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 - Cold at -40°C is also tricky





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- ► Passive Thermal Regulation
- ► Thermal Zoning
- Materials and Components
- ► Knowing the Junction Temp
- ► Active Thermal Regulation
- Other Considerations





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Passive Thermal Regulation

- Socket and PCB design based upon the abilities of the handler
- Purge Covers and Heat Shields
- Wafer Sort (WS) probing
- Using Daughter boards to minimize heat sink from Device Under Test (DUT) area to ambient temperature
- Controlling heat exchanges between thermal zones



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 Cohu simulated best socket design to achieve DUT junction temp
- Rasco Handler Provides Airflow through socket
 - Warms / Cools pogos directly without DUT disrupting airflow
- CFD Analysis Looks for:

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- Flow Velocity
- Density
- Multiple Paths
- Thermal Pockets





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Purge Covers and Heat Shields

- Heat Shields Protect DUT/Sensitive Components from Heat
- Reliability (REL) / Characterization (CHAR) handtest Heat Shield
 - Protect Room Temp HW, Non-Nelco 4800-20 FR4
 - Using 5oz copper
- Purge Covers keep the DUT / Sensitive Components from lcing





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WS Probing Heat Shield

- Covers part or entire WS board with a Metal Cover
- Protects DUT board from the Chuck's Radiant Heat
- Top-Side Components benefit most





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Daughter Boards

- Using Daughter boards to minimize heat sink from DUT area to ambient temperature
- Want Daughter Board size of Handler Chamber
- Breaks the Ground (GND) planes from topside, Direct Ambient contact
- Minimizes Heat Sink effect





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Minimizing/Controlling Heat Exchanges

- Control heat exchanges between thermal zones
- Refrigerators and Ovens are Very Well Insulated
- Convection \rightarrow Purge

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- Radiation → Heat Shields
- Conduction \rightarrow Insulation
- Improperly Design DUT Board
 - Heating an IC is like cooking an egg with a laser



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Zone 1

- Thermal ballast
 - Similar to Bench Design
 - Heated Metal Acts as Thermal Ballast
 - Bench Heats a Big Slab of Metal for Oven Ballast
 - Floating, Not Grounded
 - Top layer, no solder mask, gold plated
 - Extra Plate of Metal on the socket flush with the DIB.
- Topside Caps & Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTD's)
 - Inside the socket cavity
- Components should be rated for 170°C











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- Backside DUT area covers
 - -Prevents **cool down** at hot from backside purge
- Active/Passive air flow Zone 2
 - -Prevents Zone 2 (and 1) Cool Down
 - -Airflow from Zone 1
- Components should be rated for 125°C
 - -110° C may be ok if no active air flow from zone 1
 - -Needs a Temp sensor to verify zone temperature
- May get hotter than 125°C with good air flow
 Avoid 85°C relays







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Zone 3

- Eagle Clean Dry Air (CDA) purging "The Shower Head"
- Between the Test Head & Underbelly of DUT Board
- Purging cools down hot testing
- And helps keep cold testing dry & Warmer
- Components should be rated for 85°C





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Materials and Components

- Nelco 4800-20
- Socket Design
- Thermal Interface Materials (TIM's)
- Relays
- Caps
- Resistors



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N4800-20 N4800-20 SI® U.S. Units N4800-20 N4800-20

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Nelco 4800-20

- Max Operating Temp (MOT) 150°C
 - Recently Approved @ UL
- High Tg 200°C
- Z-axis Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) = 27 Part Per Million (PPM) / °C

Mechanical Properties

• Behaves like regular FR4

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• Superior Fracture Toughness



High-Speed Multifunctional Epoxy Laminate & Prepreg

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Socket Design – Pogo Pins

Increased Stroke

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- Between DUT and Socket Top Plate
- Compensate for Temp Warpage & Misalignment
- Insert scrub to avoid DUT flank





