Matsuo's temperature control devices contribute to energy saving for the future of our global environment.

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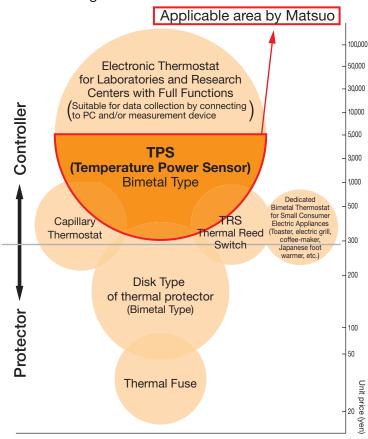
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TPS	Certification	List

1	Standard Model	CMJ (Japan)	UL (U.S.A.)	VDE (Germany)
	MQT8·11	J-44,J-46,J-129	E-104206	40007786
	M3·M2·M2F	J-130, J-135	E-104206	40013485

NOTES: CMJ (Certification Management Council for Electrical and Electronic Components and Materials of Japan) is an established Japanese standard.

Applicable area for Each thermal device (Difference between Controller and Protector) Positioning Chart of Various thermal device



- Thermostat is a temperature switch that controls temperature in a specified range with a heater (heat source) or cooler (cooling device, fan) as load.
- A variety of thermal device includes electronic types, bimetal types, liquid expansion types, thermal reed magnetic force types, temperature fuses, etc..
- Two major functions of thermal device are controller and protector.

Controller

Thermostat used to maintain temperature in a specified range. The most common product is an electronic thermostat.

Required characteristics are small ON/OFF temperature difference (differential), accuracy, long life, etc..

Protector

It is mainly used for the safety device of heaters, motors, etc.. This type of thermal protector is used as a safety device that cuts electric power when the temperature rises over the specified temperature. Generally, it accepts large differential and short life.

The chart above (Position for Various Thermostat) shows the positioning of six popular products. The largest circle on top indicates the electronic thermostat's position.

Electronic Thermostat (for laboratories and research centers)

The representative controller is, not to mention, an electronic thermostat. However, the conventional electronic thermostat is expensive and used specifically for laboratories and research centers.

Temperature Powerful Sensor(TPS)

The TPS is comprised of a sharp snap spring which can be used semi-permanently, a flat bimetal free from material strain, and two flat bimetals for improving the sensitivity. As a result, the TPS can regulate temperature accurately, which is a replacement of the electronic thermostat.

Capillary Thermostat (liquid expansion method)

Most controllers had been this type before electronic thermostat was introduced to the market and had been utilized for both industry and consumer appliances. However, due to its large structure and the heat interference defect in the capillary tube, the number of applications seem to be decreasing.

TRS Thermal Reed Switch (magnetic type)

The problem is that the contact capacity is limited to less than 0.5A and that the contact does not snap or trip. Another problem is that this type of product is not suited for planned production because the temperature sensitive magnet is a burned component that makes it difficult to control additive elements and burning temperature to enable specific operation temperature ranges.

Disk Type of thermal protector

DISK (DISC) type of thermal protector is the general term for a sensor because of its shape. A single disk serves for temperature sensing and contact snapping. Because the structure is simple, it is inexpensive and most protectors are of this type. It is said that no alternative protector of different structure will be developed soon. However, this disk type of thermal protector has defects because its differential is large and specified temperatures gradually change because steel (non-spring material) is used for the contact and it must trip against large internal stress. Therefore, this structure cannot be used for a controller.

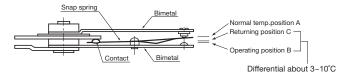
Thermal Fuse

As it is well known, thermal fuses cannot be used repeatedly. It is a primitive type of protector. Due to its simplicity and low price, demand for this safety device will continue.

Operating Principle of Temperature Powerful Sensor(TPS)

Bimetal thermostats for precise control applications specifically designed and built with miniaturization and low cost in mind. Each consists essentially of a spring, which has virtually indefinite service life and sharp, distinctive tripping characteristics, and a flat bimetal which is distortion free. Two pieces of bimetal are used in combination to increase sensitivity.

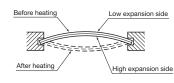
Shown below are the switching positions of the "X" type.



