Thermocouples,
Resistance Thermometers,
Thermowells





# THERMOCOUPLES, RESISTANCE THERMOMETERS AND THERMOWELLS

## WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE GEFRAN

# **Experience**

For over 35 years, Gefran has been designing and producing thermocouples and resistance thermometers inhouse, covering a wide range of temperatures (-200 ... +2000°C) in all sectors of application.

The experience accumulated by its technical and production staff, thanks to over 5000 special versions in just the past 10 years, makes Gefran the ideal partner for creating custom sensors using special materials.

# Quality

All Gefran thermocouples and resistance thermometers are built in temperature-controlled rooms at the company's facilities in Provaglio d'Iseo in the province of Brescia, Italy.

Some special versions are built directly in the on-site SIT laboratory, in temperature- and humidity-controlled rooms.

We use top-quality raw materials for reliable, safe sensors. Specifically, all of our thermocouples with mineral oxide isolation are made with heat-sensitive elements in tolerance class 1 (ref.: IEC60584-2).

And for resistance thermometers, we can produce sensors with tolerance class up to 1/10 DIN and precision of  $\pm 0.03$ °C at 0°C (ref.: DIN43760, IEC751).

# SIT calibration and certification



Gefran is one of the few manufacturers of thermocouples and resistance thermometers with an on-site SIT center. In addition to offering certification and calibration at the customer's premises, this lab is an essential tool for checking the instrumentation used in Gefran's production departments, for preliminary inspection of incoming raw materials, and for final checks of finished sensors.

The SIT calibration center is part of the national calibration service (SNT) and a reference point for the following quantities:

- Temperature, in measurement range -80 to ... +1550°C.
- Relative humidity, in measurement range 10..90% RH for air temperature from 5 to 40°C.
- Pressure, in measurement range 0 ...100Mpa, 0 ...1000 bar.

Other services and related products:

- External calibration, performed directly on plants.
- Calibrated and certified thermometrical sampling.
  - The certificate can be accompanied by a tabulation of results, with minimum step of 0.1°C.
- Vertical and horizontal calibration baths and ovens for comparative calibrations.
- Portable instruments with SIT certificate generate a metrological chain that is indispensable for production and laboratory uses.
- Temperature calibrators: extremely versatile instruments that indicate/simulate thermoelectric sensors (TC, RTD) in mV, mA and ohms.
- Thermohygrometers and hygrometers to monitor temperature and RH %
- Manometers for pressure control in industrial processes.

# **OPERATING PRINCIPLE OF THERMOCOUPLES**

Thermocouples (TC) are formed of two different metallic conductors which, under the effect of temperature, generate an electromotive force.

Thermocouples exploit the principles of the Seebeck thermoelectric effect. Seebeck discovered that in a circuit formed of two different metallic conductors A and B, when the two junctions are at different temperatures T1 and T2, current I, generated by an electromotive force, flows in the circuit, the quantity of which is directly proportional to the temperature difference between the two junctions.

Gefran thermocouples cover all the most common types of temperature sensors, from low-temperature versions to versions with platinum thermoelectric couple and ceramic sheathing. Gefran also produces thermocouples in the three tolerance classes (1, 2 and 3) in conformity to IEC 60584-2 standards.

# **TEMPERATURE LIMITS**

Symbol	Thermocouple type	Field of application	Temperature limit based on ø of wires							
ANSI	Calibration	°C	0.35	0.51	0.81	1.02	1.29	1.63	2.30	3.26
Т	Copper-Constantan	-200 ÷ +390°C	/	200°	260°	/	/	390°	/	/
J	Iron-Constantan	-200 ÷ +760°C	/	370°	480°	500°	540°	590°	690°	760°
Е	Chromium-Constantan	-200 ÷ +990°C	/	430°	540°	570°	600°	650°	900°	990°
К	Chromium-Aluminium	-200 ÷ +1270°C	/	960°	980°	1000°	1040°	1060°	1090°	1270°
S	Platinum 10% Rhodium-Platinum	0 ÷ +1450°C	1380°	1760°	/	/	/	/	/	/
R	Platinum 13% Rhodium-Platinum	0 ÷ +1760°C	1380°	1760°	/	/	/	/	/	/
В	Platinum 30% Rhodium-Platinum 6% Rhodium	0 ÷ +1820°C	1460°	1820°	/	/	/	/	/	/





TC9/AC9

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Gefran thermocouples model TC9/AC9 and TC10 are designed for high-temperature applications (for example, heat-treatment furnaces) or for direct immersion (for example, aluminum smelting furnaces).

