

NTC thermistors for temperature measurement

Leaded NTC thermistors,
lead spacing 2.5 mm

Series/Type: **B57971S**
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Applications

- Temperature measurement

Features

- Flexible epoxy coating of head and wires
- High measuring accuracy
- Cost-effective
- Rugged design
- Tinned copper leads
- Lead spacing 2.5 mm

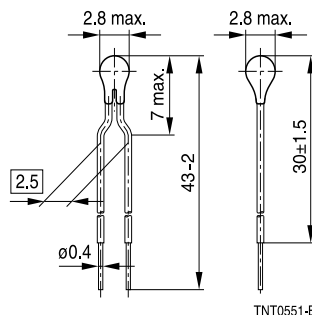
Options

- Alternative coating length of wires on request

Delivery mode

Bulk (standard), cardboard tape, reeled or in Ammo pack on request

Dimensional drawing



Dimensions in mm

Approx. weight 140 mg

General technical data

Climatic category	(IEC 60068-1)	P_{25}	55/155/56	
Max. power	(at 25 °C)	$\Delta R_R/R_R$	60	mW
Resistance tolerance		T_R	$\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5$	%
Rated temperature		δ_{th}	25	°C
Dissipation factor	(in air)	τ_c	approx. 4.1	mW/K
Thermal cooling time constant	(in air)	C_{th}	approx. 8.8	s
Heat capacity			approx. 36.5	mJ/K

Electrical specification and ordering codes

R_{25} Ω	No. of R/T characteristic	$B_{25/100}$ K	Ordering code
2 k	1008	$3560 \pm 1\%$	B57971S0202+000
10 k	8016	$3988 \pm 1\%$	B57971S0103+001
30 k	8018	$3964 \pm 1\%$	B57971S0303+000

+ = Resistance tolerance

F = $\pm 1\%$

H = $\pm 3\%$

J = $\pm 5\%$

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	< 2%	No visible damage
Rapid temperature cycling	IEC 60068-2-14	Lower test temperature: –55 °C Upper test temperature: 155 °C Number of cycles: 100	< 2%	No visible damage
Endurance		P_{max} : 60 mW t: 1000 h	< 3%	No visible damage
Long-term stability (empirical value)		Temperature: 70 °C t: 10000 h	< 3%	No visible damage

Reliability data according to AEC Q200, Rev. D

Test	Standard	Test conditions	$\Delta R_{25}/R_{25}$ (typical)	Remarks
High temperature exposure (storage)	MIL-STD-202, method 108	Storage at T = 125 °C t = 1000 h	< 2%	No visible damage
Biased humidity	MIL-STD-202, method 103	T = 85 °C Relative humidity of air 85% t = 1000 h Test voltage max. 0.3 V DC on NTC ¹⁾	< 2 %	No visible damage
Operational life	MIL-STD-202, method 108	T = 125 °C t = 1000 h Test voltage max. 0.3 V DC on NTC ¹⁾	< 2%	No visible damage
Temperature cycling	JESD 22, method JA-104	Lower test temperature: –55 °C Upper test temperature: 125 °C 1000 cycles Dwell time: max. 30 min at each temperature Transition time in air: max. 1 min	< 2%	No visible damage
Terminal strength (leaded)	MIL-STD-202, method 211	Test leaded device integrity Condition A: 2.27 N ²⁾	< 1%	No visible damage
Mechanical shock	MIL-STD-202, method 213, condition C	Acceleration: 40 g ²⁾ Pulse duration: 6 ms Number of bumps: 3, each direction	< 1%	No visible damage
Vibration	MIL-STD-202, method 204	Acceleration: 5 g t = 20 min 12 cycles in each of 3 directions Frequency range: 10 to 2000 Hz	< 1%	No visible damage

1) Self heating of the NTC thermistor must not exceed 0.2 K, steady state. Test conditions deviating from AEC Q200, Rev. D.

2) Deviating from AEC Q200, Rev. D.