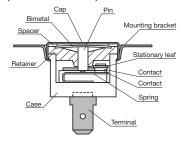
The narrow differential, sharp snap action spring plays an important role in achieving desirable thermostatic response. This snap spring turns on and off over an exceptionally small distance (approx. 0.05mm), or in terms of temperature, approx. 3°C Beryllium bronze snap spring can withstand at least 2 million operations.

Operating Principle of Disk Type of thermal protector

(Principle of operation)



(Sectional view)



By forming a bimetal strip into a dome shape (hemispherical, dished shape) to acquire snap action, the disk type protector is characterized by its simplicity of construction. The simple design facilitates volume production and, because of its low cost, account for 80% of the entire bimetallic thermal protector market in the world.

However, the bimetallic material has physical properties similar to ordinary steel material and is not a spring material in itself. During the course of repeated tripping, it is no wonder that just a strip of ordinary metal, formed into a dome, will progressively distort, or lose its shape, and return to its original shape of a flat strip. The life of this style of thermal

The life of this style of thermal protector is generally limited to several thousand to tens of thousands of operations at best. Although they demonstrate almost ideal characteristics as protectors, they fall short of being qualified to serve as controllers.

Characteristics of Temperature Powerful Sensor(TPS) and Disk Type of thermal protector

Matsuo t			Matsuo thermostat (T	PS)	Other manufacturers
		Controller		Protector	Protector
		Ordinary temperature	Middle temperature	High temperature	Limited temperature
Setting temperature		–10°C to 100°C	110°C to 200°C	200°C to 400°C	40°C to 230°C
Life*	Electrical	More than 100,000		More than 20,000**	Less than 10,000***
Life	Mechanical	More than 10,000,000		More than 10,00,000	Less than 10,000***
		A rank : 2 to 5°C	- E rank : 10 to 20°C	F rank : 23 to 37°C	Aprox.10 to 20°C(setting Temp.40~100°C)
Different	rential	B rank : 3 to 6°C			Aprox.15 to 30°C(setting Temp.100~150°C)
(hys	teresis)	C rank : 5 to 8°C			Aprox.20 to 40°C(setting Temp.150~230°C)
		D rank : 8 to 12°C			There is no classification like A,B,C,D,E & F
Rated	Rated load	MQT model : AC125V/2A	AC125V/3~5A	AC125V/50mA	AC125V/15A
(resistive)	stive)	M2,M3 model : AC125V/5A			
Conta	act type	ON or OFF on rise			
(to be specified on order)		ON or OFF on fall		OFF on rise	ON or OFF on rise

TPS stands for Temperature Powerful Sensor

Matsuo thermostat: *Guaranteed cycles without drift by Matsuo thermostat

** Guaranteed cycles without drift except higher setting temp. than 300°C

Other manufacturers *** The drift will start from the beginning

Glossary of Thermostat Terms

Differential

Means ON/OFF temperature difference (also called Hysteresis).

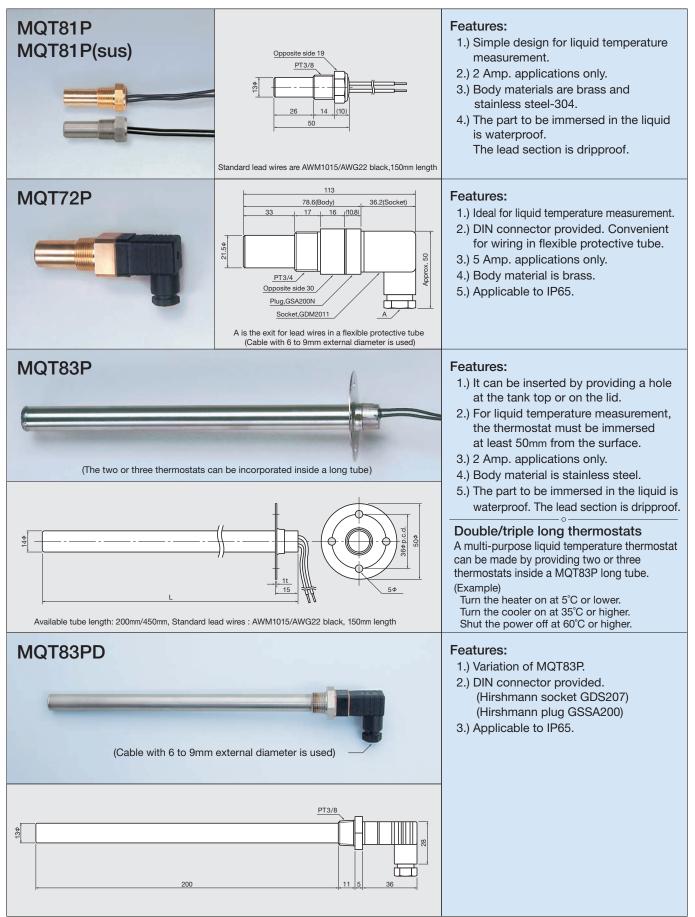
•Tolerance Means an acceptable range in temperature, expressed as OFF point: 30°C±3°C Differential: 3~6°C

