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INTRODUCTION

Temperature measurements comprise the largest segment of all process measurements and their accuracy and reliability can often have a significant impact on the efficient operation and safety of a facility. How temperature measurements are performed in your application can have a significant impact in your long term operating expenses.

This reference manual offers practical suggestions to improving the accuracy and stability of your temperature measurements, which ultimately lower your operating and maintenance costs. At Moore Industries we strive to provide basic, useful information necessary for daily maintenance of your temperature measurements. In this guide, you will find:

- Thermocouple (T/C) and RTD wire colors
- Comparison of basic sensor accuracy
- Suggestions for improving measurement accuracy
- Fixes to measurement drift you can't explain
- Explanation of how extension wire affects your measurements
- Important factors to consider when specifying future measuring devices
- Resistance/Temperature and mV/Temperature tables for RTDs and thermocouples

There are numerous ways to measure temperature, with some being dependent on specific applications to your process or industry, and therefore not every method can be explained here. In cases where additional explanation is needed, our Technical White Paper section of the web site: <http://www.miinet.com/WhitePapers> offers many white papers for additional details on most of the topics included here.

As always, the Moore Industries team of field and factory engineers is available to answer your questions.

100Ω Platinum RTD — 0.00385 coefficient

Temperature in °C | Resistance in Ohms
(Note: x2/3/4/5/10 for 200Ω/300Ω/400Ω/500Ω/1000Ω)

°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C
-200	18.52											-200
-190	22.83	22.40	21.97	21.54	21.11	20.68	20.25	19.82	19.38	18.95	18.52	-190
-180	27.10	26.67	26.24	25.82	25.39	24.97	24.54	24.11	23.68	23.25	22.83	-180
-170	31.34	30.91	30.49	30.07	29.64	29.22	28.80	28.37	27.95	27.52	27.10	-170
-160	35.54	35.12	34.70	34.28	33.86	33.44	33.02	32.60	32.18	31.76	31.34	-160
-150	39.72	39.31	38.89	38.47	38.05	37.64	37.22	36.80	36.38	35.96	35.54	-150
-140	43.88	43.46	43.05	42.63	42.22	41.80	41.39	40.97	40.56	40.14	39.72	-140
-130	48.00	47.59	47.18	46.77	46.36	45.94	45.53	45.12	44.70	44.29	43.88	-130
-120	52.11	51.70	51.29	50.88	50.47	50.06	49.65	49.24	48.83	48.42	48.00	-120
-110	56.19	55.79	55.38	54.97	54.56	54.15	53.75	53.34	52.93	52.52	52.11	-110
-100	60.26	59.85	59.44	59.04	58.63	58.23	57.82	57.41	57.01	56.60	56.19	-100
-90	64.30	63.90	63.49	63.09	62.68	62.28	61.88	61.47	61.07	60.66	60.26	-90
-80	68.33	67.92	67.52	67.12	66.72	66.31	65.91	65.51	65.11	64.70	64.30	-80
-70	72.33	71.93	71.53	71.13	70.73	70.33	69.93	69.53	69.13	68.73	68.33	-70
-60	76.33	75.93	75.53	75.13	74.73	74.33	73.93	73.53	73.13	72.73	72.33	-60
-50	80.31	79.91	79.51	79.11	78.72	78.32	77.92	77.52	77.12	76.73	76.33	-50
-40	84.27	83.87	83.48	83.08	82.69	82.29	81.89	81.50	81.10	80.70	80.31	-40
-30	88.22	87.83	87.43	87.04	86.64	86.25	85.85	85.46	85.06	84.67	84.27	-30
-20	92.16	91.77	91.37	90.98	90.59	90.19	89.80	89.40	89.01	88.62	88.22	-20
-10	96.09	95.69	95.30	94.91	94.52	94.12	93.73	93.34	92.95	92.55	92.16	-10
0	100.00	99.61	99.22	98.83	98.44	98.04	97.65	97.26	96.87	96.48	96.09	0

