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THERMISTORS – DIRECTLY HEATED POSITIVE TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT –

Part 1: Generic specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60738 describes terms and methods of test for positive step-function temperature coefficient thermistors, insulated and non-insulated types typically made from ferro-electric semi-conductor materials.

It establishes standard terms, inspection procedures and methods of test for use in detail specifications for Qualification Approval and for Quality Assessment Systems for electronic components.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)*

IEC 60062, *Marking codes for resistors and capacitors*

IEC 60068-1:1988, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*
Amendment 1 (1992)

IEC 60068-2-1:1990, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Tests A: Cold*
Amendment 1 (1993)
Amendment 2 (1994)

IEC 60068-2-2:1974, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Tests B: Dry heat*
Amendment 1 (1993)

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-13, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test M: Low air pressure*

IEC 60068-2-14:1984, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*
Amendment 1 (1986)

IEC 60068-2-20:1979, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test T: Soldering*
Amendment 2 (1987)

IEC 60068-2-21, *Environmental testing – Part 2-21: Tests – Test U: Robustness of terminations and integral mounting devices*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-29, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Eb and guidance: Bump*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12-hour cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-45:1980, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test XA and guidance – Immersion in cleaning solvents*

IEC 60068-2-58, *Environmental testing – Part 2-58: Tests – Test Td: Test methods for solderability, resistance to dissolution of metallization and to soldering heat of surface mounting devices (SMD)*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60294, *Measurement of the dimensions of a cylindrical component having two axial terminations*

IEC 60410, *Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes*

IEC 60617 (all parts) [DB]¹: *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60717, *Method for determination of the space required by capacitors and resistors with unidirectional terminations*

IEC 61249-2-7, *Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures – Part 2-7: Reinforced base materials clad and unclad – Epoxide woven E-glass laminated sheet of defined flammability (vertical burning test), copper-clad*

IEC 61760-1, *Surface mounting technology – Part 1: Standard method for the specification of surface mounting components (SMDs)*

IEC QC 001002-3, *Rules of Procedure of the IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ) – Part 3: Approval procedures*

ISO 1000, *SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

type

group of components having similar design features and the similarity of whose manufacturing techniques enables them to be grouped together either for qualification approval or for quality conformance inspection

They are generally covered by a single detail specification

NOTE Components described in several detail specifications, may, in some cases, be considered as belonging to the same type but they are generally covered by a single detail specification.

¹ "DB" refers to the IEC on-line database.

3.2 style

variation within a type having specific nominal dimensions and characteristics

3.3 thermistor

thermally sensitive semiconducting resistor which exhibits a significant change in electrical resistance with a change in body temperature

3.4 positive temperature coefficient thermistor

thermistor, the resistance of which increases with its increasing temperature throughout the useful part of its characteristic

3.5 positive step-function temperature coefficient thermistor PTC

thermistor which shows a step-like increase in its resistance when the increasing temperature reaches a specific value

A PTC thermistor will show secondary effects which are to be taken into account

3.6 zero-power resistance

R_T
value of the resistance of a PTC thermistor, at a given temperature, under conditions such that the change in resistance due to the internal generation of heat is negligible with respect to the total error of measurement

NOTE Any resistance value of a PTC thermistor is dependent on the value and the mode of the applied voltage (a.c. or d.c.) and, when an a.c. source is used, on the frequency (see 3.8 and 3.9).

3.7 nominal zero-power resistance

R_n
d.c. resistance value of a thermistor measured at a specified temperature, preferably at 25 °C, with a power dissipation low enough that any further decrease in power will result only in a negligible change in resistance. Zero-power resistance may also be measured using a.c. if required by the detail specification

3.8 voltage dependency

secondary effect, exhibiting a decreasing resistance with increasing voltage across the thermistor when measured at a constant body temperature

3.9 frequency dependency

secondary effect exhibiting a substantial decrease of the positive temperature coefficient of the thermistor with increasing frequency

3.10 resistance/temperature characteristics

relationship between the zero-power resistance of a thermistor and the temperature of the thermo-sensitive element when measured under specified reference conditions (see Figure 1)

NOTE PTC thermistors may have more than one resistance/temperature characteristic specified. The zero-power resistance of the resistance/temperature characteristics can be measured using a pulse voltage (U_{pulse}) higher than 1,5 V, which is specified in the detail specification. The right curve in Figure 1 shows the typical resistance/temperature characteristic when using the pulse voltage (U_{pulse}).