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Thermal Mat Comp **Socket Design Continued** Thermal Insulators not Thermal Conductors – Topside Polyimide (PI) Material – Avoid thermal shorts between zones 1 & 2 Helps prevent cooling Zone 1 DUT area – PEEK Mounting Screws • Polyetheretherketone semicrystalline thermoplastic Strong, good price PEEK Flat Head Screws M6-1.00 Dia./Thread, The optimal balance of chemical, mechanical and thermal properties Excellent strength, and stiffness up to 500°F (260°C) Low coefficient of friction and high wear resistance Chemically resistant to common chemicals Low out gassing, low particle generation and inherent purity Unique physical, thermal & electrical properties PEEK flat head screw features and benefits PEEK flat head screws (chemically known as Polyetheretherketone) offer a unique combination of properties for some of the most extreme applications. PEEK is classified as semicrystalline thermoplastic and high purity polymer, offering excellent mechanical strength and chemical resistance at high temperatures. PEEK flat head screws offer a high strength alternative to PTFE fluoropolymers. TestConX[®] ²⁴ **2025 Extreme Temperature Automotive Testing**

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Thermal Interface Materials

- Parker Therm-a-Gap TIMs materials
 - Excellent for transferring heat
 - From Positive Temperature Coefficient (PTC) thermistor to socket cavity
 - Helps condition the temperature of the DUT area
 - Conducts heat well

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- Non-Electrically-Conductive Material
- Silicone Oil inside is also non-electrically-conductive





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THERM-A-GAP[™] Gap Filler Pads

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	Carrier Options Supported (standard): G = Woven glass carrier - no PSA A = Aluminum foil carrier - with acrylic PSA Supported (custom): PN = PEN film carrier KT = Thermally enhanced polyimide carrier	HCS10A or HCS10G	A569, G569 or 569PN	A570 or G570	A579, G579, 579PN, 579KT, or 579	A580, G580, or 580	-	
	Color	Orange / Gray Carrier	Gray	Blue	Pink	Yellow	Visual	
	Typical Properties	HCS10	569	570	579	580	Test Method	

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Relays, Caps and Resistors

- New Relays, Caps & Resistors
 - Good, Reliable, High Temp, High Perf
 - Ok Cost
 - Be aware of Best Practices

2970 SERIES REED RELAYS





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Relays – Mechanical High Temp Mat Comp

- Improved Max Operating Temp
 - Coto2370 & 2970 series 125°C
 - Teledyne 400H series 200 °C
- Other Considerations
 - Using Coil Pulldown Relays
 - Over-Driving mechs for better Temp Performance
 - ie. 4.5V relay with 5V rail

2970 SERIES REED RELAYS







2370 SERIES MULTI-POLE REED RELAYS FOR -40°C TO 125°C

2370 Series Multi-Pole Reed Relays

The 2370 Series is designed for Automated Test Equipment and Instrumentation requiring -40°C to +125°C operation. The 2370 series is available with 2 Form A, 3 Form A and 2 Form C contacts.

2370 Series Features

Smallest Multi-pole Relay: 0.056 sq. inches/pole (3 pole relay)
Hermetically Sealed Contacts
Long Life / High Reliability
Magnetically Shielding Steel Shell
Wide operating temperature range -40°C to +125°C
RoHS compliant

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- Lower Drain-Source On Resistance (RDSon)
- Longer Toff, Shorter Ton

Nice for Zone 2

- Lower Life, Worse Cap, Higher Leakage
- Other Considerations
 - CC Photomos powered like an IC
 - Needs protection diode
 - CCmos have very low drive I requirements



by small package Current leakage when the main line is open and sub line is close :1 pA (Maximum) at VOFF =20 V Contact form: 1a (SPST-NO) + T-switch function Surface-mounting 3. Reverse voltages at the input f reverse voltages are present at the Photo MOS[®] Super miniature nput terminals, for example, connect a schottky barrier diode in reverse paralle TSON package, across the input terminals and keep the CC TSON C×R everse voltages below the reverse **Capacitor Coupled** preakdown voltage. Typical circuit i hown below isolation type (AQY2)**FEATURES** New 1. Super miniature TSON package contributes to space savings and high density mounting. 3.5 mm² mounting area achieved. Approx. 46 % less than **Extreme Temperature Automotive Testing**