Note

- Contact of NTC thermistors with any liquids and solvents shall be prevented. It must be ensured that no water enters the NTC thermistors (e.g. through plug terminals).
- Avoid dewing and condensation unless thermistor is specified for these conditions.

R/T characteristics

R/T No.	1008		8016		8018	
T (°C)	B _{25/100} = 3560 K		B _{25/100} = 3988 K		B _{25/100} = 3964 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	96.3	7.4	—	—
-50.0	39.318	6.0	67.01	7.2	—	—
-45.0	29.325	5.8	47.17	6.9	—	—
-40.0	22.03	5.7	33.65	6.7	30.24	6.3
-35.0	16.666	5.5	24.26	6.4	22.1	6.1
-30.0	12.696	5.4	17.7	6.2	16.32	5.9
-25.0	9.7251	5.2	13.04	6.0	12.17	5.8
-20.0	7.5171	5.1	9.707	5.8	9.153	5.6
-15.0	5.8353	4.9	7.293	5.6	6.945	5.4
-10.0	4.5686	4.8	5.533	5.5	5.313	5.2
-5.0	3.605	4.7	4.232	5.3	4.097	5.1
0.0	2.8665	4.5	3.265	5.1	3.183	4.9
5.0	2.2907	4.4	2.539	5.0	2.491	4.8
10.0	1.8438	4.3	1.99	4.8	1.963	4.7
15.0	1.492	4.1	1.571	4.7	1.557	4.6
20.0	1.2154	4.0	1.249	4.5	1.244	4.4
25.0	1.0000	3.9	1.0000	4.4	1.0000	4.3
30.0	0.82976	3.8	0.8057	4.3	0.8083	4.2
35.0	0.68635	3.7	0.6531	4.1	0.6572	4.1
40.0	0.57103	3.6	0.5327	4.0	0.5373	4.0
45.0	0.48015	3.5	0.4369	3.9	0.4418	3.9
50.0	0.40545	3.4	0.3603	3.8	0.365	3.7
55.0	0.3417	3.3	0.2986	3.7	0.303	3.7
60.0	0.28952	3.2	0.2488	3.6	0.2527	3.6
65.0	0.24714	3.1	0.2083	3.5	0.2118	3.5
70.0	0.21183	3.1	0.1752	3.4	0.1783	3.4
75.0	0.18194	3.0	0.1481	3.3	0.1508	3.3
80.0	0.1568	2.9	0.1258	3.2	0.128	3.2
85.0	0.13592	2.8	0.1072	3.2	0.1091	3.2
90.0	0.11822	2.8	0.09177	3.1	0.0933	3.1
95.0	0.1034	2.7	0.07885	3.0	0.08016	3.0
100.0	0.090741	2.6	0.068	2.9	0.0691	2.9
105.0	0.079642	2.6	0.05886	2.9	0.05974	2.9
110.0	0.070102	2.5	0.05112	2.8	0.05183	2.8
115.0	0.061889	2.4	0.04454	2.7	0.04512	2.8
120.0	0.054785	2.4	0.03893	2.6	0.0394	2.7
125.0	0.048706	2.3	0.03417	2.6	0.0345	2.6
130.0	0.043415	2.3	0.03009	2.5	0.03032	2.6
135.0	0.038722	2.2	0.02654	2.5	0.02672	2.5
140.0	0.034615	2.2	0.02348	2.4	0.02361	2.5
145.0	0.031048	2.1	0.02083	2.4	0.02091	2.4
150.0	0.02791	2.1	0.01853	2.3	0.01857	2.4
155.0	0.025193	2.0	0.01653	2.3	0.016537	2.3

