from heating that might be applied to help soften the bonding agent used to join the wires to one another

-QT

Quad-Twist™ phosphor bronze, 36 AWG, 2 m For noisy environments where signal integrity must be protected.

- Quad-twist™ wire helps reject electromagnetic interference that may be present inside the measurement space
- \blacksquare 32 AWG wire is easier to prepare and solder to that thinner gauges
- Quad-twist[™] can be slightly more difficult to heat-sink, but the 36 AWG wire reduces thermal conductivity and therefore reduces heat-leak naturally
- \blacksquare Formvar[®] insulation has excellent mechanical properties such as abrasion resistance and flexibility, which is important when using 36 AWG wire. However, care should be taken as Formvar® can craze when exposed to solvents.

There are certain scenarios where these standard offerings are not adequate and alternative solutions should be selected. One such example is higher-temperature applications above 450 K where both Quad-Lead™ wire and Formvar® insulation become inappropriate. This application would require Quad-Twist, 32 AWG. In this scenario, please use the full part configurations to define the lead extension.

-XXYY-Z

 $XX =$ Wire type

- $YY =$ Wire gauge (AWG)
- $Z =$ Length in meters

Method of ordering

When ordering a lead extension on the website, add the sensor to the shopping cart first, and then come to this page to add a lead extension.

If placing a purchase order, please append the lead extension part number to the sensor that requires the extension. Examples:

Lead extensions are not available on devices with gold or no leads

For more information please visit www.lakeshore.com.

Temperature Probes

Temperature probe features

- Stainless steel-encased probes that provide highly reliable sensor performance in a thermowell or direct cryogen contact
- \blacksquare Highly customizable to suit your particular application
- \blacksquare May be configured with many sensor types, including Cernox® for superior temperature performance from room temperature down to 4 K (-269.15 $^{\circ}$ C) and below
- \blacksquare Thin-walled probe tubing reduces thermal lag and heat leak from outside the measurement space
- \blacksquare Ideal for temperature measurements in fluid containers and tanks
- \blacksquare Full 3-year standard warranty

Lake Shore offers a variety of temperature sensors in packages that enable mounting in very tight areas. But for some applications (especially if the sensors have to be immersed in liquid) you need to do more to protect the sensor circuitry. For these applications, a cryogenic temperature probe is the optimum choice. Encased in one of these stainless steel thermowell fixtures, the sensor can perform as designed, unaffected by high pressure and sealed to keep electrical components and wiring protected from fluids and other elements.

Typical applications

Lake Shore temperature probes are ideal for thermometry applications where you need to measure inside:

- \blacksquare fluid containers, tanks, and pipes
- cryostats and cryogenic liquid flow meters
- \blacksquare other liquid storage systems.

Highly customizable

Lake Shore temperature probes are made-to-order with a wide range of configuration options available. These include:

- Multiple sensor types including our extremely popular Cernox[®] RTDs and DT-670 diodes
- Either $1/8$ in or $1/4$ in stem diameter in lengths up to 0.71 m (28 in) are standard
- Various mounting adapters suited for either positive or negative pressures, if required
- **D** Numerous connectivity options including wire types and lengths as well as various terminating connectors for direct connection to Lake Shore temperature instruments or third party equipment

If you do not see an option available as part of our standard offerings, please contact Lake Shore to discuss further customization options.

Specifications

Note: These probes are not designed to be intrinsically safe. It is the responsibility of the user to operate these probes safely in explosive environments.

Probe construction

Stem

Material: 316 stainless steel (non-magnetic)¹

2 Not suitable for direct immersion in liquid oxygen or hydrogen environments.

2 Longer lengths may be possible depending on the overall configuration. Please contact Lake Shore to discuss.

Internal components

Internal atmosphere: Air

Internal atmosphere pressure: 98 kPa (14.2 psia)

Internal sensor wire: Quad-Twist™ 4-lead 36 AWG phosphor bronze wire with polyimide insulation

Probe mount

Swagelok® fittings

CF flange

Material: 304L stainless steel Flange size: 11⁄3 in (DN16) Vacuum rating: 1×10^{-13} torr (<1.3 \times 10⁻¹³ mbar)^{*}

**Requires the use of appropriate bolts, gasket and mating surface.*

Connectors

BNC connector

Standard male BNC connector. When ordering with 4-lead wire, two separate BNC connectors will be provided to maintain the 4-lead measurement.

Configuration:

10-pin Detoronics® connector

The Detoronics connector is o-ring sealed to the temperature probe.

Note: This connector is mounted directly to the probe, meaning that no external cable can be selected with this option. It also eliminates the CF flange probe mount option.

General specifications

Air leakage: 1×10^{5} cm $3/$ s at 15 psi Insulation resistance: 5,000 MΩ at 500 VDC **Operating temperature:** -55 °C to +125 °C (-67 °F to +257 °F) Finish is tin-plated shell and pins. *Materials* Shell, bayonet and flange: Carbon steel Pins: 52 nickel alloy **Insulator: Glass**

25-pin D-sub connector

The 25-pin D-sub is required to connect directly to particular Lake Shore temperature monitors.

Supported instruments:

- \blacksquare Model 211
- **Model 218**

6-pin DIN connector

The 6-pin DIN is required to connect directly to particular Lake Shore temperature controllers and monitors.

Supported current instruments:

- Model 350
- Model 336
- Model 335
- Model 224

Supported discontinued instruments:

- $Mode$ 340
- **D** Model 331/332
- \blacksquare Model 330 (diodes only)
- \blacksquare Model 321 (silicon diodes only)

Connector configurations

**Shield connection is only used in conjunction with external cable choices that include a braided shield (Cryocable™ and instrument cable)*

Wire

Instrument cable

Robust 4-lead cable best for wiring to instrument where both the wire and instrument are at room temperature. The 30 AWG signal wires make these wires easier to work with than traditional cryogenic wire.