Caps

• High Temp Caps

- Upgrade Hardwired, Backside DUT caps to 150°C X8R
- Upgrade Topside Caps to Kemet 175 & 200°C series
- COG class 1 ultra-stable, high precision capacitors
 - Less dielectric loss, more temp stable, bigger, fewer options

Surface Mount Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (SMD MLCCs) **High Temperature 150°C, Ultra-Stable X8R Dielectric, 10 – 100 VDC (Commercial & Automotive Grade)**

Overview

KEMET's Ultra-Stable X8R dielectric features a 150°C In addit maximum operating temperature, offering the latest in high temperature applications. It offers the same temperature capability as conventional X8R, but without the capacitance loss due to applied DC voltage. Ultra-Stable X8R exhibits no change in capacitance with respect to voltage and boasts a minimal change in capacitance with reference to ambient temperature. It is a suitable replacement for higher capacitance and larger footprint devices that fail to offer capacitance stability. Capacitance change with respect to temperature is limited to ±15% from -55°C to ±150°C.

In addition to commercial grade, automotive grade devices are available and meet the demanding Automotive Electronics Council's AEC-Q200 qualification requirements.

Electronic Components



Driven by the demand for a more robust and reliable



where Q and stability of capacitance characteristics are not

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KEMET's High Temperature surface mount C0G Multilaver

temperatures up to 200°C. They also exhibit low ESR at high frequencies and offer greater volumetric efficiency over competitive high temperature precious metal electrode (PME) and BME ceramic capacitor devices.

These devices are Lead (Pb)-Free, RoHS and REACH compliant without the need of any exemptions.

KEMET's High Temperature COG capacitors are temperature compensating and are well suited for resonant circuit applications or those where Q and stability of capacitance characteristics are required. They exhibit no change in capacitance with respect to time and voltage and boast a negligible change in capacitance with reference to ambient temperature. Capacitance change is limited to ± 30ppm/ °C from ~55°C to +200°C. In addition, these capacitors exhibit

Ceramic Capacitors (MLCCs) are constructed of a robust and

proprietary C0G/NP0 base metal electrode (BME) dielectric

system that offers industry-leading performance at extreme

temperatures up to 200°C. These devices are specifically

environments such as down-hole oil exploration and automotive/

designed to withstand the demands of harsh industrial

avionics engine compartment circuitry

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Surface Mount Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (SMD MLCCs) High Temperature 175°C, X7R Dielectric, 16 – 200 VDC (Industrial Grade)

Overview

KEMET's High Temperature X7R Dielectric capacitors are formulated and designed for extreme temperature applications. Constructed of a robust and proprietary base metal electrode (BME) dielectric system, these devices are capable of reliable operation in temperatures up to 175°C. Providing an attractive combination of performance and robustness in general high temperature applications, High Temperature X7R dielectric capacitors are well suited for high temperature bypass and decoupling applications or frequency discriminating circuits where Q and stability of capacitance characteristics are not

Overview



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Bulk Caps •

- Alum Elect. Low Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR), Conductive **Polymer Hybrid**
- 125°C, small, High Power Density
- HXE series now rated to 135°C

Improve Engineering Bulletin Introductory Conductive Polymer Hybrid HAXASeries High reliability and high voltage are realized by hybrid electrolyte High reliability and high voltage are realized by hybrid electrolyte Categories Activative equipment, Base station equipment, etc.) SpecificAtions Image: SpecificAtions Image: SpecificAtions Sp				
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Bulk Caps