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## **OPERATING PRINCIPLE OF METAL RESISTANCE THERMOMETERS**

Metal resistance thermometers, commonly called RTs, are based on the principle that the resistance R of a metal conductor is expressed by the following formula:

Where:

R = resistance of conductor

 $\rho$  = resistivity of conductor

I = length of conductor

A = area of conductor

When the temperature varies, the resistance of conductor Rt varies as well, which, compared to initial resistance Ro, can be expressed by the following formula:

 $Rt = Ro*(1+\alpha t)$ 

Where:

Rt = resistance at temperature  $t^{\circ}C$ 

Ro = resistance at temperature  $0^{\circ}$ C

 $\alpha$  = coefficient of temperature

t = temperature in °C

Coefficient of temperature  $\alpha$  depends on the type of metal used to make the resistance thermometer. The material most often used to make metal resistance thermometers is platinum (Pt), due to its high resistance to oxidation, its electrical resistivity, and reproducibility in a wide variety of applications. The most common elements have a value of 100 ohm at 0°C, and are therefore called Pt100.

Gefran produces all of the most common types of metal resistance thermometers, with 2, 3, or 4 wires, in tolerance classes 1 DIN, 1/2 DIN, 1/5 DIN and 1/10 DIN in conformity to IEC 751-DIN 43760 standards.



Gefran resistance thermometers model TRM and TR6M/AR6M are designed for use in the plastics industry and for various other industrial applications

# **HOW TO CHOOSE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SENSOR**

A temperature sensor is chosen on the basis of many variables, including:

- Characteristics of the application (temperature range, pressure range, process fluid, atmosphere at risk of explosion, need to use corrosion-proof materials, etc.).
- Size characteristics (external diameter of sheath, sheath material, length of immersion, process connection, type of cold junction, etc.)
- Class of precision
- Sensor response times

The following chart will be useful for choosing between a thermocouple and a resistance thermometer:

CONSIDERATION	THERMOCOUPLE	RESISTANCE THERMOMETER
Temperature range	-200 to 2000°C	-200 to 550°C
Power supply	Not required	Required
Self-heating	Not present	Present
Stability	Good	Excellent
Sturdiness	Excellent	Good
Precision	Good	High
Size	Very compact	> 3mm MgO
Measurement	At tip (hot junction)	At midpoint of RT
Resistance to vibration	Excellent (execution in MgO)	More fragile
Cost	More economical	

Gefran designs and produces its thermocouples and resistance thermometers in-house, using topquality raw materials.

Our expert staff has over 35 years of experience and know-how.

# **CODE LEGEND**

- TC = Thermocouple
- TR = Resistance thermometer
- A = Amplified thermocouple or resistance thermometer
- M = Mineral oxide (MgO) thermocouple or resistance thermometer



**TYPE** 

**TEMPERATURE RANGE** 

CLASS OF TOLERANCE (Reference)

