

## Handy Resistor Simulates RTD Temperature Outputs, Such as PT-100 and PT-1000

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- **Temperature coefficient of resistance (TCR):**  
–55°C to +125°C, 25°C ref.
  - RTD simulator (C): ±2 ppm/°C typical (see Table 1)
  - RTD simulator (K): ±1 ppm/°C typical (see Table 1)
- Resistance tolerance: to ±0.005% (50 ppm)
- Available temperature range (<-200°C to >+800°C), order your RTD Simulator by desired simulated temperature or resistance value.
- Load life stability: ±0.005% after 2,000 hrs at rated power at 70°C
- Power rating: to 0.6 W at +70°C
- Resistance range: 10 Ω to 5 kΩ (for higher or lower values, please contact us)
- VFR resistors are not restricted to standard values; specific “as required” values can be supplied at no extra cost or delivery (e.g., 1K01234 vs. 1k)
- **Electrostatic discharge (ESD): at least to 25 kV**
- Non-inductive, non-capacitive design
- Rise time: 1 ns effectively no ringing
- Current noise: 0.010 μV<sub>RMS</sub>/V of applied voltage (<-40 dB)
- Thermal EMF: 0.05 μV/°C
- Voltage coefficient: <0.1 ppm/V
- **Each RTD Simulator based on the Bulk Metal® Foil technology comes with a built-in climate control (CC) feature.**

### INTRODUCTION

#### Calibrate all your RTD inputs

The new foil RTD Simulators can simulate RTDs in all types of instruments, such as transmitters, controllers, and data acquisition, process control, and lab equipment, etc. Each resistance unit comes with certification and printed temperature on the resistor itself. Connect an RTD and instantly read the temperature indicated on the resistor.

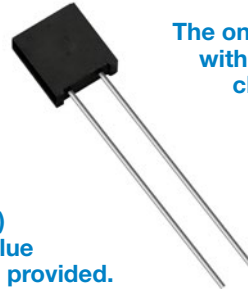
#### Better than a decade box—faster, easier, and much less expensive

This new RTD Simulator is a complete compact simulator for checkout and calibration of all RTD instruments in the field, shop, or control room.

The long-term stability conditions of the RTD Simulator are regulated with respect to temperature and humidity.

#### Note

\* This datasheet provides information about parts that are RoHS-compliant and/or parts that are non-RoHS-compliant. For example, parts with lead (Pb) alloy-plated terminations are not RoHS compliant. Please see the information/tables in this datasheet for details.



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### CLIMATE CONTROL (CC)

Two predictable and opposing physical phenomena within the composite structure of the resistive alloy and its substrate are keys to the low absolute TCR capability of a Bulk Metal Foil resistor:

- Resistivity of the resistive alloy changes directly with temperature in free air (resistance of the foil increases when temperature increases.)
- The Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) of the alloy and the substrate to which the foil alloy is cemented are different, resulting in a compressive stress on the resistive alloy when temperature increases (resistance of the foil decreases due to compression caused by the temperature increases).

The TCR of the foil resistor is achieved by matching two opposing effects—the inherent increase in resistance due to temperature increase vs. the compression—related decrease in resistance due to that same temperature increase. The two effects occur simultaneously, resulting in an unusually low, predictable, repeatable, and controllable TCR.

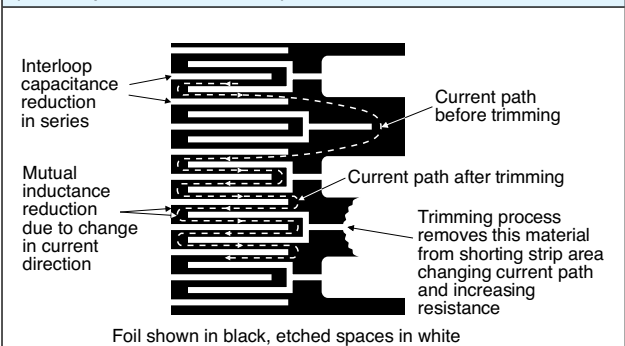
Due to VPG’s Bulk Metal Foil resistor design, this TCR characteristic is accomplished automatically, without selection, and regardless of the resistance value or the date of manufacture—even if years apart!

