



## Features

- RoHS compliant\*
- Conductive plastic or cermet
- Linear and audio tapers
- PC board and bushing mount
- Gangable
- Metal bushing and shaft
- Sealed for board washing



## 51/53 - Sealed 1/2" (12.5 mm) Square Control

| Electrical Characteristics <sup>1</sup>   | Conductive Plastic          | Cermet                |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Standard Resistance Range   |                             |                       |
| Linear .....  | 1 K ohms to 1 megohm.....   | 150 ohms to 1 megohm  |
| Audio .....   | 1 K ohms to 1 megohm.....   | 1 K ohms to 1 megohm  |
| Total Resistance Tolerance  |                             |                       |
| Linear Tapers .....   | ±10 % or ±20 % .....        | ±10 % or ±5 %         |
| Audio Tapers .....  | ±10 % or ±20 % .....        | ±10 %                 |
| Independent Linearity .....   | ±5 % .....                  | ±5 %                  |
| Absolute Minimum Resistance .....   | 2 ohms maximum .....        | 2 ohms maximum        |
| Effective Electrical Angle .....  | 270 ° ±5 ° .....            | 270 ° ±5 °            |
| Contact Resistance Variation .....  | 2 % .....                   | 2 %                   |
| Dielectric Withstanding Voltage (MIL-STD-202 – Method 301)  |                             |                       |
| Sea Level .....   | 1,500 VAC minimum .....     | 1,500 VAC minimum     |
| 70,000 .....  | 500 VAC minimum .....       | 500 VAC minimum       |
| Insulation Resistance .....   | 1,000 megohms minimum ..... | 1,000 megohms minimum |
| Power Rating At 70 °C (Derate To 0 At 125 °C)<br>(Voltage Limited By Power Dissipation or 350 VAC, Whichever Is Less) |                             |                       |
| Linear Tapers .....   | 0.5 watt .....              | 1.0 watt              |
| Audio Tapers .....  | 0.25 watt .....             | 0.5 watt              |
| Theoretical Resolution .....  | Essentially infinite .....  | Essentially infinite  |

| Environmental Characteristics <sup>1</sup>                   | Conductive Plastic      | Cermet            |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Temperature Range .....                            | +1 °C to +125 °C .....  | +1 °C to +125 °C  |
| Storage Temperature Range .....                              | -55 °C to +125 °C ..... | -55 °C to +125 °C |
| Temperature Coefficient Over Storage Temperature Range ..... | ±1,000 ppm/°C .....     | ±150 ppm/°C       |
| Vibration (Single Section) .....                             | 15 G .....              | 15 G              |
| Total Resistance Shift .....                                 | ±2 % maximum .....      | ±2 % maximum      |
| Voltage Ratio Shift .....                                    | ±5 % maximum .....      | ±5 % maximum      |
| Shock (Single Section) .....                                 | 30 G .....              | 30 G              |
| Total Resistance Shift .....                                 | +2 % maximum .....      | +2 % maximum      |
| Voltage Ratio Shift .....                                    | ±5 % maximum .....      | ±5 % maximum      |
| Load Life .....  | 1,000 hours .....       | 1,000 hours       |
| Total Resistance Shift .....                                 | ±10 % TRS maximum ..... | ±5 % TRS maximum  |
| Rotational Life (No Load) .....                              | 50,000 cycles .....     | 25,000 cycles     |
| Total Resistance Shift .....                                 | ±10 % TRS maximum ..... | ±10 % TRS maximum |
| Contact Resistance Variation @ 25,000 Cycles .....           | ±2 % .....              | ±4 %              |
| Moisture Resistance (MIL-STD-202, Method 103, Condition B)   |                         |                   |
| Total Resistance Shift .....                                 | ±10 % TRS .....         | ±5 % TRS          |
| IP Rating  |                         |                   |
| Entire Unit .....  | IP64 .....              | IP64              |
| Shaft/Bushing .....  | IP65 .....              | IP65              |