°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C
0	100.00	100.39	100.78	101.17	101.56	101.95	102.34	102.73	103.12	103.51	103.90	0
10	103.90	104.29	104.68	105.07	105.46	105.85	106.24	106.63	107.02	107.40	107.79	10
20	107.79	108.18	108.57	108.96	109.35	109.73	110.12	110.51	110.90	111.29	111.67	20
30	111.67	112.06	112.45	112.83	113.22	113.61	114.00	114.38	114.77	115.15	115.54	30
40	115.54	115.93	116.31	116.70	117.08	117.47	117.86	118.24	118.63	119.01	119.40	40
50	119.40	119.78	120.17	120.55	120.94	121.32	121.71	122.09	122.47	122.86	123.24	50
60	123.24	123.63	124.01	124.39	124.78	125.16	125.54	125.93	126.31	126.69	127.08	60
70	127.08	127.46	127.84	128.22	128.61	128.99	129.37	129.75	130.13	130.52	130.90	70
80	130.90	131.28	131.66	132.04	132.42	132.80	133.18	133.57	133.95	134.33	134.71	80
90	134.71	135.09	135.47	135.85	136.23	136.61	136.99	137.37	137.75	138.13	138.51	90
100	138.51	138.88	139.26	139.64	140.02	140.40	140.78	141.16	141.54	141.91	142.29	100
110	142.29	142.67	143.05	143.43	143.80	144.18	144.56	144.94	145.31	145.69	146.07	110
120	146.07	146.44	146.82	147.20	147.57	147.95	148.33	148.70	149.08	149.46	149.83	120
130	149.83	150.21	150.58	150.96	151.33	151.71	152.08	152.46	152.83	153.21	153.58	130
140	153.58	153.96	154.33	154.71	155.08	155.46	155.83	156.20	156.58	156.95	157.33	140
150	157.33	157.70	158.07	158.45	158.82	159.19	159.56	159.94	160.31	160.68	161.05	150
160	161.05	161.43	161.80	162.17	162.54	162.91	163.29	163.66	164.03	164.40	164.77	160
170	164.77	165.14	165.51	165.89	166.26	166.63	167.00	167.37	167.74	168.11	168.48	170
180	168.48	168.85	169.22	169.59	169.96	170.33	170.70	171.07	171.43	171.80	172.17	180
190	172.17	172.54	172.91	173.28	173.65	174.02	174.38	174.75	175.12	175.49	175.86	190
200	175.86	176.22	176.59	176.96	177.33	177.69	178.06	178.43	178.79	179.16	179.53	200
210	179.53	179.89	180.26	180.63	180.99	181.36	181.72	182.09	182.46	182.82	183.19	210
220	183.19	183.55	183.92	184.28	184.65	185.01	185.38	185.74	186.11	186.47	186.84	220
230	186.84	187.20	187.56	187.93	188.29	188.66	189.02	189.38	189.75	190.11	190.47	230
240	190.47	190.84	191.20	191.56	191.92	192.29	192.65	193.01	193.37	193.74	194.10	240
250	194.10	194.46	194.82	195.18	195.55	195.91	196.27	196.63	196.99	197.35	197.71	250
260	197.71	198.07	198.43	198.79	199.15	199.51	199.87	200.23	200.59	200.95	201.31	260
270	201.31	201.67	202.03	202.39	202.75	203.11	203.47	203.83	204.19	204.55	204.90	270
280	204.90	205.26	205.62	205.98	206.34	206.70	207.05	207.41	207.77	208.13	208.48	280
°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C

Type B Thermocouple—°C

Thermoelectric voltage as a function of temperature (°C); reference junctions at 0 °C
(Thermoelectric Voltage in mV)

°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C
0	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	0
10	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	10
20	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	20
30	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	30

