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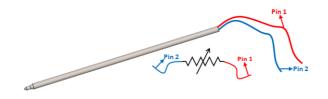
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PT100 Temperature Sensor Pinout





Pin Configuration

The **PT100 sensor** is just like a variable resistor, whose resistance varies with respect to the environment temperature. There are many types of PT100 sensors, the one we use here is a two wire one.

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	Pin 1	One end of the variable Resistor

2	Pin 2	Other end of Variable Resistor

Features

Platinum Resistant Thermometer (PRT)
Temperature Range: -200°C to 850°C
Resistance Range: 1.849K to 39.026K

Accuracy: ±0.1°C

Nominal Resistance: 100Ω at 0°C

Note: Complete Technical Details can be found at the PT100 sensor datasheet given at the end of this page.

Alternative PRTs

PT100 (3-Wire), PT100 (https://components101.com/sensors/pt100-rtd-temperature-sensor) (4-Wire), PT500, PT1000

Alternative Temperature Sensors

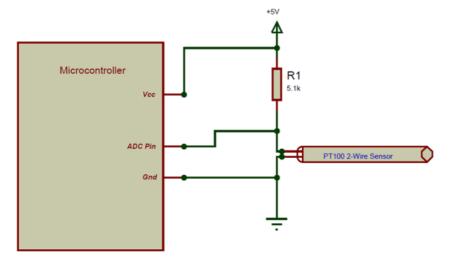
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Where to Use the PT100 Sensor?

The **PT100** is a commonly used as industrial temperature sensor. It is known for its capability to **measure high range temperature** (200°C) with an accuracy of 0.1°C. The constriction of the sensor is also simple and hence it can be used in rugged environments. One downside of this sensor is that it will not work out of the box. To get useful values of temperature one should use it along with a potential divider or a Wheatstone bridge. But since these sensors just work with variable voltage it is very easy to use them in projects. So if you are looking for a sensor with good range and decent accuracy which is relatively cheap then PT100 would be a great choice.

How to Use PT100 Sensor?

The **PT100 sensor** falls under the category of **PRTs** (**Platinum Resistant Thermometers**). These sensors are nothing but a variable resistor which changes its resistance based on the temperature around it. So we need to build a small circuitry to measure the voltage across it. This circuitry can be as simple as a Potential divider or as complex as a Wheatstone bridge with Instrumentation amplifier. The design of the circuit depends on the accuracy needed for the project. Also there are many **types of PT100**, the one that we are discussing here is two wire sensors, and there are also sensors with 3-wires and even 4-wires. So to keep things simple let's discuss how to interface a 2-wire sensor to a MCU using a simple potential divider circuit.



The PT100 sensor that we are designing for has a variable resistance from 1.8K to 39.02K as mentioned in the features above. So we have to convert this variable resistance value to a voltage value of 0V to 5V so that out microcontroller can understand it (here I am using a 5V MCU). To do this we have used a simple potential divider, according to the voltage divider calculator when the value of Input voltage is 5V and R1 is 5.1K and the PT100 resistance is 1.8K (minimum) we will get an output voltage of 1.304V and when the value of PT100 is 39.02K (maximum) we will get an output voltage of 4.42. Both the output voltages are in range for the microcontrollers (https://components101.com/microcontrollers) ADC pin to read so we can proceed with the circuit. But for a circuit of this type the accuracy will be very less, if you require more accuracy you can dig deep into Wheatstone bridge and amplifiers.

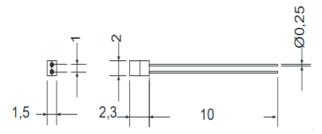
While calculating the value of resistance we also should consider the resistance of the wire, once the resistance value of the wire is known it will compensated with the actual value. More details on this can be found in datasheet below. Once you know the value of Resistance you can equate it to the value of temperature by using the below table-

°C	Ω	°C	Ω	°C	Ω	°C	Ω	°C	Ω	°C	Ω
-200	18,49	0	100,00	200	175,84	400	247,04	600	313,59	800	375,51
-190	22.80	10	103.90	210	179,51	410	250.48	610	316.80	810	378.48
-180	27.08	20	107.79	220	183.17	420	253.90	620	319.99	820	381.45
-170	31,32	30	111,67	230	186,82	430	257,32	630	323,18	830	384,40
-160	35,53	40	115,54	240	190,45	440	260,72	640	326,35	840	387,34
-150	39,71	50	119,40	250	194,07	450	264,11	650	329,51	850	390,26
-140	43,87	60	123,24	260	197,69	460	267,49	660	332,66		
-130	48,00	70	127,07	270	201,29	470	270,86	670	335,79		
-120	52,11	80	130,89	280	204,88	480	274,22	680	338,92		
-110	56,19	90	134,70	290	208,45	490	277,56	690	342,03		
-100	60,25	100	138,50	300	212,02	500	280,90	700	345,13		
- 90	64,30	110	142,29	310	215,57	510	284,22	710	348,22		
- 80	68,33	120	146,06	320	219,12	520	287,53	720	351,30		
- 70	72,33	130	149,82	330	222,65	530	290,83	730	354,37		
- 60	76,33	140	153,58	340	226,17	540	294,11	740	357,42		
- 50	80,31	150	157,31	350	229,67	550	297,39	750	360,47		
- 40	84,27	160	161,04	360	233,17	560	300,65	760	363,50		
- 30	88,22	170	164,76	370	236,65	570	303,91	770	366,52		
- 20	92,16	180	168,46	380	240,13	580	307,15	780	369,53		
- 10	96,09	190	172,16	390	243,59	590	310,38	790	372,52		

Applications

- Measure high range Temperatures
- Rugged in construction hence can be used in harsh environments
- Measure duct temperatures
- Can measure a wide range of temperature with decent accuracy

2D - Model



Component Datasheet

PT100 Temperature Sensor Datasheet

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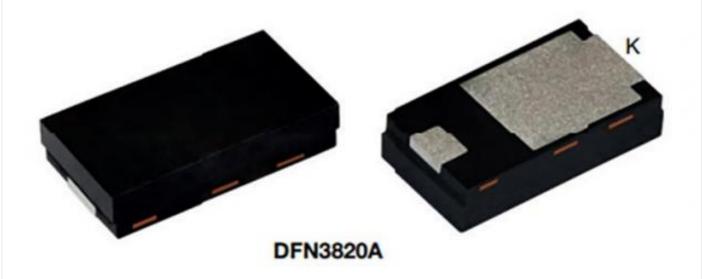
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