Rated temperature: -20 °C to 80 °C Thermal conductivity (300 K): 400 W/(m·K) Resistance (300 K): 0.32 Ω/m Supported sensor types: Cernox® RTD, silicon diode, GaAlAs diode, platinum RTD Maximum rated temperature: 378 K

Cryogenic wire

Phosphor-bronze wire combinations that limit heat transfer into the temperature probe and are themselves rated for use in cryogenic environments.

**Also used for internal probe wiring. Ordering this cable will result in a continuous length of wire from the sensor through to the outside environment.*

SS (stainless steel) coaxial cable

2-lead cabling solution that is extremely robust and limits heat transfer into the probe. Due to the 2-lead configuration, this cable is only compatible with diode sensors and will cause a predictable (potentially insignificant) offset in any temperature readings.

Electrical properties Resistance—center conductor at 295 K (22 °C): 23.62 Ω/m (7.2 Ω/ft) Resistance—shield at 295 K (22 °C): 3.61 Ω/m (1.1 Ω/ft) Insulation temperature range: 10 mK to 473 K Supported sensor types: Silicon diode, GaAlAs diode, platinum RTD

Cryocable™

A robust, 4-wire cable for use in cryogenic environments to room temperature for the ultimate in thermal isolation from external heat sources. This cable is designed around 32 AWG (203 µm) diameter superconductive wires consisting of a NbTi core (128 µm diameter) and a Cu-10% Ni jacket. The wire is LTS, requiring very low temperatures for it to become superconducting.

4 32 AWG wires: Nb-48wt%Ti core with Cu-10wt%Ni jacket, CuNi to NbTi cross sectional area ratio $= 1.5:1$

Each wire overcoated with Teflon® (PFA) insulation 0.003 in $(75 \,\mu m)$ thick; wires cabled with approx. 25 mm twist pitch

Clear Teflon® (PFA) extruded over the four-wire cable to an overall diameter of approx. 1.2 mm (0.048 in)

Cable overbraided with 304 stainless steel wire

Clear Teflon® (PFA) extruded over the entire cable; finished cable has an overall diameter of 2.4 mm ±0.2 mm (0.095 in \pm 0.008 in)

Minimum bend radius: 15 mm (0.6 in) Superconducting critical temperature: 9.8 K Superconducting critical magnetic field: 10 T Supported sensor types: Cernox® RTD, silicon diode, GaAlAs diode, platinum RTD

**Superconducting*

Wire configurations

Temperature sensors

See the individual Cernox, DT-670, and platinum sensor pages for specifications:

All temperature sensor calibrations are performed before the device is installed into the probe. At this time, Lake Shore does not perform recalibrations on finished probes.

Temperature probe ordering information

The easiest way to request a quote for a temperature probe is to use the online configurator at www.lakeshore.com. Otherwise contact our Sales department at sales@lakeshore.com and we can assist you.

Specify TP-a-bcd-e-f-g, where:

 a = probe length in inches — offered in whole inch increments from 1 to 28 inches

Calibration range suffix codes

Numeric figure is the low end of the calibration Letters represent the high end: $B = 40$ K, $D = 100$ K, $L = 325$ K, $H = 500$ K

> C01 CX-1010-SD C02 CX-1030-SD C03 CX-1050-SD C04 CX-1070-SD C05 CX-1080-SD C07 CX-1010-SD-0.1L C16 CX-1030-SD-0.3L C25 CX-1050-SD-1.4L **C31** CX-1070-SD-4L C32 CX-1080-SD-20L C13 CX-1010-SD-1.4L

P01 PT-102 P02 PT-103 P03 PT-111 **P04** PT-102-2S **P05** PT-102-3S **P07** PT-102-14L P08 PT-102-14H **P11** PT-103-2S P12 PT-103-3S P14 PT-103-14L P15 PT-103-14H **P18** PT-111-2S **P19** PT-111-3S **P21** PT-111-14L **P22 PT-111-14H**

S07 DT-670A-SD S08 DT-670B-SD S09 DT-670C-SD S10 DT-670D-SD S0A DT-670A1-SD S0B DT-670B1-SD

S28 DT-670-SD-1.4H S32 DT-670-SD-70L S33 DT-670-SD-70H

Calibrated S27 DT-670-SD-1.4L

⁵ Selecting a Detoronics connector limits the following selections: $d = N$ and $f = 0$; the Detoronics connector is o-ring sealed to the probe

f = external cable length \rightarrow offered in whole meter increments from 1 to 10 m (enter '0' for no external cable)

$g =$ temperature sensor type $⁶$ - specify sensor model number with</sup> calibration range, if applicable

 $^{\rm 6}$ Due to indium solder use, all SD sensors have an upper temperature usage limit of 400 K

Ordering example

TP- 06 - 2FS - B - 03 - S27

(6 in probe, 1/8 in diameter, flange, S1 coaxial cable, BNC connector, 3 m cable length, DT-670-SD calibrated 1.4 K to 325 K)

Cernox® RTDs

Cernox® features

- **D** Low magnetic field-induced errors
- Temperature range of 100 mK to 420 K (model dependent)
- \blacksquare High sensitivity at low temperatures and good sensitivity over a broad range
- \blacksquare Excellent resistance to ionizing radiation
- \blacksquare Bare die sensor with fast characteristic thermal response times: 1.5 ms at 4.2 K, 50 ms at 77 K
- \blacksquare Broad selection of models to meet your thermometry needs
- \blacksquare Excellent stability
- \blacksquare Variety of packaging options

CAUTION: These sensors are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Use ESD precautionary procedures when handling, or making mechanical or electrical connections to these devices in order to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

Cernox® thin film resistance temperature sensors offer significant advantages over comparable bulk or thick film resistance sensors. The smaller package size of these thin film sensors makes them useful in a broader range of experimental mounting schemes, and they are also available in a chip form. They are easily mounted in packages designed for excellent heat transfer, yielding a characteristic thermal response time much faster than possible with bulk devices requiring strain-free mounting. Additionally, they have been proven very stable over repeated thermal cycling and under extended exposure to ionizing radiation.