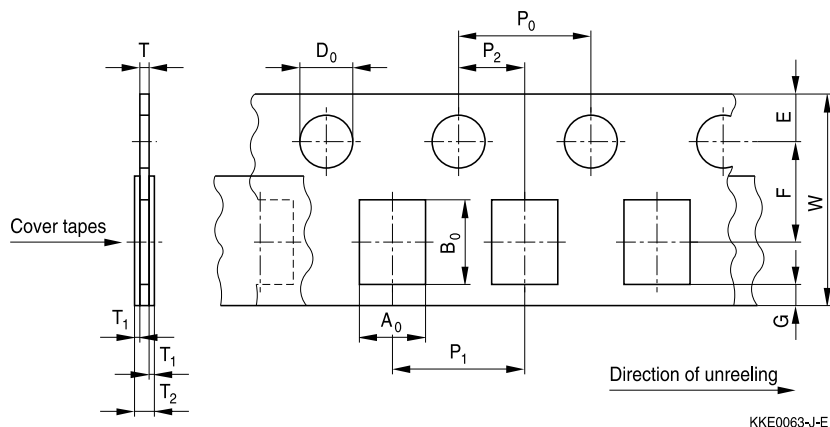
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Leaded NTC thermistors, lead spacing 2.5 mm
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	R_T/R_{25}	$\alpha \text{ (%/K)}$	R_T/R_{25}	$\alpha \text{ (%/K)}$	R_T/R_{25}	$\alpha \text{ (%/K)}$
160.0	0.02279	2.0	—	—	—	—
165.0	0.020667	2.0	—	—	—	—
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	—	—	—	—

Taping and packing

1 Taping of SMD NTC thermistors

1.1 Cardboard tape for case size 0402 and 0603 (taping to IEC 60286-3)



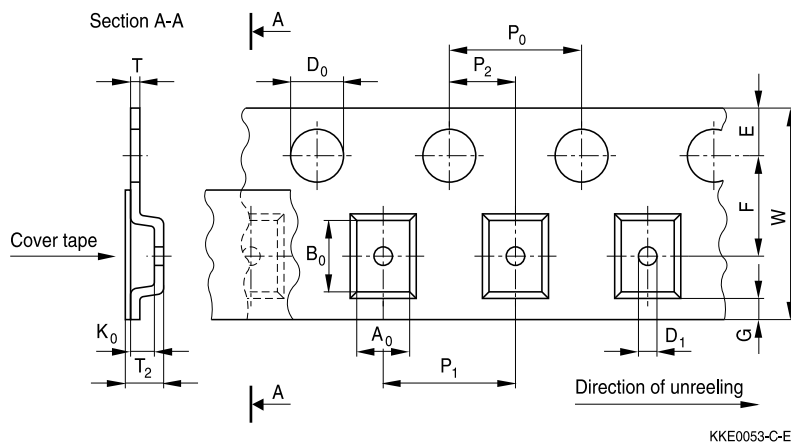
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Dimensions (mm)

	Case size 0402 (8-mm tape)	Case size 0603 (8-mm tape)	Tolerance
$A_0 \times B_0$	0.60×1.15	0.95×1.80	± 0.2
T_2	0.70	1.10	
T	0.60	0.90	max.
D_0	1.50	1.50	± 0.10
P_0	4.00	4.00	$\pm 0.10^{1)}$
P_2	2.00	2.00	± 0.05
P_1	2.00	4.00	± 0.10
W	8.00	8.00	± 0.30
E	1.75	1.75	± 0.10
F	3.50	3.50	± 0.05
G	0.75	0.75	min.

1) ≤ 0.2 mm over 10 sprocket holes.

1.2 Blister tape for case size 0805 and 1206 (taping to IEC 60286-3)

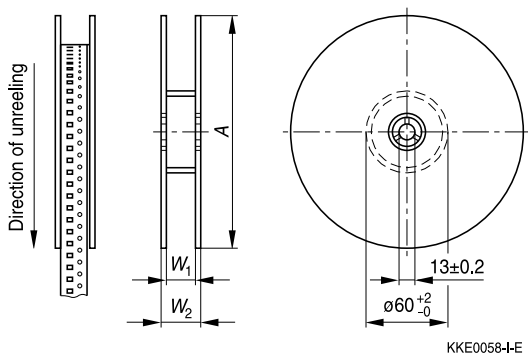


Dimensions (mm)