Difference between Temperature Powerful Sensor(TPS) and Disk Type of thermal protector

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	TPS(Controller)	Disk(Protector)	Electronic(Controller)
Model	221524 556	Bimetal disc	e come
Principle of operation	Snap spring Birnetal Contact Birnetal	Before heating After heating	
Configuration	Dual flat bimetal with a snap spring assembled by hand.	Dome shaped bimetal made by stamping machine.	Thermister + Processing Circuit
Mechanical characteristics	Sharp action switching by a snap spring. Stress free switching is executed by a spring type of flat bimetal.	Ordinary steel material dome shaped bimetal accumulates mechanical stress at the edge of the dome.	N/A
Life(Mechanical) Tolarance	Long life: 10 million cycles ±1.5K	Short life: 2,000 ~ 10,000 cycles ±5K~±8K	Long life: 10 million cycles ±1.0K
Accuracy	±0.2K (Repeatability)	±5K~±8K	±0.1K
Stability	Setting temperature does not move during its life cycles	Setting temperature moves toward the lower side during its life cycles	Setting temperature does not move during its life cycles
Differential	Selectable Rank A : 2~5K Rank B : 3~6K Rank C : 5~8K Rank D : 8~12K	Not selectabl 10~40K	Selectable 0.5K increment
FIT (Failure In Time)	Number of pieces failed per 1 billion hours. FIT = 3 Failure rate = 0.00025%	Not applicable due to protector Unknown failure rate (Very high)	FIT = 300 to 3000 Failure rate = 0.025 to 0.25%
Size	Compact	Compact	Big
Application	Temperature regulating Semicon. manufacturing equipment Semicon. Testing equipment. Ultrasonic diagnostic equipment Anti-fog, frost, freezing or fans Surveillance camera lenses Out door money exchangers Road snow melting systems Console box ADSL for internet Mobile phone ground stations Many other industries	Power shut down for over heating Basically, power shut down is the only application for Protector.	Same applications as the TPS but limited use due to its size.
Number of manufacturer	Only 1 company (Matsuo)	More than 1,000 to 2,000 companies	More than 100 to 200 companies
Who is our customer?	 From 1 to 100,000 pcs per order High quality, high valued equipment Industrial use Semiconductor industry Telephone & internet industry Risk control industry Medical industry Transportation industry Other industries 	 From 10,000 to 1 mil. pcs per order Low quality, low valued equipment Home appliance use Industrial use (limited) Motor Transformer Over-heat protection for other equipment 	 From 1 to 100,000 pcs per order High quality, high valued equipment Home appliance and industrial use Semiconductor industry Telephone & internet industry Risk control industry Medical industry Transportation industry