Packaging options

AA, BC, BG, BO, BR, CD, CO, CU, ET, LR, MT, SD

CX-1010—the ideal replacement for germanium RTDs

The CX-1010 is the first Cernox® designed to operate down to 100 mK, making it an ideal replacement for Germanium RTDs. Unlike Germanium, all Cernox models have the added advantage of being able to be used to room temperature. In addition, Cernox is offered in the incredibly robust Lake Shore SD package, giving researchers more flexibility in sensor mounting.

The Lake Shore SD package the most rugged, versatile package in the industry

CX-SD

CX-BR

mmm

The SD package, with direct sensor-to-sapphire base mounting, hermetic seal, and brazed Kovar leads, provides the industry's most rugged, versatile sensors with the best sample to chip connection. Designed so heat coming down the leads bypasses the chip, it can survive several thousand hours at 500 K (depending on model) and is compatible with most ultra high vacuum applications. It can be indium soldered to samples without shift in sensor calibration. If desired, the SD package is also available without Kovar leads.

Typical Cernox[®] resistance **Typical Cernox[®] sensitivity and a resistance Typical Cernox**[®] dimensionless sensitivity

Standard curve Not applicable

Recommended excitation¹ 20 μ V (0.1 K to 0.5 K); 63 μ V (0.5 K to 1 K); 10 mV or less for $T > 1.2$ K

Dissipation at recommended excitation Typical 10⁻⁵ W at 300 K, 10–7 W at 4.2 K, 10–13 W at 0.3 K (model and temperature dependent)

Thermal response time BC, BR, BG: 1.5 ms at 4.2 K, 50 ms at 77 K, 135 ms at 273 K; SD: 15 ms at 4.2 K, 0.25 s at 77 K, 0.8 s at 273 K; AA: 0.4 s at 4.2 K, 2 s at 77 K, 1.0 s at 273 K

Use in radiation Recommended for use in radiation environments—see Appendix B

Use in magnetic field Recommended for use in magnetic fields at low temperatures. The magnetoresistance is typically negligibly small above 30 K and not significantly affected by orientation relative to the magnetic field—see Appendix B

Reproducibility² \pm 3 mK at 4.2 K

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

- ¹ Recommended excitation for T < 1 K based on Lake Shore calibration procedures using an AC resistance bridge—for more information refer to Appendix D and Appendix E
- ² Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 4.2 K

Typical sensor accuracy[®]

1.4 K ± 5 mK ± 3 mK $4.2 K$ $±5 mK$ $±3 mK$ 10 K ± 6 mK ± 6 mK 20 K ± 9 mK ± 12 mK ± 10 mK ± 18 mK 50 K ± 13 mK ± 30 mK 77 K ± 16 mK ± 46 mK ± 60 mK ± 180 mK

Long-term stability⁶

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors⁷ ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic induction)

Excellent for use in magnetic fields, depending on temperature range (>2 K)

 400 K $\pm 65 \text{ mK}$

Calibrated accuracy4

- ⁵ [(Calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)²]^{0.5} for more information see Appendices B, D, and E
- ⁶ Long-term stability data is obtained by subjecting sensor to 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

Temperature response data table (typical)

See Appendix G for expanded response table

Cernox sensors do not follow a standard response curve — the listed resistance ranges are typical, but can vary widely; consult Lake Shore to choose a specific range

Magnetic field dependence data for sample CX RTDs

Typical temperature reading errors for operation of CX-1050 sensors in magnetic fields at temperatures from 2.03 K to 286 K. "Low temperature thermometry in high magnetic fields VII. Cernox® sensors to 32 T," B. L. Brandt, D. W. Liu and L. G. Rubin; Rev. Sci. Instrum., Vol. 70, No. 1, 1999, pp 104-110.

Neutrons and gamma rays Typical calibration shifts

Typical calibration shift after 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K for a Model CX-1030 temperature sensor $(ΔT = 1$ mK at 4.2 K and 10 mK at 100 K).

General tolerance of ± 0.005 in [± 0.127 mm] unless otherwise noted

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Physical specifications

AA package

Wires with the same color code are connected to the same side of the sensor (looking at epoxy seal with leads toward user)

Ordering information

Uncalibrated sensor—Specify the model number in the left column only, for example CX-1050-CD. Calibrated sensor—Add the calibration range suffix code to

the end of the model number, for example CX-1050-CD-1.4L.

ADD -P Add spot-welded platinum leads to the SD package for Cernox[®] sensors only

Accessories available for sensors

SN-CO-C1 SD package sensor clamp, qty 1 SN-CO-C10 SD package sensor clamp, qty 10 8000-CD Calibration report on CD-ROM 8000-USB Calibration report on USB COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Accessories suggested for installation see Accessories section for full descriptions

Stycast® epoxy Apiezon® grease 90% Pb, 10% Sn solder Manganin wire Indium solder

VGE-7031 varnish Phosphor bronze wire CryoCable™

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

CO adapter spring loaded clamp for easy sensor interchangeability

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve™ Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads, see page 25.

