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## Scope

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Heat pipes are a solution to many thermal dissipation problems encountered in space systems.

The types of heat pipes that can be used in spacecrafts are described. Details on design and construction, usability, compatibility and the limitations of each type are given.

The Thermal design handbook is published in 16 Parts

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TR 17603-31-10	ECSS-E-HB-31-01 Part 10	Thermal design handbook – Part 10: Phase-Change Capacitors
TR 17603-31-13	ECSS-E-HB-31-01 Part 13	Thermal design handbook – Part 13: Fluid Loops
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## Terms, definitions and symbols

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### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this Standard, the terms and definitions given in ECSS-S-ST-00-01 apply.

### 3.2 Symbols

$A_v$	vapour core cross-sectional area, [m <sup>2</sup> ]
$A_w$	wick cross-sectional area, [m <sup>2</sup> ].
$C$	heat pipe thermal conductance, [W.K <sup>-1</sup> ]
$C_i$	heat capacity associated to node $i$ , [J.K <sup>-1</sup> ]
$D_i$	inner wall diameter of the pipe, [m]
$D_o$	outer wall diameter of the pipe, [m]
$D_p$	diameter of particles, [m]
$D_v$	diameter of the vapour space, [m]
$H$	equilibrium capillary height, [m]
$H_{ij}$	heat transfer coefficient between nodes $i$ and $j$ , [W.K <sup>-1</sup> ]
$K$	permeability, [m <sup>2</sup> ]
$M$	molar mass, [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
$N$	figure of merit, [W.m <sup>2</sup> ] $N = \rho_l h_{fg} \sigma / \mu_l$
$Q$	heat transfer rate, [W]
$(Q_{\text{leff}})$	integral heat transport factor, [W.m]
$R$	universal gas constant, $R = 8,3143 \text{ J.K}^{-1}.\text{mol}^{-1}$
$R_g$	gas constant of a particular gas, [J.K <sup>-1</sup> .kg <sup>-1</sup> ] $R_g = R/M$
$Re$	Reynolds number, $Re = \rho V D_i / \mu$