	2 Amp. series for ordinary temperatures $\begin{pmatrix} AC125V/2A \\ AC250V/1.3A \end{pmatrix}$ [-10°C~110°C] Double seal type (DS) is available for all models.				
troller)	MQT8K	212613 770	Standard model of the 2 Amp. series. With mounting holes. With a 150mm lead.		
	MQT8H	212746 3048	Same as 8K, but without the mounting hole. With a 150mm lead.		
	MQT8KT	310235 55XC	With a #110 tab. A receptacle with two holes (female housing) is provided.		
	MQT8HT	310234 50XC	Receptacles can be used separately for each terminal.		
	MQT11K MQT11H	323462 8000 NA	11K and 11H consist of built-in fuse for dual safety. (The photo is 11H)		
	MQT8H(DS)	211445 K60YB	Same as MQT8H, but double-sealed with another vinyl tube covering for improved waterproofing and anti-shock performance.		
luo	5 Amp. series for ordinary temperatures $\begin{pmatrix} AC125V/5A \\ AC250V/3A \end{pmatrix}$ [-10°C~110°C] Double seal type (DS) is available for all models.				
Power Sensor (Controller)	M3	722918 7xc2	Standard 5 Amp. Series with 2 mounting holes. With a 150mm lead.		
	M3(Z)	210791 19YZC	It is an M3 type with a back contact. The external shape the same with three 150mm leads (white, black and red)		
	M2	210799 46XD	Thin version of the 5 Amp. series. The differential is approximately 10°C. Long life model. Without a mounting hole. With a 150mm lead.		
OWe	M2F	624347 49XD XJ FUSE 108CF	Fail-safe design with a built-in fuse in the series with		
ure P	MQT5S	2001	Sealed in a vinyl tube. A back contact model (with 3 lead wires) is also available		
atu	Liquid Temperature Control Thermostat				
Temperat	MQT81P 2A type		It is a completely sealed thermostat which is screwed into a threaded hole on the side of a liquid tank. While the inside of the tank is waterproof, the lead section is not. For a PT3/8" screw. The body is made of brass and 304 stainless steel.		
Tem	MQT72P 5A type		It comes with a DIN connector which is screwed into a threaded hole on the side of a liquid tank. For a PT3/4" screw. The body is made of brass.		
	MQT83P 2A type		It is a type that is inserted from the top of the tank. The body is made of 304 stainless steel.		
	TPS for mid and high temperature (AC125V/3A) [110°C~400°C]				
	M2H	H 022920 200XE	This is a thin version of the 3 Amp., and control from 110°C~200°C. With a 150mm lead.		
	M2HA	HOTEUO ELECT E25456 38 0X C	Control from 200°C~400°C.		

Thermostats for liquid temperature control with a built-in MQT series. The temperature setting range is -10° C to $+110^{\circ}$ C, and rating/characteristics are equivalent to the standard series of MQT.

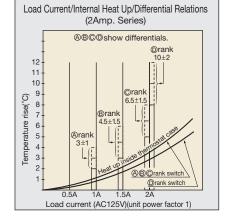


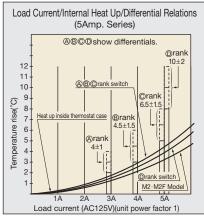
NOTE: All drawings are in 40% of full size to help you compare the sizes of products.

Technical Data (TPS)

Internal Heat Generation vs. Load

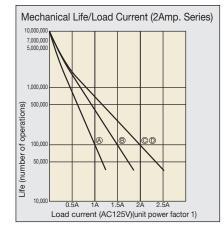
Contact capacity is limited for electrical components such as relays, thermostats or switches with make and break contact, because the contacts generate heat. Since a thermostat, in particular, reacts to temperature change, the heat generated at the contacts affects its operating temperature and differential. Matsuo's thermostats, as seen in the graph, have sufficient current capacity with an ample margin for the heat generated by the contacts.

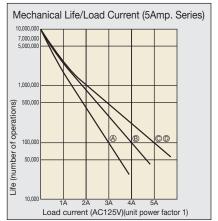




Relation between Life and Load

Temperature Power Sensor, TPS can perform more than 10 million mechanical operations. However, under heavy loads, the life will be reduced due to the wear of contacts. A life of 100,000 cycles of operation is guaranteed at the rated load current. Under reduced loads, the life lasts longer. See the graph on the right.





"Heat Time Constant" of Temperature Power Sensor

Any object has its own heat capacity. Generally, large objects do not easily assimilate with ambient temperature, on the other hand small objects do. Moreover, objects with good heat conductivity assimilate easily, and objects with small heat conductivity do not easily assimilate. Assimilation with ambient temperature is expressed by a "Heat Time Constant".

We measured the "Heat Time Constant" of the MQT8 Series Temperature Power Sensor.

"Heat Time Constant" (expressed by time to reach 60% of the range of temperature change) are the same as indicated in the chart to the left, regardless the range of temperature change, if the material and measurement conditions are the same.

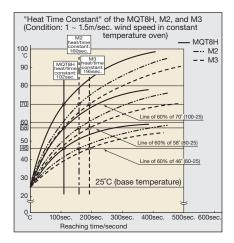
The "Heat Time Constant" is 102 seconds for the MQT8 series, 160 seconds for the M2, and 195 seconds for the M3 when the device is measured under 1 to 1.5m wind speed, respectively.