DT-670 Silicon Diodes

DT-670-SD features

- \blacksquare Best accuracy across the widest useful temperature range—1.4 K to 500 K—of any silicon diode in the industry
- \blacksquare Tightest tolerances for 30 K to 500 K applications of any silicon diode to date
- Rugged, reliable Lake Shore SD package designed to withstand repeated thermal cycling and minimize sensor self-heating
- Conformance to standard DT-670 temperature response curve
- \blacksquare Variety of packaging options

DT-670E-BR features

- Temperature range: 1.4 K to 500 K
- \blacksquare Bare die sensors with the smallest size and fastest thermal response time of any silicon diode on the market today
- **D** Non-magnetic sensor

DT-621-HR features

- **D** Temperature range: 1.4 K to 325 K (uncalibrated down to 20 K)
- \blacksquare Non-magnetic package
- \blacksquare Exposed flat substrate for surface mounting

DT-670 Series silicon diodes offer better accuracy over a wider temperature range than any previously marketed silicon diodes. Conforming to the Curve DT-670 standard voltage versus temperature response curve, sensors within the DT-670 series are interchangeable, and for many applications do not require individual calibration. DT-670 sensors in the SD package are available in four tolerance bands—three for general cryogenic use across the 1.4 K to 500 K temperature range, and one that offers superior accuracy for applications from 30 K to room temperature.

DT-670-SD diodes are available with calibration across the full 1.4 K to 500 K temperature range.

The bare die sensor, the DT-670E-BR, provides the smallest physical size and fastest thermal response time of any silicon diode on the market today. This is an important advantage for applications where size and thermal response time are critical, including focal plane arrays and high temperature superconducting filters for cellular communication.

The Lake Shore SD package the most rugged, versatile package in the industry

The SD package, with direct sensor-to-sapphire base mounting, hermetic seal, and brazed Kovar leads, provides the industry's most rugged, versatile sensors with the best sample to chip connection. Designed so heat coming down the leads bypasses the chip, it can survive several thousand hours at 500 K (depending on model) and is compatible with most ultra high vacuum applications. It can be indium soldered to samples without shift in sensor calibration. If desired, the SD package is also available without Kovar leads.

Typical DT-670 diode voltage

Typical DT-670 diode sensitivity

Packaging options

BO, BR, CO, CU, CY, DI, ET, LR, MT

CAUTION: These sensors are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Use ESD precautionary procedures when handling, or making mechanical or electrical connections to these devices in order to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

Specifications

Standard curve Curve DT-670—see next page

Recommended excitation 10 μ A \pm 0.1%

Max reverse voltage 40 V

Max current before damage 1 mA continuous or 100 mA pulsed

Dissipation at recommended excitation

16 µW at 4.2 K; 10 µW at 77 K; 5 µW at 300 K

Thermal response time SD: typical <10 ms at 4.2 K, 100 ms at 77 K, 200 ms at 305 K; BR: 1 ms at 4.2 K, 13 ms at 77 K, 20 ms at 305 K

Use in radiation Recommended for use only in low level radiation—see Appendix B

Use in magnetic field Not recommended for use in magnetic field applications below 60 K. Low magnetic field dependence when used in fields up to 5 tesla above 60 K—see Appendix B

Reproducibility' ±10 mK at 4.2 K

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

¹ Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 4.2 K

Range of use

DT-621-HR miniature silicon diode

The DT-621 miniature silicon diode temperature sensor is configured for installation on flat surfaces. Due to the absence of magnetic materials in its construction, this package is suited for applications where minimal interaction between the diode and sample space magnetic field is desired. The DT- 621 sensor package exhibits precise, monotonic temperature response over its useful range. The sensor chip is in direct contact with the epoxy dome, which causes increased voltage below 20 K and prevents full range Curve DT-670 conformity. For use below 20 K, calibration is required.

DT-621-HR

Calibrated accuracy and the control of Long-term stability

² [(Calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)2]^{0.5} for more information see Appendices B, D, and E

Temperature response data table (typical)

See Appendix G for expanded response table

Long-term stability data is obtained by subjecting sensor to 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

⁴ Based on 670 h of baking at 500 K

Standard curve DT-670 tolerance bands

Physical specifications

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors⁶ ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic induction)

⁶ To minimize magnetic field-induced temperature errors, the sensor should be oriented so that the package base is perpendicular to the magnetic field flux lines this results in the diode current being parallel to the magnetic field

DT-670-SD DT-670E-BR

– CAUTION: (+) lead connected electrically to external braze ring— take care not to cause a short

DT-621-HR

General tolerance of ±0.005 in [±0.127 mm] unless otherwise noted

DT-670 temperature response curve Curve Curve DT-670 tolerance bands

DT-670 Series expanded temperature response data table

Ordering information

Uncalibrated sensor

Step 1: Choose diode series, for example DT-670. Step 2: Choose tolerance band (if applicable), for example DT-670A. Step 3: Choose package or mounting adapter—if ordering adapter, substitute the adapter suffix for the SD suffix, for example DT-670A-CU.

Calibrated sensor

Step 1: Choose diode series, for example DT-670. Step 2: Choose package or mounting adapter—if ordering adapter, substitute the adapter suffix for the SD suffix, for example DT-670-CU. **Step 3:** Specify the calibration range suffix code after the model number and package suffix, for example DT-670-CU-1.4L.