Upgrade! Series

-55 to +135℃

High reliability is realized by hybrid electrolyte

NIPPON CHEMI-CON

RoHS2 Compliant

♦SPECIFICATIONS Items

Halogen Free

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Knowing the Junction Temp

- How far off is the Elephant Air Temp?
- Triple current to the diode equation
- Average Voltage vs. Junction Temp
- Thermal Gradient Across the Junction
- Bench to Tester (BTT) Correlation on Individual Devices
- RTD in package
- Experiments multiple pins, Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) diodes while operating



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Elephant Air

- How far off is the Elephant Air Temp?
- Forced Air is about 40°C off at 150°C set point
 - Takes 185 190°C to get a 150°C junction
- Forced Air is about 25°C off at -40°C
 - Takes -60 to -65°C to get a -40°C junction
- How about with a Thermal Couple
 - In the air stream
 - Very close to the DUT
 - About 15°C off
- Thermal-stream temp can be controlled by test measurements







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Solving the Diode Equation

- Triple current to the diode equation
 - 3x Currents needed to solve all variables
 - Double, Symmetric Measurements
 - Long Test Time (TT), about 600mS
 - Must measure the 'n' factor on the bench
 - 'n' factor is temperature dependent
- Direct Measurement of DUT Temp
- Can be very accurate (1-2°C)



Ideal Diode Equation

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Where
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kT/q = 25.9mV



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Making V-T Curves Continued

- Best ESD Diodes Have Very Little 'Extra Circuitry'
 - High Impedance ESD diode node
 - Buffered Pin, Open Drain, FB work well
 - Active Circuitry Can Cause 'Bending Away'
- This Pin was Available for Monitoring
 - While DUT was being tested

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- Proximity to Hottest Area of IC is Critical
- ESD diodes near the power Field Effect Transistor (FET) were +/-5°C when calibrated to exposed Silicon using a Thermal Camera



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Thermal Gradient Across the Junction

- Large Thermal Gradients
 - Statically forcing High Current (HC) causes 'Hot Pockets'
 - High Thermal Resistance to PCB prevents equalization
 - Thermal Shutdown (TSD) circuitry too cold to work
 - 30°C+ delta across the DUT at 2A
 - Use ESD Diode near 'Hot Pocket'
 - Use a Design For Test (DFT) request to have the TSD cell moved nearer to the power FET

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BTT Corr

- BTT Correlation on Individual Devices
 - Testing each DUT on bench is time consuming
 - Possible to use BTT gold units as Temperature Corr Devices
 - But for REL / CHAR there can be wide Temp variation with each insertion
- Technique of Gathering bench Data
 - 5x temp sensors inside oven
 - RTD 0.5°C measured in oven too
 - Large thermal ballast
 - Wait 1h (or overnight) for temp to settle
 - 100uA of FI to +/- 0.1uA
 - Measure FB diode Voltage with HP3458
- Accurate averages
 - 2°C at cold, 0.25 °C, 2.5°C at Hot
- Individual Parts Not very Accurate
 +/- 10°C



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J Temp **RTD** in Package • RTD: What is it? **MOLD COMPOUND** • An RTD is a Resistance Temperature Detector RTD -2 Terminal Temp Sensor PAD PAD - Usually made of Platinum because of linearity • RTD in Package Accurately determine junction Temp of Setup 'Live Bug' View Cross-Section Very helpful for Pre-Production CHAR / REL Mold Compound Adjacent Strip Test Socket Correlation – Very helpful for Verifying Temp of Production Setup die attach material RTD • 0805 RTD attached to Leadframe • Mold Compound poured around it • Used for Temperature Calibration TestConX[®] 41 2025 **Extreme Temperature Automotive Testing**

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RTD: How Good is It?