	Case size 0805 (8-mm tape)	Case size 1206 (8-mm tape)	Tolerance
$A_0 \times B_0$	1.60×2.40	1.90×3.50	± 0.2
K_0	1.40	1.40	max.
T_2	2.5	2.5	max.
D_0	1.50	1.50	$+0.10/-0$
D_1	1.00	1.00	min.
P_0	4.00	4.00	$\pm 0.10^{(2)}$
P_2	2.00	2.00	± 0.05
P_1	4.00	4.00	± 0.10
W	8.00	8.00	± 0.30
E	1.75	1.75	± 0.10
F	3.50	3.50	± 0.05
G	0.75	0.75	min.

2) ≤ 0.2 mm over 10 sprocket holes.

1.3 Reel packing



Packing survey

Case size	Chip thickness ³⁾ mm	8-mm tape		Reel dimensions					Packing units	
		Blister	Card-board	A	Tol.	W1	Tol.	W2	pcs./reel	
									180-mm reel	330-mm reel
0402	0.5		x	180	-3/+0	8.4	+1.5/-0	14.4 max.	10000	—
0603	0.8		x	180	-3/+0	8.4	+1.5/-0	14.4 max.	4000	—
				330	±2.0	12.4	+1.5/-0	18.4 max.	—	16000
0805	0.8	x		180	-3/+0	8.4	+1.5/-0	14.4 max.	4000	16000
	1.2	x		330	±2.0	12.4	+1.5/-0	18.4 max.	3000	12000
1206	0.8	x		180	-2/+0	8.4	+1.5/-0	14.4 max.	4000	—
	1.2	x		180	-2/+0	8.4	+1.5/-0	14.4 max.	2000	—

2 Packing codes

The last two digits of the complete ordering code state the packing mode:

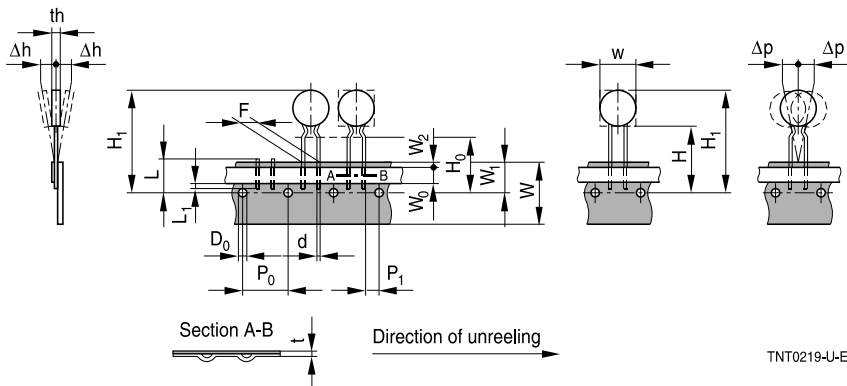
Last two digits			
60	SMD	Cardboard tape	180-mm reel packing
62	SMD	Blister tape	180-mm reel packing
70	SMD	Cardboard tape	330-mm reel packing
72	SMD	Blister tape	330-mm reel packing

3) Chip thickness depends on the resistance value.

3 Taping of radial leaded NTC thermistors

Dimensions and tolerances

Lead spacing $F = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ and 5.0 mm (taping to IEC 60286-2)



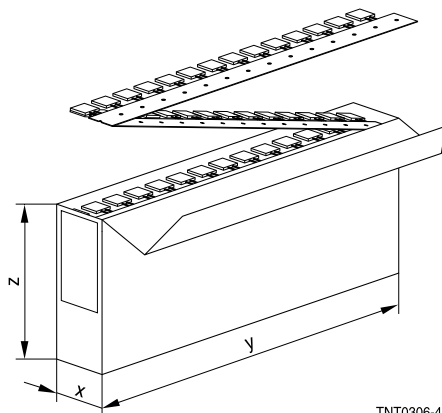
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Dimensions (mm)