Note: upper temperature limit package dependent—see Sensor Packages section Other packaging available by special order—please consult Lake Shore

Accessories available for sensors

SN-CO-C1 SD package sensor clamp, qty 1 SN-CO-C10 SD package sensor clamp, qty 10 8000-CD Calibration report on CD-ROM 8000-USB Calibration report on USB COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Accessories suggested for installation see Accessories section for full descriptions

Stycast® epoxy Apiezon® grease 90% Pb, 10% Sn solder Indium solder VGE-7031 varnish Phosphor bronze wire Manganin wire

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

easy sensor interchangeability

Upgrade conversion chart

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve[™] Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads, see page 25.

Germanium RTDs

Germanium features

- Recognized as a "Secondary Standard Thermometer"
- \blacksquare High sensitivity provides submillikelvin control at 4.2 K and below
- \blacksquare Excellent reproducibility better than \pm 0.5 mK at 4.2 K
- \blacksquare Various models for use from 0.05 K to 100 K
- \blacksquare Excellent resistance to ionizing radiation

Lake Shore germanium resistance temperature sensors are recognized as "Secondary Standard Thermometers" and have been employed in the measurement of temperature from 0.05 K to 30 K for more than 40 years.

Germanium sensors have a useful temperature range of about two orders of magnitude. The exact range depends upon the doping of the germanium element. Sensors with ranges from below 0.05 K to 100 K are available. Between 100 K and 300 K, dR/dT changes sign and dR/dT above 100 K is very small for all models. Sensor resistance varies from several ohms at its upper useful temperature to several tens of kilohms at its lower temperature. Because device sensitivity increases rapidly with decreasing temperature, a high degree of resolution is achieved at lower temperatures, making these resistors very useful for submillikelvin control at 4.2 K and below.

The sensors offer excellent stability, and ± 0.5 mK reproducibility at 4.2 K. The germanium resistor is usually the best choice for high-accuracy work below 30 K. Use in a magnetic field is not recommended.

Packaging options

AA,CD

GR-50 GR-300 GR-1400 Resistance ()) 106 ₁₀ 104 102 101 100 0.01 0.1 1 10 100 Resistance (Ω)

Temperature (K)

Typical germanium resistance Typical germanium sensitivity Typical germanium dimensionless sensitivity

Specifications

Standard curve Not applicable

Recommended excitation¹ 20 μ V (0.05 K to 0.1 K); 63 μ V (0.1 K to 1 K); 10 mV or less for $T > 1$ K

Dissipation at recommended excitation 10⁻¹³ W at 0.05 K, 10–7 W at 4.2 K (temperature and model dependent)

Thermal response time 200 ms at 4.2 K, 3 s at 77 K

Use in radiation Recommended for use in ionizing radiation environments—see Appendix B

Use in magnetic field Because of their strong magnetoresistance and associated orientation effect, germanium sensors are of very limited use in magnetic fields—see Appendix B

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

Reproducibility

¹ Recommended excitation for T < 1 K based on Lake Shore calibration procedures using an AC resistance bridge—for more information refer to Appendix D and Appendix E

- ² Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 4.2 K
- ³ Long-term stability data is obtained by subjecting sensor to 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

Range of use

Calibrated accuracy4

4 [(Calibration uncertainty)2 + (reproducibility)2]0.5 for more information see Appendices B, D, and E

AA package

General tolerance of ± 0.005 in [± 0.127 mm] utiless otherwise roted

Temperature response data table (typical)—see Appendix G for expanded response table

(magnetic induction)

⁵ Long axis of thermometer parallel to applied field

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors⁵ ΔT/T (%) at B

Typical resistance values

Proper selection of germanium sensors for use below 1 K

Germanium resistance thermometers are often classified according to their 4.2 K resistance value. However, for devices to be used below 1 K, there is no close correlation between the 4.2 K resistance and the suitability of the device as a thermometer. As a result, the Lake Shore low resistance germanium sensors (GR-50-AA and GR-300-AA) are classified according to their lowest useful temperatures, not their 4.2 K resistance values.

The resistance vs. temperature behavior for these devices is typical of all the germanium sensors. As the temperature is lowered, both the resistance and sensitivity (dR/dT) increase logarithmically. The lowest useful temperature is generally limited by the rapidly increasing resistance and the difficulties encountered in measuring high resistance values.

The following recommendations are made concerning the optimum temperature range for using these devices:

Increasingly better temperature resolution is achievable at lower temperatures.

In general, it is recommended you do not purchase a device which has a lower temperature limit than required, since some sensitivity (dR/dT) will be sacrificed at the higher temperatures. For example, a GR-300-AA will have more sensitivity at 1 K than a GR-50-AA.

CD package *14.3 mm*

5 mm

Physical specifications

Germanium series construction detail

The epoxy holding the chip to the header is omitted for germanium devices designed for use below 1 K.

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve™ Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads, see page 25.

Ordering information

Uncalibrated sensor—Specify the model number in the left column only, for example GR-50-AA.

Calibrated sensor—Add the calibration range suffix code to the end of the model number, for example GR-50-AA-0.05A.

Other packaging available through special order—consult Lake Shore

Accessories available for sensors COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Ultra-low temperature Rox[™]

RX-102B-RS features

- \blacksquare Useful below 10 mK; calibrations down to 10 mK available
- \blacksquare Include additional extrapolated points to 5 mK
- \Box Optical shielding reduces unwanted sensor heating

Temperature measurement for the world's greatest dilution refrigerators

With the amazing progress made by dilution refrigerator manufacturers to push base temperatures well below 10 mK, the need for accurate, simplified temperature measurements continues to grow. The RX-102B-RS meets this need as a resistive temperature device (RTD) that maintains sensitivity well below 10 mK.

Building on the success of the previous generation RX-102B, this sensor refines the package to improve thermal connection and adds optical radiation shielding to further reduce the issue of unwanted sensor heating.