| Mechanical Characteristics                     |  |
|--|--|
| Stop Strength .....                            | 56 N-cm (5 lb.-in.)  |
| Mechanical Angle .....                         | 290 ° ±5 °   |
| Torque   |  |
| Starting (Dual Sections) .....                 | +0.35 N-cm (+0.5 oz.-in.) maximum  |
| Running (Single Section) .....                 | 0.15 to 1.4 N-cm (0.2 to 2.0 oz.-in.)  |
| Running (Dual Section) .....                   | 0.35 to 1.8 N-cm (0.5 to 2.5 oz.-in.)  |
| Detent (Single Section) .....                  | 1.94 N-cm (2.75 oz.-in.) minimum   |
| Mounting (Torque on Bushing) .....             | 1.7 to 2.0 N-m (15 to 18 lb.-in.) maximum  |
| Weight (Single Section) .....                  | 5.5 grams  |
| (Additional Section) .....                     | 3.0 grams  |
| Terminals .....                                | PC pin or solder lug   |
| Soldering Condition .....                      | Recommended hand soldering using Sn95/Ag5 no clean solder, 0.025" wire diameter.<br>Maximum temperature 399 °C (750 °F) for 3 seconds. No wash process to be used with no clean flux.<br>Part can be wave soldered at 260 °C (500 °F) for 5 seconds, no wash process with no clean flux. |
| Marking .....                                  | Manufacturer's trademark, part number, resistance value and date code.   |
| Ganging (Multiple Section Potentiometer) ..... | 2 sections maximum**   |
| Hardware .....                                 | One lockwasher and one mounting nut is shipped with each potentiometer, except where noted in the part number.   |

<sup>1</sup>At room ambient: +25 °C nominal and 50 % relative humidity nominal, except as noted.

\*\* Additional sections available on special request with higher minimum order quantities.

\*RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC Jan. 27, 2003 including annex and RoHS Recast 2011/65/EU June 8, 2011.

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## Product Dimensions

### PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



(SINGLE AND DUAL MODULE SHOWN)



(DOUBLE MODULE FRONT AND REAR BRACKET SHOWN)

### PACKAGE DIMENSIONS PCB MOUNTING BRACKET



### SOLDER LUG TERMINALS MODEL 53



### ELECTRICAL SCHEMATIC



### ANTI-ROTATION LUG (Style "A" Shown)



### SHAFT FLAT ORIENTATION



### SUGGESTED PANEL LAYOUT



FOR TOLERANCES SHOWN: .XX = ± .25 (.010)  
 .XXX = ± .13 (.005)  
 SHAFT DIMENSIONS ± .80 (1/32)

DIMENSIONS:  $\frac{\text{MM}}{\text{(INCHES)}}$

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## Shaft/Bushing Styles



**A Style Bushing**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .500 (12.7)     |
| .625 (15.88)    |
| .750 (19.05)    |
| .875 (22.23)    |
| 1.000 (25.4)    |



**C Style Bushing**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .375 (9.53)     |
| .500 (12.7)     |
| .625 (15.88)    |
| .750 (19.05)    |
| .875 (22.23)    |
| 1.000 (25.4)    |



**A Style Bushing - Flatted Shaft**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .625 (15.88)    |
| .750 (19.05)    |
| .875 (22.23)    |
| 1.000 (25.4)    |



**S Style Bushing**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .630 (16.0)     |
| .866 (22.0)     |
| .984 (25.0)     |



**U Style Bushing**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .630 (16.0)     |
| .866 (22.0)     |
| .984 (25.0)     |



**R Style Bushing**

| STD. LENGTH 'L' |
|-----------------|
| .630 (16.0)     |
| .866 (22.0)     |
| .984 (25.0)     |

DIMENSIONS:  $\frac{\text{MM}}{\text{(INCHES)}}$

## How To Order

51 A A D - B 28 - A 15 / A15 L

Part number for multiple section potentiometers must have a taper and resistance value for each section.