**GRADE OF PROTECTION** 

DIMENSIONS min/max diameter

**TYPE OF TERMINATION** 

**ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS** 

**PROCESS CONNECTIONS** 

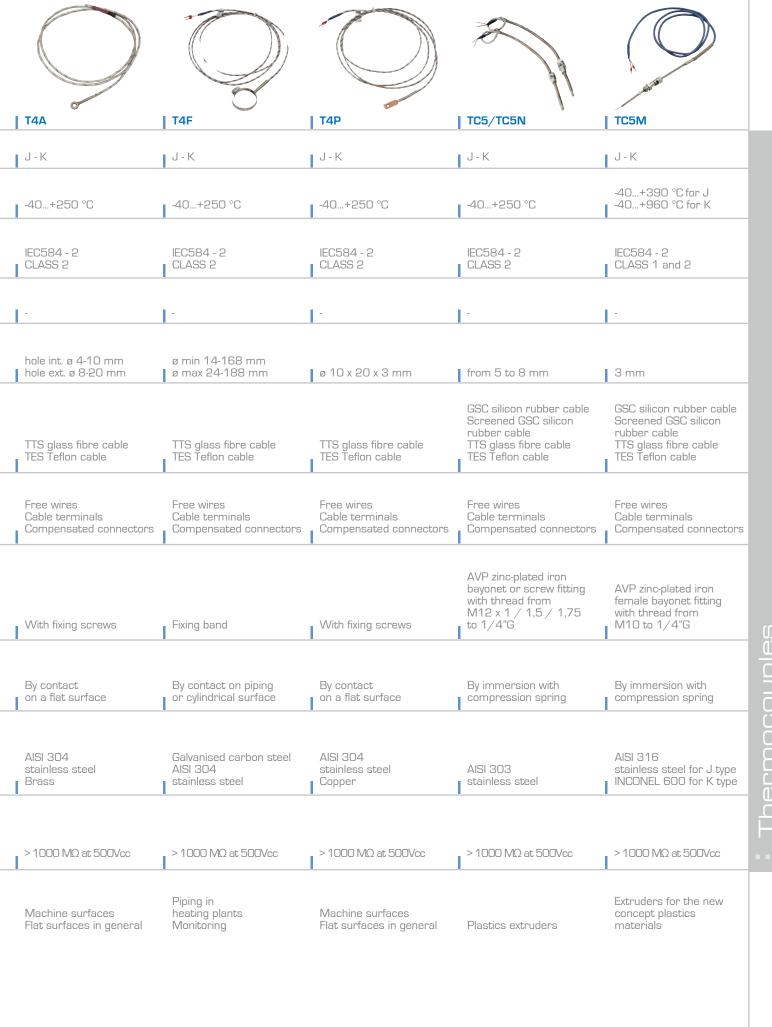
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**MATERIALS** 

ISOLATION RESISTANCE (at ambient temperature)

**APPLICATIONS** 

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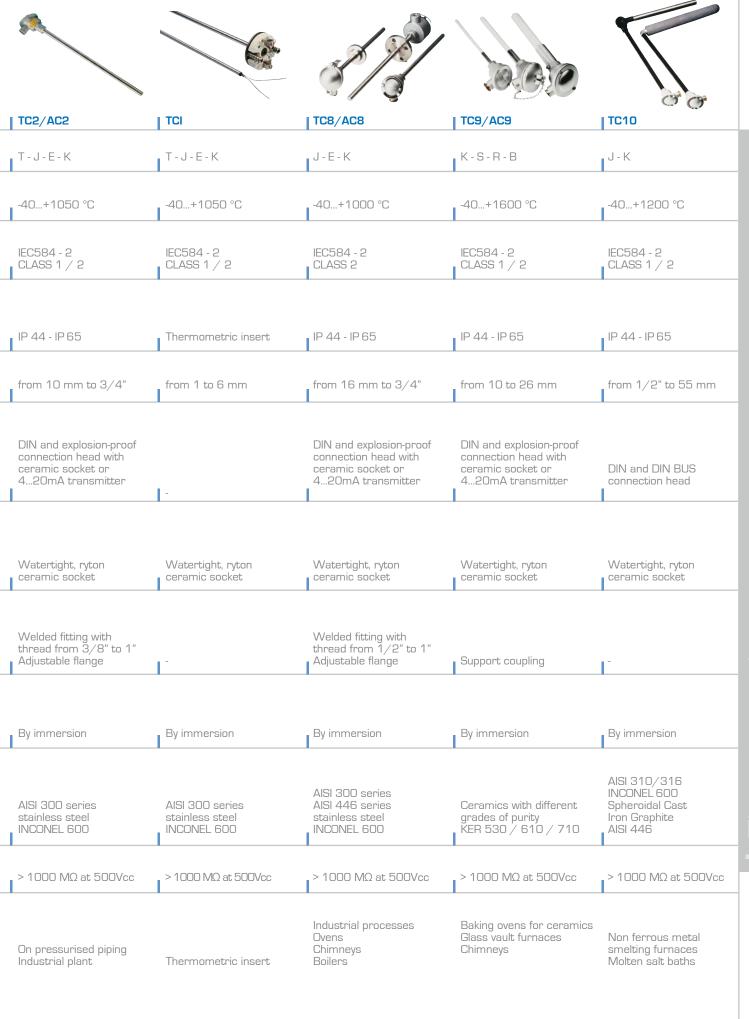
MATERIALS