	Lead spacing 2.5 mm	Lead spacing 5 mm	Tolerance of lead spacing 2.5/5 mm	Remarks
w	11.0	11.5	max.	
th	5.0	6.0	max.	
d	0.5/0.6	0.5/0.6	±0.05	
P ₀	12.7	12.7	±0.3	±1 mm / 20 sprocket holes
P ₁	5.1	3.85	±0.7	
F	2.5	5.0	+0.6/-0.1	
Δh	0	0	±2.0	measured at top of component body
Δp	0	0	±1.3	
W	18.0	18.0	±0.5	
W ₀	5.5	5.5	min.	peel-off force ≥5 N
W ₁	9.0	9.0	+0.75/-0.5	
W ₂	3.0	3.0	max.	
H	18.0	18.0	+2.0/-0	
H ₀	16.0	16.0	±0.5	
H ₁	32.2	32.2	max.	
D ₀	4.0	4.0	±0.2	
t	0.9	0.9	max.	without wires
L	11.0	11.0	max.	
L ₁	4.0	4.0	max.	

Types of packing

Ammo packing

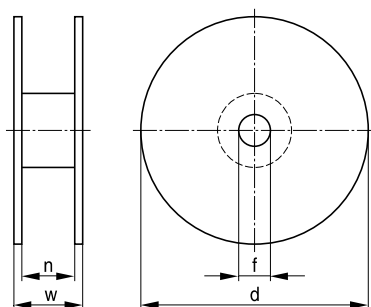


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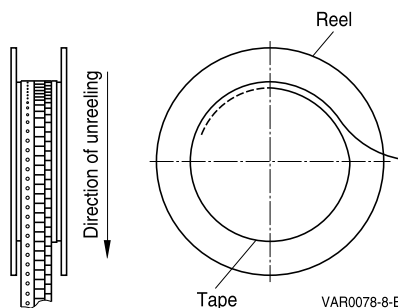
Ammo type	x	y	z
I	80	240	210

Packing unit: 1000 - 2000 pcs./reel

Reel packing



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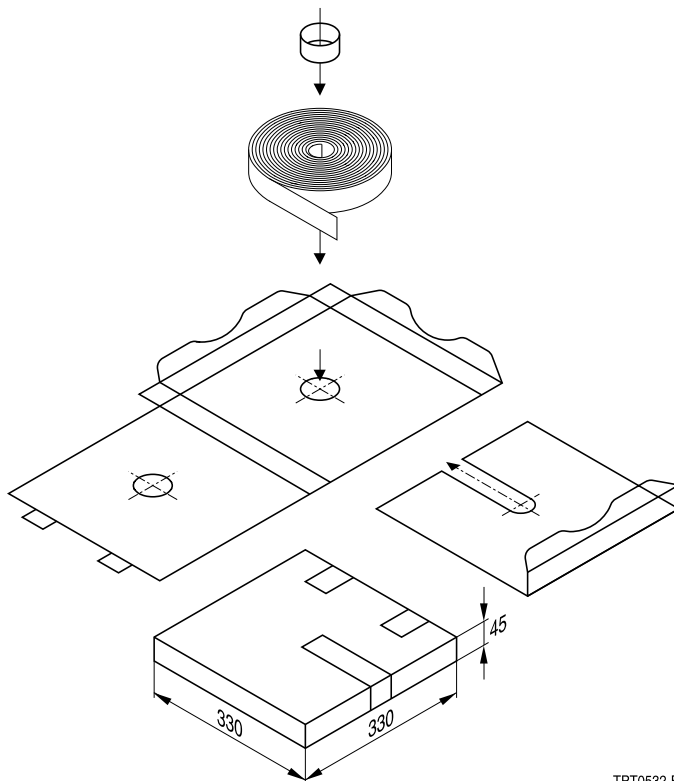
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Packing unit: 1000 - 2000 pcs./reel

Reel dimensions (in mm)

Reel type	d	f	n	w
I	360 max.	31 ±1	approx. 45	54 max.
II	500 max.	23 ±1	approx. 59	72 max.

