

# **THERMOCOUPLE - JUNCTION STYLES**

### **GROUNDED JUNCTION**

The wires in the thermocouples are welded into the tip of the sheath material making it a junction . This junction has a faster response than an ungrounded junction. It is recommended for the measurement of

static or flowing gas and liquid temperatures and for high pressure applications. It is the most commonly supplied junction type.



#### **UNGROUNDED JUNCTION (Electrically Isolated)**

In this type of thermocouple, the wires are insulated from the sheath with magnesium oxide powder (soft). This type of juction should be used where the thermocouple may come in contact with electrical lines or where the control system requires an ungrounded input.

Applications are the same as for the grounded type, but response time is slower than the grounded junction.

### **EXPOSED JUNCTION**

The thermocouple wires are completely exposed for fastest response time. The wires are completely exposed to the environment so that this type of junction should only be used in suitable environments. The sheath insulation is sealed at the factory, where the wires emerge, to prevent moisture or gas penetration of the magnesium oxide insulation. It is recommended for the measurement of static



# THERMOCOUPLE - APPLICATION GUIDE

THERMOCOUPLE CALIBRATION APPLICATIONS									
THERMO- COUPLE TYPE	TEMPERATURE RANGE	STANDARD	SPECIAL	APPLICATION INFORMATION					
Т	0-350°C(32-700°F)	±1° or ±0.75%	±0.5° or ±0.4%	Useable in oxidizing, reducintg or intert atmospheres as well as vacuum. Not subjec tto corrosion in moist atmospheres. Limits of error published for sub-zero temperature ranges					
J	0-750°C(32-1400°F)	±2.2° or ±0.75%	±1.1° or ±0.4%	Suitable for vacuum, reducing, or inert atmosphere,oxidizing atmosphere with reduced life. Iron oxidizes rapidly above 1000°F (538°C) so only heave gauge wire is recommended for high temperaturte. Bare elements should not be expoised to sulphurous atmospheres above 1000°F (585°C)					
К	0-1250°C(32-2300°F)	±2.2° or ±0.75%	±1.1° or ±0.4%	Recommended for continuous oxidizing or neutral atmospheres. Mostly used above 1000°F (538°C) Subject to failure if exposed to sulphur./ Preferential oxidation of chromium inpositive leg at vertain low oxygenb concentrations causes "green rot" and large negative calibration drifts most serious in the 1500 - 1900°F(816-1038°C). Ventilation of ir inert sealing sof protectino tube can prevent this.					
R or S	0-1450°C(32-2700°F)	±1.5° or ±0.25%	±0.6° or ±0.1%	Recommended for continuous high termpaterues. MMust be protected with non-metalic protection tube and ceramic insulators. Confinuted high temperature usage causes grain growth which can lead to mechanical failure. Negative calibration drift caused by rhodium diffusion to pure leg as well as from rhodium volatilization. RType R is used in industry, type S is used in laboiratory.					



## THERMOCOUPLE - UPPER TEMPERATURE RECOMMENDED

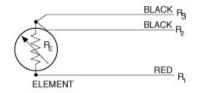
UPPER TEMPERATURE LIMITS											
CALIBRATION	1/25"	1/16"	1/8"	3/16"	1/4"	5/16"	7/16"				
J	900°F	1000°F	1000°F	1200°F	1200°F	1200°F	1200°F				
Т	300°F	400°F	400°F	700°F	700°F	700°F	700°F				
K	1400°F	1800°F	1800°F	2000°F	2000°F	2000°F	2100°F				
E	800°F	1000°F	1000°F	1000°F	1100°F	1200°F	1300°F				

## RTD TOLERANCE CHART AND WIRE CONFIGURATION

#### 3 WIRE CONSTRUCTION

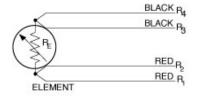
Lead configuration 3 provides one connection to one end and two to the other end of

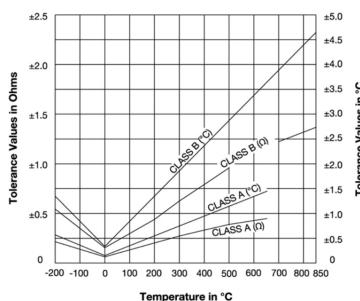
the sensor. Connected to an instrument designed to accept three wire input, compensation is achieved for lead resistance and temperature change in lead resistance. This is the most commonly used configuration



#### **4 WIRE CONSTRUCTION**

Lead configuration 4 provides two connections to each end of the sensor. This construction is used for measurement of the highest precision.





## SHEATH MATERIAL TEMPERATURE LIMITS

#### MATERIAL RATINGS AND APPLICATIONS ORDERING MAXIMUM SHEATH MATERIAL **APPLICATION NOTES** TEMPERATURE CODE General purpose austenitic Stainless Steel. Subject to carbide precipitation in the 900 to 1600F range. Corrosion resistant in the annealed con-Stainless Steel 304 1650°F dition. Not affected by sterilizing solutions, foodstuffs, most dyestuffs, organic chemicals and mamny inorganic chemicals Very high elevated temperature strength and scale resistance. Superior to 304 in many high temperature applications. Good resistance to car-Stainless Steel 310 2100°F \$310 burizing and redicing environments. Subject to carbideprecipitation in the 900 to 1600F range Higher corrosion resistance than type 304. High creep strength. Withstands sulphuric acid compounds, resists tendency to pit in phosphor-Stainless Steel 316 1650°F 316 ic and acetic acids. Subject to carbide precipitation in the 800 to 1500F range Good in severely corrosive environments at elevated temperatures. Inconel 600 2100°F 1600 High hot-strength and resistance to progressive oxidation and fatigue. Non-magnetic. Use in sulfur free atmosphere. Good resistance to oxidation, carbinization and other harmful effects Inconel 800 2100°F of high temperature exposure.