**APPLICATIONS** 

(Reference)

**DIMENSIONS** min/max diameter

тсм	TC6/AC6	TC6M/AC6M	тс7М
J - K	T - J - K - E	J - K - T - E	T - J - E - K
-40+400 °C	-40+1000 °C	-80+1100 °C	-80+1050 °C
IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2
IP 55 except the connector	IP 44 - IP 65	IP 44 - IP 65	<u> </u> -
from 12,7 to 17,8 mm	from 5 to 12 mm	from 2 to 8 mm	from 1 to 6 mm
Flexible sleeve Rigis stem	DIN and explosion- proof connection head with ceramic socket or 420mA transmitter	DIN and explosion- proof connection head with ceramic socket or 420mA transmitter	Rigid stem
Compensated connector LEMO series connector	Watertight, ryton ceramic socket	Watertight, ryton ceramic socket	Compensated connector
1/2" - 20UNF M18 x 1,5 Thread	Adjustable or welded fitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"	Nickel-plated brass or stainless steel adjustable or welded fitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"	Adjustable compressifitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"
By immersion By contact Elliptic tips	By immersion	By immersion	By immersion By contact
AISI 316 TI stainless steel AISI 304 stainless steel Other on request	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600 Other on request	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600 Other on request	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600
> 1000 MΩ at 500Vcc	> 1000 MΩ at 500Vcc	> 1000 MΩ at 500Vcc	> 1000 MΩ at 500Vc
Extrusion of plastics at high pressure and with abrasive materials	On pressurised piping Industrial plant	Industrial processes Ovens Chimneys Boilers	Process measureme Test laboratories



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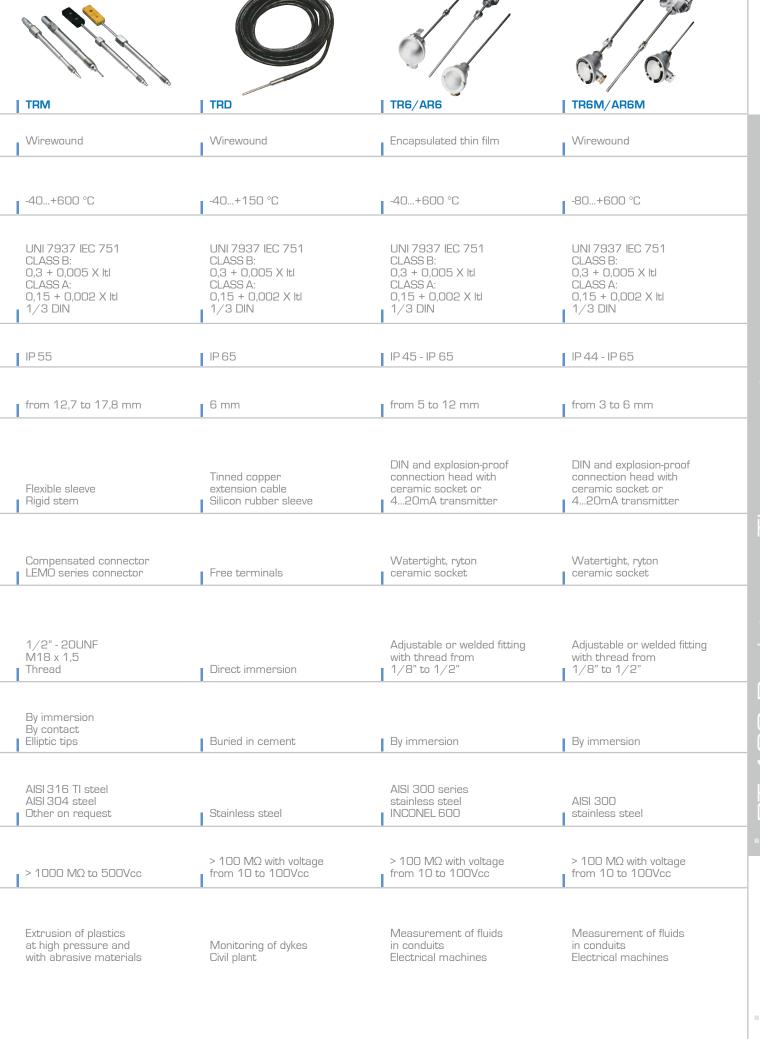
**APPLICATIONS** 