- CHAR / REL accuracy +/- 2°C Breakdown of Accuracies:
 - Distribution +/- 0.3°C
 - RTD +/- 0.5°C
 - Site to Site +/- 1°C
- Much More Accurate than BTT
- But Indirect Measurement

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• Note Error 2nd order fixes a 1°C offset at hot

J Temp Nominal values The nominal or rated value of the sensor is the target value of the sensor resistance at 0° C. The temperature coefficient a is defined as $\alpha = \frac{R_{100} - R_0}{100 + R_0}$ [K⁻¹] and has the numerical value of 0.00385 K⁻¹ according to DIN IEC 751. In practice, a value multiplied by 10^6 is often entered: TCR = $10^6 * \frac{R_{100} - R_0}{100 - R_0}$ [ppm/K]. In this case, the numerical value is 3850 ppm/K. **Temperatur Characteristic Curve** The characteristic temperature curve determines the dependence of the electrical resistivity on the temperature. The following definition of the temperature curve according to the DIN EN 60751 standard applies: 10 $R(t) = R_0 (1 + A * t + B * t^2 + C * [t-100] * t^3)$ -200 bis 0°C 0 bis 850°C $R(t) = R_0 (1 + A^* t + B^* t^2)$ Platinum (3850 ppn/K): A = 3.9083 * 10^{-5} [°C⁻¹]; B = -5.775 * 10^{-7} [°C⁻²]; C = -4.183 * 10^{-12} [°C⁻²] $\begin{array}{l} Platinum (3750 \mbox{ ppm/K}): \\ A = 3.8102 \mbox{ }^{*} \mbox{ } 10^{-3} \ [^{\circ}C^{-1}]; \mbox{ } B = -6.01888 \mbox{ }^{*} \mbox{ } 10^{-7} \ [^{\circ}C^{-2}]; \\ C = -6 \mbox{ }^{*} \mbox{ } 10^{-12} \ [^{\circ}C^{-4}] \end{array}$ At [K] Platinum (3770 ppm/K): $A = 3.92 \times 10^{-3} [°C^{-1}]; B = -6.03 \times 10^{-7} [°C^{-2}];$ R₀ = Resistance value in ohm at 0°C; t = temperature in accordance with ITS 90 400 -200 0 200 400 600 800 1000 t [°C] Tolerance field ⁴² **2025**

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J Temp **RTD** as a **DUT** Board Temp Sensor Using RTDs to Measure Thermal Zone Temps • 2 pin device, no Communication protocols! • Easy to use, Measure Resistance convert to Temp • Very Thin, so can fit in Socket Cavities Kelvin to Pad For Example, IST's P1K0.1206.4P.A – 3850ppm / °C - 1.573kQ at 150°C - 1.097kΩ at 25°C P1K0.0805.2 24M9668 Awaiting Delivery IST INNOVATIVE SENSOR Each 1+ \$7.45 P.A Contact us for more - 1.000kΩ at 0°C TECHNOLOGY Delivery in 5-7 10+ \$6.94 Data Sheet availability or to business days from RTD Sensor, Class A, 0805, 1 25+ \$6.38 our UK warehouse for purchase on backorder -0.842kΩ at -40°C kohm, -60 C, +150 C RoHS in stock items 50+ \$5.82 Compliant: Yes C RoHS Check Stock & Lead 100+ \$5.27 Test**ConX**® **Extreme Temperature Automotive Testing**

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- Multiple pins
- ESD diodes while ATE tests are running
- Streamlined Triple Current Diode Calibration
- On Board temp Sensors integrated into DUT



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Active Thermal Regulation

- EPCOS PTC Thermistors
- Fully utilizing the handlers heating / cooling capabilities
- External Options



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PTC Thermistors

- EPCOS brand PTC Thermistors
 - DUT area temperature conditioning
 - Self-regulating Voltage Controlled Heating Elements
 - Sintered, doped barium titanate polycrystalline ceramic
 - Some quality questions
 - +/- 24V lines to +/- 5V lines give you about 120W
 - Many needed Top-Side Dut Area
 - Very inexpensive (10-12¢ each)
 - Available in 0402, 0603, 0805 form factors
 - You buy the Temp you want
 - TIMs material from EPCOS to Socket