When paired with the Lake Shore 372 AC resistance bridge and temperature controller, this sensor/instrument combination is the configuration of choice for simplified temperature monitoring or controlling below 50 mK.

Boundary-pushing calibrations

Going beyond the 20 mK calibration offered for many years, Lake Shore is pushing the boundary of world-class metrology by extending calibrations down to 10 mK for these sensors.

As a bonus for those pushing below 10 mK, 0.01B and 0.01C calibrated sensors will include additional extrapolated points to 5 mK to provide an easier method for determining temperature in this region with reasonable accuracy.

Packaging options

RS

Typical sensitivity | Ω/mK | 0.001 0.01 0.1 1 10 100

0.01 0.10 1.00 10.00

Typical dimensionless sensitivity $|S_{a}|$

Specifications

Recommended excitation¹ 20 μ V (0.05 K to 0.1 K); 63 μ V (0.1 K to 1.2 K); 10 mV or less for $T > 1$ K

Dissipation at recommended excitation 7.5×10^{-8} W at 4.2 K

Thermal response time 0.5 s at 4.2 K, 2.5 s at 77 K

Radiation effects Recommended—see Appendix B

Magnetic field Not recommended

Reproducibility² \pm 15 mK at 4.2 K

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

- ¹ Recommended excitation for T < 1 K based on Lake Shore calibration procedures using an AC resistance bridge—for more information refer to Appendix D and Appendix E
- ² Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 4.2 K

RX-102B-RS

RX-102B-CB

General tolerance of ± 0.127 mm (0.005 in) on X.XXX and ± 0.254 mm (0.01 in) on X.XX unless otherwise noted Mount using a #6 or M3 screw

Range of use

³ Calibrations down to 10 mK available

⁴ Calibrations down to 20 mK available

Calibrated accuracy⁵

⁵ [(Calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)²]^{0.5} for more information see Appendices B, D, and E

⁶ Extrapolated accuracy values are anticipated

Long-term stability

Physical specifications

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic induction)

Magnetic field dependance data for sample Rox™ RTDs

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve™ Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads see page 25.

Ordering information

Note: the RX-102B-RS is not interchangeable to a standard curve and is not available as matched. Other packaging available through special order—consult Lake Shore

Accessories available for sensors

8000-CD Calibration report on CD-ROM 8000-USB Calibration report on USB COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Accessories suggested for installation see Accessories section for full descriptions

Stycast® epoxy Apiezon® grease 90% Pb, 10% Sn solder Indium solder VGE-7031 varnish Phosphor bronze wire Manganin wire

Interchangeable Rox[™]

RX-102A features

- \blacksquare Standard curve interchangeable
- Good radiation resistance
- Useful down to 50 mK
- Low magnetic field-induced errors

RX-202A features

- Standard curve interchangeable
- Good radiation resistance
- Monotonic from 50 mK to 300 K
- \blacksquare 4 \times improvement in magnetic fieldinduced errors over other ruthenium oxides

RX-103A features

- \blacksquare Standard curve interchangeable
- Good radiation resistance
- Best choice for interchangeability from 1.4 K to 40 K
- \blacksquare Low magnetic field-induced errors

Ruthenium oxide temperature sensors are thick-film resistors used in applications involving magnetic fields. These composite sensors consist of bismuth ruthenate, ruthenium oxides, binders, and other compounds that allow them to obtain the necessary temperature and resistance characteristics. Each interchangeable Lake Shore Rox™ model adheres to a single resistance versus temperature curve.

RX-102A

The RX-102A (1000 Ω at room temperature) is useful down to 50 mK and has better interchangeability than the RX-202A as well as low magnetic field-induced errors below 1 K.

RX-202A

The RX-202A (2000 Ω at room temperature) has a $4\times$ improvement in magnetic fieldinduced errors over other commercially available ruthenium oxide temperature sensors with similar resistances and sensitivities. Most ruthenium oxide sensors have a maximum useful temperature limit well below room temperature, where the sensitivity changes from negative to positive. The RX-202A however, is designed to have a monotonic response from 0.05 K up to 300 K.

RX-103A

The RX-103A (10,000 Ω at room temperature) has a unique resistance and temperature response curve combined with low magnetic field-induced errors, and is the best choice for interchangeability from 1.4 K to 40 K.

Packaging options

AA, BR

Typical interchangeable Rox™ resistance Typical interchangeable Rox™ sensitivity Typical interchangeable Rox™

dimensionless sensitivity

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Specifications

Standard curve¹ 102 and 202: 0.05 K to 40 K; 103: 1.4 K to 40 K

Recommended excitation² RX-102 and RX-202: 20 μ V (0.05 K to 0.1 K); 63 µV (0.1 K to 1.2 K); 10 mV or less for $T > 1$ K. RX-103: 10 mV or less for $T > 1$ K

Dissipation at recommended excitation 102 and 202: 7.5×10^{-8} W at 4.2 K; 103: 3.2×10^{-9} W at 1.4 K, 5.5×10^{-9} W at 4.2 K, 9.6×10^{-9} W at 77 K

Thermal response time 0.5 s at 4.2 K, 2.5 s at 77 K

Use in radiation Recommended—see Appendix B

Use in magnetic field³ Recommended—see Appendix B

Reproducibility⁴ \pm 15 mK

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

- ¹ 102B does not follow a standard curve
- 2 Recommended excitation for T < 1 K based on Lake Shore calibration procedures using an AC resistance bridge—for more information refer to Appendix D and Appendix E
- ³ 102B not recommended for use in magnetic fields
- ⁴ Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 4.2 K

Accuracy: interchangeability

Temperature response data table (typical)—See Appendix G for expanded response table