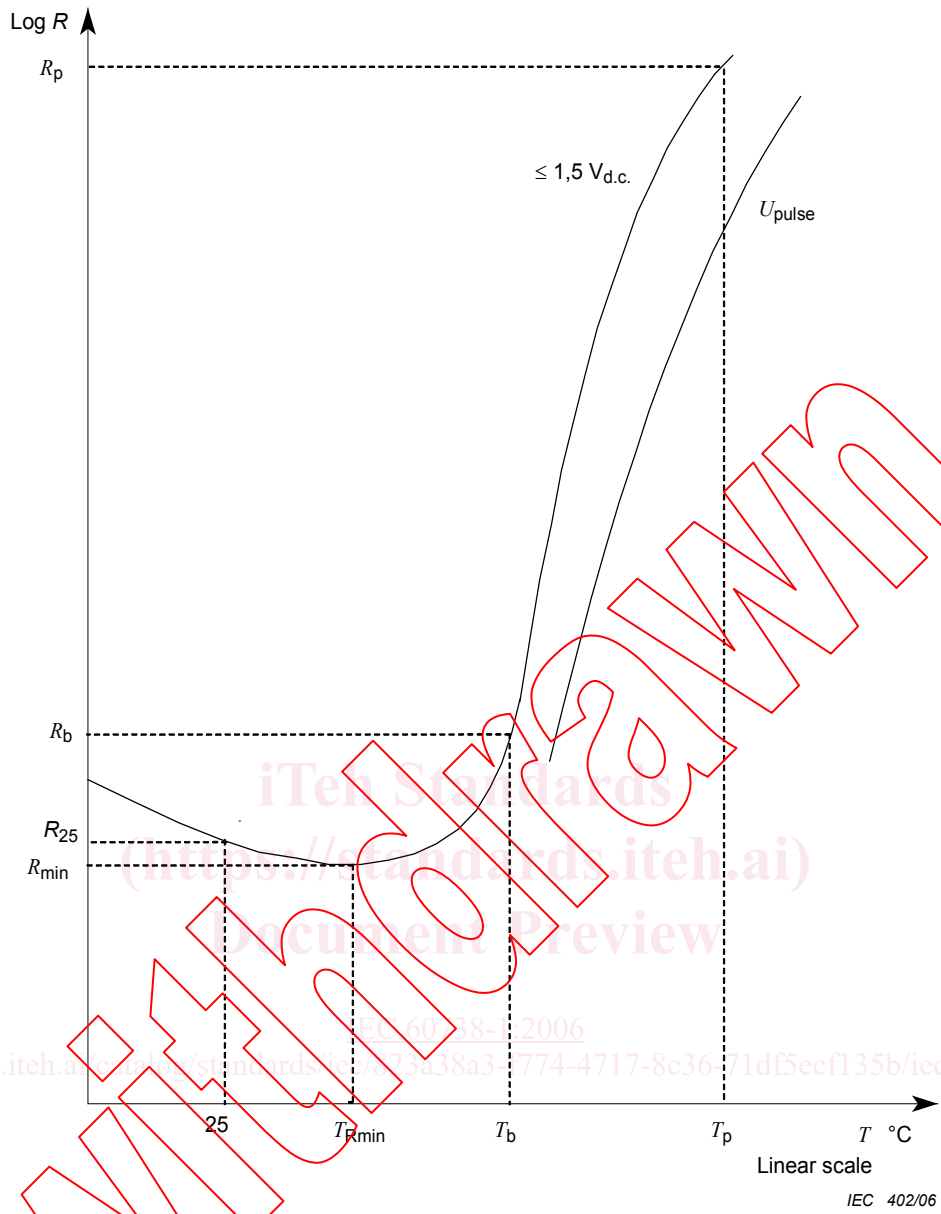


Figure 1 – Typical resistance-temperature characteristic and definitions for PTC thermistors (at zero power)