1+ 🛞 \$0.117 B59641A014 72R4674 1,096 **FPCOS** Each 5A062 In PTC Thermistor, 470 ohm, SMD, 32 \$0.117 (Supplied 25 +Data Sheet stock VDC, -50% to +50%, B59641 Series on Cut 50 +\$0.117 ***** (0) Tape) \$0.117 Check 100 +🔁 Data Zero Power Resistance at 25°C 470ohm Stock \$0.117 Available 250 +Thermistor Mounting SMD & Lead in quantity More Pricing... B59641 Series Product Range Times shown C RoHS + See all product info

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perature above the Curie temperature T_c , the resistance of the PTC thermistor rises exponentially. Beyond the range of the positive temperature coefficient α the number of free charge carriers is increased by thermal activation. The resistance then decreases and exhibits a negative temperature characteristic (NTC) typical of semiconductors (see figure 2).



Figure 1

Schematic representation of the polycrystalline structure of a PTC thermistor.

The PTC resistance R_{PTC} is composed of individual crystal and grain boundary resistances. The grain boundary resistance is strongly temperature dependent. $R_{PTC} = R_{grain} + R_{grainboundary}$ $R_{grain boundary} = f(T)$



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Temp goes up

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Handler Options

- Fully utilizing the handlers heating / cooling capabilities
 - Many Handlers have up to +20°C Calibration offset capability
 - This is Usually Calibrated to Force Air Temp
 - Air Temp is Device Independent
 - Air Temp is much lower than DUT Junction Temp
 - Possible to Calibrate to DUT Junction Temp Instead
 - Needs / Production Buyoff





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External Options

- Some External Control Systems Provide Heat Directly to the DUT
 - High Power Directly to DUT Area
 - Regulation Feedback Needed
 - Expensive
- Some Options are Mod Kits to Existing Handlers
 - Better Flow
 - Less Leakage
 - Reduced Frosting
 - Expensive





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Other Considerations

- Careful Continuity
- Setup Tests
- Checks at all temperatures



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Careful Continuity

- With poor Contact you cannot control resource behavior
 - Catastrophic Results
- Kelvin Checks, verify Force (F) & Sense (S) to DUT
 - esp. on power pins
- Contact Resistance
 - Cres very important at Temp
 - Helps Detect frosting
 - Helps Prevent Burn out on multiple common node pads
 - Cres before Continuity to identify Setup issues
 - Bank kelvin F to S current loop
 - APU 150k kelvin Sense High (SH) to Force Low (FL)
- Pin-to-Pin Shorts
 - Check Soft Shorts, ~1.5kohm
- Post Continuity catches ICs Damaged at Temp Test**ConX**

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Grounded





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Setup Tests

- Contact Issue at Temp Lead to Device Behavior Issues
- DUTs are More Susceptible to BAD Setup / Loosing Test Mode (TM)
- Consider Not Retesting Devices that Get Kicked out of TM
- Verify TM Before and After Potentially Damaging Tests
- For Example, Switching Regulators have Current Limit or RDSon TM's
 - If device exits TM you might force 12A into an open circuit
 - Voltage Spike exceeds Absolute Maximum (Absmax) Rating
 - Device can be killed or 'walking wounded'





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Check At All Temps

- Spike Check all temperatures
- Delta Quiescent Current (Iq), Junction Verification Testing (JVT), ABSMAX, Post Leakage at all temps
- Bench-to-Tester at all temps
- Full Limit Verification, Repeatability, Gage Repeatability and Reproducibility (GRR), Process Capability Index (CPK) distribution checks at All Temps
- What was a Good Idea / Nice to have at Room is
 Imperative at Temp





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Appendix 1: Datasheets and Product Info