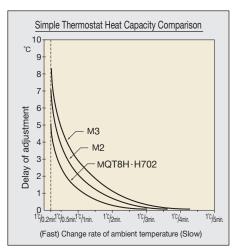
As water takes heat from objects faster than air, the "Heat Time Constant" measured in water is smaller than that measured in air.

Practical Heat Capacity Measurement

A heat/time constant is reasonable indicator in precisely grasping the heat capacity of an object. However, it is too academic. The following chart may help you see how the temperature of thermostats assimilates with the changing ambient temperature.

If the ambient temperature changes faster, the thermostat's affiliation for the ambient temperature is delayed. On the other hand, if it changes slowly, the thermostat can follow the ambient temperature change.





Technical Data (TPS)

Something to be considered when using a Thermostat with DC Voltage Circuits

1.) The thermostat contacts may be damaged by arcs. How the damage occurs is affected by four factors as follows:

Because the Temperature Power Sensor is small in size, the contact gap (distance between the two contacts) cannot be made large. The standard is 0.1 mm. However, this Sensor has a sharp cut off mechanism and restores the 0.1 mm gap instantaneously.

(a) Voltage

Voltage is reflected by the contact gap. We ensure up to 250V AC or 48V DC (using a spark killer).

(b) Current

The current level mainly relates to what extent the contact is damaged by an arc, not whether the arc is disconnected or not. Because the arc of a high current causes rapid heating to the contact, adverse effects such as early contact melting or surface oxidization of the contact may occur.

(c) Open and close speed of the contact

If the gap between two contacts increases up to 0.1 mm instantaneously, the arc will be easily disconnected. However, if its action is slow, the contact will be damaged faster because it is kept heated until the gap becomes large enough to disconnect the arc.

- (d) Quality of the contact material and the condition of the contact surface If the contact is damaged and any projection is created (shown on the left), the arc will not be and the second sec
 - easily disconnected.

2.)As you know, when the contact opens, the arc continues for DC, but easily disconnects for AC. On the other hand, for AC, the phase of voltage alternates every 1/50 to 1/60 of a second, so that any accident in which an arc is drawn does not occur. As DC always runs in one direction, the arc is not easily disconnected.

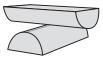
3.)What does "a contact is damaged" mean exactly? The surface or fringe of the contact is often contaminated by carbon created by the spark or arc when the contact is activated. Deposits of carbon increase contact resistance between the two contacts. A larger resistance naturally causes heating of the contact and carbon deposition becomes more likely. In addition, the current decreases, and the temperature of the load heater does not easily rise.

Cross Bar Contacts (Micro Capacity Contacts)

For ordinary contacts, the maximum current is indicated as 2Amp. max. etc. What is the minimum current? This is generally around 50~100 mA. Currents below this range are covered by special contacts for micro current.

The minimum current for ordinary contacts of our 2 Amp. series is also 50 mA. For currents below 50 mA, Crossbar contacts, called K contacts, are applied. Since the current range covered by cross contacts is 1~49 mA.

The structure of crossbar contacts is that of two noble metal contacts in trapezoidal shape, contacting with each other crosswise. The benefit of this structure is that there will be smaller possibility for contact failure because it can assure the large contact pressure per unit area.



Contact Type Indication

As we manufacture thermostats to be used as controllers, their model designation is more complicated than is the case of protectors. Refer to the diagram on the right.

• Contacts which open when the temperature rises are designated as X, and those which close when the temperature rises are designated as Y. Shown in the diagram is the temperature at which the contacts operate when the temperature rises (the high temperature side).

contact ontact High Aain Back temper - High temp.operation point Differential Low temp.operating point rature ΫZ act contact Sont temper--ow Solid line indicates closed contact. Back 1ain Broken line indicates open contact.

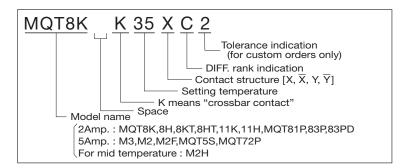
 \overline{X} [Xbar] and \overline{Y} [Ybar] are used for contacts that operate when the temperature falls (the low temperature side). \overline{X} [Xbar] indicates the contact that closes when the temperature falls. \overline{Y} [Ybar] indicates the contact that opens when the temperature falls. Z indicates transfer contacts. XZ is the main contact that opens when the temperature rises. \overline{XZ} [Xbar Z] is the main contact that closes when the temperature falls.