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DIMENSIONS min/max diameter

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	TR1	TR1M	TR5/TR5N
L	Thin film	Wirewound	Thin film
L	-40+250 °C	-40+600 °C	-40+250 °C
	UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X ltl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X ltl	UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X ltl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X ltl 1/3 DIN	UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X ltl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X ltl
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<u></u>	from 3 to 8 mm	from 3 to 6 mm	from 5 to 8 mm
	GSC silicon rubber cable Screened GSC silicon rubber cable TTS glass fibre cable TES Teflon cable	GSC silicon rubber cable Screened GSC silicon rubber cable TTS glass fibre cable TES Teflon cable	GSC silicon rubber cable Screened GSC silicon rubber cable TTS glass fibre cable TES Teflon cable
	Free wires Cable terminals Compensated connectors	Free wires Cable terminals Compensated connectors	Free wires Cable terminals Compensated connectors
Ī	Nickel-plated brass or stainless steel adjustable or welded fitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"	Nickel-plated brass or stainless steel adjustable or welded fitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"	AVP zinc-plated iron bayonet or screw fittin with thread from M12 x 1 / 1,5 / 1,7 to 1/4" GAS
	By immersion	By immersion	By immersion with compression spring
	AISI 300 stainless steel	AISI 316 stainless steel	AISI 303 stainless steel
	> 100 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc	> 100 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc	> 100 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc
	Plastics machinery Food processing ovens Domestic appliances	Wide range of industrial applications Chemical, Food Engineering	Plastic extruders with low vibration

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DIMENSIONS min/max diameter

**TYP** 

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TR7M	TR2/AR2	TRI
Wirewound	Wirewound	Wirewound
-40+600 °C	-40+600 °C	-40+600 °C
UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X ltl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X ltl 1/3 DIN	UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X ltl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X ltl 1/3 DIN	UNI 7937 IEC 751 CLASS B: 0,3 + 0,005 X Itl CLASS A: 0,15 + 0,002 X Itl 1/3 DIN
-	IP 44 - IP 65	1-
from 3 to 6 mm	from 10 mm to 3/4"	from 3 to 6 mm
Rigid stem	DIN and explosion-proof connection head with ceramic socket or 420mA transmitter	<u> </u>
Compensated connector 2/3 contacts	Watertight, ryton, sprung, ceramic socket	Watertight, ryton, sprung, ceramic socket
Adjustable fitting with thread from 1/8" to 1/2"	Welded fitting with thread from 3/8" to 1" Adjustable flange	1.
By immersion	By immersion direct contact with the process element	By immersion direct contact with the process element
AISI 316 stainless steel	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	AISI 316 stainless steel
> 100 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc	> 100 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc	> 1000 MΩ with voltage from 10 to 100Vcc
Process measurements Test laboratoires	On large diameter piping In tanks	Thermometric insert

