



THERMOCOUPLES: GENERAL INFORMATION

Temperature measurement with thermocouples is based on measurement of electrical voltage. The output voltage (emf) of thermocouples, E , varies with the temperature in a predetermined fashion. The relationship between temperature t ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and emf E (mV) can be expressed by mathematical functions as follows:

Type K

From -270°C to 0°C :

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{10} a_i t^i$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 3.9450128025 \times 10^{-2} \\ a_2 &= 2.3622373598 \times 10^{-5} \\ a_3 &= -3.2858906784 \times 10^{-7} \\ a_4 &= -4.9904828777 \times 10^{-9} \\ a_5 &= -6.7509059173 \times 10^{-11} \\ a_6 &= -5.7410327428 \times 10^{-13} \\ a_7 &= -3.1088872894 \times 10^{-15} \\ a_8 &= -1.0451609365 \times 10^{-17} \\ a_9 &= -1.9889266878 \times 10^{-20} \\ a_{10} &= -1.6322697486 \times 10^{-23} \end{aligned}$$

From 0°C to 1372°C :

$$E = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^9 b_i t^i + c_0 \exp[c_1(t-126.9686)^2]$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= -1.7600413686 \times 10^{-2} \\ b_1 &= 3.8921204975 \times 10^{-2} \\ b_2 &= 1.8558770032 \times 10^{-5} \\ b_3 &= -9.9457592874 \times 10^{-8} \\ b_4 &= 3.1840945719 \times 10^{-10} \\ b_5 &= -5.6072844889 \times 10^{-13} \\ b_6 &= 5.6075059059 \times 10^{-16} \\ b_7 &= -3.2020720003 \times 10^{-19} \\ b_8 &= 9.7151147152 \times 10^{-23} \\ b_9 &= -1.2104721275 \times 10^{-26} \\ c_0 &= 1.185976 \times 10^{-1} \\ c_1 &= -1.183432 \times 10^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

Type J

From -210°C to 760°C :

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^8 a_i t^i$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 5.0381187815 \times 10^{-2} \\ a_2 &= 3.0475836930 \times 10^{-5} \\ a_3 &= -8.5681065720 \times 10^{-8} \\ a_4 &= 1.3228195295 \times 10^{-10} \\ a_5 &= -1.7052958337 \times 10^{-13} \\ a_6 &= 2.0948090697 \times 10^{-16} \\ a_7 &= -1.2538395336 \times 10^{-19} \\ a_8 &= 1.5631725697 \times 10^{-23} \end{aligned}$$

From 760°C to 1200°C :

$$E = \sum_{i=0}^5 a_i t^i$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 2.9645625681 \times 10^2 \\ a_1 &= -1.4976127786 \\ a_2 &= 3.1787103924 \times 10^{-3} \\ a_3 &= -3.1847686701 \times 10^{-6} \\ a_4 &= 1.5720819004 \times 10^{-9} \\ a_5 &= -3.0691369056 \times 10^{-13} \end{aligned}$$

Temperature $^{\circ}\text{C}$	E mV	
	Type K	Type J
-270	-6.46	
-250	-6.40	
-150	-4.91	-6.50
0	0.00	0.00
250	10.15	13.56
500	20.64	27.39
750	31.21	42.28
1000	41.28	57.95
1200	48.84	69.55
1250	50.64	72.39
1372	54.89	