**Table 1 – Resistance vs. TCR**  
(-55°C to +125°C, +25°C Ref.)

| RTD SIMULATOR | RESISTANCE VALUE (Ω) | NOMINAL TCR AND MAX. SPREAD (ppm/°C) |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| RTD-K         | 80 to <5k            | ±1 ±2.5                              |
| RTD-C         | 80 to <5k            | ±2 ±2.5                              |
| RTD-K         | 50 to <80            | ±1 ±3.5                              |
| RTD-C         |                      | ±2 ±3.5                              |
| RTD-K         | 10 to <50            | ±1 ±4.5                              |
| RTD-C         |                      | ±2 ±4.5                              |

(1) C refers to C Foil Alloy; K refers to the K Foil Alloy.

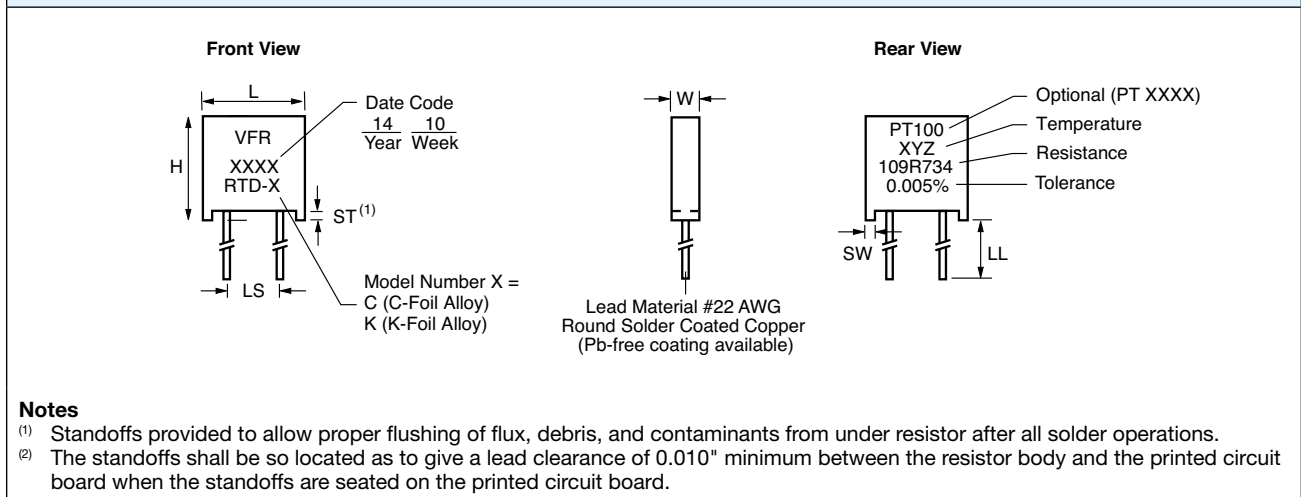
**Figure 1 – Trimming to Values**  
(conceptual illustration)



**Note**

To acquire a precision resistance value, the Bulk Metal Foil chip is trimmed by selectively removing built-in “shorting bars.” To increase the resistance in known increments, marked areas are cut, producing progressively smaller increases in resistance. This method reduces the effect of “hot spots” and improves the long-term stability of VFR resistors.

**Figure 2 – Standard Imprinting and Dimensions**



**Notes**

- (1) Standoffs provided to allow proper flushing of flux, debris, and contaminants from under resistor after all solder operations.
- (2) The standoffs shall be so located as to give a lead clearance of 0.010" minimum between the resistor body and the printed circuit board when the standoffs are seated on the printed circuit board.