Cassette packing



TPT0532-B

Packing unit: 1000 - 2000 pcs./cassette

Bulk packing

The components are packed in cardboard boxes, the size of which depends on the order quantity.

4 Packing codes

The last two digits of the complete ordering code state the packing mode:

Last two digits			
00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08	—	Bulk	—
40	—	Bulk	—
45	—	Bulk	—
50	Radial leads, kinked	Cardboard tape	Cassette packing
51	Radial leads, kinked	Cardboard tape	360 or 500-mm reel packing
52	Radial leads, straight	Cardboard tape	Cassette packing
53	Radial leads, straight	Cardboard tape	360 or 500-mm reel packing
54	Radial leads, kinked	Cardboard tape	AMMO packing
55	Radial leads, straight	Cardboard tape	AMMO packing

(If no packing code is indicated, this corresponds to 40)

Example 1:	B57164K0102J000	Bulk
	B57164K0102J052	Cardboard tape, cassette packing
Example 2:	B57881S0103F002	Bulk
	B57881S0103F251	Cardboard tape, reel packing

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.

1.3 SMD NTC thermistors

SMD NTC thermistors can be provided with a nickel barrier termination or on special request with silver-palladium termination. The usage of mild, non-activated fluxes for soldering is recommended as well as a proper cleaning of the PCB.

■ Nickel barrier termination

The nickel barrier layer of the silver/nickel/tin termination (see figure 1) prevents leaching of the silver base metalization layer. This allows great flexibility in the selection of soldering parameters.

The tin prevents the nickel layer from oxidizing and thus ensures better wetting by the solder. The nickel barrier termination is suitable for all commonly-used soldering methods.

Note: SMD NTCs with AgPd termination are not approved for lead-free soldering.

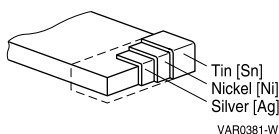


Figure 1
SMD NTC thermistors, structure of nickel barrier termination

1.3.1 Solderability (test to IEC 60068-2-58)

Preconditioning: Immersion into flux F-SW 32.

Evaluation criterion: Wetting of soldering areas $\geq 95\%$.

Solder	Bath temperature (°C)	Dwell time (s)
SnPb 60/40	215 ± 3	3 ± 0.3
SnAg (3.0 ... 4.0), Cu (0.5 ... 0.9)	245 ± 3	3 ± 0.3

1.3.2 Resistance to soldering heat (test to IEC 60068-2-58)

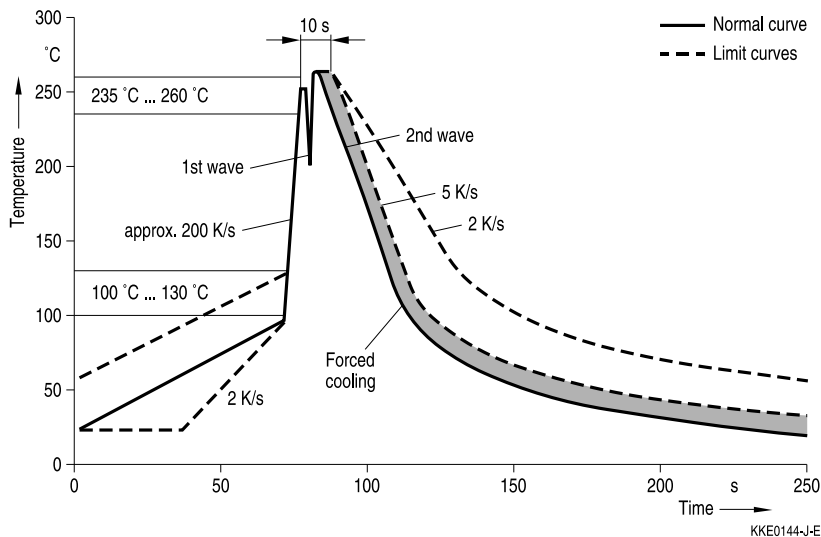
Preconditioning: Immersion into flux F-SW 32.