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Appendix 2: Useful Websites

- Relay Voltage Over Temp: <u>https://www.pickeringrelay.com/how-temperature-can-affect-reed-relay-performance/</u>
- Extremely Low Offset Switching Considerations: <u>https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/06/switching-low-level-signals-to-a-dmm.html</u>
- PEEK material properties & where to purchase:
- <u>https://www.aetnaplastics.com/products/d/Peek</u>
- <u>https://www.victrex.com/en/victrex-peek</u>
- https://www.extreme-bolt.com/peek-screws.html
- https://www.grainger.com/search?searchQuery=screws%20PEEK&suggestConfigId=1&searchBar=true
- Pickering US Distributor: https://products.testco-inc.com/#/app/layout/itemlisting?isRedirect=true&mfg=PICK
- Omron Photomos Relays: <u>https://components.omron.com/us-en/products/relays/mosfet-relays</u>
- Omron's T-Switch and other Photomos Modules: <u>https://components.omron.com/us-en/products/relays/mosfet-relays/mosfet-relay-module_features</u>
- Panasonic Photomos Relays: <u>https://industry.panasonic.com/global/en/products/control/relay/photomos</u>
- TDK Epcos PTC Thermistors: https://www.tdk-electronics.tdk.com/en/530400/products/products/product-catalog/sensors-and-sensor-systems/limit-temperature-sensors
- Innovative Sensor Technology RTDs: <u>https://www.ist-ag.com/en</u>
- Susumu High Power 50Ω Terminator and Resistor Write-Ups and CPA 16W 2512 selection on Digikey:
 - <u>https://www.digikey.com/en/product-highlight/s/susumu/hpt-series-high-power-high-frequency-chip-terminator?_gl=1*t1cyij*_up*MQ..&gclid=2366bdb141461c31800dda172c5d69d2&gclsrc=3p.ds</u>
 - https://www.digikey.com/en/product-highlight/s/susumu/hrg3216-series-resistor?_gl=1*1m8nlxa*_up*MQ..&gclid=2366bdb141461c31800dda172c5d69d2&gclsrc=3p.ds
 - <u>https://www.digikey.com/en/products/filter/chip-resistor-surface-mount/52?s=N4IgjCBcoLQCxVAYygMwIYBsDOBTANCAPZQDa4AzGBRSALoC%2BDhATGSNgK5cC2n9DIA</u>
- Vishay PCAN resistors: <u>https://www.vishay.com/en/product/60125/</u>
- Panasonic High Inrush Current TH Mechanical Relays: https://na.industrial.panasonic.com/products/relays-contactors/lineup/mechanical-signal-relays/series/119574
- Fujitsu Automotive Relays: <u>https://www.fujitsu.com/sg/products/devices/components/relays/applications/automotive.html</u>
- Technoprobe: https://www.technoprobe.com/
- Parker TIMs Materials: https://www.parker.com/us/en/divisions/chomerics-division/solutions/thermal-management.html
- Cohu Sockets & Handlers: https://www.cohu.com/interface-solutions & https://www.cohu.com/test-handlers
- Gorilla Circuits (PCB IPDs: integrated resistors & caps): <u>https://www.gorillacircuits.com/</u>
- Enplas Sockets: <u>https://www.enplas.co.jp/english/business/espc/</u>



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Appendix 3: Industry Contacts

- Willie Jerrels Enplas: Socket Designer
- Bates Micu Technoprobe: Wafer Probe heat shield. Probe tip temp rating.
- Bob Nurmi, Doug Leys AGC: N4800-20/SI FR4 material
- John Bahr Panasonic: Mech & Photomos Relays among other things
- Jerry Machado Panasonic: Thermal management & PGS materials
- Adeel Baig, Zac Hendrix– Omron: high temp relays
- Kevin Mallett Pickering Relays
- Brian Poor Parker Chomerics: TIMs materials
- Charlie Stretch Fujitsu: small, high current, SMD, automotive relays
- Alan Ravizza Innovative Sensor Technology (IST): SMD RTD temp sensors
- Kaz Morisita, Scott Madigan, Masa Yoshimoto Susumu: high power resistors





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