• C is the standard rank designation for X contacts and B is standard for Y contacts. Please consider X is C ranked and Y is B ranked, unless otherwise indicated.

Model Designation Method

MQT8H K35XC represents a thermostat with crossbar contacts (K means crossbar contact).

For 5 Amp. Series with a back contact, a model name will be, for example, M3 35XZB, where Z means contact with the back contact.



OPERATION TEMPERATURE DATA SHEET				
Model: M	IQT8H 30Y	<u>B (VDE)</u>		
		Operating temperature		
	Characteri	stics (°C)		
Sample	ON	OFF	DIFF.	
No.	$30 \pm 3K$		3 - 6	
1	30.2	24.4	5.8	
2	31.4	25.8	5.6	
3	31.8	26.3	5.5	
4	29.3	24.0	5.3	
5	29.5	23.8	5.7	
6	29.4	24.4	5.0	
7	30.2	25.2	5.0	
8	30.6	24.7	5.9	
9	31.6	26.5	5.1	
10	29.6	24.0	5.6	
	Average ON	I: 30.4 °C		
	Average OFF: 24.9 °C			
ata	Average Diff: 5.5K			
Statistical data	Max deviation: +1.8°C (No.3)			
	Temperature setting tolerance:			
	± 3K			
	Repeatability:			
	± 0.2K			

Performance of MQT8H 30YB

This data sheet shows you ON temperature and OFF temperature for 10 pieces of MQT8H 30YB.

Highest ON temperature:

Sample No.3 has the highest ON temperature among of these 10 pieces and its deviation from the setting temperature of 30°C is +1.8°C which is in the range of our standard tolerance of ± 3 K.

The contacts of sample No.3 will always switch ON at $31.8^{\circ}C\pm0.2^{\circ}C$ on temperature rise, and OFF at $26.3^{\circ}C\pm0.2^{\circ}C$ on temperature fall. Repeatability is $\pm0.2^{\circ}C$.

Each sample has own differential between 3 and 6K, and the differential value of this sample No.3 is 5.5K which is permanently fixed and not fluctuate at all.

Lowest ON temperature:

Sample No.4 has the lowest ON temperature among of these 10 pieces and its deviation from the setting temperature of 30° C is -0.7° C which is in the range of our standard tolerance of ±3K.

Life:

100,000 cycles guaranteed at our specified electrical rating shown below.

0.6A/AC250V, 1A/AC125V for diff. rank A.

0.9A/AC250V, 1.5A/AC125V for diff. rank B

1.3A/AC250V, 2A/AC125V for diff. rank C and D.

Smaller electrical rating makes longer life and mechanical life will be more than 10 million cycles.

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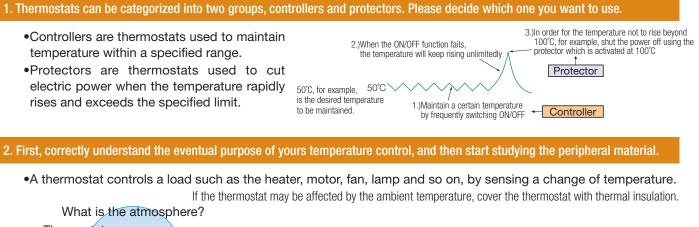
1.)Housed in a compact closed case.

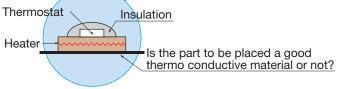
- 2.)Mechanical service life of 10 million operations and electrical service life of at least 100,000 operations, guaranteed.
 - At least 500,000 operations for 1/2, 1 million operations for 1/4 and 7 million operations for 1/20 of the rating, guaranteed.
- 3.)With the narrowest possible differential of about 3°C, the product finds a considerably wide application as a controller.
- 4.)Moreover, the price is attractive. It is several times cheaper than an electronic thermostat, although it substantially varies by quantity.

5.)FIT = 2 to 3

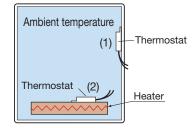
FIT (Failure in Time) is used to indicate the failure rate. The unit of FIT is how many failures occur in one billion hours. For example, when three failures occur in one billion hours, the failure rate (FIT) is 3.

Technical information (knowledge to design a good temperature control system)





•The positional relationship between the thermostat and the heat source (heater or cooler) is important.



To control the ambient temperature within an enclosure, place a thermostat in position (2) in the figure. A thermostat installed in position (1) cannot provide proper temperature control.