Range of use

Long-term stability

Calibrated accuracy⁵

⁵ [(Calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)²]^{0.5} for more information see Appendices B, D, and E

Magnetic field dependance data for sample interchangeable Rox™

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic induction)

2 TITT TTT $\mathbf{1}$ $\overline{0}$ -1 23 K E $16K$ $\Delta T/T$ (%) -2 $8.0 K -$
3.9 K =
3.0 K = -3 -4 Þ -5 **RX-202A** لسنت $2.0K$ ŧ -6 0 15 20 25 5 10 magnetic field (tesla)

General tolerance of ± 0.127 mm [± 0.005 in] unless otherwise noted

RX-AA Bare chip (see table on 50)

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

Physical specifications

Ordering information

Accessories available for sensors 8000-CD Calibration report on CD-ROM 8000-USB Calibration report on USB COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Accessories suggested for installation see Accessories section for full descriptions

Stycast® epoxy Apiezon® grease 90% Pb, 10% Sn solder

Indium solder VGE-7031 varnish Phosphor bronze wire Manganin wire

Packaging

The Rox™ 202A, 102A, and 103A sensors are available in the Lake Shore standard copper AA canister. Two are available as bare chips for applications requiring a smaller sensor or a faster thermal response time. The RX-102A-BR is a bare chip version of RX-102A. This bare chip features wrap-around noble metal contacts that can be soldered to using standard lead/tin solder. The RX-103A-BR is a bare chip version of the RX-103A. This bare chip has wrap-around pretinned contacts that can be soldered to using standard lead/tin solder. The pretinned contacts increase the sensor thickness from 0.25 mm to 0.41 mm. Leads are not attached to these models, so they are not available as matched or calibrated.

See the Physical Specifications for details and individual dimensions.

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation

Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve™ Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads see page 25.

PT-100 Series Platinum RTDs

PT-100 Series features

- Temperature range: 14 K to 873 K (model dependant)
- Conforms to IEC 751 standards down to 70 K
- High reproducibility: ± 5 mK at 77 K
- **Low magnetic field dependence** above 40 K
- **EXCELLENT FOR USE IN 10 INCREADING THE EXCELLENT FOR USE**
- SoftCal[™] calibration available
- Non-magnetic packages available (PT-103 variants)

Matching

If your application requires more than one platinum resistor, up to five platinum resistors can be matched to one another to within ±0.1 K at liquid nitrogen temperature with the purchase of only one calibration.

Typical platinum resistance

PT-100 platinum resistance thermometers (PRTs) are an excellent choice for use as cryogenic temperature sensing and control elements in the range from 30 K to 873 K (-243 °C to 600 °C). Over this temperature span, PRTs offer high repeatability and nearly constant sensitivity (dR/dT). Platinum resistors are also useful as control elements in magnetic field environments where errors approaching one degree can be tolerated. PRTs are interchangeable above 70 K. The use of controlled-purity platinum assures uniformity from one device to another.

PRTs experience rapidly decreasing sensitivity below approximately 30 K. They should be calibrated in order to achieve maximum accuracy for use below 100 K. The plot illustrates platinum sensor conformance to the IEC 751 curve.

Packaging options

AL, AM

Typical platinum sensitivity Typical platinum dimensionless sensitivity

Specifications

Standard curve IEC 751

Recommended excitation 1 mA

Dissipation at recommended excitation 100 µW at 273 K

Thermal response time PT-103: 1.75 s at 77 K, 12.5 s at 273 K; PT-111: 2.5 s at 77 K, 20 s at 273 K

Use in radiation Recommended for use in ionizing radiation environments—see Appendix B

Use in magnetic field Because of their relatively low magnetic field dependence above 30 K, platinum sensors are useful as control elements in magnetic field applications when some error can be tolerated—see Appendix B

Reproducibility' ±5 mK at 77 K

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

Short-term reproducibility data is obtained by subjecting sensor to repeated thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

PT-100 Series interchangeability

Physical specifications

Range of use

SoftCal™ accuracy

2S: 77 K and 305 K

3S: 77 K, 305 K and 480 K

Calibrated accuracy

² [(Calibration uncertainty)² + (reproducibility)²]^{0.5} for more information see Appendices B, D, and E

³ If not heated above 475 K-long-term stability data is obtained by subjecting sensor to 200 thermal shocks from 305 K to 77 K

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors⁴ ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic field)

Recommended for use when $T \geq 30$ K

Temperature response data table (typical) See Appendix G for expanded response table

PT-103

General tolerance of ± 0.010 in [± 0.254 mm] unless otherwise noted

PT-103-AM

General tolerance of ± 0.010 in (± 0.254 mm) unless otherwise noted

PT-111

Ordering information

Uncalibrated sensor—Specify the model number in the left column only, for example PT-103. Calibrated sensor—Add the calibration range suffix code to the end of the model number, for example PT-103-14L.

ADD -LN* Matching PT sensors to \pm 0.1 K at 77 K

**MUST be purchased with all matching sensors, as well as with the sensor to be matched*

Notes:

- 1. Upper temperature of AL and AM packages is limited to 800 K.
- 2. If your application requires more than one platinum resistor, up to five platinum resistors can be matched with one another to within \pm 0.1 K at liquid nitrogen temperature with the purchase of only one calibration. If absolute accuracy is required, one of these matched RTDs can be calibrated. For larger quantities, or for different requirements, consult Lake Shore. At the time of order, add -LN to the model number. Example: PT-103-14L-LN is a PT-103-LN RTD with a calibration range of 14 K to 325 K that is matched with at
- least one other uncalibrated PT-103 to within ±0.1 K at liquid nitrogen temperature. 3. For metrological applications below 30 K, use a germanium RTD. PT-100 sensors are not useful below 14 K for metrology and are of limited use below 30 K for temperature control, due to rapid decline in sensitivity.
- 4. For use above 500 K, anneal at T_{max} +10 °C for 4 h.