°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C
40	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	40
50	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.006	50
60	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.011	60
70	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.014	0.015	0.015	0.016	0.017	0.017	70
80	0.017	0.018	0.019	0.020	0.020	0.021	0.022	0.022	0.023	0.024	0.025	80
90	0.025	0.026	0.026	0.027	0.028	0.029	0.030	0.031	0.031	0.032	0.033	90
100	0.033	0.034	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.038	0.039	0.040	0.041	0.042	0.043	100
110	0.043	0.044	0.045	0.046	0.047	0.048	0.049	0.050	0.051	0.052	0.053	110
120	0.053	0.055	0.056	0.057	0.058	0.059	0.060	0.062	0.063	0.064	0.065	120
130	0.065	0.066	0.068	0.069	0.070	0.072	0.073	0.074	0.075	0.077	0.078	130
140	0.078	0.079	0.081	0.082	0.084	0.085	0.086	0.088	0.089	0.091	0.092	140
150	0.092	0.094	0.095	0.096	0.098	0.099	0.101	0.102	0.104	0.106	0.107	150
160	0.107	0.109	0.110	0.112	0.113	0.115	0.117	0.118	0.120	0.122	0.123	160
170	0.123	0.125	0.127	0.128	0.130	0.132	0.134	0.135	0.137	0.139	0.141	170
180	0.141	0.142	0.144	0.146	0.148	0.150	0.151	0.153	0.155	0.157	0.159	180
190	0.159	0.161	0.163	0.165	0.166	0.168	0.170	0.172	0.174	0.176	0.178	190
200	0.178	0.180	0.182	0.184	0.186	0.188	0.190	0.192	0.195	0.197	0.199	200
210	0.199	0.201	0.203	0.205	0.207	0.209	0.212	0.214	0.216	0.218	0.220	210
220	0.220	0.222	0.225	0.227	0.229	0.231	0.234	0.236	0.238	0.241	0.243	220
230	0.243	0.245	0.248	0.250	0.252	0.255	0.257	0.259	0.262	0.264	0.267	230
240	0.267	0.269	0.271	0.274	0.276	0.279	0.281	0.284	0.286	0.289	0.291	240
250	0.291	0.294	0.296	0.299	0.301	0.304	0.307	0.309	0.312	0.314	0.317	250
260	0.317	0.320	0.322	0.325	0.328	0.330	0.333	0.336	0.338	0.341	0.344	260
270	0.344	0.347	0.349	0.352	0.355	0.358	0.360	0.363	0.366	0.369	0.372	270
280	0.372	0.375	0.377	0.380	0.383	0.386	0.389	0.392	0.395	0.398	0.401	280
290	0.401	0.404	0.407	0.410	0.413	0.416	0.419	0.422	0.425	0.428	0.431	290
300	0.431	0.434	0.437	0.440	0.443	0.446	0.449	0.452	0.455	0.458	0.462	300
310	0.462	0.465	0.468	0.471	0.474	0.478	0.481	0.484	0.487	0.490	0.494	310
320	0.494	0.497	0.500	0.503	0.507	0.510	0.513	0.517	0.520	0.523	0.527	320
330	0.527	0.530	0.533	0.537	0.540	0.544	0.547	0.550	0.554	0.557	0.561	330
340	0.561	0.564	0.568	0.571	0.575	0.578	0.582	0.585	0.589	0.592	0.596	340
350	0.596	0.599	0.603	0.607	0.610	0.614	0.617	0.621	0.625	0.628	0.632	350
360	0.632	0.636	0.639	0.643	0.647	0.650	0.654	0.658	0.662	0.665	0.669	360
370	0.669	0.673	0.677	0.680	0.684	0.688	0.692	0.696	0.700	0.703	0.707	370
380	0.707	0.711	0.715	0.719	0.723	0.727	0.731	0.735	0.738	0.742	0.746	380
390	0.746	0.750	0.754	0.758	0.762	0.766	0.770	0.774	0.778	0.782	0.787	390
400	0.787	0.791	0.795	0.799	0.803	0.807	0.811	0.815	0.819	0.824	0.828	400
410	0.828	0.832	0.836	0.840	0.844	0.849	0.853	0.857	0.861	0.866	0.870	410
420	0.870	0.874	0.878	0.883	0.887	0.891	0.896	0.900	0.904	0.909	0.913	420
430	0.913	0.917	0.922	0.926	0.930	0.935	0.939	0.944	0.948	0.953	0.957	430
440	0.957	0.961	0.966	0.970	0.975	0.979	0.984	0.988	0.993	0.997	1.002	440
450	1.002	1.007	1.011	1.016	1.020	1.025	1.030	1.034	1.039	1.043	1.048	450
460	1.048	1.053	1.057	1.062	1.067	1.071	1.076	1.081	1.086	1.090	1.095	460
470	1.095	1.100	1.105	1.109	1.114	1.119	1.124	1.129	1.133	1.138	1.143	470
480	1.143	1.148	1.153	1.158	1.163	1.167	1.172	1.177	1.182	1.187	1.192	480
490	1.192	1.197	1.202	1.207	1.212	1.217	1.222	1.227	1.232	1.237	1.242	490
°C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	°C