**Table 2 – Model Selection**

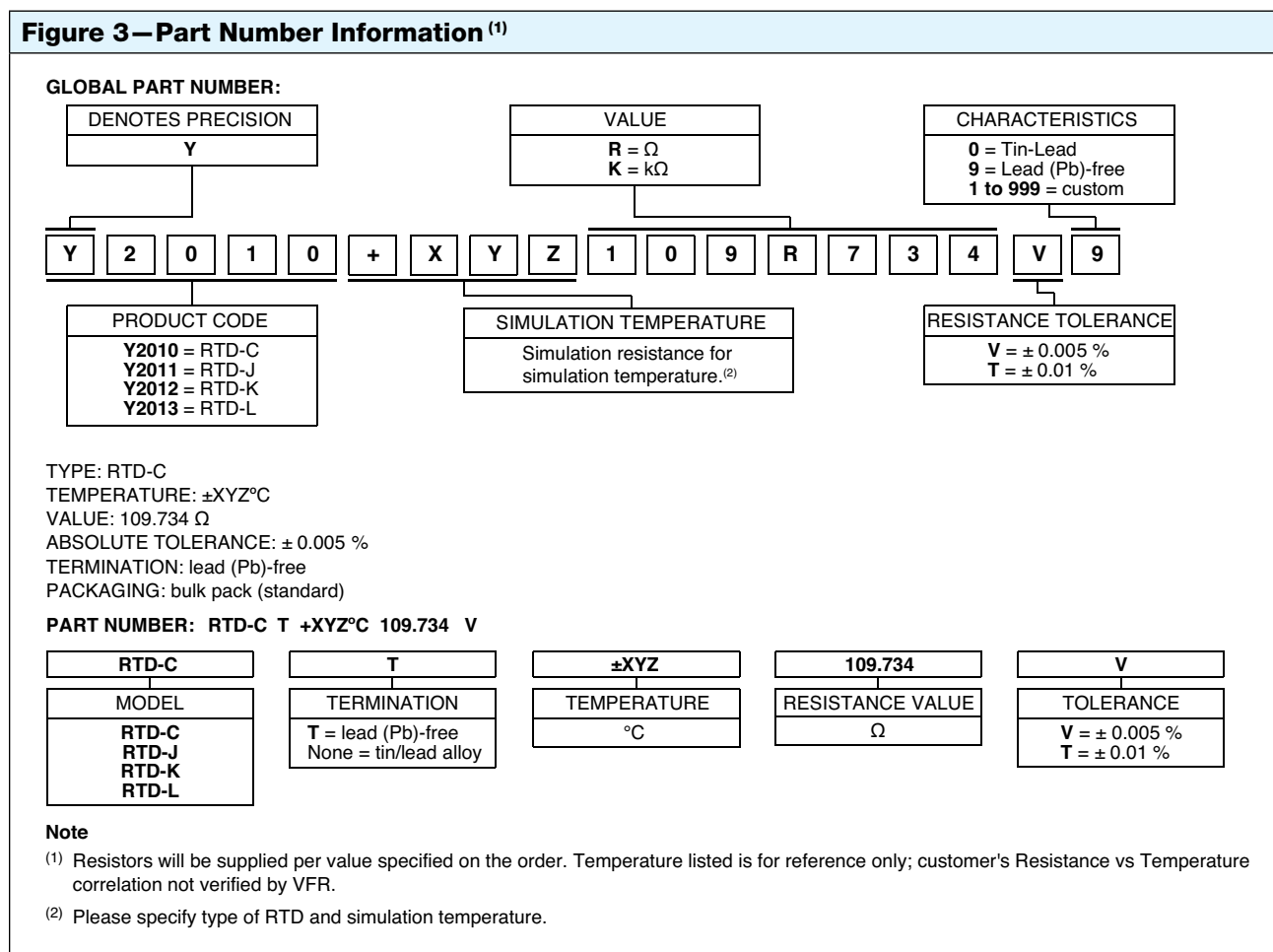
| MODEL NUMBER                 | MAXIMUM WORKING VOLTAGE | AVERAGE WEIGHT IN GRAMS | DIMENSIONS      |            | TIGHTEST TOLERANCE VS. LOWEST RESISTANCE VALUE                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
|                              |                         |                         | INCHES          | mm         |   |
| RTD-C (RTD-J) <sup>(1)</sup> | 300                     | 0.6                     | W: 0.105 ±0.010 | 2.67 ±0.25 | 0.005% / 50 Ω<br>0.01% / 25 Ω<br>0.02% / 12 Ω<br>0.05% / 10 Ω |
| RTD-K (RTD-L) <sup>(1)</sup> |                         |                         | L: 0.300 ±0.010 | 7.62 ±0.25 |   |
|                              | H: 0.326 ±0.010         | 8.28 ±0.25              |                 |            |   |
|                              | ST: 0.010 min.          | 0.254 min.              |                 |            |   |
|                              | SW: 0.040 ±0.005        | 1.02 ±0.13              |                 |            |   |
|                              | LL: 1.000 ±0.125        | 25.4 ±3.18              |                 |            |   |
|                              | LS: 0.150 ±0.005        | 3.81 ±0.13              |                 |            |   |