Accessories available for sensors

8000-CD Calibration report on CD-ROM 8000-USB Calibration report on USB COC-SEN Certificate of conformance

Accessories suggested for installation—

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page [20](#page--1-0).

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve™ Sensor packages

Capacitance Temperature Sensors*

Capacitance features

- **D** Virtually no magnetic field-induced errors
- \Box Capable of mK control stability in the presence of strong magnetic fields
- \blacksquare Monotonic in C versus T to nearly room temperature

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Temperature reproducibility

Over a period of days, thermal cycling of capacitance sensors can provide variations in their capacitance/temperature values equivalent to several tenths of a degree at 4.2 K, 77 K, and room temperature. Over longer periods of time, variations can reach one degree or more. However, any reduced capacitance, C(T)/C(4.2 K), is generally stable to within ±0.5 K. These variations, or shifts, in the temperature response curve have no effect on the sensor's stability when operating at a given temperature and, therefore, do not impair the sensor's primary function as a control element.

Capacitance sensors (CS) are ideally suited for use as temperature control sensors in strong magnetic fields because they exhibit virtually no magnetic field dependence. Displacement current is not affected by magnetic fields. Consequently, temperature control fluctuations are kept to a minimum when sweeping magnetic field or when changing field values under constant temperature operation.

Because small variations in the capacitance/ temperature curves occur upon thermal cycling, calibrations must be transferred to the capacitor from another sensor after cooling for the best accuracy. It is recommended that temperature in zero field be measured with another temperature sensor and that the capacitance sensor be employed as a control element only.

CS-501GR

Temperature stability/ temperature transfer accuracy

Capacitance sensors will provide very stable control conditions for long periods of time at operating temperature, but because an operational "aging" phenomenon exists, care must be taken to account for this occurrence in their use.

The variation in capacitance/temperature characteristics is likely the result of the time dependence of the dielectric constant and the dielectric loss, or "aging", that all ferroelectric dielectrics exhibit. This time dependence, which occurs as a short term drift (minutes to hours) in capacitance/temperature value, is initiated by disturbing the sensor thermally or by changing the voltage or frequency of excitation. To compensate for this, the sensor should be stabilized for one hour after initial cool-down to desired operating temperature and whenever significant adjustments in control temperature are made.

After the one hour stabilization, this short-term drift is on the order of a few tenths of a millikelvin per minute at 4.2 K, and several millikelvin per minute at 305 K. The drift is always in the direction of decreasing capacitance; consequently, it corresponds to decreasing temperature below 290 K.

Typical CS capacitance Typical CS sensitivity Typical CS dimensionless sensitivity

Specifications

Standard curve Not applicable

Nominal capacitance 6.1 nF

Nominal sensitivity 26 pF/K

Accuracy (interchangeability) Not applicable

Accuracy (calibrated) Calibration should be performed in situ

Recommended excitation 1 to 5 kHz, 0 to 7 V peak to peak or any other acceptable capacitance measuring method

Dissipation at recommended excitation Not applicable

Expected long-term stability ± 1.0 K/yr

Thermal response time Minutes, dominated by electronic setting time

Radiation effects Not available

Magnetic fields See table on right

Reproducibility See shaded box on previous page for detailed discussion

Soldering standard J-STD-001 Class 2

Physical specifications

Range of use

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors¹ $ΔT/T$ (%) at B (magnetic induction)

¹ Recommended for control purposes; monotonic in C vs T to nearly room temperature; frequency dependent

Packaging options

For more information on sensor packages and mounting adapters, see page 20.

See the appendices for a detailed description of: Installation Uncalibrated sensors SoftCal™ Calibrated sensors CalCurve[™] Sensor packages

To add length to sensor leads see 25.

Ordering Information

Accessories suggested for installation see Accessories section for full descriptions Stycast® epoxy Apiezon® grease 90% Pb, 10% Sn solder Indium solder VGE-7031 varnish Phosphor bronze wire Manganin wire CryoCable™

Thermocouple Wire

Thermocouple features

- \blacksquare Type E (chromel-constantan) has the highest sensitivity among the standard thermocouple types typically used at low temperatures. The best choice for temperatures down to 40 K.
- \blacksquare Type K (chromel-alumel) Recommended for continuous use in inert atmospheres. Has a sensitivity of 4.1 mV/K at 20 K (about $\frac{1}{2}$ of Type E).

Thermocouple wire is used in a variety of cryogenic applications, but special techniques must be employed to approach temperature accuracies of 1% of temperature, even without consideration for the effects of high magnetic fields or high radiation fluxes. The problems are further complicated by exposure to variable gradient conditions at cryogenic temperatures.

Many Lake Shore temperature controllers offer inputs that accommodate most common types of cryogenic thermocouple wire in use.

Note:

Heat conduction down the thermocouple wire is the same as with lead wire going to any other sensing device. Refer to Appendix C: Conduction (Lead Attachment) for more detailed information.

See Appendix G for thermocouple curve data.

Typical magnetic field-dependent temperature errors¹ ΔT/T (%) at B (magnetic induction)

Useful when $T \geq 10$ K. Refer to *comments for chromel-AuFe (0.07%)*

Range of use

³ Upper limit dependent on wire size; to achieve higher than 473 K, insulation must be removed

Part number Explanation

- $TC = Thermocouple$
- $Y =$ Wire type, E or K
- $ZZ =$ Wire diameter excluding insulation
- $XX =$ Wire length in meters

Ordering information