MODEL	TCMG	TCV	TCMK	TCMM
ТҮР	T - J - E - K - N Multilevel up to 24 points of measurement	S - R - B Single or Multilevel up to 3 points of measurement	T - J - E - K - N	T - J - E - K - N Multilevel up to 5 points of measurement
TEMPERATURE RANGE	-80+600 °C	-600+1600 °C	-80+1050 °C	-40+1100 °C
CLASS of TOLERANCE (Reference)	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2
GRADE of PROTECTION	IP 54	IP 55	I÷	IP 54
DIMENSIONS min/max diameter	from 4 to 6 mm	from 10 to 24 mm Ceramic sleeve	from 3 to 6 mm	from 1 to 4,5 mm Single sleeve
TYPE of TERMINATION	Explosion-proof connection box	DIN connection heads	Metal sleeve	Explosion-proof connextion box
ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	Multipole terminal block Screw terminals	Ceramic terminal block	Free terminals	Multipole terminal block Screw terminals
PROCESS CONNECTIONS	Fitting Flange	Immersion in the refractory seat	Compression fitting with thread from 1/8" to 3/4"	Fixed flange
TYPE of MEASUREMENT	By differential immersion	By immersion	Fixed superficial contact measurement	By differential immersion
MATERIALS	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	Stabilised platinum sleeve	AISI 316 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600
ISOLATION RESISTANCE (At ambient temperature)	> 1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	> 1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	> 1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	Diameter < 1,5 mm: 500 MΩ at 50Vcc Diameter > 1,5 mm: > 1000 MΩ at 500Vcc
APPLICATIONS	Chemical reactors Fermentation silos Refining towers	Molten glass baths	Boiler internal piping Heat exchangers	Molten glass baths

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TCC	TCP	TCGK	TCE/ACE
T - J - E - K - N	T-J-E-K	T - J - E - K - N	J-E-K
-80+1250 °C	-40+300 °C	-40+1050 °C	-40+1000 °C
IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	UNI 7938 IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	UNI 7938 IEC584 - 2 CLASS 1 / 2	IEC584 - 2 CLASS 2
IP 65	IP 65	IP 55	IP 44 - IP 65
from 3 to 6 mm	4,5 mm	from 3 to 6 mm	from 16 mm to 3/4
Weather proof adaptor or with gasket	Hand held with extension cable	Explosion-proof connection head	DIN and explosion-pr connection head with ceramic socket or 420mA transmitte
Military series connector with alloy contacts	Free terminals Compensated connectors	Ceramic socket	Ceramic terminal blo Ryton Airtight
Threaded spring fitting	- 	Welded fitting with thread from 1/4" to 3/4"	Welded stainless ste fitting with thread from 1/2" to 1"
By immersion By contact	By penetration	By fixed contact	By immersion
AISI 300 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	AISI 316 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	AISI 316 series stainless steel INCONEL 600	AISI 300 series stainless steel AISI 446 INCONEL 600
>1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	>1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	>1000 MΩ to 500Vcc	>1000 MΩ to 500Vc
Multifuel boilers Community heating systems Energy generation	Food industry Sundry applications	Boiler tubes Heat exchangers	Industrial processes Ovens Chimneys Boilers

TEMPERATURE RANGE

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PROCESS CONNECTIONS

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ISOLATION RESISTANCE (At ambient temperature)