RoHS IDENTIFIER  
L Compliant

**MOUNTING BRACKET/ ANTI-ROTATION LUG**

| Code | Description            |
|------|------------------------|
| A    | AR Lug 90° CW          |
| D    | No AR Lug or Bracket   |
| L    | Front Bracket          |
| M    | Rear Bracket           |
| N    | Front and Rear Bracket |

**# SECTIONS/DETENTS**

| Code | Description            |
|------|------------------------|
| A    | Single No Detent       |
| B    | Double No Detent       |
| E    | Single w/Center Detent |
| F    | Double w/Center Detent |

**BUSHING CONFIGURATION**

| Code | Description        |
|------|--------------------|
| A    | 3/8" D x 3/8" L    |
| C    | 1/4" D x 1/4" L    |
| R    | 10 mm D x 9.5 mm L |
| S    | 6 mm D x 8 mm L    |
| U    | 7 mm D x 8 mm L    |

**MODEL**

| Code | Description             |
|------|-------------------------|
| 51   | PC Pins (.100" centers) |
| 53   | Solder Lugs             |

| ELEMENT TAPER TYPE/TOLERANCE |                               | RESISTANCE (CODE) |              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Code                         | Description                   | VALUE IN OHMS     |              |
| (A)                          | Linear Cermet ±10 %           | (28) - 150        | (14) - 7.5 K |
| (H)                          | Linear Cermet ±5 %            | (06) - 200        | (15) - 10 K  |
|                              |                               | (07) - 250        | (30) - 15 K  |
|                              |                               | (08) - 500        | (16) - 20 K  |
|                              |                               | (09) - 750        | (17) - 25 K  |
|                              |                               | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
|                              |                               | (29) - 1.5 K      | (19) - 75 K  |
|                              |                               | (11) - 2 K        | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (12) - 2.5 K      | (21) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (25) - 1 M   |
| (B)                          | Linear C-P ±20 %              | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
| (E)                          | Linear C-P ±10 %              | (12) - 2.5 K      | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (22) - 250 K |
|                              |                               | (15) - 10 K       | (23) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (16) - 20 K       | (25) - 1 M   |
|                              |                               | (17) - 25 K       |              |
| (C)                          | CW Audio Cermet ±10 %         | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
| (F)                          | CCW Audio Cermet ±10 %        | (12) - 2.5 K      | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (23) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (15) - 10 K       | (25) - 1 M   |
|                              |                               | (17) - 25 K       |              |
| (D)                          | CW Audio C-P ±20 %            | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
| (S)                          | CW Audio C-P ±10 %            | (12) - 2.5 K      | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (22) - 250 K |
|                              |                               | (15) - 10 K       | (23) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (17) - 25 K       | (25) - 1 M   |
| (G)                          | CCW Audio C-P ±20 %           | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
| (T)                          | CCW Audio C-P ±10 %           | (12) - 2.5 K      | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (22) - 250 K |
|                              |                               | (15) - 10 K       | (23) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (17) - 25 K       | (25) - 1 M   |
| (Y)                          | CW Dual Audio Taper C-P ±20 % | (10) - 1 K        | (18) - 50 K  |
|                              |                               | (12) - 2.5 K      | (20) - 100 K |
|                              |                               | (13) - 5 K        | (22) - 250 K |
|                              |                               | (15) - 10 K       | (23) - 500 K |
|                              |                               | (17) - 25 K       | (25) - 1 M   |

| SHAFT TYPE |                       | AVAILABLE ONLY IN |                |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Code       | Description           | BUSHINGS          | LENGTHS        |
| B          | Single Slotted 1/4" D | A                 | 24,28          |
| C          | Single Flatted 1/4" D | A                 | 20,24,28,32    |
| E          | Single Slotted 1/8" D | C                 | 12,16,20,24,28 |
| R          | Single Slotted 6 mm D | R                 | 16,22,25       |
| T          | Single Slotted 4 mm D | U                 | 16,22,25       |
| U          | Single Slotted 3 mm D | S                 | 16,22,25       |

| SHAFT LENGTH (FMS) |             | AVAILABLE ONLY IN BUSHING |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Code               | Description | Code                      |
| 12                 | 3/8"        | C                         |
| 16                 | 1/2"        | A, C                      |
| 20                 | 5/8"        | A, C                      |
| 24                 | 3/4"        | A, C                      |
| 28                 | 7/8"        | A, C                      |
| 32                 | 1"          | A, C                      |
| Metric             |             |                           |
| 16                 | 16 mm       | R, S, U                   |
| 22                 | 22 mm       | R, S, U                   |
| 25                 | 25 mm       | R, S, U                   |

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