Evaluation criterion: Leaching of side edges $\leq 1/3$.

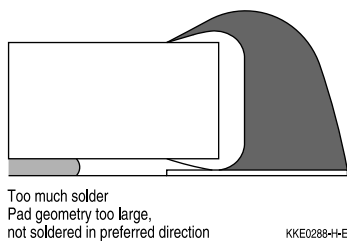
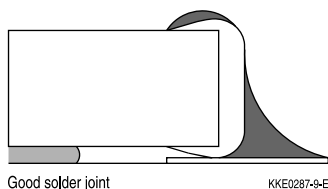
Solder	Bath temperature (°C)	Dwell time (s)
SnPb 60/40	260 ± 5	10 ± 1
SnAg (3.0 ... 4.0), Cu (0.5 ... 0.9)	260 ± 5	10 ± 1

Wave soldering

Temperature characteristic at component terminal with dual wave soldering

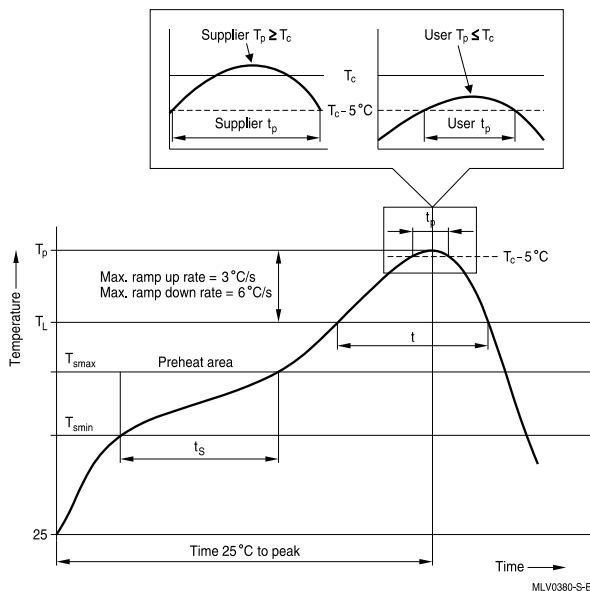


Solder joint profiles for silver/nickel/tin terminations



Reflow soldering

Recommended temperature characteristic for reflow soldering following JEDEC J-STD-020D



Profile feature		Sn-Pb eutectic assembly	Pb-free assembly
Preheat and soak			
- Temperature min	T_{smin}	100 °C	150 °C
- Temperature max	T_{smax}	150 °C	200 °C
- Time	t_{smin} to t_{smax}	60 ... 120 s	60 ... 180 s
Average ramp-up rate	T_{smax} to T_p	3 °C/ s max.	3 °C/ s max.
Liquidous temperature	T_L	183 °C	217 °C
Time at liquidous	t_L	60 ... 150 s	60 ... 150 s
Peak package body temperature	$T_p^{1)}$	220 °C ... 235 °C ²⁾	245 °C ... 260 °C ²⁾
Time (t_p) ³⁾ within 5 °C of specified classification temperature (T_c)		20 s ³⁾	30 s ³⁾
Average ramp-down rate	T_p to T_{smax}	6 °C/ s max.	6 °C/ s max.
Time 25 °C to peak temperature		maximum 6 min	maximum 8 min

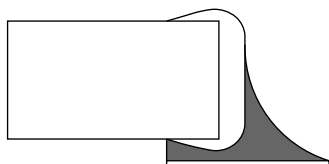
1) Tolerance for peak profile temperature (T_p) is defined as a supplier minimum and a user maximum.

2) Depending on package thickness. For details please refer to JEDEC J-STD-020D.

3) Tolerance for time at peak profile temperature (t_p) is defined as a supplier minimum and a user maximum.