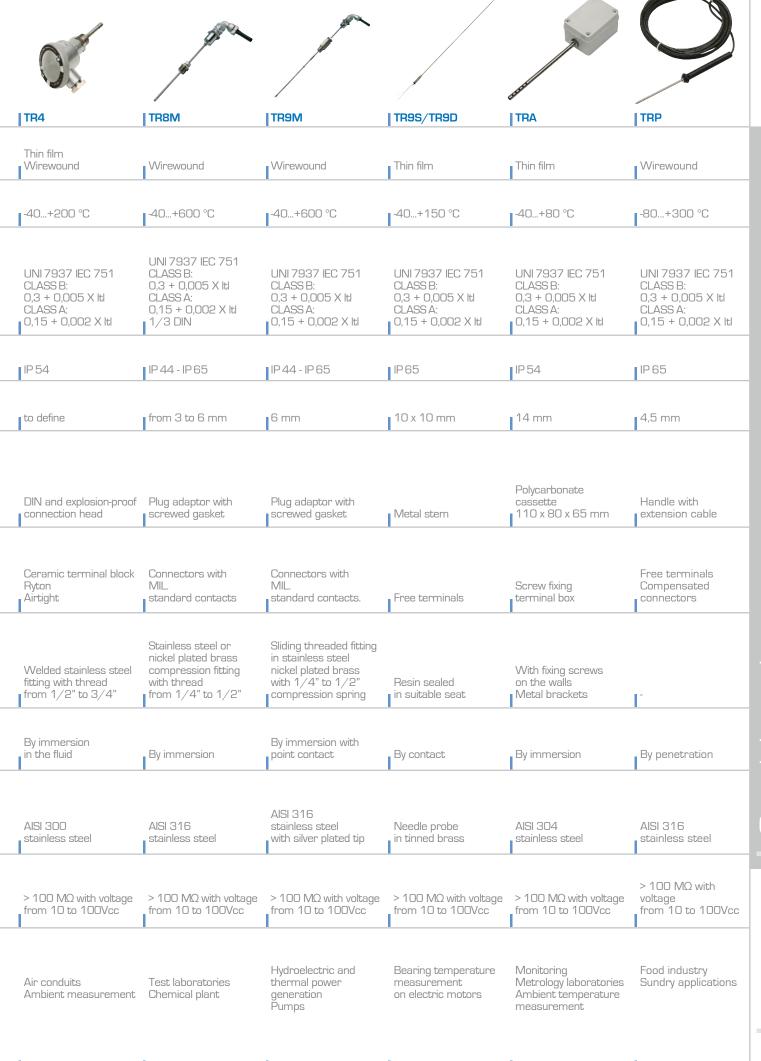
**MATERIALS** 

**APPLICATIONS** 

(Reference)

**DIMENSIONS** min/max diameter

**TYP** 



**EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS** 

PROBE CONNECTIONS

**PROCESS CONNECTIONS** 

**INTERNAL HOLE DIMENSIONS** 

min/max diameter

Diameter

**MATERIALS** 

**TYP** 



# Precision class for thermocouples (Rif. IEC 584-2)

ТҮР	ĮΤ	E	J	K/N	R/S	В
TOLERANCE CLASS 1 Temperature range Tolerance	-40+125°C ±0,5°C	-40+375°C ±1,5°C	-40+375°C ±1,5°C	-40+375 °C ±1,5 °C	0+1100°C ±1°C	I
Temperature range Tolerance	125+350 °C ±0,004 • [t]	375+800 °C ±0,004 • [t]	+375+750°C ±0,004•[t]	+375+1000°C ±0,004•[t]	+1100+1600 °C ±[1+0,003 (t-1100)] °C	: :
TOLERANCE CLASS 2 Temperature range Tolerance	-40+133 °C ±1 °C	-40+333 °C ±2,5 °C	-40+333 °C ±2,5 °C	-40+333 °C ±2,5 °C	0+600 °C ±1,5 °C	I
Temperature range Tolerance	+133+350 °C ±0,0075 • [t]	+333+900 °C ±0,0075 • [t]	+333+750°C ±0,0075•[t]	+333+1200°C ±0,0075•[t]	+600+1600 °C ±0,0025 • [t]	+600+1700 °C ±0,0025 • [t]
TOLERANCE CLASS 3 Temperature range Tolerance	-67+40°C ±1°C	-167+40 °C ±2,5 °C		-167+40 °C ±2,5 °C		+600+800°C +4°C
Temperature range Tolerance	-20067 °C ±0,015 • [t]	-200167 °C ±0,015 • [t]	I	-200167 °C ±0,015 • [t]		8001700 °C ±0,005 • [t]



# Precision class for PT 100 resistance thermometers

DIN 43760 IEC 751		PRECISION A 0°C
В	1 DIN	± 0,3°C
А	1/2 DIN	± 0,15°C
I	1/3 DIN	± 0,1°C
-	1/5 DIN	± 0,06°C
-	1/10 DIN	± 0,03°C

# | STAINLESS STEEL OR BRASS PRESSURE FITTINGS





DIN B DIN A DIN BUS EEx-d BUZ-H DIN J













| SIGNAL AMPLIFIERS 4-20mA AND PT100 FOR RESISTANCE THERMOMETER



# | SIGNAL AMPLIFIERS PROGRAMMABLE FROM PC



# | DIN BAR ADAPTER



TDP DISPLAY



CONNECTORS

STANDARD COMPENSATED CABLES

MIGNON COMPENSATED CABLES

LEMO connectors









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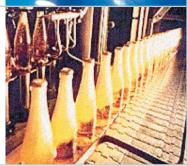
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