(1) 0.200" (5.08 mm) lead spacing available—specify RTD-J for RTD-C and RTD-L for RTD-K.

**Table 3—Environmental Performance Comparison**

| GROUP/PARAMETER  |                    | MIL-PRF-55182<br>CHAR J   | RTD SIMULATOR  |  |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|  |                    |                           | MAXIMUM ΔR   | TYPICAL ΔR   |
| <b>Test Group I</b><br>Thermal shock, 5 x (–65°C to +150°C)<br>Short time overload, 6.25 x rated power, 5 seconds                                |                    | ±0.2%<br>±0.2%            | ±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm)                     | ± 0.002 % (20 ppm)<br>± 0.003 % (30 ppm)                 |
| <b>Test Group II</b><br>Low temperature storage (24 h at –65°C)<br>Low temperature operation (45 min, rated power at –65°C)<br>Terminal strength |                    | ±0.15%<br>±0.15%<br>±0.2% | ±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm) | ±0.002% (20 ppm)<br>±0.002% (20 ppm)<br>±0.002% (20 ppm) |
| <b>Test Group III</b><br>Dielectric Withstanding Voltage (DWV)<br>Resistance to solder heat<br>Moisture resistance                               |                    | ±0.15%<br>±0.1%<br>±0.4%  | ±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.05% (500 ppm) | ±0.002% (20 ppm)<br>±0.005% (50 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm) |
| <b>Test Group IV</b><br>Shock<br>Vibration   |                    | ±0.2%<br>±0.2%            | ±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.01% (100 ppm)                     | ±0.002% (20 ppm)<br>±0.002% (20 ppm)                     |
| <b>Test Group V</b><br>Life test at 0.3 W/+125°C   | 2000 h<br>10 000 h | ±0.5%<br>±2.0%            | ±0.015% (150 ppm)<br>±0.05% (500 ppm)                    | ±0.01% (100 ppm)<br>±0.03% (300 ppm)                     |
| <b>Test Group Va</b><br>Life test at 0.6 W (2 x rated power)/+70°C, 2000 h   |                    | ±0.5%                     | ±0.015% (150 ppm)  | ±0.01% (100 ppm)   |
| <b>Test Group VI</b><br>High temperature exposure (2000 h at +175°C)   |                    | ±2.0%                     | ±0.1% (1000 ppm)   | ±0.05% (500 ppm)   |
| <b>Test Group VII</b><br>Voltage coefficient   |                    | 5 ppm/V                   | <0.1 ppm/V   | <0.1 ppm/V   |

**Figure 3—Part Number Information <sup>(1)</sup>**



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