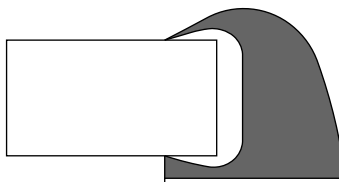
Note: All temperatures refer to topside of the package, measured on the package body surface.
Number of reflow cycles: 3

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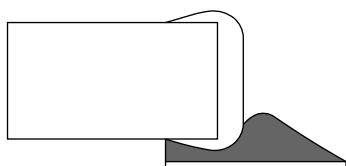
Good solder joint

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Too much solder
Pad geometry too large

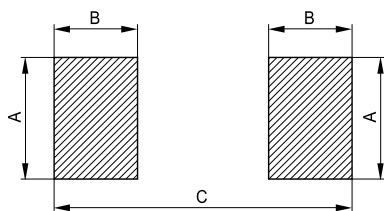
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Poor wetting

KKE0072-I-E

1.3.3 Recommended geometry of solder pads



KKE0092-X

Recommended maximum dimensions (mm)

Case size inch/mm	A	B	C
0402/1005	0.6	0.6	1.7
0603/1608	1.0	1.0	3.0
0805/2012	1.3	1.2	3.4
1206/3216	1.8	1.2	4.5

1.3.4 Notes

Iron soldering should be avoided, hot air methods are recommended for repair purposes.

2 Conductive adhesion

An alternative to soldering is the gluing of thermistors with conductive adhesives. The benefit of this method is that it involves no thermal stress. The adhesives used must be chemically inert.

3 Clamp contacting

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

4 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.

5 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.

6 Cleaning

Washing processes may damage the product due to the possible static or cyclic mechanical loads (e.g. ultrasonic cleaning). They may cause cracks to develop on the product and its parts, which might lead to reduced reliability or lifetime.

7 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 with nickel barrier termination: 12 months

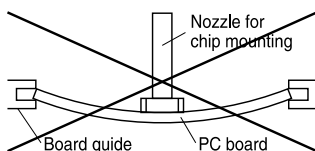
SMDs with AgPd termination: 6 months

Leaded components: 24 months

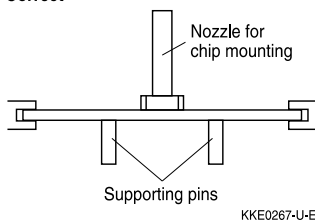
8 Placement and orientation of SMD NTC thermistors on PCB

a) Component placement

Incorrect



Correct

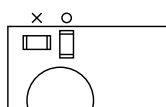


It is recommended that the PC board should be held by means of some adequate supporting pins such as shown left to prevent the SMDs from being damaged or cracked.

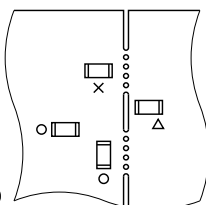
b) Cracks

SMDs located near an easily warped area

SMD breakage probability due to stress at a breakaway



○ = correct
× = incorrect
△ = incorrect (under certain conditions)

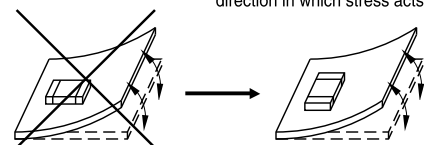


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When placing a component near an area which is apt to bend or a grid groove on the PC board, it is advisable to have both electrodes subjected to uniform stress, or to position the component's electrodes at right angles to the grid groove or bending line (see c) Component orientation).

c) Component orientation

Locate chip horizontal to the direction in which stress acts



Incorrect orientation

Correct orientation

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Choose a mounting position that minimizes the stress imposed on the chip during flexing or bending of the board.

Cautions and warnings

See "Important notes".

Storage

- Store thermistors only in original packaging. Do not open the package prior to storage.
- Storage conditions in original packaging: storage temperature $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \dots +45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 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 SMD components with nickel barrier termination 12 months, for SMD components with AgPd termination 6 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.
- Washing processes may damage the product due to the possible static or cyclic mechanical loads (e.g. ultrasonic cleaning). They may cause cracks to develop on the product and its parts, which might lead to reduced reliability or lifetime.

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 shall 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.

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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_{el}	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 Bestellnummern-code 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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