•Determine the optimal differential.

When using a control-type thermostat such as the Temperature Power Sensor (TPS), a customer is likely to select a product grade with a small differential. This selection is the right choice answer in a sense, but this type of thermostat operates more frequently and may have a shorter service life.

The tip to configure your best temperature control system is to combine the mutually contradictory factors "accurate control and long life" appropriately.

3. Are you using a heater that is too big?

Are you using a heater that is too big in comparison to the heat capacity of the heated object just because you want to reach the desired temperature quickly? If this is the a case, the heater will be operated many times, resulting in a shorter thermostat life, and maintaining the temperature will become unstable due to overshooting of the temperature. If you can wait a little longer for the initial temperature to rise, the life could be extended by three fold.

It is recommended that a surge protector using a capacitor/resistor be used to protect the thermostat from unfavorable phenomenon such as a surge or arc.

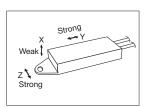
It is sold on the market under the name of "surge killer", "spark killer" or "arc killer". As for the installation method, it is usually installed in parallel to the contact. Try to install it as close to the contact as possible. Representative characteristic of the various loads are listed below by their structure. Give enough margin when designing a system.

- 1.) Resistive Load In- rush current i / rated current $i_0 = 1$
- 2.) Incandescent lamp $i / i_0 = 10 \sim 15$ times, about 1/3 sec
- 3.) Fluorescent lamp $i / i_0 = 3$ times, within 10 sec
- 4.) Mercury lamp $i / i_0 = 3$ times, about 3 to 5 minutes
- 5.) Motor and Fan $i / i_0 = 5$ to 10 times, about 0.2 to 0.3 sec
- 6.) Solenoid $i / i_0 = 10$ to 20 times, about 0.1sec
- 7.) Electromagnetic conductor $i / i_0 = 3$ to 10 times, about 1/30 sec
- 8.) Load of capacitor $i / i_0 = 20$ to 40 times, about 1/30 sec

An experimental test might be necessary to determine the level of surge killer.

If you send an actual load sample to us, we will perform a test on your behalf.

1. The TPS is an electric component and vulnerable to impact when it is alone.



The TPS is delicate to impacts in the X direction and strong in the Y and Z directions (see the figure to the left). When a TPS is dropped from a height of 70 cm to the floor and it sustains an impact in the X direction, a temperature setting error between 2 and 3 may occur.

Once a TPS is integrated into your system, it isn't easily affected by extremely low impacts compared to when it is alone. This also applies to a TPS wrapped with corrugated fiberboard during delivery. Individual TPS wrapped with corrugated fiberboard must not be exposed to dangerous impacts.

In other words, extreme caution should be taken until a TPS is installed into your system after unpacking.

*In case you drop the TPS on the floor, please return it to Matsuo Electric for reinspection.

2. Double sealed construction (DS) ensures excellent waterproof and impact resistant performance.

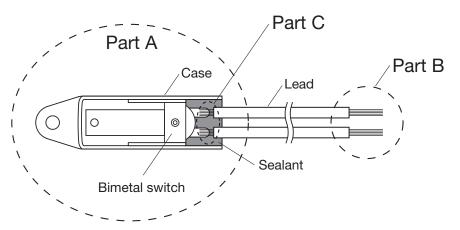
Double sealed (DS) TPSs are sealed with vinyl tubes to improve waterproof and impact resistant performance. The DS type has an impact resistance of 240G.

3. Standard TPSs have a dripproof construction.

For standard TPSs, the thermostat is housed in a plastic case with its exits for the leads sealed with a sealant, ensuring dustproof and dripproof performance.

However, repeated material expansion and contraction, and internal air pressure changes caused by thermal cycles may lead to wear of the plastic case and sealant, which consequently deteriorates the sealing performance.

Also, pay attention to possible capillary action of the leads.



Part A has a dripproof construction.

However, if Part B is exposed to water, the water may come into Part C due to capillary action. Part C and its surrounding area are close to the bimetal switch body. Therefore, be careful not to expose Part B to water during use.

4. Storage conditions and period

When storing the product for an extended period of time, keep it in a sealed plastic bag as much as possible. Always check the contact resistance before use.

Particularly, Type Y and others with the contacts wide apart require extra attention.

The storage period is about one year although it depends on the storage conditions.